

PROCEEDINGS  
GRAND CHAPTER  
OF FLORIDA



PROBATION.

W. W. CLARKE,

OF WISCONSIN.



PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

Thirty-Fifth Annual Convocation.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, convened in Annual Grand Convocation, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of three o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of January, A. L. 5881, A. I. 2411, A. D. 1881.

PRESENT :

M.:E.: ROBERT J. PERRY.....Grand High Priest ;  
R.:E.: WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.....Grand King ;  
“ W. A. McLEAN.....Grand Scribe ;  
“ L. McCONIHE.....Grand Treasurer ;  
“ DEWITT C. DAWKINS.....Grand Secretary ;  
Rt. Rev. JOHN PENNY.....Grand Chaplain ;  
E.: E. WASGATE.....as Grand Captain of the Host ;  
“ W. F. SCOTT... ..as Grand Principal Sojourner ;  
“ JAMES F. CLARK.....as Grand Royal Arch Captain ;  
“ M. Endel.....as Grand Master Third Vail ;  
“ JOHN G. ELLIS.....as Grand Master Second Vail ;  
“ FREDERICK W. JOHNSON...as Grand Master First Vail ;  
“ MILTON N. PARCELLS . . .as Grand Guard.  
Past Grand High Priests—D. C. DAWKINS and E. WASGATE.  
Past Deputy Grand High Priest—S. PASCO.  
Past Grand King—W. W. TUCKER.  
Past Grand Treasurer—W. A. YOUNG.



Grand Representatives of the M.:E.: Grand Chapters of Canada, Colorado, District of Columbia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Quebec, South Carolina.

And representatives of constituent Chapters bearing the following numbers, to-wit: 2, 6, 11, 12, 19, 21 and 23.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with solemn prayer, conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion, adopted, the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12, tendering the use of its Hall to the Grand Chapter, which was received, with thanks.

The Grand High Priest read the following

#### ANNUAL ADDRESS:

##### *Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

We meet to-day, as is our custom once a year, to review the past, and provide as best we may for the wants and emergencies of the future, fraught, perchance, with numberless life changes, either for joy or sorrow, to one, to many—perhaps to all. The best illustrations of the principles of Masonry, are the lives and conduct of good Masons, of such as may claim prominence in society, by exhibiting in their actions and behavior the calm intrepidity of fortitude; the cool and deliberate decision of justice; the serene and regulated disposition of temperance; the steady wisdom and sagacious foresight of prudence, with the open, undisguised and generous soul of charity. None but those who set a just value upon these cardinal virtues are worthy to enjoy them, as we understand them, within our mystic circle. These virtues, which are immediately connected with our wants and weaknesses, are those which are the most amiable and desirable, in our estimation, and they are honored with the most ardent worship of the soul. "None are perfect." There would be no occasion for the mediation of mercy, for the consolation of pity, for the support of faith, for the assurance of hope, and the innumerable offices of charity.

But of these virtues we stand in hourly need; and we are enamored of them because their effects are the continual objects of perception, and are indispensably necessary to our comfort and enjoyment.

In a retrospection of the past Masonic year, to what irresistible conclusions are we forced, as to the employment of our time and talents?

Many of us have doubtless been favored with the means and opportunities of doing good to others. Have we endeavored to correct in any brother the misapplication of his talents, his qualities or possessions? Have we counseled him against the formation of a false estimate of the value, and an indistinct idea of the blessings or evils of life, as they affected his condition or influenced his circumstances? Have we by word or deed been the means of enhancing that which was fair, or of softening that which was repulsive in the life and daily duties of any brother or fellowman, by which his burdens of poverty or distress were the more easily borne. Have we purchased food for the hungry or clothes for the naked? Have we given them even of our smiles and words of encouragement, which, by their eloquence and example softens and expands the heart and communicates to all animated nature a pleasing and happy appearance, a lively interest, and from which are derived the sweetest joys? Our intellectual possessions become valuable only by a proper use and improvement; and our good dispositions and passions are elevated into virtues by their active operation for the benefit of our species. When the gifts of Providence are sordidly devoted to the sole and narrow purposes of self, they are vain and unprofitable to their possessor, because they are beneficial to no other creature in existence. The destitute beggar is as happy as the miserable miser who broods over his buried millions.

Whatever may have been our endeavors in the days that are gone; whatever may have been our earnest efforts for the amelioration of the distresses or sorrows or misfortunes of the *faithful* or profane; however successful we may have been in brushing away the tears from the furrowed cheeks of old age, blanched by the hoary frosts of many winters, or in the encouragement of youth in the laudable pursuits of life, we still have



quite an insignificant amount upon the credit side of life's journal, wherein are spread all there is of life. The past is gone; none of its hours can we redirect, and our present convocation will have been vain, extravagant and useless, unless our proceedings shall infuse new life and vigor, not only in our organized bodies, but in each individual Companion; and here let me observe that the failure of so many important enterprises is not so much in the want of inherent force or excellency of the work itself as in the supineness and inattention of those who direct or assist in controlling its influence and tendencies.

## OFFICIAL DUTIES PERFORMED.

During the year now past, we have reason to congratulate ourselves that nothing of a disturbing or untoward nature has occurred to mar the symmetry and quietude of our harmony in the jurisdiction. No question of jurisprudence or construction of law has been referred to the Grand High Priest for adjudication, and peace and plenty has reigned within our walls. And for which let our hearts respond in gratitude to the Giver of all good.

On the 27th of January, 1880 a dispensation was granted for the formation of Harmony Chapter, U. D., at Lake City, with Comp. S. A. Wauchope as H. P., Comp. D. J. Crowley as K., Comp. A. Davidson as Scribe.

On the 12th of September, 1880, a dispensation for the formation of Tampa Chapter, U. D., 1880, at Tampa, Comp. Thos. A. Carruth H. P., Comp. Edward A. Clark, K., Comp. Robt. B. Thomas, Scribe.

On the 1st day of May, 1880. I commissioned R. E. Comp. James Moffat Grand Representative G. C. of Florida in Canada

June 9th, 1880, commissioned Comp. Nathan Lehman, Grand Representative of G. C. of Florida in Maryland.

June 9th, 1880, commissioned Comp. Thos. A. Logan, of Wheeling Grand Representative of G. C. of Florida in West Virginia.

June 9th, 1880, commissioned Comp. Rev. C. C. Wood, of Kansas City, Grand Representative of G. C. of Florida in Missouri.

June 14th, 1880, commissioned Comp. Wm. L. Orr Grand Representative of G. C. of Florida in Illinois.

On the 30th of December, I granted dispensation to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 for the election of officers, that Chapter having failed to elect officers proper time.

In this connection, I would take occasion to say that under date of December 6th, I received from M. E. Comp. Warren F. Scott, of Nassau Chapter, No. 23, at Fernandina, a most pleasing and pressing invitation to visit that Chapter in my official capacity before this Convocation, but owing to press of business and other causes, I could not avail myself of that pleasure, and the Companions of that good Chapter may rest assured that my regrets are deeper than theirs.

I am now, Companions, called upon to return to your keeping the trust of this high and responsible office, that another may be chosen to govern; and in doing so, I desire to return most grateful acknowledgments to all, especially to our most faithful and untiring Grand Secretary, R. E. D. C. Dawkins, who at divers times, and in many ways, has rendered me timely and valuable services.

Hoping for the guidance of unerring Providence in our deliberations,

Faithfully Yours,

ROBERT J. PERRY, G. H. P.

On motion of Companion Wasgate, the foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three; and the Grand King announced as such Committee, E. Wasgate, M. Endel and J. F. Clark.

From list of members furnished by the Grand Secretary, the Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees, to-wit:

*On Returns and Credentials*—M. Endel, J. F. Clark and F. W. Johnson.

*On Dispensations and By-Laws*—L. McConibe, J. W. V. R. Plummer and J. G. Ellis.

*On Propositions and Grievances*— —. Williams, T. S. Wilmarth and W. F. Scott.



*On Unfinished Business*—E. Wasgate, W. T. Scott and J. W. V. R. Plummer.

*On Jurisprudence*—W. A. McLean, W. E. Anderson and D. C. Dawkins.

*On Finance and Accounts*—W. E. Anderson, L. McConihe, and F. W. Johnson.

*On Memorials*—J. Penny, E. Wasgate and J. G. Ellis.

M.:E.: Companion E. Wasgate, P. G. H. P., being called upon by the Grand High Priest, made a report as to the work of the General Grand Chapter, which was concurred in.

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

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter hereby recognizes the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England as a regular Masonic organization, and that fraternal courtesies be extended to it as such.

A question as to the proper relation between Royal Arch Masonry in England, and that of the United States, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until three o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

A. L. 5881, A. I. 2411, A. D. 1881, January 19, 3 P. M.

Present: M.:E.: Robert J. PERRY, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

*To the M.:E.: Grand Chapter :*

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials have examined the returns of six Chapters (all that have come in), and find them correct. We have also examined the credentials, and find the said Chapters duly represented as follows, viz :

Gainesville No. 2—M. Endel, proxy for High Priest; H. Glogowski, proxy for King.

Santa Rosa No. 6—John G. Ellis, High Priest.

Mount Horeb No. 11—A. L. Williams, proxy for officers.

Jacksonville No. 12—L. McConihe, High Priest; J. F. Clark, King; T. S. Wilmarth, Scribe.

Lake Butler No. 19—M. L. McKinney, proxy for High Priest.

Island No. 21—F. W. Johnson, proxy for High Priest and King; J. W. V. R. Plummer, proxy for Scribe.

We find that Nassau Chapter has not sent up its returns from inadvertent delay, but has paid its dues, and we recommend that W. F. Scott, High Priest, be allowed to represent said Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,  
JAMES F. CLARK,  
F. W. JOHNSON,

*Committee.*

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

*D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Sec., in acc't with Grand Chapter.*

|             |                                        |              |     |     |          |          |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|-----|-----|----------|----------|
| 1880.       |                                        |              |     |     |          |          |
|             |                                        |              |     |     |          |          |
| January 23, | For dues of Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 24, |              |     |     | \$ 33.00 |          |
| 1881.       |                                        |              |     |     |          |          |
| January 18, | " "                                    | Gainesville  | " " | 2,  | 18.00    |          |
| " "         | " "                                    | Mt. Horeb    | " " | 11, | 18.00    |          |
| " "         | " "                                    | Jacksonville | " " | 12, | 51.00    |          |
| " "         | " "                                    | Lake Butler  | " " | 19, | 31.00    |          |
| " "         | " "                                    | Island       | " " | 21, | 56.00    |          |
| " "         | " "                                    | Nassau       | " " | 23, | 15.00    |          |
|             |                                        |              |     |     |          | \$222.00 |

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|-------------|------------------------------|----------|---|----------|--|
| 1880.       |                              |          |   |          |  |
|             |                              |          |   |          |  |
| January 23, | By paid Grand Treasurer..... | \$ 33.00 |   |          |  |
| " 19,       | " " " " .....                | 189.00   | — | \$222.00 |  |

\* For statistical table see Appendix.



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

*L. McCONIHE, Grand Treas., in acc't with Grand Chapter.*

|             |                                    |          |          |
|-------------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1880.       | Dr.                                |          |          |
| January 21, | Balance cash on hand.....          | \$221.79 |          |
| " 23,       | Received of Grand Secretary .....  | 33.00    |          |
| 1881.       |                                    |          |          |
| January 19, | Received of Grand Secretary.....   | 189.00   |          |
|             |                                    |          | \$443.79 |
| 1880.       | Cr.                                |          |          |
| January 22, | By paid Grand Secretary, Vr. 1, \$ | 76.30    |          |
| " 22,       | " " Grand Chaplain, Vr. 2,         | 10.00    |          |
| " " "       | " " Gr. High Priest, Vr. 3,        | 10.00    |          |
| " " "       | " " Gr. Guard, Vr. 4,              | 10.00    |          |
| " " "       | " " Comp. Escassi, Vr. 5,          | 10.00    |          |
| " " "       | " " Gr. Sec., Vr. 6,               | 125.00   |          |
| " " "       | " " " " POSTAGE, & C., Vr. 7,      | 8.00     |          |
|             | Balance, Cash on hand .....        | 194.49   | \$443.79 |

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, with the following result:

- Companion WILLIAM A. McLEAN was duly elected M. E. G. H. P.
- Companion WILLIAM E. ANDERSON was duly elected R. E. D. G. H. P.
- Companion WARREN F. SCOTT was duly elected R. E. G. K.
- Companion JOHN G. ELLIS was duly elected R. E. G. S.
- Companion LUTHER McCONIHE was duly re-elected R. E. Gr. Tr.
- Companion DEWITT C. DAWKINS was duly re-elected R. E. Gr. Sec'y.
- Companion JOHN PENNY was duly re-elected Rt. Rev. Gr. Chaplain.

The Special Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report, which was received and concurred in:

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, recommend that so much thereof as refers to Dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, and that the sentiments contained in said address be adopted as the sentiments of this Grand Chapter, with the hope that they will be cherished by all the constituent Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,  
 ENOS WASGATE,  
 JAMES F. CLARK, } Committee.  
 MARCUS ENDEL, }

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that nothing appeared from the records requiring action of the Grand Chapter.

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

A. L. 5881, A. I. 2411, A. D. 1881, }  
 JANUARY 20TH, 3 P. M. }

Present: M. E. Robert J. Perry, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday, except R. E. John G. Ellis as Grand King.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

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

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, recommend approval of the action of the Grand High Priest in granting dispensations in the following cases:

1. For forming Harmony R. A. Chapter, U. D., at Lake City.
2. For forming Tampa R. A. Chapter, U. D., at Tampa.
3. For authorizing Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12, to elect and install officers.

Your Committee also recommend, for reasons set forth in the address of the Grand High Priest, and upon request, that the dispensations of the said Chapters under dispensation, Harmony and Tampa, be continued in force until the next Annual Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,  
 L. McCONIHE,  
 JOHN G. ELLIS, } Committee.  
 J. W. V. R. PLUMMER, }



On motion, adopted, that the Grand Secretary is authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for dues to General Grand Chapter, and that the same be paid when in funds.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which was adopted:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to 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:

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| For printing proceedings of 1880..... | \$ 58.40 |
| For postage and stationery.....       | 11.09    |
| For Grand Chaplain.....               | 10.00    |
| For Grand Guard.....                  | 5.00     |
| For salary of Grand Secretary.....    | 100.00   |
|                                       | <hr/>    |
|                                       | \$184.49 |

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON, }  
F. W. JOHNSON, } Committee.  
L. McCONIHE, }

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Companion William M. Somerville be, and he is hereby elected an honorary member of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Companion Wasgate, the Grand Secretary was instructed to furnish M. E. Companion Somerville with a proper certificate of his honorary membership.

M. E. Robert J. Perry, G. H. P., installed the following Grand Officers, to-wit:

- M. E. William A. McLean Grand High Priest.
- R. E. William E. Anderson, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- R. E. Warren F. Scott, Grand King.
- R. E. John G. Ellis, Grand Scribe.

The Grand High Priest made the following appointments, and they were duly installed, to-wit:

- E. J. W. V. R. Plummer, Grand Captain of the Host.
- E. Marcus Endel, Grand Principal Sojourner.
- E. James F. Clark, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
- E. Herman Glogowski, Grand Master Third Vail.
- E. Matthew L. McKinne, Grand Master Second Vail.
- E. Frederick W. Johnson, Grand Master First Vail.
- E. Milton N. Parcells, Grand Guard.

M. E. R. J. Perry offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12, for the use of its hall.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the several hotels, steamboats and railroads for courtesies.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

There being no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, in solemn prayer to Almighty God, conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand High Priest.



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APPENDICES.

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AT REST.

ENOCH CHADWICK,  
SANTA ROSA ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER No. 6.  
July 21, 1880.

CHARLES H. BRAM,  
JACKSONVILLE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER No. 12.  
January 12, 1880.

SILAS WEEKS,  
LAKE BUTLER ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 19.  
No record of Date.

JOHN A. J. MCKINNEY,  
LAKE BUTLER ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER No. 19.  
October 9, 1880.

FREDERICK FILER,  
ISLAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER No. 21,  
August 2d, 1880.

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TABULAR ABSTRACT FROM RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS, A. D. 1881.—A. I. 3411.

| CHAPTERS.         | No. | REPRESENTED BY                                               | Membership last year. |            |             |         |          |            |           |           |                   |                   | Amount of dues. | Amount paid. | Present membership. |     |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|---------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|-----|
|                   |     |                                                              | Exalted.              | Amiliated. | Reinstated. | Deaths. | Dmitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Referred. | Ministers exempt. | Ministers exempt. |                 |              |                     |     |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | M Endel, proxy H P. H Glogowski, proxy for K.....            | 30                    | 1          | 1           | 1       | 1        | 1          | 1         | 1         | 1                 | 1                 | 1               | 1            | 1                   | 19  |
| Santa Rosa.....   | 6   | J G Ellis, H P.....                                          | 30                    | 1          | 1           | 1       | 1        | 1          | 1         | 1         | 1                 | 1                 | 1               | 1            | 1                   | 36  |
| Mount Horeb.....  | 11  | A L Williams, proxy Officers.....                            | 16                    | 1          | 1           | 1       | 1        | 1          | 1         | 1         | 1                 | 1                 | 1               | 1            | 1                   | 16  |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | L McConihe, H P; J F Clark, K; T S Wilmarth, S.....          | 50                    | 1          | 1           | 1       | 1        | 1          | 1         | 1         | 1                 | 1                 | 1               | 1            | 1                   | 47  |
| Lake Butler.....  | 19  | M L McKinney, proxy for H P.....                             | 31                    | 1          | 1           | 1       | 1        | 1          | 1         | 1         | 1                 | 1                 | 1               | 1            | 1                   | 32  |
| Island.....       | 21  | F W Johnson, pr y for H P; J W, V R Plummer, pr y for S..... | 52                    | 1          | 1           | 1       | 1        | 1          | 1         | 1         | 1                 | 1                 | 1               | 1            | 1                   | 52  |
| Nassau.....       | 23  | W F Scott, H P.....                                          | 12                    | 1          | 1           | 1       | 1        | 1          | 1         | 1         | 1                 | 1                 | 1               | 1            | 1                   | 12  |
|                   |     |                                                              | 211                   | 9          | 1           | 2       | 4        | 6          | 6         | 6         | 6                 | 6                 | 6               | 6            | 6                   | 205 |

Charter of No 1 forfeited.

No returns from Nos. 20 and 24.

Dues of No. 6 wanted for two years.

Total number of members is about 205, with a decrease of 6 or 8.

## CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| NAMES.            | NO. | HIGH PRIESTS.       | KINGS.              | SCRIBES.                | TREASURERS.            | SECRETARIES.        | LOCALITY.         |
|-------------------|-----|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | E. P. Cater.....    | C. V. Waugh.....    | McK F. McCook.....      | W. H. Geiger.....      | M. Endel.....       | Gainesville.....  |
| Santa Rosa.....   | 6   | J G Ellis.....      | R. B. Sheppard..... | J R. Eddins.....        | J. A. Chaffin.....     | John Cartovitz..... | Milton.....       |
| Mount Horeb.....  | 11  | C. McK Oerting..... | J. McDonald.....    | T. Stearns.....         | B. A. Philibert.....   | G. S. Hallmark..... | Warrington.....   |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | L. McConihe.....    | J. F. Clark.....    | T. S. Wilmarth.....     | H. Koopman.....        | W. A. Young.....    | Jacksonville..... |
| Lake Butler.....  | 19  | T. E. DeKle.....    | J. A. Cason.....    | F. M. Rivers.....       | P. S. Crows.....       | H. F. York.....     | Lake Butler.....  |
| Providence.....   | 20  | J. F. Albury.....   | C. St. Johns.....   | J. W. V. R. Plumer..... | S. Filler.....         | W. H. Williams..... | Key West.....     |
| Island.....       | 21  | W. F. Scott.....    | Noble Martin.....   | Peter Cone.....         | W. O. Jeffreys Jr..... | J. A. Whitney.....  | Fernandina.....   |
| Nassau.....       | 23  |                     |                     |                         |                        |                     |                   |
| Mount Moriah..... | 24  |                     |                     |                         |                        |                     |                   |



GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.       | GRAND SECRETARIES.        | RESIDENCE.            |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alabama               | Daniel Sayre              | Montgomery            |
| Arkansas              | Luke E Barber             | Little Rock           |
| California            | Thomas H. Casswell        | San Francisco         |
| Canada                | David McLellan            | Hamilton, Ontario     |
| Colorado              | Ed. C. Parmelee           | Georgetown            |
| Connecticut           | Joseph K. Wheeler         | Hartford              |
| Delaware              | H. B. McIntire            | Wilmington            |
| District of Columbia  | Charles W. Hancock        | Washington            |
| Georgia               | J. E. Blackshear, M. D.   | Macon                 |
| Illinois              | Gil. W. Barnard           | Chicago               |
| Indiana               | John M. Branawell         | Indianapolis          |
| Iowa                  | William B. Langrize       | Muscataine            |
| Ireland               | Samuel B. Oldham          | T. M. Hall, Dublin    |
| Kansas                | John H. Brown             | Wyandotte             |
| Kentucky              | Joseph H. Branham         | Louisville            |
| Louisiana             | James C. Batchelor, M. D. | Box 872 New Orleans   |
| Maine                 | Ira Berry                 | Portland              |
| Maryland              | Geo. L. McCahan           | Baltimore             |
| Massachusetts         | Zeph. H. Thomas           | Cambridgeport         |
| Michigan              | William P. Innes          | Grand Rapids          |
| Minnesota             | A. T. C. Pierson          | St. Paul              |
| Mississippi           | J. L. Power               | Jackson               |
| Missouri              | William H. Mayo           | St. Louis             |
| Nebraska              | William R. Bowen          | Omaha                 |
| Nevada                | John D. Hammond           | Carson City           |
| New Hampshire         | George P. Cleaves         | Concord               |
| New Jersey            | George B. Edwards         | Jersey City           |
| New York              | Christopher G. Fox        | Buffalo               |
| North Carolina        | Donald W. Bain            | Raleigh               |
| Nova Scotia           | James Gossip              | Halifax               |
| Ohio                  | John D. Caldwell          | Cincinnati            |
| Oregon                | Rocky P. Earhart          | Portland              |
| Pennsylvania          | John Thompson             | Masonic Temple, Phila |
| Quebec                | August Grant              | Montreal              |
| Rhode Island          | William R. Greene         | Providence            |
| South Carolina        | J. E. Burke               | Charleston            |
| Tennessee             | John Frizzle              | Nashville             |
| Texas                 | Robert Brewster           | Houston               |
| Vermont               | W. H. S. Whitcomb         | Burlington            |
| Virginia              | William B. Isaacs         | Richmond              |
| West Virginia         | Odell S. Long             | Wheeling              |
| Wisconsin             | John W. Woodhall          | Milwaukee             |
| General Grand Chapter | Christopher G. Fox        | Buffalo               |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS* | GRAND CHAPTER        | OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA. |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| James Moffitt                            | Canada               | Robert J. Perry, Key West           |
| Roger W. Woodbery, Denver                | Colorado             | D. C. Dawkins, Jacks'ville.         |
| John Lockie, Washington                  | District of Columbia |                                     |
| Wm. L. Orr                               | Illinois             | Theodore Ball, "                    |
| E. D. Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls         | Kansas               | W. McClintock, Key West.            |
| J. C. Batchelor, M. D., New O.           | Kentucky             | W. A. McLean, Jack'ville.           |
| Henry L. Paine, Portland                 | Louisiana            | Enos Wasgate, "                     |
| Nathen Lehman                            | Maine                | D. C. Dawkins, "                    |
| Alexander K. Bryer                       | Maryland             | Wm. B. Taylor, Live Oak.            |
| B. H. Langley, Winona                    | Massachusetts        |                                     |
| J. L. Power, Jackson                     | Minnesota            |                                     |
| Rev. C. C. Wood, Kansas City             | Mississippi          |                                     |
| John B. McCabe                           | Missouri             | H. W. Long, Cotton Plant.           |
| Edward L. Tillou, Elizabeth              | Nebraska             | Robert J. Perry, Key West.          |
| Rees G. Williams, Utica                  | New Jersey           | D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.        |
| James Gossip, Halifax                    | New York             | W. M. McIntosh, Tallah'see.         |
| A. G. Adams                              | Nova Scotia          | Robt. J. Perry, Key West            |
| Charles R. Cutler, Warren                | Quebec               | G. E. Wentworth, Pensa'la           |
| Aug. T. Smythe, Charleston               | Rhode Island         | D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.        |
| E. C. Houghton, N. Bennington            | South Carolina       |                                     |
| Thomas A. Logan Wheeling                 | Vermont              | John Carlovitz, Milton.             |
| Fred Ring, Jr., LaCrosse                 | W. Virginia          |                                     |
|                                          | Wisconsin            | G. R. Jones, Jacksonville...        |



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M.: E.: GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF FLORIDA.

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THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

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1882.

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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:  
ASHMEAD BROS., BOOKSELLERS, STATIONERS, PRINTERS AND BINDERS.  
1882.



The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with solemn prayer, conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest appointed Companion W. A. YOUNG, Grand Secretary *pro tempore*.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*—That the acting Grand Secretary be instructed to convey to M. E. Companion D. C. Dawkins, our Grand Secretary, the sincere sympathy of the officers and members of the Grand Chapter in his deep distress and trust that the Grand Master of the universe may in His infinite goodness restore to health his beloved wife, or sanctify to him the affliction He may see proper to visit him with.

On motion of Companion Hallmark, adopted that Companions F. M. Rivers and G. W. Epperson be authorized to represent Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, in this Grand Chapter.

On motion, adopted, the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with.

From list of members furnished, the Grand High Priest appointed the following:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Returns and Credentials.*—Companions M. ENDEL, J. F. CLARK, and M. M. ESCASSI.

*Dispensations and By-Laws.*—Companions R. J. PERRY, N. MARTIN, and W. W. TUCKER.

*Propositions and Grievances.*—Companions T. S. WILMARTH, W. M. MCINTOSH, and G. S. HALLMARK.

*Unfinished Business.*—Companions W. F. SCOTT, H. GLOGOWSKI, and F. M. REVERS.

*On Jurisprudence.*—Companions W. E. ANDERSON, J. F. MILLER and E. WASGATE.

*On Finance and Accounts.*—Companions L. MCCONNIE, J. W. V. R. PLUMMER, and M. ENDEL.

*Memorials.*—Companions G. S. HALLMARK, JAMES ELLENWOOD and R. J. PERRY.

*On Foreign Correspondence.*—Companions R. J. PERRY, W. F. SCOTT and GEO. S. HALLMARK.

*On Printing.*—Companions D. C. DAWKINS, L. MCCONNIE, and T. S. WILMARTH.

The M. E. Grand High Priest read the following address,

which was referred to a Special Committee of three, and the Deputy Grand High Priest announced as such committee, Companions E. WASGATE, M. ENDEL, and R. J. PERRY.

#### ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

*Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

In the various and varied interests and business relations claiming the attention of men, it is a prevailing custom of long standing, for them to make at certain periods, a true and perfect inventory—closely scrutinize their business relations—their true condition and prospects, examine the transactions of the past, consider the present, and contemplate the future, it is well that it is so; and for very many reasons this should be the prevailing custom in every department of business, and the prevailing policy in every department of life—social, moral, and religious—for in the absence of a well defined and carefully matured system, failure must and will appear, when success might have raised its banners, and disappointment will be indelibly impressed upon every lane and avenue of life. As regards the present state of existence, the life of man may—and very properly too—be divided into at least three separate and distinct periods—past, present, and future—the past with all its joys' and sorrows, pleasures and disappointments, is gone forever with feelings of mingled joy and sorrow. We cast a backward glance over the scenes of the past, and while we may find among the fragments that time has left behind, much to encourage and to be thankful for, then also much to regret, for I am fully persuaded that but few, if really any of us are prepared to give such an account of our stewardship as to merit the "soul cheering plaudit," "well done good and faithful servant." It will be profitable, and in some degree pleasant, as well, for us to pause a moment for reflection, and call to remembrance all the way, which the Lord our God hath conducted us, for surely he has brought us by a way we knew not, making darkness light before us, and crooked things straight, and at no time have we been forsaken, or even left in doubt and uncertainty concerning his purposes toward us. His faithfulness has continued, and his loving kindness has been



constantly renewed, the lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places: yea we have a goodly heritage, but as we are very far removed from perfection, it will be highly useful to us to consider what we have already done and what we have still to do. The highest degree of perfection that human nature can possibly arrive at, utterly fails to elevate a man above and beyond the necessity of calling his ways to remembrance; virtue, as well as knowledge is progressive—there is always some perfection to be acquired, or some imperfection to be corrected. It is astonishing how much the very best men find to do, even when they are regular and punctual in reviewing their conduct, how many errors to rectify, omissions to supply—excesses to retrench and growing desires to control. The more frequently they do this the more they will see the necessity and feel the advantage of it, and this will animate them to still higher attainments; may we so call to remembrance the past, consider the present, and contemplate the future to-day, as to cause us to thank God and take courage, and as it is our pride that we have our names on the records of Royal Arch Masonry, may it be our high ambition that they should shed a lustre on the immortal page.

In reviewing the past and rendering an account of my stewardship it is sufficient to say that but little has been done, and therefore there is but little to report.

On the 20th of June, a Dispensation was granted to Providence Chapter No. 20, to change their place of meeting from Pasco to Providence, also on the same date to the same Chapter, to elect and install officers. On the 13th of December, by dispensation, Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, was authorized to elect and install officers. They having failed to elect at the prescribed time, it was my pleasure to be present and install the officers of the Chapter on the 30th of December.

During the recess of the Grand Chapter, Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Jurisdictions have been appointed and commissioned as follows: Companion L. A. Pindal near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, and Companion B. R. Harris near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. The past has been an eventful year, for the second time in the history of the

government, a great nation was overwhelmed with sorrow, the result of the desperate wickedness of a monster in human form, and this Grand Chapter to-day, in common with all the loyal and patriotic citizens, continue to mourn the sad and untimely death of Companion Jas. A. Garfield, the chief magistrate of the American people, and while we shed the sympathetic tear and mourn departed worth, we will also dedicate to his memory the commendation that his virtues claims at our hands. In sadness and sorrow it devolves upon us also to announce the death of two of the most eminent Masons in America—Companion Albert G. Mackey, well known in this and every other Masonic Jurisdiction on this continent, ceased to live upon earth on the 20th of June, and Companion James M. Austin, of New York, a distinguished veteran in the cause we love so dearly, died on the 3d of December; each of these Companions were Past General Grand High Priests of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America. The appropriate committee will express the sentiments of this Grand Chapter with reference to the high attainments and many virtues of these three worthy companions.

It has been apparent to even the casual observer that for some years past, capitular Masonry has suffered a sad decline in this Jurisdiction. My predecessors, some of them at least, did not fail to direct attention to the fact, and endeavor to point to a remedy whereby the evil tendencies of apathy and indifference might be checked, and yet, the fondly hoped for, and greatly desired improvement has not been realized; it would be well for us to go to the root of the matter, ascertain the true cause of this indifference, and then, if possible, apply a remedy sufficiently potent to insure the most favorable results. Many of those whose good fortunes it was to be inducted into the mysteries of the Royal Arch, thought they gave promise of sincere devotion to its sublime principles, and great usefulness in diffusing light and knowledge to the uninformed, have, alas! relapsed into obscurity, and allowed the light that was in them to become darkness. In some localities, where society is adorned by the brightest intellects to be found within this grand Jurisdiction, the Royal Arch is



neglected, and left to work its way as best it can, until for want of proper encouragement and support, it is forced by adverse circumstances, to surrender its charter, thereby leaving its members without the means of conforming to their Masonic obligations. These things ought not so to be; we have seen for years past, that but little interest is manifested on the occasion of our Grand Annual Convocations. The reason for this is understood in some measure by the few whose peculiar fortunes it is to bear the heat and burden of incessant toil, in their efforts to promote the interests of this time-honored institution. Our Grand Annual Convocations are held at the time of the Grand Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, with but little time allowed for the transaction of business, and no opportunity afforded for exemplifications of work in any of the degrees; if the time could be changed so as to meet when the Grand Lodge was not in session, I am of the opinion that satisfactory results would follow. I am not unmindful of the fact that an objection may be interposed at this point, to the effect that the Chapters are too weak financially, to incur the expense of holding a session at any other time than that of the Grand Lodge; this policy has no doubt contributed more abundantly than any other cause, in reducing the Grand Chapter to the mere skeleton that we find it to-day. If you should at this time provide for the meeting of the next Grand Annual Convocation at least one day in advance of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, even this would be an advanced movement, as that would allow one full day for the transaction of business and exemplifications of the work, and it would enable you also to hold a morning as well as an afternoon session on the first day of the Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, as it is now and for years past has been. Representatives of Chapters, being members of the Grand Lodge as well, the duties devolving upon them in that body, requires so much of their time as to prevent attendance on the Grand Chapter, the result is, that a few of us meet, hold a few hurried sessions—elect and install officers—and close the Grand Chapter, impressed with the solemn and regretful truth that our coming together is barren of fruitful results—that our time has been spent for naught, and

that our labor has been in vain—and thus it will continue to be, unless by some means, our Companions can be induced to return to the scenes of their former glory.

A communication from lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, asking for dispensation to hold an election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year was received and referred to Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

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

A. I. 2412, A. D. 1882, JANUARY 18th, 3. P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E.—W. A. McLEAN, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

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

The Special Committee on the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest presented the following report which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter:*

The Special Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest for distribution of subjects, beg to report that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that so much therein as relates to Dispensation, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws; that his action in the appointment of Grand Representative near sister Grand Chapters be approved by this Grand Chapter; that so much as relates to our deceased Companions JAMES A. GARFIELD, ALBERT MACKAY and JAMES M. AUSTIN and TRACY P. McKEEVER, be referred to the Committee on Memorials; that so much as relates to the condition of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction be referred to a Special Committee of three to report at this Grand Convocation, if possible; we further recommend that the general sentiments expressed in the address aside from the recommendation therein contained be fully endorsed as the sentiments of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted.

E. WASGATE,

M. ENDEL,

R. J. PERRY,

Committee.







The Grand Secretary presented the following communication from Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, which was received and a vote of thanks extended to said Chapter :

*To D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter :*

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION :—At the regular Convocation of Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, convened in December, 1881, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved,* That the use of the Masonic Hall is hereby tendered to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter during their session commencing January 17th, next.

W. A. YOUNG, Secretary.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the annual election of Grand officers for the ensuing Masonic year with the following results :

Companion W. A. McLEAN, re-elected Grand High Priest.

Companion W. E. ANDERSON, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Companion WARREN F. SCOTT, Grand King.

Companion G. S. HALLMARK, Grand Scribe.

Companion L. McCONIHE, Grand Treasurer.

Companion D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

Companion JOHN PENNY, Grand Chaplain.

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

JANUARY 19, 3 P. M.

PRESENT.

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

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor, prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

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

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report which was received and adopted :

*To M. E. Grand Chapter :*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws beg leave to make the following report :

We recommend the approval of the action of the Grand High Priest in granting dispensations to Providence Royal Arch Chapter, No. 20.

authorizing said Chapter to change its place of meeting from Pasco back to Providence, and to elect its officers for the present Masonic year.

We recommend that the action of the Grand High Priest in authorizing Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, by dispensation, to elect officers of said Chapter for the present Masonic year, be also approved. And we also recommend approval of Dispensation granted by the Grand High Priest to Lake Butler Royal Arch Chapter, No. 19, to elect its officers for the present Masonic year.

Fraternally submitted.

R. J. PERRY,  
N. MARTIN,  
W. W. TUCKER,  
Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, reported verbally that nothing had been referred to it, by the Grand Chapter, for its consideration.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report :

*To M. E. Grand Chapter :*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the year A. D. 1876, page 180, an amendment to section 29 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter was proposed by Companion Pasco, which by order, was spread upon the minutes, to be acted upon at the then next Annual Grand Convocation. In the Proceedings of 1879, pages 279 and 280, final action upon said proposed amendment was set down for final action at the then next Annual Convocation. It appears that the said matter has not yet been disposed of, and your Committee favors its final adoption.

Fraternally submitted.

W. F. SCOTT,  
H. GLOGOWSKI,  
F. M. RIVERS,  
Committee.

The foregoing report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was received, and the said proposed amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, to-wit :

Add to section 29 these words :

“Provided, that when a Chapter shall, in its Annual Return, report an aged or infirm Companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of Chapter dues, such Chapter shall have credit therefor in the payment of its dues, and the Chapters shall not be requir-



ed to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from Chapter dues by the By-Laws thereof;" was put to vote and unanimously adopted.

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

"Time was, and time shall be no more," was a thoughtful expression relating to the figurative or rather speculative idea of the end of the world's existence or perhaps universe of worlds, and may as well apply to the allotted termination of man's earthly pilgrimage. Man, immortal man, began his involuntarily conceived existence from time whereof man hath no knowledge, whence his future extends, through incalculable changes of progression, in coequal parallel with all things, which, like the common Fatherhood of all spiritual existencies, have no end—no admeasurement of time or space. Man enters this life as we commonly term it, but more properly a mere period in the scale of perpetual existence, in a helplessness of material substance which he occupies but for a time and which he then abandons upon his exit therefrom, and his entrance into his next, yet physically unforeseen destiny, in the march of endless progression, whereof it cannot logically be said "time or rather existence, shall be no more. From the cradle to the grave, man survives not independently and alone, nor lives he for himself alone; his province peculiarly, if not exclusively, in this preparatory stage, is to make for himself the greatest possible advancement in that moral and intellectual elevation which will secure to him the highest and best attainable position upon his entrance into the next ensuing stage or sphere of eternal progression; and to do this he cannot live for himself alone. The more he does, in the true spirit of philanthropy, for the real benefit of his fellow-creatures and beings, the more he does for himself, and that too in the absence of selfish motives. 'Twas conceived by our ancient brethren that unity of action in such men for such purpose, united in sacred bonds of mutual aid, would accelerate in unmeasured proportion the power of men to assist each other more successfully though the varied scenes and trials of their earthly sojourn; hence the inception and formation of our great Masonic Fraternity. The great and merciful Father was pleased with the Heaven-born union of his devout children, and under His safe guidance they are to-day a wonderful mysterious power for good to man, families and nations.

Our peculiar duties as Free-Masons, individually and collectively, begin with our acceptance and entrance upon the threshold of Our Mystic Temple; and end not, until the Supreme High Priest transfers us to the Tabernacle beyond the tomb. This probationary period is brief; the paths we tread therein "rough and rugged," and our confederated en-

gagement is to aid each other, and every weary traveler, through them, and to the "outer courts of the Tabernacle" of perpetual brilliancy armed with the immortal signet of the Holy Royal Arch.

Companions, in this field of verdure and usefulness, feel near and dear to each other. 'Tis no wonder we miss our active comrades, when, with their pass-words of Holy Allegiance—their grips of brotherly affection—their tokens of sincerity and innocence—their pledges of devotion and charity—they take their final leave and dimit of us. Hence we mourn and condole with them that mourn and are bereft. Nature has made us thus weak and tremulous, but when we revive under the inspiration of that Supreme intelligence which pervades all nature, and are assured that our departed Companions, with the great signet of eternal truth, have but transferred their membership to the happier associations of the Mystic Temple, to the eternal enjoyment of which we are all aspiring, our mourning should be turned into that joy, wherewith we can more practically exclaim, "Holiness to the Lord."

#### OUR DEPARTED COMPANIONS.

They have risen! They have risen!  
To the home of love and light,  
Angels crowned the brothers' brows  
With gems of truth so pure and bright.  
Crowned them with the buds that blooming,  
Spoke of God, of love and law;  
Wreathed them with flowers immortal  
That within his gardens grow.

They have risen! Why despair then?  
All to that blessed home shall go,  
Where the Father in his mercy  
Bids us to his fiat bow.  
Fear not death, where Angelic brightness  
Lights up the passage of the tomb;  
Naught of darkening shadows blind thee,  
Ne'er is felt that dismal gloom,

That has crushed the hearts of mortals,  
Cast them into shadows dark,  
Left them doubting the hereafter  
Of a world both grim and dark  
They have risen! Could we see  
The glory that surrounds them now,  
Tears would cease to flow, and never  
Would we in our anguish bow.

Bow in sorrow, bow in weeping,  
Blinded are our tear-dimmed eyes,  
But the spirits from the earthly  
Do in all their beauty rise.



Your Committee in closing this memorial offer the resolutions hereunto appended and recommend their adoption.

GEO. S. HALLMARK,  
JAMES ELLENWOOD,  
R. J. PERRY,

Committee.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter realizes a severe affliction in the death of R. E. Companion George E. Wentworth, and offer our tenderest sympathy to his bereft family and friends.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter tender this token of her sorrow and sympathy to our Companions of the Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the loss of their estimable Grand Secretary R. E.—Tracy P. Cheaver.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, unite with other Grand Chapters, and the Royal Craft in general, in mourning the loss of M. E. Companion James M. Austin, Past Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter unite in sympathy with the whole Masonic world, felt upon the demise, though of ripe old age, of that eminent and distinguished Mason, Dr. Albert G. Mackey.

*Resolved*, That in the life and character of Companion James A. Garfield, the true character of an upright Mason is truly depicted; that in his untimely death Royal Arch Masonry is sorely bereft—a widow and children brutally robbed of their main stay and protection—a Nation bathed in tears upon the assassination of its beloved Chief—a whole civilized world shocked, mourning—and bowing as we do to the fiat of inscrutable wisdom.

*Resolved*, That a page in our annals be suitably inscribed to the memory of the deceased Companion Wentworth, and that copies of our proceedings containing this action be forwarded to interested parties.

Companion William B. Barnett presented his commission as Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Arkansas in Florida, and he was received as such Grand Representative with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry.

On motion, adopted, M. E. Robert J. Perry, Past Grand High Priest, was requested to exemplify the work of the Chapter degrees at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

On motion adopted, the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter is to be held in the City of Jacksonville, at the

hour of ten o'clock a. m. on Monday, the fifteenth day of January, A. D., 1883.

The Acting Grand Secretary presented the Dispensation and other documents of Tampa R. A. Chapter U. D., which were referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments for the ensuing year, to-wit:

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| E.—J. W. V. R. PLUMMER..... | G. C. H.     |
| " MARCUS ENDEL.....         | G. P. S.     |
| " JAMES F. CLARK.....       | G. R. A. C.  |
| " HERMAN GLOGOWSKI.....     | G. M. 3d V.  |
| " GEORGE W. EPPERSON.....   | G. M. 2d V.  |
| " NOBLE MARTIN.....         | G. M. 1st V. |
| " MILTON N. PARCELS.....    | G. Guard.    |

All the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers were duly installed into their respective Grand Offices, by the Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws recommended that a charter be granted to Tampa R. A. Chapter; that the number 3 be assigned to said Chapter; that the following companions be named as officers of said Chapter: Thomas A. Caruth, H. P.; E. A. Clark, K., and R. B. Thomas, Scribe; which report was adopted.

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

W. A. McLEAN,  
*Grand High Priest.*

W. A. YOUNG, Acting Grand Secretary.

The foregoing minutes are compiled and recorded by

D. C. DAWKINS,  
*Grand Secretary.*



Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 3, located at Tampa, Hillsborough County, chartered January 19, 1882. Thomas A. Carruth, H. P.; Edward A. Clarke, K.; Robert B. Thomas, S.; John Darling, H. L. Mitchell, P. P. Kennedy, P. Dzialynski, W. B. Henderson, F. Branch, W. P. Henderson, J. Robles, J. J. Givens, D. I. Craft, J. B. Wall, Henry Smith, Richard Waters, David C. Wilson.

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## APPENDICES.

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AT REST.

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GEORGE GENNEY,  
MOUNT HOREB ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 11.  
January 25th, 1881.

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GEORGE E. WENTWORTH,  
MOUNT MORIAH ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 24.  
October 4th, 1881.

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IN MEMORY  
 OF  
 RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION,  
 GEO. E. WENTWORTH,  
 Past Grand King.

Died October 4, 1881.

*He is Risen.*

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS, as per Returns.

| CHAPTERS.        | HIGH PRIESTS.      | KINGS.       | SCRIBES.      | TREASURERS.   | SECRETARIES.  | CONVOICATIONS.  | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Gainesville ...  | 2 E P Carter       | C V Waugh    | A D Jernigan  | R McChellan   | H. Glosowski  | 1 Tuesday       | Gainesville.   |
| Mount Horeb ...  | 11 C McK Oerling   | J McDonald   | T Stearnes    | B A Philibert | G S Hallmark  | 3 Monday        | Warrington.    |
| Jacksonville ... | 12 L McCombe       | T S Wilmarth | W B Barnett   | H Koopman     | W A Young     | Last Friday     | Jacksonville.  |
| Lake Butler* ... | 19 T F Deke        | J A Cason    | F M Rivers    | P S Crews     | H F York      | 1 Thursday      | Lake Butler.   |
| Island ...       | 21 J W V R Plummer | M L Hellings | J J Delaney   | S Filer       | Geo. H. Curry | 2 & 4 Wednesday | Key West.      |
| Nassau ...       | 23 W F Scott       | N Martin     | A O McDonnell | J H Prescott  | W. A. Jones   | Wed at Lodge 17 | Fernandina.    |

\*Old Officers.



GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | GRAND CHAPTER OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA. |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| L. A. Pindal                             | Arkansas                                          |
| James Moffitt                            | Canada                                            |
| Roger W. Woodberry                       | Colorado                                          |
| John Lockie                              | Dist. of Columbia                                 |
| Wm. L. Orr                               | Illinois                                          |
| E. D. Hillier                            | Kansas                                            |
| James W. Staton                          | Kentucky                                          |
| J. C. Batchelor                          | Louisiana                                         |
| Henry L. Payne                           | Maine                                             |
| Nathan Lehman                            | Maryland                                          |
| Alexander K. Bryer                       | Massachusetts                                     |
| B. H. Langley                            | Minnesota                                         |
| J. L. Power                              | Mississippi                                       |
| Rev. C. C. Wood                          | Missouri                                          |
| John B. McCabe                           | Nebraska                                          |
| Edward L. Tillou                         | New Jersey                                        |
| Rees G. Williams                         | New York                                          |
| James Gossip                             | Nova Scotia                                       |
| A. G. Adams                              | Quebec                                            |
| Charles R. Cutler                        | Rhode Island                                      |
| Aug. T. Smythe                           | South Carolina                                    |
| B. R. Harris                             | Tennessee                                         |
| E. C. Houghton                           | Vermont                                           |
| Thomas A. Logan                          | West Virginia                                     |
| Fred Ring, Jr.                           | Wisconsin                                         |
|                                          | LaCrosse                                          |

DIRECTORIES

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.       | GRAND SECRETARIES.        | RESIDENCE.            |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alabama               | Daniel Sayre              | Montgomery.           |
| Arkansas              | James A. Henry            | Little Rock.          |
| California            | Thomas H. Caswell         | San Francisco.        |
| Canada                | David McLellan            | Hamilton, Ontario.    |
| Colorado              | Ed. C. Parmelee           | Georgetown.           |
| Connecticut           | Joseph K. Wheeler         | Hartford.             |
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| District of Columbia  | Louis G. Stephens         | Washington.           |
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| Indiana               | John M. Braunwell         | Indianapolis.         |
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| Mississippi           | J. L. Power               | Jackson.              |
| Missouri              | William H. Mayo           | St. Louis.            |
| Nebraska              | William R. Bowen          | Omaha.                |
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| New Jersey            | George B. Edwards         | Jersey City.          |
| New York              | Christopher G. Fox        | Buffalo.              |
| North Carolina        | Donald W. Bain            | Raleigh.              |
| Nova Scotia           | James Gossip              | Halifax.              |
| Ohio                  | James Nisbet              | Troy.                 |
| Oregon                | Rocky P. Earhart          | Portland.             |
| Pennsylvania          | Charles E. Meyer          | Masonic Temple, Phil. |
| Quebec                | August Grant              | Montreal.             |
| Rhode Island          | William R. Greene         | Providence.           |
| South Carolina        | J. E. Burke               | Charleston.           |
| Tennessee             | John Frizzell             | Nashville.            |
| Texas                 | Robert Brewster           | Houston.              |
| Vermont               | W. H. S. Whitcomb         | Burlington.           |
| Virginia              | William B. Isaacs         | Richmond.             |
| West Virginia         | Odell S. Long             | Wheeling.             |
| Wisconsin             | John W. Woodhull          | Milwaukee.            |
| General Grand Chapter | Christopher G. Fox        | Buffalo.              |



CHAPTER STATISTICS

STATISTICS, as per Returns.

| CHAPTERS.         | Number. | Number of Members last Return. | Added. | Total. | Lost. | Present Membership. | Exemptions. | Amount of Dues. | Amount Paid. |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Gainesville.....  | 2       | 19                             | 7      | 26     | ...   | 23                  | ...         | 31 00           | 31 00        |
| Mount Horeb.....  | 11      | 16                             | 2      | 18     | 2     | 16                  | 2           | 18 00           | 18 00        |
| Jacksonville..... | 12      | 47                             | 22     | 69     | 2     | 67                  | 2           | 69 00           | 67 00        |
| Lake Butler.....  | 19      | 32                             | 32     | 64     | ...   | 64                  | ...         | 64 00           | 64 00        |
| Island.....       | 21      | 52                             | 32     | 84     | 1     | 83                  | 1           | 83 00           | 83 00        |
| Nassau.....       | 23      | 13                             | 4      | 17     | ...   | 17                  | ...         | 21 00           | 21 00        |
| Totals.....       | 6       | 179                            | 17     | 196    | 5     | 191                 | 10          | 199 00          | 199 00       |

Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter No. 6, Charter Forfeited.  
 Micanopy R. A. Chapter No. 16, Charter Forfeited.  
 Providence R. A. Chapter No. 20, no Returns for two years.  
 Mount Moriah R. A. Chapter No. 24, no Returns for two years.

OFFICERS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

| Year | WHERE HELD.     | G. G. G. HIGH PRIESTS. | D. G. G. G. HIGH PRIESTS. | G. G. G. KINGS. | G. G. G. SCRIBES. | G. G. G. TREASURERS. | G. G. G. SECRETARIES. | G. G. G. CHAPLAINS. | G. G. G. MARSHALS. |
|------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1738 | Hartford, Ct.   | E Kirby                |                           | Benj Hurd, Jr.  | T S Webb          | S T Hosmer           | Wm Woot               | A L Clarke          | Gurdon Lathrop     |
| 1738 | Middletown, Ct  | E Kirby                |                           | Benj Hurd, Jr.  | T S Webb          | S T Hosmer           | Wm Woot               | A L Clarke          | Gurdon Lathrop     |
| 1739 | Providence, R I | E Kirby                |                           | Benj Hurd, Jr.  | T S Webb          | S T Hosmer           | Wm Woot               | A L Clarke          | Gurdon Lathrop     |
| 1806 | Middletown, Ct  | Benj Hurd, Jr.         |                           | Thos S Webb     | Ezra Aimes        | Jas Harrison         | O Ammidon             | J Nye               | Jos Huntington     |
| 1816 | New York City   | D Clinton              |                           | Jno H Lynde     | P P Eckel         | P Grennell           | John Abbott           | J Nye               | John Harris        |
| 1819 | New York City   | D Clinton              |                           | John Snow       | P P Eckel         | P Grennell           | John Abbott           | J Nye               | David G Cowans     |
| 1823 | New York City   | D Clinton              |                           | John Snow       | John L Willson    | Paul Dean            | L Chapman             | J Nye               | William G Hunt     |
| 1823 | New York City   | D Clinton              |                           | John Snow       | John L Willson    | Paul Dean            | L Chapman             | J Nye               | William G Hunt     |
| 1825 | Baltimore, Md   | Eg Livingston          |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Amos Nourse        |
| 1825 | Washington, D C | Eg Livingston          |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Mordecai Meyers    |
| 1838 | Boston, Mass    | Paul Dean              |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | I W Crawford       |
| 1841 | New York City   | Paul Dean              |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Ezra S Barnum      |
| 1844 | New Haven, Ct   | Paul Dean              |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1847 | Columbus, O     | Paul Dean              |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1850 | Boston, Mass    | Robt P Dunlap          |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1853 | Lexington, Ky   | Robt P Dunlap          |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1856 | Hartford, Ct    | Chas Gilman            |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1859 | Chicago, Ill    | A G Mackey             |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1865 | Columbus, O     | John L Lewis           |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1865 | St. Louis, Mo   | Jas M Austin           |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1871 | Baltimore, Md   | J H Drummond           |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1874 | Nashville, Tenn | E H English            |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1877 | Buffalo, N Y    | John Frizzell          |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |
| 1886 | Detroit, Mich   | Robt F Bower           |                           | Paul Dean       | Paul Dean         | J K Stapleton        | J K Stapleton         | J Nye               | Nathan B Haswell   |

\* Dead.

† Office changed to "Captain of the Host."

CHRONOLOGICAL MEMORANDA OF IMPORTANT TRANSACTIONS.

September 24, 1797—Preliminary meeting of three Chapters at Boston, Mass.  
 January 24, 1798—Organization of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."  
 September, 1798—First meeting after organization for the choice of officers.  
 January 9, 1799—Adjourned meeting; change of name to that of "General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."  
 January 9, 1806—Change of name to that of "The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America."  
 1812, was, by resolution, fixed as the time, and New York City as the place for the next septennial session.  
 June 6, 1816—Held in New York City, by reason of failure to meet in 1812.  
 Constitution changed, so as to have a Deputy General Grand High Priest.  
 September, 1819—Held agreeably to adjournment.  
 February, 1823—Adjournment was to Washington, District of Columbia, at this time, but not held.  
 September, 1826—Met according to previous notice. Meetings made triennial.  
 November, 1832—Held in this month on account of cholera in Baltimore during September.  
 September, 1862—Appointed to meet at Memphis, Tenn., but not held on account of the war.  
 September, 1871—Constitution amended admitting Past Grand High Priests as Permanent Members.  
 November, 1874—Constitution amended making the first four Past General Grand Officers Permanent Members.



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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
Grand Chapter of Florida.  
Thirty-Seventh Annual Convocation.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida convened in Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Hall in the City of Jacksonville at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday the 15th day of January, A. L. 2413, A. D. 1883.

PRESENT:

M. E.—WILLIAM A. MCLEAN.....Grand High Priest  
R. E.—WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.....Deputy Grand High Priest  
“ W. W. TUCKER.....as Grand King  
“ GEORGE S. HALLMARK.....Grand Scribe  
“ THOMAS S. WILMARTH.....Grand Treasurer  
“ DEWITT C. DAWKINS.....Grand Secretary  
E.—ENOS WASGATE.....as Grand Captain of the Host  
“ MARCUS ENDEL.....Grand Principal Sojourner  
“ JOSEPH HICKS.....Grand Royal Arch Captain  
“ GEORGE H. THOM.....as Grand Master of the Third Vail  
“ H. C. Cushman.....as Grand Master of the Second Vail  
“ AUGUS PATERSON.....as Grand Master of the First Vail  
“ MILTON N. PARCELLS.....Grand Guard  
M. E.—Past Grand High Priests....D. C. DAWKINS and E. WASGATE.  
R. E.—Past Deputy Grand High Priest...GEO. S. HALLMARK.  
R. E.—Past Grand Kings, W. W. TUCKER and W. E. ANDERSON.



Grand Representatives of the Most Excellent Grand Chapters of Arkansas, Canada, District of Columbia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Quebec and South Carolina.

And constituent Chapters as follows, to wit:

*Gainesville R. A. Chapter, No. 2*—Represented by Marcus Endel, proxy for High Priest; Herman Glogowski, proxy for King; R. McClellan, Scribe.

*Mount Horeb R. A. Chapter No. 11*—Represented by George S. Hallmark, proxy for H. P., K. and S.

*Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12*—Represented by Milton A. Fuller, High Priest; Thomas S. Wilmarth, King; James F. Clark, Scribe.

*Lake Butler R. A. Chapter No. 19*—Represented by G. W. Epperson proxy for High Priest.

*Island R. A. Chapter No. 21*—Represented by J. W. V. R. Plummer, High Priest; J. J. Delany proxy, for King and Scribe.

*Nassau R. A. Chapter No. 23*—Represented by W. F. Scott, High Priest.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The M. E. Grand High Priest, very feelingly and appropriately alluding to an unusual vacancy in the sanctuary, announced the absence of the Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain, in consequence of sudden and serious illness, whereupon, and upon motion of the Grand Secretary, duly seconded and unanimously adopted, the Grand High Priest appointed companions Endel, Tucker and Wilmarth, a special committee to visit R. E. Companion John Penny, Grand Chaplain, tender to him the love and sympathy of this Grand Chapter, and to look after his welfare.

The minutes of the last Annual Convocation having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter No. 12, tendering to the Grand Chapter the use of their hall during the present Grand Convocation, which was received.

The Grand Secretary presented a list of Grand Officers and members of the Grand Chapter present, whereupon the Grand High Priest appointed the following

\*STANDING COMMITTEES TO WIT.

*On Returns and Credentials.*—D. C. DAWKINS, M. ENDEL, and GEO. S. HALLMARK.

*On Dispensations and By-Laws.*—M. ENDEL, W. W. TUCKER and T. S. WILMARTH.

*On Unfinished Business.*—C. J. ALLRED, GEO. W. EPPERSON and J. J. DELANEY.

*On Jurisprudence.*—W. F. SCOTT, E. WASGATE and W. E. ANDERSON.

*On Propositions and Grievances.*—M. A. FULLER, J. F. CLARK and M. M. ESCASSI.

*On Finance and Accounts.*—GEO. S. HALLMARK, J. W. V. R. PLUMMER and R. MCCLELLAN.

*On Memorials.*—R. J. PERRY, C. J. ALLRED and W. E. ANDERSON.

M. E. WILLIAM A. MCLEAN, read the following Grand High Priest's address:

*Companions of the Grand Chapter:*

While the assembling of the Craft in Grand Annual Convocation is an occasion for thankfulness and rejoicing, it is at the same time an occasion for sorrow and of sadness; we rejoice, and are thankful for mercies past, and blessings promised, but the memories of the past are called up to-day, and we are sad, because some of those whom we have delighted to honor, will be seen no more in our councils, the destruction that wasteth at noon-day has been witnessed by us during the year just closed, the pestilence that walketh in darkness has visited the domestic circle of some of our companions, and loved ones have been removed from the busy scenes of active life and usefulness, forcibly impressing upon the living, that most important truth, that "in the midst of life we are in death." The outer door of our social tabernacle could not be so vigilantly guarded as to prevent the ravages of disease and death; we have been despoiled of priceless treasure during the year; we will be forcibly reminded of our great loss to-day, as with sad hearts we behold at least one vacant seat in our grand council.

On the 10th of May, our own beloved companion, Luther McConihe, for many years Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, ceased to live and labor. By his death we are oppressed with the weight of a great sorrow and bereavement. The void created by his death, is not only difficult to measure, but far more difficult to fill. To say that a good man has fallen in the midst of the years of his greatest usefulness, is but a feeble expression of the sincere love and



tender affection cherished by the companions of him whose life was so blameless, and character so elevated, as to inspire confidence and command the respect of the better classes of society. To him the burdened heart could pour out its sorrows, and distress prefer its suit with confident assurance of a tender, sympathetic response. He dignified every station, and elevated every position in which he was placed, and as a result of his inflexible fidelity to the sacred trusts confided to, and the confidence reposed in him during an active and useful life, his memory is invested with honors and glories far more substantial and enduring than victor's wreaths and monarch's gems

It also devolves upon me to record the death of that most excellent and highly honored companion, Robert Farmer Bower, General Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, which sad event occurred on the 19th of May, 1882. While I did not enjoy the distinguished honor of a personal acquaintance with him, yet, from what has been said of him by those who knew him best, we are assured that a great man has fallen, and that one of our most brilliant lights has been extinguished. We therefore mingle our tears of sorrow in weeping with those that weep. The most appropriate memorial, perhaps, that I can present at this time, will be a reference to the circular letter announcing his death, which is as follows:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS,  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
*To all the Exalted and Enlightened Throughout the Globe:*  
Sorrow has fallen upon our house! Clouds and darkness are round about us! but the "Lord reigneth," and his mercy endureth forever.

Robert Farmer Bower was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 15th day of September, 1823, and died at his residence in Keokuk, Iowa, May 19th, 1882.

He was made a Mason in Madison, Indiana, in 1850, was there exalted to the Royal Arch Degree on November 14th of that year, and received the orders of Knighthood in that jurisdiction.

Subsequently he removed to Iowa, where his companions learned to love him, and where they also gave him the highest honors. As a representative of their Grand Chapter he first appeared in the General Grand Chapter in 1871, was elected General Grand King in 1874, Deputy General Grand High Priest in 1877, and General Grand High Priest in 1880.

In each of these high offices he commanded the respect and received the confidence of his associates, as he did of his brethren and companions; and it was reasonable to hope that he might be spared to complete his official term of service under their continued approbation.

But suddenly, almost as if flashed from the clear sky, comes a cloud of gloom, bearing the sad news of his death, and we are called to mourn the loss of our M. E. GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST. A diligent masonic student, he had received all the degrees in the York and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites, and understood their mystic philosophy. Accomplished in the social and domestic virtues; trusted in business and banking circles; useful and honored as

a citizen; patriotic and devoted to duty, as men count age, he had many years of usefulness before him; but, view it as we may, his life and character were well shaped and rounded.

It is therefore directed that suitable emblems of mourning be displayed on the jewels and altars of all Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, for the term of six months after the receipt hereof; and all State Grand Chapters are requested to exhibit similar tokens until, and at, their next Annual Convocations, respectively, and to take such further action in harmony herewith as to them may seem expedient.

It is further directed that this Memorial Circular be read in, and spread upon, the records of each Grand and Subordinate Chapter in allegiance to the General Grand Chapter.

Given under my hand at the City of Boston, Massachusetts, this 25th day of May, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412, under the seal of the General Grand Chapter, duly attested.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,  
Deputy Gen. Gr. High Priest.  
CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,  
Grand Secretary.

Attest,

The transactions of the Grand High Priest's office may be summed up very briefly, and from which it will appear that the duties, and responsibilities of the office have not been burdensome. I had fondly hoped for the pleasure of visiting some of the Chapters during the year, but it was otherwise ordered. Circumstances, controlled and directed by an all wise Providence, required that my time and attention be employed and bestowed upon those who are near and dear to me by the ties of nature, as well as sincere affection. I sincerely trust that my successor may be far more fortunate than I have been, in the matter of time and favorable opportunities, for advancing the cause of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

On the 23d of May I granted a dispensation to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, to elect and install a High Priest, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of M. E. Luther McConihe, High Priest of that Chapter, and to fill by election such offices as might be made vacant by such election, and on the 26th of May, by request of the Chapter, I was present and installed the officers so elected.

On the 30th of May I appointed M. E. Thomas S. Wilmarth, Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of companion Luther McConihe.

On the 29th of July, a dispensation was granted to a constitutional number of companions, recommended by Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, for a new Chapter at Madison, in Madison county, to be called Madison Chapter, U. D. They will apply for a charter at the present Grand Annual Convocation, by patience and perseverance, these companions have triumphed over difficulties, and are recommended to your favorable consideration.

As I am now about to surrender into your hands the authority committed to my trust two years ago, and reaffirmed by your action one year thereafter, I hope it will not be considered presumptuous on my part to offer a few thoughts, by way of suggestion, as a basis for reflection by those who desire and would hail with joy and intense



delight the advancement of the pure principles of our noble, time-honored institution.

Whenever we make the discovery that a sad decline is impressed upon everything connected with Masonic work and progress, it is a labor—not of love, but of mistaken zeal—to endeavor by any process of reformation, or upon any principle of improvement, to correct existing evils by theory and precept, in the absence of correct practice and holy example. Nor need we go outside the circle of our own companionship in search of causes, hoping thereby to be able to solve the problem as to why and wherefore the former times were better and more fruitful of results than these latter days, for in so doing it will appear that we fail to inquire wisely concerning the matter; it must be apparent to even the casual observer, that our Masonic Zion is wearing the habiliments of mourning; not alone because so few come to our annual feasts, but for the reason that so very few are holding fast the professions they once made, and utterly fail to perform their vows so solemnly assumed when invested with the treasures and inducted into the mysteries of the Royal Art.

I regret exceedingly that it devolves upon me to venture the prediction, by way of warning, that unless the faithful few shall become so interested for the general good and special welfare of the Royal Arch as to gird on the armor of diligence and perseverance, and strive valiantly for the maintenance of principle, and establishment of the truth, the time may not be in the far distant future when we shall realize the fact, that our glory is turned into shame, because of the reproach of the wicked, and the triumph of ungodly men over us; if masonry is worth anything, it certainly is worth all the labor and the best efforts we can possibly bestow upon it. In honoring the institution we honor ourselves, and in diffusing light and knowledge, and doing good unto our fellow men, we fulfil the law; and then, but not before, are we entitled to the rewards promised to the faithful.

On motion, adopted, the foregoing Annual Address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a special committee of three for distribution of subjects, and the Deputy Grand High Priest announced companions E. Wasgate, W. W. Tucker and J. Hicks as such committee.

The Grand Secretary presented the dispensation and the documents of Madison Chapter, U. D., which were referred to the Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws.

Companion Hallmark, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted, to-wit:

WHEREAS, At the general conflagration of the town of Warrington, the charter of Mount Horeb Chapter was burned; therefore

*Resolved*, That a duplicate charter be issued to Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter No. 11, free of charge.

On motion, adopted, the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until half past seven o'clock this evening.

A. I. 2413, January 15th, 7.30 p. m.

## PRESENT:

M. E.—WILLIAM A. MCLEAN.....Grand High Priest  
 R. E.—WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.....Deputy Grand High Priest  
 “ WARREN F. SCOTT.....Grand King  
 “ JOSEPH HICKS.....as Grand Scribe  
 “ THOMAS S. WILMARTH.....Grand Treasurer  
 “ DE WITT C. DAWKINS.....Grand Secretary  
 E. J. W. V. R. PLUMMER.....Grand Captain of the Host  
 “ MARCUS ENDEL.....Grand Principal Sojourner  
 “ JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Royal Arch Captain  
 “ GEO. H. THOM..... as Grand Master of the Third Vail  
 “ GEO. W. EPPERSON.....Grand Master of the Second Vail  
 “ AUGUS PATERSON.....Grand Master of the First Vail  
 “ MILTON N. PARCELLS.....Grand Guard

with Constituent Chapters represented, and others, as at the morning session, with the addition of R. S. Perry, P. G. H. P., and some other companions, members and visitors.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

The special committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The special committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for distribution of subjects respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that so much therein as relates to the fraternal dead, be referred to the Committee on Memorials; that so much as relates to dispensations be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws; that so much thereof as relates to the appointment of a Grand Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The remainder of said address your committee heartily concur in, and recommend its adoption and careful perusal by all the companions, both present and absent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ENOS WASGATE,  
 W. W. TUCKER,  
 JOSEPH HICKS,  
 Committee.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials have examined the returns of Gainesville Chapter No. 2, Mount Horeb Chapter No 11, and Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, Lake Butler Chapter No. 19, Island Chapter No. 21, and Nassau Chapter No. 23. These returns appeared to be all correct, and so neatly and correctly written up that it would perhaps be unjust to some to note special merit of any. All of them have paid their dues and are properly represented by the companions already seated.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary furnish the usual statistical table.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,  
G. S. HALLMARK,  
M. ENDEL,  
Committee.

The special committee appointed to visit Companion John Penny, Grand Chaplain, reported the said companion in a critical condition, yet sufficiently rational, upon being aroused from stupor to express his gratitude to the Grand Chapter for its fraternal remembrance of him.

On motion of Companion Perry, adopted, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing are invited to attend this Grand Convocation.

On motion, adopted, the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

A. I. 2413, A. D. 1883, January 16, 3 P. M.

PRESENT :

M. E.—William A. McLean, Grand High Priest, and others, as yesterday, with the addition of E. George S. Hallmark, Grand Scribe, and E. John T. Miller, Past Grand Scribe.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit :

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws beg leave to report that we recommend the approval of the Grand High Priest in granting dispensation to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, to elect and install a High Priest to fill vacancy caused by the death of M. E., L. McConihe, H. P., of said chapter, and to fill by election

such offices as might be made vacant by such election.

We recommend that a charter be granted to Madison Chapter, U. D., that the number 8 be assigned to said chapter, and the following companions be named as officers: Augus Paterson, H. P.; William H. Hausman, King; Albert J. Dozier, Scribe; and that said chapter be required to adopt By-Laws in conformity to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,  
W. W. TUCKER,  
T. S. WILMARTH,  
Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit :

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report that nothing has been presented for their consideration except the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest, in appointing companion T. S. Wilmarth Grand Treasurer, which we recommend be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. SCOTT,  
E. WASGATE,  
Committee.

Companion Hallmark moved that a Committee on Work, consisting of five, be appointed, which motion, being duly seconded, was adopted.

Companion Perry moved that the election of officers of the Grand Chapter be held at the afternoon session of to-morrow, which motion, being duly seconded, was adopted.

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.

|             |                                           |         |          |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1883.       | Dr.                                       |         |          |
| January 15, | To dues of Gainesville Chapter No. 2..... | \$23.00 |          |
| "           | " Mt. Horeb " " 11.....                   | 16.00   |          |
| "           | " Jacksonville " " 12.....                | 52.00   |          |
| "           | " Lake Butler " " 19.....                 | 30.00   |          |
| "           | " Island " " 21.....                      | 58.00   |          |
| "           | " Nassau " " 23.....                      | 27.00   |          |
|             | Charter of Madison " " 8.....             | 50.00   |          |
|             |                                           |         | \$256.00 |

Cr.

By paid Grand Treasurer.....\$256.00



PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida :

I herewith submit my annual report as Grand Treasurer :  
1882.

|                                                  |          |   |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|---|----------|
| January 18, To balance.....                      | \$262.00 | — | \$262.00 |
|                                                  | CR.      |   |          |
| January 19, By paid Grand Chaplain.....          | 10.00    |   |          |
| "    19, "    Grand Guard.....                   | 5.00     |   |          |
| "    26, Printing Proceedings 1881.....          | 40.00    |   |          |
| "    26, Postage and Stationery.....             | 10.50    |   |          |
| "    26, Grand Secretary.....                    | 100.00   | — | 165.50   |
| Balance received from late treasurer.....        |          |   | 96.50    |
| 1883.                                            | DR.      |   |          |
| January 1, To balance.....                       | \$ 96.50 |   |          |
| "    16, To amount received from Grand Secretary | 256.00   |   |          |
| Balance on hand .....                            | \$352.50 |   |          |

THOMAS S. WILMARTH,  
Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Companion Perry, the Grand Secretary was instructed to telegraph J. C. Neal, at Archer, Fla., to inform Mrs. Penny, of the critical illness of her husband.

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

A. I. 2413, A. D. 1883, January 17, 3 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E.—William, A. McLean, Grand High Priest, and others as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The Grand Secretary reported that he promptly sent the telegram as per instructions on yesterday, and that Mrs. Penny arrived and is now with her husband.

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter :

The Committee on Memorials beg leave to report. M. E. Comp. Robert F. Bower, General Grand High Priest of the General Gr. R. A. Chapter of the United States of America, died May 19th, 1883, as

yet in full manhood, enjoying honors so justly his due and beloved by all who knew him. The many noble virtues of which he was possessed made him eminent in social as well as Masonic life. His was a life of devotion to duty in all the relations of son, husband, father and friend, marked by stern integrity in all God's chancery. He sleeps his last sleep, life's work well done.

R. E. Comp. Luther McConihe, Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, died May 10th, 1883. The untimely demise of this good man is fraught with great sorrow, not only to the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, but to the community in which he lived so blameless a life, replete with noble and charitable deeds. Every trust confided to him was executed with fidelity, and with that unselfish devotion to duty which should ever characterize a good man and Mason. Although the "mortal has put on immortality," he still lives, enshrined in our hearts, a bright example to those of us who appreciate the true aim of life.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter extends most cordial sympathy to the General Grand Chapter in the loss sustained by the death of M. E. Comp. R. F. Bower, General Grand High Priest.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter sustains a severe loss in the death of R. E. Comp. Luther McConihe, and offers special and heartfelt condolence to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 in this sad bereavement.

*Resolved*, That a page in our annals be inscribed to the memory of deceased Companions Bower and McConihe, and that a copy of our proceedings in this instance be forwarded to the families of our deceased Companions.

R. J. PERRY,  
W. E. ANDERSON,  
C. J. ALLRED,  
Committee.

The Grand Chapter engaged in the election of Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter for the present Masonic year, which resulted in the election of the companions as follows. to-wit :

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GEORGE S. HALLMARK.....  | Grand High Priest        |
| WILLIAM E. ANDERSON..... | Deputy Grand High Priest |
| WARREN F. SCOTT.....     | Grand King               |
| J. W. V. R. PLUMMER..... | Grand Scribe             |
| THOMAS S. WILMARTH.....  | Grand Treasurer          |
| DEWITT C. DAWKINS.....   | Grand Secretary          |
| JOHN PENNY.....          | Grand Chaplain           |

On motion adopted, Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 24, is allowed further time to make its returns to the Grand Chapter.

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



To M. E. Grand Chapter :

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts have examined the book, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

We find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer \$352.50 subject to your disposal, from which we recommend payment of appropriations as follows, to-wit,

|                                                     |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To Grand Secretary for salary.....                  | \$125.00 |
| " " " " postage and stationery.....                 | 10.00    |
| " Ashmead Bros., for printing proceedings 1882..... | 54.00    |
| " Mrs. John Penny.....                              | 15.00    |
| " Grand Guard.....                                  | 5.00     |
| " Companion J. W. V. R. Plummer.....                | 25.00    |
|                                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                                     | \$234.00 |

Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer \$118.50, out of which we recommend that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay for the printing and incidental expenses of the Grand Chapter for 1883, when audited by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. HALLMARK,  
J. W. V. R. PLUMMER,  
R. McCLELLAN,

Committee.

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter :

Your Committee on Unfinished Business have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Convocation and find no unfinished business.

Fraternally submitted,

C. J. ALLRED,  
J. J. DELANEY,  
G. W. EPPERSON,

Committee.

The Grand High Priest installed Companion Angus Patterson into the office of High Priest of Madison Chapter No. 8, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to give him a certificate of that fact that he may fully organize his chapter.

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

MARCUS ENDEL, Grand Chaplain of the Host.  
JAMES F. CLARK, Grand Principal Sojourner.  
HERMAN GLOGOWSKI, Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
GEORGE W. EPPERSON, Grand Master of the Third Vail.  
J. J. DELANEY, Grand Master of the Second Vail.

Angus Paterson, Grand Master of the First Vail.

Milton N. Parcels, Grand Guard.

All the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers were duly installed into their respective offices by M. E. William A. McLean, G. H. P.

M. E. George S. Hallmark, G. H. P., appointed the following committees, to wit:

*On Work*—W. A. McLEAN, E. WASGATE, R. J. PERRY, W. E. ANDERSON and M. ENDEL.

*On Foreign Correspondence*.—E. WASGATE, W. A. McLEAN and W. E. ANDERSON.

*On Printing*.—D. C. DAWKINS, T. S. WILMARTH and R. J. PERRY.

On motion, adopted, the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter is to be held in the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., on Monday next preceeding the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1884.

On motion of Companion Perry, the thanks of this Grand Chapter were tendered to Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12, for use of its Hall.

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.



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## APPENDICES.

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Madison Royal Arch Chapter No. 8, located at Madison, in  
the county of Madison. Chartered January 16, 1883.

Augus Paterson, High Priest.

William H. Hausman, King.

Albert J. Dozier, Scribe.

Other members—John L. Miller, Joseph Townsend, E. South-  
well Tyner, H. J. Parramore, Chandler H. Smith, M. H. War-  
ring, Elijah H. Bunker, Robert M. Witherspoon, R. J. Mays,  
Enoch J. Vann, W. W. Whitlock.

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## AT REST.

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C. S. EMERY, 1882,

HENRY HEWLETT, May 4, 1882,

LUTHER MCCONNIE, May 10, 1882,

ASA SAWYER, 1882,

Of Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12.

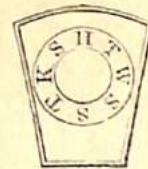
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JACOB RAIN, December 14, 1882,

Of Island R. A. Chapter No. 21.

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IN MEMORY  
OF  
MOST EXCELLENT  
**ROBERT FARMER BOWER,**  
GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF  
THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA.

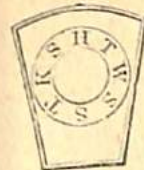
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DIED MAY 19th, 1882.

LIFE'S WORK WELL DONE.

MERIT AND HONOR UNITED.

"NEARER TO THEE, MY GOD."





IN MEMORY  
OF  
MOST EXCELLENT  
*Luther McConihe,*  
GRAND TREASURER  
OF THE  
M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF  
THE STATE OF FLA.,  
—AND—  
PAST HIGH PRIEST OF  
JACKSONVILLE R. A.  
CHAPTER NO. 12.

DIED MAY 10th, 1882.

A LIFE REplete WITH NOBLE ACTS

A LIFE FULL OF CHARITABLE DEEDS

PEACE IN THE LIFE ETERNAL.



## STATISTICS AS PER RETURNS.

| CHAPTERS.        | No. | No. of Members<br>Last Year. | Added. | Total. | Lost. | Present<br>Membership. | Exemptions. | Amount of Dues. | Amount paid. |
|------------------|-----|------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| GAINESVILLE..... | 2   | 26                           | 0      | 26     | 1     | 25                     | 3           | \$23            | \$23         |
| MOUNT HOPE.....  | 11  | 16                           | 0      | 16     | 1     | 15                     | 0           | 16              | 16           |
| JACKSONVILLE.... | 12  | 47                           | 5      | 52     | 6     | 42                     | 4           | 52              | 52           |
| LAKE BUTLER..... | 19  | 34                           | 0      | 34     | 1     | 33                     | 4           | 30              | 30           |
| ISLAND.....      | 21  | 53                           | 3      | 56     | 2     | 54                     | 0           | 58              | 58           |
| NASSAU.....      | 23  | 17                           | 5      | 22     | 0     | 22                     | 0           | 27              | 27           |
| *MT. MORIAH ...  | 24  | 23                           | 0      | 23     | 0     | 23                     | 1           | 22              | 22           |
| Totals,          | 7   | 216                          | 13     | 229    | 11    | 214                    | 12          | \$228           | \$228        |

\*Returns received since Grand Convocation.



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|                       | Christopher G. Fox       | Oshkosh.              |
|                       |                          | Buffalo.              |

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| CHAPTERS.    | No. | CONVOCAATION.         | HIGH PRIESTS.       | KINGS.           | SCRIBES.          | TREASURERS.     | SECRETARIES.   | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|--------------|-----|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Gainesville  | 2   | First Tuesday         | E. P. Cater         | H. C. Parker     | R. McClellan      | T. A. Carroll   | M. Endel       | Gainesville    |
| Mt. Horeb.   | 11  | Third Monday          | C. McK Oertin       | J. McDonald      | T. Stearns        | B. A. Philibert | G. S. Hallmark | Warrington     |
| Jacks'ville. | 12  | Last Friday           | M. A. Fuller        | T. S. Willmarth. | J. F. Clark       | H. Koopman      | W. A. Young    | Jacksonville   |
| LakeButler   | 19  | First Thursday        | M. L. McKinney      | J. M. Johns      | O. B. Walton      | R. Thomas       | H. F. York     | Lake Butler    |
| Island       | 21  | 2d and 4th Wednesday  | J. W. V. R. Plummer | A. Brost         | R. A. Monsalvatge | S. Filer        | G. H. Curry    | Key West       |
| Nassau       | 23  | Wed. af. Amelia Lodge | W. F. Scott         | N. Martin        | A. O. McDonell    | J. H. Prescott  | W. A. Jones    | Fernandina     |
| Mt. Moriah   | 24  | Second Monday         | J. B. Roberts       | H. C. Cushman    | H. White          | G. Forcheimer   | W. B. Maclay   | Pensacola      |



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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| James W. Staton, Brooksville.....        | Kentucky.....         | W. McClintock, Key West.            |
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| Nathan Lehman.....                       | Maryland.....         |                                     |
| Alexander K. Brewer.....                 | Massachusetts.....    | D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.        |
| B. H. Langley, Winona.....               | Minnesota.....        | Wm. B. Taylor, Live Oak.            |
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THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

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PROCEEDINGS  
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GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.  
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida convened in Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, the 14th day of January, A. I. 2414, A. D. 1884.

PRESENT:

M. E. GEORGE S. HALLMARK.....Grand High Priest  
R. E. WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.....Deputy Grand High Priest  
" WARREN F. SCOTT.....Grand King  
" WILLIAM A. McLEAN.....Grand Scribe  
" THOMAS S. WILMARTH.....Grand Treasurer  
" DEWITT C. DAWKINS.....Grand Secretary  
E. ENOS WASGATE.....as Grand Captain of the Host  
" JOHN O. BOAG.....as Grand Principal Sojourner  
" THOMAS S. SWAIM.....as Grand Royal Arch Captain  
" M. D. CUSHING.....as Grand Master of the Third Vail  
" AUGUS PATERSON...as Grand Master of the Second Vail  
" THOMAS S. WILMARTH..as Grand Master of the First Vail  
" WILLIAM H. YOUNG.. ..Grand Guard  
M. E. Past Grand High Priests...D. C. DAWKINS, E. WASGATE and W. A. McLEAN.

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



And the constituent Chapters as follows, to-wit:

*Madison Chapter, No. 8*—Represented by A. Paterson, High Priest.

*Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12*—Represented by W. W. Tucker, High Priest.

*Nassau Chapter, No. 23*—Represented by W. F. Scott, High Priest.

And returns from Tampa Chapter, No. 3.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

On motion of Companion E. Wasgate, the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, Mount Horeb Chapter No. 11 was allowed further time to make returns, and that M. E. Companion Hallmark be authorized to represent said Chapter.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES TO-WIT:

*On Returns and Credentials.*—D. C. DAWKINS, M. ENDEL and J. W. V. R. PLUMMER.

*On Dispensations and By-Laws.*—W. E. ANDERSON, R. J. PERRY and G. W. EPPERSON

*On Jurisprudence.*—W. F. SCOTT, H. J. STEWART and C. J. ALLRED.

*On Propositions and Grievances.*—A. PATERSON, E. WASGATE and W. W. TUCKER.

*On Finance and Accounts.*—T. S. WILMARTH, J. J. DELANEY and G. H. THOM.

*On Memorials.*—W. A. MCLEAN, S. PASCO and T. S. SWAIM.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

*Companions:*  
I am happy to present myself in your presence to-day, as your chosen High Priest of the Grand Chapter. In undertaking the fulfilment of the allotted task assigned me, *i. e.* making an annual address, I shall not reflect upon your good taste by any disclaimers of personal incompetency for the duties of the position which has been

conferred upon me; neither shall I indulge in any morbid sentimentality which would seek its gratification in extravagant eulogies and bombastic laudations of the institution itself, whose claims I come to represent, my sole object on this occasion shall be to present, in simple guise, truthful and unadorned, the aims and principles upon which our Order is based:

In taking the most superficial survey of the philosophy of our human nature and of the elementary conditions of its being, two great facts will suggest themselves as inherent in its most evident constitutional tendencies: The First is, that man is pre-eminently a social being; that all the elements of his character, and the conditions of his life, point him out as an object adapted for social intercourse with his fellow man, all the sympathies of his nature and the influence of his surroundings in life, are in strictest harmony with these social affinities.

Our very happiness and well being are involved in the cultivation and practice of our benevolent affections. The man that loves most will be most beloved; he that does most good to others will find his noble deeds most amply repaid in "good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over," in proportion to the measure he bestows.

The people of the world are apt to show to us the same phase of character which we display to them. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The man who is narrow and selfish in his views and feelings will find a selfish man's reward in the narrow confines of a cheerless and friendless life; while he whose life and character are ennobled by the inspiration of lofty deeds and sentiments—of a generous self-sacrifice for the good of others—will be sure to realize the happy results, as reflected back, like a responsive echo, upon himself. It is a favorite sentiment—a sort of scriptural axiom—of an eminent and sainted apostle, that "no man liveth to himself." Every man is to seek for the good of others and not for himself alone. No element of selfish and soul-dwarfing misanthropy can find any place in its all-embracing and expansive charities. It fosters no sympathies for brooding hermit or morbid anchorite who pines in desert cave and lonely cell, a wretched outcast from the affections and associations of his fellow man. But it bids every true man go forth into the great struggling, suffering world around him, bearing the seal and impress of a heavenly mission to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, to comfort the sorrowing, to relieve the suffering, to sympathize with the afflicted, to bring blessings to the homes of the desolate, and joy to the heart of the disconsolate. Oh! blessed task—oh! beautiful mission! that converts the human into the divine, the deserts of the earth into fields of celestial verdure, that renders man a co-worker with God, in the relief of human suffering, and accepts



his works of benevolence, as if done for himself—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these, ye have done it unto me."

This grand principle, running like a thread of gold through the whole fabric of our social life, constitutes the great conservative force that binds all human hearts in the ties of a universal brotherhood. It was manifestly the purpose of Infinite Wisdom and Goodness that men should be ministers of good to one another in a world where evil abounds—where there is so much of poverty and destitution and distress and affliction everywhere, how can a rational being with a human soul in him turn with cold indifference from the pangs of suffering, the wails of distress, the cries of poverty and hunger, the desolations of homeless wretchedness, to dwell in the narrow domain of his own selfishness and leave this world to its own misery and despair. Surely, in the most sacred depths of every true heart must lie enshrined some tender feeling of pity and benevolence for earth's suffering millions, which, like golden censers swung by angel hands, is destined to go forth to spread the incense of its hallowed fragrance laden with celestial benedictions, among the pining, sorrowing sons of earth. But there is another view in these relations:

2nd. That man's relations are those of material dependence and reciprocal obligation, one towards another, and are bound in an endless chain of moral relationships, whose links entwine themselves through every life, from the helpless beggar to the imperial monarch. No sceptered power, no pride of place, no gifts of genius, no glittering stones of wealth, no pomp of fame, nor nobility of lineage, nor splendor of fortune, can dissever the ties which bind each human life with the destinies of some other being in the mysterious evolutions of the Infinite. This great principle enters into and controls our whole moral and social existence as man emerges from his natural state of barbarism into a higher and broader civilization, this recognition of mutual dependence upon his fellow man becomes more obvious and apparent. The higher he rises in civilization, intelligence and mental refinement, the more sensible he becomes of the paramount importance of this wide, extended and all pervading power in shaping the moral and social destinies of human life. The mere savage, fierce and untamed, can stalk through his native forest and feel inhuman delight in slaying and torturing foes; or in using the rude implements with which nature has furnished him in capturing his prey: and thus revel in ghastly independence of this kind. But the cultured and enlightened human soul finds its happiness and pleasure only in the friendly intercourse and delightful associations of its fellow man. So that the more enlarged and extended the sphere of its activities for the good of others, the more earnest its efforts and contributions toward the general well-being of mankind, the more fully is his own happiness and elevation promoted; and

thus, in benefiting others, he benefits himself; and in enlarging the sphere of human happiness he enlarges his own. Every act of charity, public or private, every benevolent enterprise fostered by the generous sympathies of kindly hearts, is a noble contribution to the general weal of mankind, which acts and reacts in a thousand ramifications through every avenue of human life. Like the beneficent rays of the great orb of day it is caught up and reflected from point to point, from mountain top to lowly vale, until the whole hemisphere is radiant and glorified with its joyful effulgence.

This brings us to the grand final and culminating point in this discussion. The two collateral facts being settled; First, of man's social brotherhood in the bonds of human suffering and sympathy, as a great law of his nature; and Second, of the mutual dependence of mankind, one upon another, for aid and support in times of trouble; and for mutual happiness and well being under all the conditions of life; the question now remains to be adjusted:

What are the best and most efficient methods for developing out of the practical workings of these great principles, the greatest good to the greatest number of our fellow men? Many experiments have been tried, many expedients adopted for carrying out the noble ends of mutual protection and benefit in times of need. But all experience has shown that some organized system—some general concentration of effort by which men can be united, and drawn together in mutual effort for the mutual benefit of all, combines the only true conditions of success. The principle involved is that of reciprocal beneficence and good will toward those who are bound to us by similar ties and offices of mutual generosity and devotion.

Now, if one man or a small number of men should undertake in themselves to carry out an indiscriminate system of universal benevolence toward their fellow men, it is evident that these generous souls would soon become the victims of indiscriminate spoliation by the idle, the thriftless, and the designing, who would prey, like greedy cormorants upon their generous benefactors, until they themselves, would be reduced to poverty and destitution, and no good results ensue.

But let a system of mutual aid and comfort to the distressed be established, where each one fulfils his share of the fraternal compact, and contributes his full proportion to the general good, then the great ends of a noble brotherhood can become a beautiful reality—without injury to any and with blessings to all.

#### OBITUARY.

Upon the very threshold of the year, our beloved Grand Chaplain, Companion PENNY, passed away, full of years. He has been Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter for eleven years, and we will



all sadly miss his ever welcome face from among us. I would suggest that a page in our Minutes be inscribed to his memory.

## OFFICIAL.

During the year I have visited Mt. Moriah Chapter, at Pensacola, and exemplified the work for them. August 18th, I granted a dispensation to organize a Chapter at De Land, name St. Johns, to the following petitioners: Companions A. E. Gleason, W. H. George, Jno. Critchell, C. H. Wright, R. O. Knowles, Fred R. Goodrich, S. Mills Tamler and S. B. Wright.

I trust the report from them will be of such a nature as to enable the Grand Chapter to grant a Charter. I am sorry that I have not been able to do more official work, but circumstances prevented. It has become a common practice among Masonic writers to state that Chapters and Lodges are all right when the officers attend and do their duty, and that lack of work shows lack of zeal in the officers; from personal experience I beg to differ, and believe on the contrary, the laymen, so to speak, are the direct cause of the trouble. I have seen the Chapter rooms thronged with Companions on Election night, anxious to cast their votes for favored candidates for office, elect them, and then stay away and let them do the work; but sure to be on hand the next election night, and so on *ad infinitum*.

In conclusion, I beg to tender you my thanks for the kindness conferred on me, and in stepping down from the East, I can but tender to each one of you my personal regards and esteem, and to my honored successor, the earnest assurance of my zealous support and faithful allegiance; and in taking leave of you all, I do so with the most earnest desire for your future welfare and happiness and prosperity of our worthy Order, invoking as I do this day, the richest benedictions of Heaven. "Even life for ever more."

Fraternally,

GEORGE S. HALLMARK, G. H. P.

The foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Companions A. Paterson, W. F. Scott and S. T. Wilmarth.

The Grand Secretary presented the application of St. Johns Chapter, U. D., for a Charter, which was referred to the Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

A. I. 2414, January 15th, 3 p. m.

## PRESENT:

M. E. George S. Hallmark, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday; also the following:

*Gainesville Chapter, No. 2.*—Represented by M. Endel, proxy for High Priest; H. Glogowski, Scribe.

*Island Chapter, No. 21.*—Represented by J. W. V. R. Plummer, proxy for High Priest; J. J. Delaney, King, and R. J. Perry, Scribe.

*Tampa Chapter, No. 3.*—Represented by D. B. Givens, proxy for High Priest and Scribe.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

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

The Committee on Address of Grand High Priest made the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

The undersigned special committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, would report that we have examined the same with much interest, and we would commend the valuable thoughts suggested in it and those great principles set forth, to the careful and earnest consideration of all the Companions in our jurisdiction.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to the lamented and beloved Companion Penny, be referred to the Committee on Memorials, and that so much as relates to the dispensation be referred to the Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws:

Respectfully Submitted,

AUGUS PATERSON, }  
W. F. SCOTT, } Com.  
T. S. WILMARTH. }

The 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 the following Chapters and find them correct to-wit: Gainesville Chapter No. 2, represented by M. Endel, as proxy for High Priest, and H. Glogowski, Scribe; Tampa Chapter No. 3, not represented; Madison Chapter No. 8, represented by Augus Paterson, High Priest; Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, represented by W.



W. Tucker, High Priest; J. F. Clark, King, and Joseph Hicks, Scribe; Lake Butler No. 19, represented by M. L. McKinney, High Priest; George W. Epperson, proxy for King, and H. W. Epperson, proxy for Scribe; Island Chapter No. 21, represented by J. W. V. R. Plummer, proxy for High Priest; J. J. Delaney, proxy for King, and R. J. Perry, proxy for Scribe; Nassau Chapter No. 23, represented by W. F. Scott, High Priest.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary furnish a table of statistics.

Faternally submitted,  
 D. C. DAWKINS, } Com.  
 M. ENDEL, }  
 J. W. V. R. PLUMMER. }

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.*

|                                                    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Dr.                                                |       |
| To amount collected since last report.....         | \$262 |
| Cr.                                                |       |
| By amount paid Grand Treasurer as per voucher..... | 262   |

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

T. S. WILMARTH, *Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Chapter.*  
 1883

|                                                          |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Dr.                                                      |           |
| To balance on hand, at last report.....                  | \$352.50  |
| Cr. as per appropriations.                               |           |
| By paid D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary.....              | \$ 125.00 |
| “ “ for postage “.....                                   | 10.00     |
| “ “ Ashmead Bros. for printing proceedings for 1882..... | 54.00     |
| “ “ M. N. Parcels, Guard.....                            | 5.00      |
| “ “ Mrs. Penny.....                                      | 15.00     |
| “ “ Companion Plummer.....                               | 25.00     |
| “ “ for Printing proceedings for 1883.....               | 39.00     |
|                                                          | <hr/>     |
| January, 1884, balance on hand.....                      | \$ 273.00 |
| Received from D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary.....        | 79.50     |
|                                                          | <hr/>     |
|                                                          | \$ 341.50 |

On motion adopted, the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3:30 p. m. to-morrow.

A. I. 2414, January 16, 3:30 p. m.

PRESENT:

- M. E. GEORGE S. HALLMARK.....Grand High Priest
- R. E. WARREN F. SCOTT.....Grand King
- “ J. W. V. R. PLUMMER.....Grand Scribe
- “ T. S. WILMARTH.....Grand Treasurer
- “ D. C. DAWKINS.....Grand Secretary
- E. MARCUS ENDEL.....Grand Captain of the Host
- “ JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Principal Sojourner
- “ H. GLOGOWSKI.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
- “ GEORGE W. EPPERSON.....Grand Master Third Vail
- “ JOHN O. BOAG.....Grand Master Second Vail
- “ A. PATERSON.....Grand Master First Vail
- “ W. H. YOUNG.....Grand Guard

Constituent Chapters and others, as before.

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

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter for the present Masonic Year, which resulted in the election of Companions as follows, to-wit:

- WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.....Grand High Priest
- WARREN F. SCOTT.....Deputy Grand High Priest
- J. W. V. R. PLUMMER.....Grand King
- AUGUS PATERSON.....Grand Scribe
- T. S. WILMARTH.....Grand Treasurer
- D. C. DAWKINS.....Grand Secretary
- W. A. McLEAN.....Grand Chaplain

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

A. I. 2414, January 17, 3:30 p. m.

PRESENT:

- M. E. GEORGE S. HALLMARK.....Grand High Priest
- R. E. W. E. ANDERSON.....Deputy Grand High Priest
- “ J. W. V. R. PLUMMER.....Grand King
- “ T. S. WILMARTH.....Grand Treasurer
- “ D. C. DAWKINS.....Grand Secretary



- E. ENOS WASGATE.....as Grand Captain of the Host
- " GEORGE H. THOM.....Grand Principal Sojourner
- " H. GLOGOWSKI.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
- " G. W. EPPERSON.....Grand Master of the Third Vail
- " JOHN O. BOAG.....Grand Master of the Second Vail
- " A. PATERSON.....Grand Master of the First Vail
- " W. H. YOUNG.....Grand Guard

with Constituent Chapters and others, as before.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

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

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted to-wit:

*M. E. Grand High Priest:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws have examined the By-Laws submitted to them by Madison R. A. Chapter No. 8, and approve the same as correct and proper.

In reference to the petition of St. John's Chapter, U. D., at DeLand, asking for a Charter, your Committee would recommend that the Charter be granted, and that the following Companions be designated as officers therein to-wit:

- P. S. GOODRICH.....High Priest
- C. H. WRIGHT.....King
- A. L. WELLMAN.....Scribe

And that the By-Laws of said Chapter be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON, } Com.  
R. J. PERRY,  
G. W. EPPERSON.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, which was accepted, to-wit:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report that nothing has been referred to the consideration of said Committee.

W. F. SCOTT, } Com.  
H. J. STEWART,  
C. J. ALLRED.

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

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

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

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Printing Proceedings of 1883.....  | \$ 39.00        |
| Grand Secretary.....               | 150.00          |
| Grand Guard.....                   | 5.00            |
| Companion J. W. V. R. Plummer..... | 25.00           |
|                                    | <hr/> \$ 219.00 |

We recommend that the Grand Treasurer be empowered to pay for the printing of the Proceedings of this Grand Convocation and running expenses of Grand Chapter out of the funds remaining in hand.

Fraternally submitted,

T. S. WILMARTH, } Com.  
J. J. DELANEY,  
GEO. H. THOM.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which was received, and the resolution thereto appended was adopted.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

It would be a pleasant task to review the proceedings of the different Grand Chapters and comment upon their acts, but circumstances beyond the control of your Committee have prevented them from accomplishing this desirable object, and while harmony prevailed among Royal Arch Masons throughout the world, this labor of love has been neglected. During the present year, however, trouble has arisen between the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, by the alleged invasion of the jurisdiction of the former by the latter, as will appear by report of correspondence between these Grand Bodies.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec was formed Dec. 12, 1876, by the union of all the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within that Province, except St. Paul's Chapter E. R., at Montreal. It has been recognized by nearly all the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the world, and having exclusive jurisdiction, in that Province, over the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. At the Annual Convention of the Grand Chapter of Quebec in September, 1878, the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, was formally recognized and initiatory steps taken for an exchange of representatives, which was accomplished the following year by the appointment and confirmation of Rev. G. R. Portal, M. A., P. G. M., as the representative of the Grand Chapter



of Quebec, near the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, and John H. Graham, L. L. D., P. G. Z., as the representative of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec. It would be natural to suppose that with these pleasant and fraternal relations existing, all complications of jurisdictional rights might have been avoided; but it seems that such is not the case, for some time during the last two years, two Mark Lodges, Victoria No. 301 and Henniker No. 314, have been established by the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, and a provincial Grand Master appointed in the city of Montreal, province of Quebec, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, and without its consent or knowledge; in consequence of which the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, by proclamation of First Grand Principal Z., dated Oct. 13, 1883, has suspended all Masonic intercourse between the Masons of their obedience and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, their subordinate Lodges and members.

According to well established rules adopted by all Masonic bodies on this Continent, each body has exclusive jurisdiction within its territorial boundaries over all the material for the several degrees; and it has always worked well; in fact, unless this rule was strictly adhered to, confusion would arise and produce perpetual discord instead of harmony. Abundant evidence of this fact now exists in the condition of the Blue Lodges in New South Wales. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec was formed under this rule and has existed to the present time without a violation of this principle.

Your committee sympathize with our Companions of Quebec in this severe affliction, which we fear will lead to very grave consequences if continued. We, however, do not recommend to this Grand Chapter to sever fraternal relations with the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales at present, for two important reasons: first, we hope the wise counsel of good men of large heart and charitable views will prevail and a great calamity be prevented; and second, there are Masons living in this jurisdiction owing allegiance to the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, to whom we are always glad to extend Masonic courtesies, and who, although innocent themselves, would have to bear the penalty consequent upon a severance of these relations.

For these reasons we recommend a suspension of judgment until our Brethren of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales can be heard from, trusting that the alleged invasion of the rights of our Quebec Companions may be corrected.

We cannot, however, recognize Victoria Lodge No. 301, or Henniker Lodge No. 314, as regular Mark Lodges, nor the Hon. William

Bagley as Provincial Grand Master, and recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution:

Fraternally submitted,

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

*Resolved,* That all Masons owing allegiance to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida be forbidden from visiting Victoria Lodge, No. 301, or Henniker Lodge No. 314 of Mark Masters, located in the city of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada; or holding Masonic intercourse with any of their officers or members.

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Within a few hours after the close of our last Grand Annual Convocation, death invaded the portals of our mystic circle, and despoiled the Royal Craft of incalculable treasure, by removing from the busy scenes of life our much esteemed Companion, the Rt. Rev. JOHN PENNY, who for many years occupied the position of Grand Chaplain. He was truly devoted to the interests of Masonry, as well as to the church of which he was an honored member. In all the relations of life, the most exemplary conduct was exhibited. He used the world as not abusing it; every circle felt the impress of his presence, and was made better by his genial spirit and cheerful words; and of him it may be truly said: "He served his generation by the will of God, and fell upon sleep." Though he will come no more to our councils, yet, in the midst of our bereavement we find consolation in the fact that it was our good pleasure to have been associated with one whose life was so pure, and morals so elevated as to fully impress the mind and heart of every Companion that it is not a vain thing to serve the Lord of Hosts, and to walk in all His ordinances blameless, doing good unto all men—even unto many who are not of the household of faith. His life was often times burdened with the sorrows occasioned by the afflictions incident to our common humanity, but he endured as seeing him who is invisible, and enjoyed the happy reflection consequent on a well spent life, and died in the hope of a glorious immortality.

We recommend that a page in our records be suitably inscribed to his memory; and a copy thereof, be sent to the estimable widow of our departed Companion.

W. A. McLEAN,  
S. PASCO,  
T. S. SWAIM, } Com.



IN MEMORY  
OF

*Rev. John Penny,*

GRAND CHAPLAIN  
OF THE  
M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
OF THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA.

—  
DIED JANUARY 17, 1883.

THE WILL OF GOD

IS ACCOMPLISHED.

SO MOTE IT BE. AMEN!



On motion, adopted, the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter is to be held in the City of Palatka, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m., on the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1885.

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

- MARCUS ENDEL.....Grand Captain of the Host
- JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Principal Sojourner
- HERMAN GLOGOWSKI.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
- GEORGE W. EPPERSON.....Grand Master of the Third Vail
- JOHN O. BOAG.....Grand Master of the Second Vail
- JOSEPH HICKS.....Grand Master of the First Vail
- WILLIAM H. YOUNG.....Grand Guard

The M. E. Grand High Priest duly installed M. E. William E. Anderson, into the office of Grand High Priest, who then duly installed all the other newly elected and appointed Grand Officers, into their respective offices.

M. E. Companion Wasgate, introduced to the Grand Chapter, R. E. Companion Belcher, Grand Scribe of the M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter, of the State of New Jersey, who, by invitation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, took a seat within the Grand Sanctuary.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

A. I. 2414, January 18, 10 a. m.

PRESENT:

- M. E. J. W. V. R. PLUMMER.....Grand High Priest
- R. E. BELCHER.....as Grand King
- " AUGUS PATERSON .....Grand Scribe
- " W. W. TUCKER .....as Grand Treasurer
- " D. C. DAWKINS.....Grand Secretary
- E. ENOS WASGATE.....as Grand Captain of the Host
- " M. D. CUSHING.....as Grand Principal Sojourner
- " JOHN O. BOAG.....as Grand Royal Arch Captain
- " JOSEPH HICKS.....as Grand Master of the Third Vail
- " GEORGE H. THOM.....as Grand Master of the Second Vail
- " JOHN T. MILLER.....as Grand Master of the First Vail
- " WILLIAM H. YOUNG.. ..Grand Guard

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.



Labor in the Grand Chapter was dispensed with, and the Companions visited Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12, and witnessed the work in the Royal Arch Degree, conducted by R. E. Companion Belcher, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

Labor was resumed in the Grand Chapter.

On motion, adopted, the thanks of this Grand Chapter were tendered to R. E. Companion Belcher for valuable intellectual services rendered thereto, and that the said Companion be furnished with a certified copy of this proceeding.

On motion, adopted, the thanks of this Grand Chapter were tendered to Jacksonville R. A. Chapter for use of its Hall.

The foregoing minutes of the sessions of yesterday and today, were severally read and confirmed.

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

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS AS PER RETURNS OF ALL THE CHAPTERS.

| CHAPTER.        | No. | No. of Members last year. | Affiliated. | Exalted. | Total. | Died. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present Membership. |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| GAINESVILLE ... | 2   | 25                        | .....       | .....    | 25     | 1     | .....     | .....      | .....     | 24                  |
| *TAMPA.....     | 3   | 11                        | 1           | 5        | 17     | 1     | .....     | .....      | .....     | 16                  |
| TAMPA.....      | 3   | 16                        | .....       | 2        | 18     | 1     | .....     | .....      | .....     | 17                  |
| MADISON.....    | 8   | 18                        | .....       | 3        | 21     | ..... | .....     | .....      | .....     | 21                  |
| *MOUNT HOREB    | 11  | 16                        | .....       | .....    | 16     | 1     | 2         | .....      | .....     | 15                  |
| JACKSONVILLE..  | 12  | 46                        | 2           | .....    | 48     | 2     | .....     | 5          | .....     | 39                  |
| LAKE BUTLER...  | 19  | 34                        | .....       | .....    | 34     | 1     | .....     | .....      | .....     | 33                  |
| ISLAND.....     | 21  | 54                        | .....       | .....    | 54     | ..... | .....     | 2          | .....     | 52                  |
| NASSAU.....     | 23  | 22                        | 1           | .....    | 23     | 3     | .....     | .....      | .....     | 20                  |
| *MT. MORIAH...  | 24  | 23                        | .....       | .....    | 23     | ..... | .....     | .....      | .....     | 23                  |

Those marked (\*) are from returns for 1882, and in making estimate, Tampa No. 3 for 1882, is deducted.

ESTIMATE:

|                                          |     |
|------------------------------------------|-----|
| No. of members last year.....            | 254 |
| No. affiliated, 4; exalted, 10.....      | 14  |
| Total.....                               | 268 |
| Died, 10; dimitted, 2; suspended, 7..... | 19  |
| Present membership.....                  | 249 |
| Showing a decrease of 5.                 |     |



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M.: E.: GRAND CHAPTER

OF

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DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

| CHAPTERS.   | No. | CONVOCAION.           | HIGH PRIESTS.  | KINGS.            | SCRIBES.        | TREASURERS.    | SECRETARIES.     | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|-------------|-----|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Gainesville | 2   | First Tuesday         | E. P. Cater    | C. V. Waugh       | H. Glogowski    | T. A. Carroll  | M. Endel         | Gainesville    |
| Tampa       | 3   | 2d and 4th Saturday   | T. A. Carruth  | E. A. Clark       | R. B. Thomas    | John Darling   | T. P. Kennedy    | Tampa          |
| Madison     | 8   | First Monday          | A. Paterson    | W. H. Hausman     | A. J. Dozier    | R. J. Mays     | H. J. McCall     | Madison        |
| *Mc. Horeb  | 11  |                       | W. W. Tucker   | J. F. Clark       | J. Hicks        | H. Koopman     | W. A. Young      | Jacksonville   |
| Jacks'ville | 12  | Last Friday           | M. L. McKinney | J. M. Johns       | O. B. Wallon    | R. Thomas      | H. F. York       | Lake Butler    |
| LakeButler  | 19  | First Thursday        | A. Brost       | R. A. Mensalvaige | F. W. Johnson   | S. Filer       | Geo. F. Ferguson | Key West       |
| Island      | 21  | 2d and 4th Wednesday  | W. F. Scott    | J. S. Lee         | A. O. MacDonell | J. H. Prescott | W. A. Jones      | Fernandina     |
| Nassau      | 23  | Thursday af. Lodge 47 | J. B. Roberts  | H. C. Cushman     | H. White        | G. Forcheimer  | W. B. Mackey     | Pensacola      |
| *Mt Moriah  | 24  | Second Monday         |                |                   |                 |                |                  |                |

(\*) No return ; officers for 1888.

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

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| General Grand Chapter | Christopher G. Fox       | Buffalo.               |



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|------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
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| Nathan Lehman.....                       | Maryland.....        |                                     |
| Alexander K. Bryer.....                  | Massachusetts.....   | H. W. Long, Cotton Plant.....       |
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| James Gossip, Halifax.....               | Nova Scotia.....     | D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.....    |
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| Charles R. Cutler, Warren.....           | Rhode Island.....    |                                     |
| Aug. T. Smythe, Charleston.....          | South Carolina.....  |                                     |
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| E. C. Houghton, N. Bennington            | Vermont.....         |                                     |
| Thomas A. Logan, Wheeling.....           | West Virginia.....   |                                     |
| Fred. Ring, Jr., Lacrosse.....           | Wisconsin.....       |                                     |

## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## M. E. GRAND CHAPTER

OF

## Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

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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. I. 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. BOAG.....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, Massachussetts, 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. GOOD-  
 RICH and J. O. BOAG.

*On Dispensations and By-Laws.*—A. PATERSON, 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 for-  
 ward 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. Har-  
 mony 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 Communica-  
 tion, 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 a 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 a 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." The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec has, through its 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 Master 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 12th—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 Grand 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. Companions, 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 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,  
Grand High Priest.

January 19, 1885.

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.....    | Grand Secretary                   |
| E. MARCUS ENDEL.....            | Grand Captain of the Host         |
| E. JAMES F. CLARK.....          | Grand Principal Sojourner         |
| E. DARWIN B. GIVENS.....        | as Grand Royal Arch Captain       |
| E. E. S. TYNER.....             | as Grand Master of the Third Vail |
| E. JOHN O. BOAG .....           | 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. DAWKINS, } 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 the 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 Grand 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 duly 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, } Com.  
R. J. PERRY, }  
M. ENDEL. }

On motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the annual election of 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 |
|             |                                               | <hr/> |    |
|             |                                               | \$192 | 00 |

|                                                    |     |       |    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|----|
|                                                    | Cr. |       |    |
| By cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers..... |     | \$192 | 00 |

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 | 50 |
| " 16, " Amount from Grand Secretary..... |     | 262   | 00 |
|                                          |     | <hr/> |    |
|                                          |     |       |    |

|                                    |     |       |        |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------|--------|
| 1884.                              | Cr. |       |        |
| 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 |
|                                    |     | <hr/> |        |
|                                    |     | \$380 | 50     |

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|-----------------------------------------------|--|-------|----------|
| 1885.                                         |  |       |          |
| To Balance.....                               |  | \$380 | 50       |
| Jan. 21, " Received from Grand Secretary..... |  | 152   | 57       |
|                                               |  | <hr/> |          |
|                                               |  |       | 192 00   |
| 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 with 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, } Committee.  
MARCUS ENDEL,



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.

Faternally 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 convention at Spokane Falls, 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 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 us 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 recommended 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 allegiance to and having strong affection for the parent bodies in England, and we are always glad to extend to them a 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, } Com.  
W. A. McLEAN. }

*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. BOAG.....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  
E. HERMAN GLOGOWSKI.....Grand Principal Sojourner  
E. JOHN O. BOAG.....Grand Royal Arch Captain  
E. E. S. TYNER.....Grand Master of the Third Vail  
E. F. S. GOODRICH.....Grand Master of the Second Vail  
E. D. B. GIVENS.....Grand Master of the First Vail  
E. JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Guard

On 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.....  | 5   | 24                        | 1           | 3        | 25     |       |           |            |           | 25                  |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | 17                        | 2           |          | 22     | 2     |           | 5          |           | 19                  |
| Santa Rosa.....   | 6   | 26                        |             | 5        | 26     |       |           |            |           | 26                  |
| Madison.....      | 8   | 21                        |             |          | 14     | 1     |           |            |           | 13                  |
| Mt. Horeb.....    | 11  | 14                        |             | 4        | 43     | 2     | 3         |            |           | 38                  |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | 39                        |             |          | 52     | 1     | 1         |            |           | 50                  |
| Island.....       | 21  | 52                        |             |          | 20     | 2     |           |            |           | 18                  |
| Nassau.....       | 23  | 20                        |             |          |        |       |           |            |           |                     |

ESTIMATE:

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| No. of members last year, as per returns..... | 218 |
| Affiliated, 4; exalted, 12.....               | 16  |
| Total.....                                    | 229 |
| Died, 8; Dimitted, 4; Suspended 5.....        | 17  |
| Present Membership.....                       | 212 |
| Showing a decrease of 1.                      |     |



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| Chapters.      | No. | Convocations.                       | High Priests.     | Kings.            | Scribes.           | Treasurers.        | Secretaries.      | P. O. Address. |
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| Gainesville..  | 2   | First Tuesday.....                  | M. Endel.....     | R. F. Taylor..... | R. McClellan.....  | T. A. Carroll..... | Julius Stark..... | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa.....     | 3   | 2d and 4th Saturday...              | R. B. Thomas...   | Duff Post.....    | D. B. Givens.....  | J. Darling.....    | T. P. Kennedy...  | Tampa.         |
| St. Johns..... | 5   | .....                               | F. S. Goodrich... | S. M. Fowler..... | A. L. Wellman..... | .....              | C. H. Wright..... | De Land.       |
| Santa Rosa..   | 6   | Second Wednesday....                | J. G. Ellis.....  | R. R. Sheppard.   | J. G. Ward.....    | J. A. Chaffin..... | J. Carlovitz..... | Milton.        |
| Madison.....   | 8   | First Monday.....                   | A. Paterson.....  | W. H. Hausman     | A. J. Dozier.....  | R. J. Mays.....    | H. J. McCall..... | Madison.       |
| Mt. Horeb...   | 11  | Third Monday.....                   | C. McK. Oerting   | J. McDonald.....  | T. Stearnes.....   | B. A. Phillibert.  | G. S. Hallmark.   | Pensacola.     |
| Jacks'nville   | 12  | Last Friday.....                    | D. C. Dawkins...  | J. F. Clark.....  | T. S. Wilmarth.    | H. Koopman.....    | W. A. Young...    | Jacksonville.  |
| Island.....    | 21  | 2d and 4th Wednesday                | F. W. Johnson...  | J. F. Albury..... | W. R. Kerr.....    | J. H. Coleman...   | G. F. Ferguson.   | Key West.      |
| Nassau.....    | 23  | { Thursday after<br>Amelia Lodge. } | W. F. Scott.....  | J. S. Lee.....    | A. O. McDonell     | J. H. Prescott.    | W. A. Jones.....  | Fernandina.    |

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida convened in Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1886, A. I. 2416.

PRESENT :

M. E. WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.....Grand High Priest  
R. E. ANGUS PATERSON.....Grand King  
R. E. JAMES ELLENWOOD.....as Grand Scribe  
M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P.....Grand Secretary  
M. E. WILLIAM A. McLEAN, P. G. H. P....as Grand Chaplain  
E. JOHN J. DELANEY.....as Grand Captain of the Host.  
E. ROBT. A. MONTSALVATGE.....as Grand Prin. Sojourner  
E. JOHN O. BOAG.....Grand Royal Arch Captain  
E. JOHN G. ELLIS.....as Grand Master Third Vail  
E. ROBERT R. SHEPPARD.....as Grand Master Second Vail  
E. JOHN S. WHARTON.....as Grand Master First Vail  
E. JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Guard  
M. E. Past Grand High Priests.....ROBERT J. PERRY, D. C.  
DAWKINS, W. A. McLEAN, JAMES ELLENWOOD.

Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters of Canada,  
District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey,  
New York, Nova Scotia, Quebec and South Carolina.



There were also present Companions WM. LAKE and F. M. RIVERS, of Lake Butler R. A. Chapter No. 19, and Companion MINOT of St. Johns Chapter No. 4.

And constituent Chapters as follows, to-wit:

*Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter No. 6*—John G. Ellis, H. P.; R. Sheppard, K.

*Madison R. A. Chapter No. 8*—Angus Paterson, H. P.; John S. Wharton, proxy for Scribe.

*Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12*—James F. Clark, H. P.; John O. Boag, K.

*Island R. A. Chapter No. 21*—Robert A. Montsalvatge, H. P.; J. Y. Porter, K.; John J. Delaney, S.

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

The minutes of the last Annual Convocation having been printed and distributed as usual, the reading of same was dispensed with.

On motion, adopted, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing are invited to attend this Grand Convocation.

The Grand Secretary announced that Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12 tendered the use of this hall to the Grand Chapter for the purpose of holding this Grand Convocation.

The Grand Secretary furnished the Most Excellent Grand High Priest with a list of officers and members present, from which the Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEE:

*On Dispensations and By-Laws.*—ANGUS PATERSON, R. A. MONTSALVATGE, R. R. SHEPPARD.

M. E. William E. Anderson, Grand High Priest, delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

*Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:*

"Time rolls his ceaseless course," and another year has been added to the buried past since we last stood face to face. I trust that it has been to each of you a year of health and prosperity, and that you bring with you hearts full of thankfulness for the continued blessings which our common Father has bestowed upon us.

The favored land in which our lot is cast has been free from the visitations of pestilence or civil trouble, and material advancement and growth has been the rule in all sections of our State.

Companions, let us catch the inspiration of our surroundings and bring to our Masonic duties that spirit of hopeful energy which has done so much to develop and strengthen our State.

In Masonic matters it has been an uneventful year. Our relations with our sister Grand Chapters continue in undisturbed harmony. Within our own jurisdiction I can report a renewal of interest which promises good results. Chapters which have been dormant are awaking to a new life, and my correspondence with various points indicates a revival of interest in capitular Masonry.

In this connection let me suggest that, as a rule, it is unwise to organize a Chapter which has to depend upon one Lodge for its membership. In all Masonic bodies the active work falls upon a fraction of the membership. The duty of keeping up the two organizations devolves upon the same zealous individuals and becomes at last too burdensome.

In organizing Chapters it is well, if possible, to so locate them that several Lodges can contribute towards the membership. The duty thus becomes lighter to the members, and the Chapter more healthy and vigorous.

I have not made during the year any rulings upon Masonic law. Letters of enquiry have come to me, which were answered by reference to established precedents and well-defined Masonic laws. Neither have I been called upon to exercise any disciplinary power, no case having been presented which called for such action.

I have granted the following dispensations:

*February 12*—To St. John's R. A. C. No. 4 to ballot for candidate for degrees in advance of the regular time, he being about to leave the jurisdiction of the Chapter.

*February 13*—To Nassau R. A. C. No. 23 to elect and install officers.

*April 15*—To Lake Butler R. A. C. No. 19 to pass the ballot at a called convocation, the candidate being obliged to absent himself for a long period.

*May 21*—To Lake Butler R. A. C. No. 19 to elect and install officers and to pass the ballot at a called convocation.

*October 14*—Granted dispensation to organize a new Chapter at Orlando, appointing A. H. Birnbaum H. P., G. C. Chittenden K., W. A. Campbell S. Their petition was recommended by St. John's R. A. C. No. 4.

*December 14*—To Santa Rosa R. A. C. No. 6 to elect officers at a special convocation.

*January 1*—To Gainesville R. A. C. No. 2 to elect officers at their first meeting in January, or as soon thereafter as practicable.



I have appointed Grand Representatives as follows:

*August 7*—Having been requested by the G. H. P. of Washington Territory to select some companion to receive a commission as their representative near the Grand R. A. C. of Florida, I recommended E. Comp. F. S. Goodrich, of St. John's R. A. C. No. 4.

*September 2*—I appointed E. Comp. Thomas Milburn Reid as our representative near the Grand Chapter of Washington Territory, and ordered his commission to be issued.

*January 2*—I appointed Comp. Elmer Crockett as our representative near the G. R. A. C. of Indiana and ordered that he be commissioned as such, and named Comp. R. R. Sheppard, of Santa Rosa R. A. C. No. 6, as a suitable person to represent them in this jurisdiction.

This completes the report of my official acts, but before closing let me offer a few words of admonition and advice: *First*, in regard to the material which is admitted into our Chapters. The common practice is to admit all Master Masons in good standing who apply for the Chapter degrees, at least the exceptions are so few that they do not materially affect the rule. We all know that every Lodge has among its membership many drones—dead timber—which is practically valueless. Can we hope to take these drones and make them workers by adding to their responsibilities and imposing fresh burdens upon their minds and memories? We know that we cannot, and we only add to our numbers without increasing our strength. Admit to your Chapters only those who will be an element of good—men of intelligence and character, who will learn the lessons of capital Masonry and faithfully apply them. Discipline, intelligence, zeal and unity of purpose, these are the factors which accomplish great results in everyday life. Why should we not apply our everyday rules in the Lodge and Chapter? In every stage of Masonic progress we apply tests to ascertain the fitness of our candidates. Reduce this principle to practice, and keep out material which will not stand the test.

And upon you, Excellent Companions, who are the principal officers of your respective Chapters, let me urge the duty of so filling your posts as to make them productive of the best results. First qualify yourselves as thoroughly as possible in the ritual, that your work may be done clearly, intelligently and with the dignity which it deserves. Secondly, bear in mind that the Ritual of Free Masonry, however beautiful in itself, is but the framework upon which we must exhibit the beautiful moral lessons which underlie its whole being, and which alone make it worthy of the love and reverence of good men. Seek for these lessons, trace them in our symbols, impress them upon your young brethren, invite and encourage discussion and exchange of thought, teach each one to feel that in your Chapter Masonry is not merely a routine, but that the ritual is in-

tended as a suggestion of something higher and better, and something which will satisfy the noblest faculties. As are the officers, so, as a rule, will the Chapter be.

Companions, it is a privilege to fill any position which gives us the power and the right to influence our fellowmen for good. Look upon your offices, then, as a sacred trust, one capable of high ends, and let it be your study so to fill it that you may leave your impress for good upon your brethren. If Masonry is but a system of forms, the intelligence of the age in which we live will sign its death warrant. But if it is, as I believe, a system of high and pure morality, using those forms only as steps to something better and nobler, it will endure, for it is founded upon a Rock.

In the heart of every child of man there is a spark of that Divine Life which prompts him to reach and strive towards the Light. Our mission is to guide and to help him in his upward struggle towards that light.

W. E. ANDERSON,  
*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 Companions R. A. Montsalvatge, J. J. Delaney and James Ellenwood as such committee.

The Grand Secretary presented the petition for a charter of Eureka R. A. Chapter U. D., which was received and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

On motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Grand Chapter, when ready to be called off, will be called off until 3:30 p. m. to-morrow.

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

A. I. 2416, January 19th, 3 p. m.

PRESENT:

|       |                          |                          |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| M. E. | WILLIAM E. ANDERSON..... | Grand High Priest        |
| R. E. | J. W. V. R. PLUMMER..... | Deputy Grand High Priest |
| R. E. | ANGUS PATERSON.....      | Grand King               |
| R. E. | MARCUS ENDEL.....        | Grand Scribe             |
| R. E. | THOS. S. WILMARTH.....   | Grand Treasurer          |



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| M. E. | DEWITT C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P..... | Grand Secretary            |
| M. E. | WILLIAM A. McLEAN, P. G. H. P....  | as Grand Chaplain          |
| E.    | JOHN J. DELANEY.....               | Grand Captain of the Host  |
| E.    | H. GLOGOWSKI.....                  | Grand Principal Sojourner  |
| E.    | JOHN O. BOAG.....                  | Grand Royal Arch Captain   |
| E.    | JOHN G. ELLIS.....                 | as Grand Master Third Vail |
| E.    | FRED. S. GOODRICH.....             | Grand Master Second Vail   |
| E.    | JOHN S. WHARTON.....               | as Grand Master First Vail |
| E.    | JAMES F. CLARK.....                | Grand Guard                |

Constituent Chapters as follows, to-wit:

*Gainesville R. A. Chapter No. 2*—M. Endel, proxy for H. P.; R. McLellan, K.

*St. John's R. A. Chapter No. 4*—Silas B. Wright, proxy for K.; W. M. Dunn, proxy for S., and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, duly seconded and adopted, Lake Butler Chapter No. 19 having paid \$27 dues, was allowed further time to make returns; and Companion F. M. Rivers was allowed to represent said Chapter as proxy for the officers thereof.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made and announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

*On Returns and Credentials*—J. J. Delaney, J. S. Wharton, J. G. Ellis.

*On Masonic Jurisprudence*—W. A. McLean, W. M. McIntosh, A. Paterson.

*On Unfinished Business*—H. Glogowski, R. McLellan, J. O. Boag.

*On Propositions and Grievances*—F. S. Goodrich, S. Pasco, W. M. Dunn.

*On Finance and Accounts*—T. S. Wilmarth, G. S. Hallmark, F. M. Rivers.

*On Memorials*—J. W. V. R. Plummer, S. B. Wright, J. G. Ellis.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The undersigned, Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, having examined the application of Orlando Chapter U. D., the records and by-laws of the same, would report as follows, to-wit: We recommend that a charter be granted to Orlando Chapter U. D., under the name of Eureka R. A. Chapter, and that the No. 7 be assigned. We also recommend that the by-laws be approved and that they be allowed to make such changes in the first and second articles, so as to conform to the new name, and the charter in place of dispensation, and that George C. Chittenden be High Priest, J. W. Towers, King, W. A. Campbell, Scribe. We also recommend that the matter of Tampa R. A. Chapter No. 3 be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Fraternally submitted,

ANGUS PATERSON,  
R. R. SHEPPARD,  
R. A. MONTSALVATGE,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of your Grand High Priest, beg leave to report as follows:

That so much thereof as relates to dispensations, etc., be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That we have with much pleasure read the words of admonition and advice contained in our Grand High Priest's able address, and we approve of the many valuable suggestions therein contained relative to the organizing of new Chapters, and would recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the capitular craft.

We also recommend that the entire address of the Grand High Priest be printed in the proceedings for this year in full.

Respectfully submitted,

R. ALFRED MONTSALVATGE,  
JOHN J. DELANEY,  
JAMES ELLENWOOD,  
*Committee.*

A petition from a number of Royal Arch Masons to form a Chapter at Tallahassee was received and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.



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

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence make report as follows upon such matters as were presented to us for consideration:

The following questions were propounded by Companion Marcus Endel:

1. "Does suspension in the Lodge affect the standing of a companion in the Chapter?"

2. "What is the standing in the Chapter of a companion holding a dimit of more than twelve months from a Lodge?"

To the first of these questions we answer, that suspension from the Lodge works a suspension in the Chapter. No action whatever is required on the part of the Chapter in such case, the suspension being complete in Chapter by the action of the Lodge.

To the second question we answer, that while it is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some Lodge, the fact of his holding a dimit does not affect his standing in the Chapter for at least twelve months, and we are of the opinion that even after that time, if he continues to be of good moral character, he should still be regarded in good standing in the Chapter, provided his failure to affiliate with a Lodge is not wilful, but should be the result of circumstances over which he has no control.

Certain questions were propounded by Companion F. S. Goodrich, as follows:

1. "Should the officers-elect of a Chapter be installed while they are in arrears for dues?"

2. "Under ordinary circumstances, have the officers of a Chapter the right to remove the 'Great Lights' to another room or building other than the one in which the Chapter is held, and then open a Chapter?"

3. "Has a Chapter the right to transact any business at a special or called meeting other than that for which such meeting was called?"

To the first of these questions we answer, that installation cannot be denied on the ground that the officer-elect is in arrears for dues. The Chapter has the power to suspend a member for non-payment of dues, but, until such action is taken by the Chapter, the Masonic standing of the companion is not affected by the fact of his dues not having been paid.

As to the second question we say, that under ordinary circumstances the officers of a Chapter cannot remove to another place and

hold a meeting. All meetings of the Chapter should be held at the regular place of meeting.

As to the third question, we are of the opinion that no business should be transacted at a special or called convocation other than that for which the meeting was called; the only exception to that rule would be in a case where every member of the Chapter was present at the meeting and no objection made to the transacting such other business.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. McLEAN,  
ANGUS PATERSON,  
W. M. McINTOSH,

*Committee.*

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The proceedings of your last Annual Convocation were printed and distributed as usual.

On the 16th of December, 1885, the Grand Secretary's office was burned in quite a conflagration which occurred in this city at that time.

There were in the Grand Secretary's office at that time, and in the custody of said officer, the new seal of the Grand Chapter, which was purchased, being a duplicate of the old one, but a short time before the fire; the manuscript records of the Grand Chapter since its organization (1847) to date; the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter in bulk that were on hand from its organization to date, including the reprint of 1847 and 1848; all the printed proceedings of other Grand bodies that were in our Lodge collection; the charters, dispensations and other blanks, and all other property of the Chapter then and there in said office, were totally destroyed, so far as known, except the manuscript records, which, fortunately, were saved, and a series of our Grand Chapter proceedings, nearly complete, which were kept separate from the bulk for ready reference, and with that series only a very few copies for some of the years.

The usual routine of business and correspondence appertaining to the Grand Secretary's office have been promptly attended to as it arose.

I desire to tender to our present M. E. Grand High Priest my thanks and appreciation for his uniform kindness and courtesy during our official relation.

My statement of account is hereunto appended, and while it



does not show a very vivifying degree of prosperity, we *must* not, and *will* not, feel discouraged, for the tidal wave of improvement appears to be in sight, which we may hopefully look upon as permanent.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

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

*Dr.*

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| For dues of Gainesville Chapter No. 2.....   | \$19 00  |
| For dues of St. John's Chapter No. 4.....    | 19 00    |
| For dues of Santa Rosa No. 6.....            | 10 00    |
| For dues of Madison Chapter No. 8.....       | 26 00    |
| For dues of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12..... | 39 00    |
| For dues of Lake Butler Chapter No. 19.....  | 27 00    |
| For dues of Island Chapter No. 21.....       | 50 00    |
| For charter for Eureka U. D.....             | 50 00    |
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|                                              | \$240 00 |

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| By paid Grand Treasurer, as per voucher..... | \$240 00 |
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The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

T. S. WILMARTH, *Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Chapter.*  
1884.

*Dr.*

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| To balance on hand as last report.....                       | \$152 57        |
| Jan., 1885, received from Grand Secretary D. C. Dawkins..... | 192 00—\$344 57 |

*Cr., as per appropriation.*

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| By paid D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary.....               | \$150 00 |
| By paid <i>Times-Union</i> printing proceedings 1884..... | 39 00    |
| By paid Jacksonville Chapter.....                         | 15 00    |
| By paid Grand Guard Young.....                            | 5 00     |

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| Balance on hand.....                                             | \$209 00        |
| January, 1886, received from D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary..... | 135 57—\$344 57 |
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|                                                                  | 240 00          |
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|                                                                  | \$375 57        |

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to report:

That they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer \$375 57.

We recommend the payment of the following bills, to-wit:

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| Printing the proceedings of 1885.....                                            | \$30 00 |
| Seal for the Grand Secretary's office.....                                       | 8 00    |
| Grand Secretary's salary.....                                                    | 150 00  |
| Grand Chaplain.....                                                              | 10 00   |
| Grand Guard.....                                                                 | 5 00    |
| Comp. R. A. Montsalvatge, representative of Island Chapter No. 21, Key West..... | 20 00   |

We also recommend that the Grand Treasurer be empowered to pay for printing the proceedings of this Grand Convocation.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEORGE S. HALLMARK,  
THOMAS S. WILMARTH.

On motion of Comp. Ellis, duly seconded and adopted, it was

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prefer charges at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter against such subordinate Chapters as have subjected themselves to the forfeiture of their charters by failure to render their returns or pay their dues to the Grand Chapter.

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be instructed to give early notice of this action to all such subordinate Chapters.

Companion F. S. Goodrich, Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of Washington Territory, and Companion R. R. Sheppard, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, presented their credentials and were received with the honors of Royal Arch Masonry.

The following Grand Officers were duly installed into their respective offices by M. E. W. E. Anderson, Grand High Priest:

|                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| M. E. ANGUS PATERSON.....        | Grand High Priest        |
| R. E. MARCUS ENDEL.....          | Deputy Grand High Priest |
| R. E. FREDERICK S. GOODRICH..... | Grand King               |
| R. E. JOHN G. ELLIS.....         | Grand Scribe             |
| R. E. JOHN S. WHARTON.....       | Grand Chaplain           |



The Grand High Priest made the following appointments, and they were duly installed by the retiring G. H. P., M. E. William E. Anderson :

- E. H. GLOGOWSKI.....Grand Captain of Hosts
- E. S. B. WRIGHT.....Grand Principal Sojourner
- E. JOHN O. BOAG.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
- E. R. A. MONTSALVATGE.....Grand Master Third Vail
- E. C. H. MUNGER.....Grand Master Second Vail
- E. W. M. MCINTOSH.....Grand Master First Vail
- E. JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Guard

On motion of Comp. Endel, duly seconded and adopted, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to compile the regulations of this Grand Chapter to date (so far as practicable), and to publish the same in the proceedings of this Grand Convocation.

On motion of Companion Endel, 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 preceeding the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1887.

On motion of Companion Ellenwood, duly seconded and adopted, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 for the use of its hall.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

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

*W. E. Anderson*

*Grand Secretary.*





CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER  
OF THE UNITED STATES.

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ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known and designated as the "GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter shall consist:

1. Of the following officers, that is to say: General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Principal Sojourner, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, Three General Grand Masters of the Vails, and General Grand Sentinel.
2. Of the Past General Grand High Priests, Past Deputy General Grand High Priests, Past General Grand Kings, and Past General Grand Scribes.
3. Of the Past Grand High Priests of Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction.
4. Of the Grand High Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings and Grand Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction.



5. Of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the constituted Chapters chartered by the General Grand Chapter.

No one shall be, or continue an officer or member of the General Grand Chapter, who is not a member in good standing of a Chapter in this jurisdiction.

None but Present or Past High Priests shall be eligible to the first four offices in the General Grand Chapter.

The proxy of a Grand Officer must be a member of a Chapter in his own jurisdiction. The proxy of an officer of a subordinate Chapter may be held by any affiliated Royal Arch Mason within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

#### MEETINGS.

SEC. 3. The Stated Convocation of the General Grand Chapter shall be holden triennially, at such time and place as shall, from time to time, be designated for that purpose.

SEC. 4. Special Convocations may be called by the General Grand High Priest, upon the request of the officers of three Grand Chapters; and shall be called upon the request of the Grand High Priests of ten Grand Chapters, timely notice thereof being given to all those entitled to membership in the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest, there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any convocation being held at the time appointed, he may change the time and place of the particular convocation; in which event he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary, who shall forthwith give notice to all the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

SEC. 6. No business shall be transacted in the General Grand Chapter unless nine Grand Chapters shall be represented therein.

#### POWERS.

SEC. 7. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are indispensably necessary to the

exercise of its general powers and consistent with the nature of the relations subsisting between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to Royal Arch Masons individually.

It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in those States, Districts, Republics and Territories which recognize this jurisdiction and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its own immediate jurisdiction, and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter by formal vote; and its decision so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort.

It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted, nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapter, nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter preferred by any Subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that jurisdiction or elsewhere; but it may, upon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference), act as final arbiter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members. It shall see that the ancient work of the order is preserved in the several degrees, and establish uniform formulas for installation of its own officers and those of Grand and Subordinate Chapters, for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters; and it may suspend the proceedings of any Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction in any State, District or Territory where there is no



Grand Chapter, for any wilful violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution, or for gross, unmasonic proceedings or conduct.

## ELECTIONS.

SEC. 8. The officers of the General Grand Chapter (except the General Grand Chaplain and Sentinel) shall be chosen at each Triennial Convocation by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast.

The General Grand Chaplain and General Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand Chapter; and in all cases, the General Grand officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

SEC. 9. Each member of the General Grand Chapter, except the General Grand Sentinel, shall have one vote in his own right, and no more; if, however, any officer of a Grand Chapter be not present in person or by proxy when any vote is taken, then the senior officer present shall cast the votes of those not present. Officers, or their proxies, of the Subordinate Chapters shall collectively have one vote.

## COMMITTEES.

SEC. 10. At each Triennial Convocation the General Grand High Priest shall appoint the following standing committees, each consisting of seven members: 1, On Credentials; 2, On Reports of General Grand Officers; 3, On Finance; 4, On Jurisprudence; 5, On Charters and Dispensations; 6, On Grievances; 7, On Correspondence; 8, On Ritual; 9, On Memorials of the Dead. The General Grand High Priest may appoint other committees as circumstances may require.

Upon these committees shall devolve such duties as may from time to time be required by the General Grand Chapter.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, and he has the power, to preside in the General Grand Chapter; to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it is not in session; to convene any Chapter

under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; to preside therein, to inspect its proceedings, and require conformity to Masonic law, usage and custom; to require the attendance of, and information from, any General Grand officer respecting his office, and, when in his opinion it is proper so to do, to suspend such officer and appoint a suitable person to act in his stead until the next convocation of the General Grand Chapter, when report thereof shall be made for its action; to appoint such General Grand officers as may be necessary to fill vacancies, and to perform such other duties and exercise such other powers and prerogatives as properly pertain to the position, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 12. In case of the death, absence or inability to act of the General Grand High Priest, or a vacancy in his office, the Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King General Grand Scribe shall, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes. In the absence of all these officers the oldest Past General Grand officer present, according to rank, shall preside at all convocations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds and property of the General Grand Chapter; to pay out no money, except upon order of the General Grand Chapter, certified by the General Grand Secretary; but when the amount to be paid shall not be fixed by the General Grand Chapter the claim shall be audited and approved by the General Grand High Priest; to report to each Triennial Convocation, and oftener if required by the General Grand Chapter, or the General Grand High Priest, the amount of his receipts and expenditures, by items, and from whom received and to whom paid, and the amount of funds and property in his hands; and to execute and deposit with the General Grand High Priest an official bond within thirty days after his election, payable to the General Grand High Priest and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand



Scribe, or a majority of them, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, unless a different sum shall be fixed by the General Grand Chapter, conditioned that he will pay or deliver, on demand, to the General Grand Chapter, or to his successor in office, or properly account for, all funds and property of the General Grand Chapter that shall come to his hands as General Grand Treasurer; and if the General Grand Treasurer-elect shall fail or refuse to execute a bond as herein required, then the General Grand High Priest shall appoint another General Grand Treasurer, who shall execute the required bond.

SEC. 14. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the General Grand Chapter; to receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and documents of the General Grand Chapter; to prepare, sign and certify all charters, dispensations and other instruments emanating from the General Grand Chapter, and when necessary affix its seal thereto; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the General Grand Chapter, and pay over the same to the General Grand Treasurer; to report to each Triennial Convocation, and oftener, if required by the General Grand Chapter, or the General Grand High Priest, the amount of moneys received by him, by items, and the specific sources from which received; also the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, that have neglected to render proper returns, and are in arrears; and such general information as to the state of the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, in this jurisdiction, as may be proper for the information or action of the General Grand Chapter; to conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter; to attend, with all necessary books and papers under his control, on all convocations of the General Grand Chapter; to execute and deposit with the General Grand High Priest an official bond, within thirty days after his election, payable to the General Grand High Priest and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe, or a majority of them, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, unless a different sum shall be fixed by the General Grand Chapter.

conditioned that he will promptly pay over or deliver, on demand, to the General Grand Treasurer, or properly account for, all funds or other property of the General Grand Chapter that may come to his hands as General Grand Secretary; and if the General Grand Secretary-elect shall fail or refuse to execute such bonds as herein required, then the General Grand High Priest shall appoint another General Grand Secretary, who shall execute the required bond.

SEC. 15. The remaining General Grand Officers shall perform such duties as pertain to their respective stations, according to the custom and usages of the Craft, and as may be required by the General Grand Chapter.

#### NEW CHAPTERS.

SEC. 16. The General Grand High Priest shall have power and authority, upon the petition of nine or more regular Royal Arch Masons, to grant dispensations, for a limited time, for the formation of subordinate Chapters, under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, in all cases where the General Grand Chapter has authority to establish Chapters under the provisions of this Constitution, when, in his opinion, the good of the Craft may require the same; the time in no case to extend beyond the close of the next triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter. But no new Chapter shall be thus established when there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance in this jurisdiction, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located.

Chapters under dispensation have the same powers as chartered Chapters, except the election and installation of officers and the rights growing out of such election and installation.

#### DUTIES OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

SEC. 17. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe to improve and perfect themselves in the work and lectures pertaining to the degrees conferred in this jurisdiction, as shall be prescribed by the Gen-



eral Grand Chapter, and to disseminate the same in the manner which, in their opinion, will best secure the desired end, or as may be required from time to time by the General Grand Chapter.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 18. The officers of every Chapter, Grand and Subordinate, in this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of the functions of their respective offices, and every candidate upon his admission, shall take an obligation to support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

## DEGREES.

SEC. 19. The degrees recognized by the General Grand Chapter to be conferred in Chapters in this jurisdiction are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason.

## FEES AND DUES.

SEC. 20. The General Grand Chapter shall, from time to time, fix the amount to be paid into the treasury thereof for the organization of and as dues from Subordinate Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, and also the assessments to be paid by Grand Chapters.

SEC. 21. The fees for conferring the several degrees by the Chapters in this jurisdiction shall not be less than twenty dollars.

## APPEALS.

SEC. 22. An appeal shall, in all cases, lie to the General Grand Chapter from the decision of the General Grand High Priest; but his opinion and decision shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter unless it shall be otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of a majority of the members present.

## ARTICLE II.

## GRAND CHAPTERS.

SEC. 23. Whenever there shall be three Subordinate Chapters regularly chartered and constituted in any State, District, Republic or Territory by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter may be established as soon as convenience and propriety may dictate: provided, that the approbation of General Grand High Priest shall have been first obtained. And any Grand Chapter thus established shall have and possess all the rights, privileges and prerogatives conferred upon Grand Chapters by this Constitution.

## OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 24. Grand Chapters shall consist:

1. Of the following Elective Officers, that is to say: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

2. Of the following Appointed Officers, that is to say: Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Royal Arch Captain and Grand Sentinel. Grand Chapters may, however, provide for the election of these officers, or any of them, by provisions to that effect in their Constitution or By-Laws; and may also, in the same manner, provide for the election or appointment of such other officers as they may see proper, not in contravention of this Constitution, and the usages and customs of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction.

3. Of the Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings and Past Grand Scribes of any Grand Chapter in this jurisdiction, while they continue members of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter in which they seek admission.

4. Of the Past High Priests of the chartered Chapters under their respective jurisdictions; also, such Past High Priests of other jurisdictions who have removed thereto and become affiliated with a chartered Chapter, who may be elected to permanent membership by the Grand Chapter;



## ARTICLE III.

## SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SEC. 34. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a dispensation or a charter, issued under the authority of the General Grand Chapter, or some Grand Chapter in this jurisdiction; and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter in this jurisdiction, or any member thereof, and any Chapter or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, or any member thereof, or any person exalted or advanced therein. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which was established before the adoption of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, January 27, 1798.

SEC. 35. No dispensation or charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past or Mark Masters independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SEC. 36. Charters for instituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons shall contain also the power to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons—the High Priest, King and Scribe, for the time being, to be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges.

SEC. 37. It is the duty of the High Priest of every Chapter, as appertaining to his office, to see that the by-laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter by authority of which his Chapter is working, be duly observed; that all the subordinate officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the transactions of the Chapter by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that the regular returns be made by

the Secretary to the Grand Chapter, and the annual dues thereto be regularly and punctually paid. The charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter together at pleasure upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require a meeting. It is also his duty, together with the King and Scribe of his Chapter, to attend the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

SEC. 38. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand High Priest, or a Grand High Priest, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install the officers, he shall have power and authority to appoint some Worthy High Priest or Past High Priest to perform the necessary ceremonies.

SEC. 39. No person having been a member of a Chapter shall be admitted a member of any Chapter in this jurisdiction until he shall have produced a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, was dismissed and recommended, unless such Chapter has ceased to exist—in which case the certificate of the General Grand or Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction in which such Chapter had existed, as the case may be, shall be held sufficient.

SEC. 40. Chapters in this jurisdiction are authorized to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master on any worthy companion from without this jurisdiction who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, to the end that he may be healed and thereby become a regular Royal Arch Mason, free of charge. For conferring said degrees, in such cases, Chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues.

SEC. 41. No Chapter shall confer the degrees of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State, District or Territory in which there is a Grand Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Subordinate Chapter nearest the place of residence of the ap-



plicant, or when the Grand Chapter has ceded the territory on which he resides.

SEC. 42. When the High Priest of a Chapter is absent, or in case of his inability to act, his powers and prerogatives shall vest in the King and Scribe, in succession. In the absence of all these officers from a stated convocation or a special convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside.

REJECTED CANDIDATES.

SEC. 43. No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any other Chapter, without the consent of such rejecting Chapter, provided such Chapter be in existence.

QUORUM.

SEC. 44. For all purposes, except opening and closing a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 45. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any triennial convocation upon the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes to which the members present may be entitled, provided such amendment shall have been filed with the General Grand Secretary for six months, and shall have been by him included in the notice of the meeting forwarded to the members of the General Grand Chapter; *provided, also,* such amendment shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. The amendment so proposed may be modified in any manner by the General Grand Chapter, provided such modification shall not alter such proposed amendment in any substantial particular.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

AS AMENDED TO JANUARY, A. D. 1886.

ARTICLE I.

STYLE.

SECTION 1. The style of this Grand Chapter shall be "THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA."

POWER AND AUTHORITY.

SEC. 2. This Grand Chapter is vested with the government and superintendence of Capitular Masonry within its territorial jurisdiction, subject only to its obligation to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 3. This Grand Chapter shall be composed of its officers, both elected and appointed, as enumerated in sections five and seven of this Constitution, together with all Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, Past Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Secretaries, Past Grand Chaplains and Past High Priests of Chapters, who are members of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and the first three officers of each chartered Chapter working under the authority of this Grand Chapter, or their duly appointed proxies.



## ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS AND QUORUMS.

SEC. 4. The Annual Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held at such place as the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Florida may assemble, and at such time as may be designated by this Grand Chapter; and the representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum.

## ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be—

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| THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST, whose title is Most Excellent; |   |   |   |           |
| " DEPUTY GRAND H. PRIEST, whose title is Right        | " | " | " | "         |
| " GRAND KING,                                         | " | " | " | "         |
| " GRAND SCRIBE,                                       | " | " | " | "         |
| " GRAND TREASURER,                                    | " | " | " | "         |
| " GRAND SECRETARY,                                    | " | " | " | " and     |
| " GRAND CHAPLAIN,                                     | " | " | " | Reverend. |

## ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 6. None but High Priests, or Past High Priests, shall be eligible to election to either of the first four elective Grand Offices above named.

## APPOINTED OFFICERS.

SEC. 7. The appointed officers of this Grand Chapter shall be—

THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST;  
 " GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER;  
 " GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN;  
 " THREE GRAND MASTERS OF THE VAILS, and  
 " GRAND GUARD, who shall be respectively styled Excellent.

## ELECTION.

SEC. 8. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter must be chosen at each Annual Grand Convocation, by ballot, and by a majority of all the votes cast. The appointed Grand Officers shall be selected by the Grand High Priest, and hold during his pleasure; and all officers of this Grand Chapter

must be members, in good standing, of some Chapter or Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

## INSTALLATION.

SEC. 9. The installation of the officers of this Grand Chapter must take place during the Annual Grand Convocation at which they are elected.

## MEMBERS AND QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 10. This Grand Chapter may enlarge or diminish the numbers and qualifications of its members only by a provision or change of this Constitution.

## VOTES AND VOTERS.

SEC. 11. Each and every member of this Grand Chapter present is entitled to one vote, and the Acting Grand High Priest to an additional vote in case of an equal division, and each Chapter represented to three votes.

## PAY OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 12. Each officer and one representative of each Chapter attending the Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to receive from its funds such compensation as may be appropriated from time to time by the Grand Chapter. *Provided*, That no one shall be paid in more than one capacity.

## THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

SEC. 13. The Grand High Priest shall exercise all the executive functions of the Grand Chapter during recess, and shall at each Annual Grand Convocation communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during recess, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

## SUCCESSION IN OFFICE.

SEC. 14. In case of the death absence from the Grand Jurisdiction or inability of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe will, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes; but there is no succession to any other office.



## GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 15. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds, securities and vouchers of this Grand Chapter; to pay all orders signed by the presiding officer, and attested by the Grand Secretary, predicated upon a previous action of the Grand Chapter; to report annually to the Grand Chapter his receipts and disbursements by items, and the amount and securities in his hands.

## GRAND SECRETARY.

SEC. 16. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the Grand Chapter; to keep a registry of members of the Chapters; to receive, duly file and keep all papers and documents of the Grand Chapter; to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Chapter, and its authority; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the Grand Chapter and pay the same, without delay, to the Grand Treasurer, and report the same by items to the Grand Chapter annually; to report the Chapters that have neglected to render proper returns of their elections, members and dues; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter; to provide blank charters and dispensations for new Chapters; to furnish blanks for the annual returns of the Chapters to the Grand Chapter, and to prescribe requisite instructions for making out the same, and to perform all other duties appertaining to his office. He is authorized to certify under seal of the Grand Chapter all regular diplomas and other documents for the benefit of worthy Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, and to receive a fee of one dollar in each case. He is also the custodian of the Grand Chapter Library, the constant and steady improvement of which should be an object of his special care and attention.

## OTHER OFFICERS.

SEC. 17. It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Grand Chapter, in addition to the duties herein specified, to perform such other duties appertaining to their offices, as shall from time to time be directed by the Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE II.

## CHAPTERS.

SECTION 18. A Chapter can only be organized by dispensation from the Grand High Priest, or charter from the Grand Chapter and in each case only upon the application of not less than nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

## DISPENSATION AND PETITIONERS.

SEC. 19. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such; and no charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill, by labor, under dispensation; nor shall a dispensation issue to form a new Chapter within three months next preceding the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

## FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

SEC. 20. The fee for a dispensation to form a new Chapter shall be five dollars to the Grand Secretary, and for a charter fifty dollars for the Grand Chapter and five dollars for the Grand Secretary, which must accompany the petition; and a fee of ten dollars shall be paid to the Grand Chapter for all other dispensations, except such as may, for good cause, be remitted by the Grand High Priest.

## OFFICERS OF CHAPTERS.

SEC. 21. The Chartered Chapters shall consist of a High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Master of the Third Vail, Master of the Second Vail, Master of the First Vail, and a Guard, or Sentinel, and as many members as may be congregated and working, by virtue of their charter, and at the place therein designated.



## OFFICERS—WHEN AND HOW CHOSEN.

SEC. 22. The first five officers named in the last preceding section shall be elected annually by ballot and by a majority of the votes cast at the regular Convocation of the Chapter next preceding St. John's, the Evangelist, day, and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest.

## VOTERS AND ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 23. Every member of a Chapter in good standing is entitled to one vote; and every voter is eligible to any office in the Chapter.

## INSTALLATION.

SEC. 24. The installation of Chapter officers shall take place at the time of election, or as soon thereafter as expedient.

## VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

SEC. 25. Vacancies in elective offices of Chapters can occur only by death, resignation, dimit or removal after election beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, promotion at an election to fill vacancies and by suspension or expulsion; but the first three elective offices cannot be vacated by resignation.

## VACANCIES—HOW FILLED.

SEC. 26. A Chapter may fill vacancies in any of the elective offices (except that of High Priest) by ballot, at any regular Convocation, but in case of vacancy by the High Priest, an election can only be held at a regular Convocation, the members being duly summoned for that purpose, and by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, which must be applied for by the King and Scribe, and a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at a regular Convocation, to be certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

## BY-LAWS.

SEC. 27. A Chapter has full power and authority to enact by-laws for its own government in conformity to this Constitution and the regulations of the Grand Chapter, but any by-law inconsistent therewith is void.

## DUES.

SEC. 28. A Chapter may make by-laws regulating the payment of dues from its members and provide penalties for the enforcement thereof; but no greater penalty shall be inflicted than the indefinite suspension of the Companion in arrears, which shall expire upon the payment of his dues to the date of suspension; provided, that when a Chapter shall, in its Annual Return, report an aged or infirm Companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of Chapter dues, such Chapter shall have credit therefor in the payment of its dues, and the Chapters shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the gospel, who are exempt from Chapter dues by the By-Laws thereof.

## ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES TO THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 29. Every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall make annual returns to the Grand Chapter of all its work, to the twenty-seventh of December, with a list of its officers and members, and pay into the Treasury of the Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each exaltation, and the sum of one dollar as annual dues for every member borne on the rolls at any time during the year; said sums to be due and payable at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter, and such returns shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of January in each year.

## CHAPTER—HOW DISSOLVED.

SEC. 30. A Chapter can only be dissolved by act of the Grand Chapter, or by a voluntary surrender of its warrant, pursuant to a vote of a majority of its members when duly summoned for that purpose, with notice of the object of the Convocation.

## WARRANT—HOW FORFEITED OR SUSPENDED.

SEC. 31. The charter of a Chapter can be forfeited only upon charges regularly made in Grand Chapter at its Annual Grand Convocation, of which due notice shall be given to the Chapter, and an opportunity of being heard in defense; but it



4. A Book of Marks.

5. An Alphabetical List of Expulsions, Suspensions and Rejections, and such other books as the Chapter shall direct.

PETITION AND FEES FOR DEGREES.

SEC. 41. The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a less sum than twenty dollars, which must all be paid before receiving the Mark Degree; and then only upon Master Masons, who are members of Lodges in good standing, whose petitions have been duly presented in writing at a regular Convocation, reported upon by a committee of investigation, and unanimously accepted by the Chapter.

REJECTED CANDIDATES.

SEC. 42. A petition for the degrees having been rejected can not again be received within six months; nor by any other Chapter than the rejecting one, without first obtaining its consent.

JURISDICTION OVER CANDIDATES.

SEC. 43. A Chapter shall not confer the degrees upon a candidate who resides nearer some other Chapter without the consent of such Chapter; nor upon a candidate who resides in another State without consent of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides, unless he be a member in good standing of a regular Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

PROXIES.

SEC. 44. Each chartered Chapter within this jurisdiction is entitled to be represented in the Grand Chapter by its first three officers, but in case either of them cannot attend, he may appoint any other member of the Chapter to act as his proxy, and shall furnish such proxy a certificate of appointment over his official signature, attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 45. No amendment to this Constitution shall be made, until it shall have been proposed at one Annual Grand Convocation, and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at the next Annual Grand Convocation.

REGULATIONS

OF THE

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ADVANCEMENT.

The golden rule for advancement in Masonry is suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees, of which the Chapter should be fully satisfied—1863, 25. All the Chapter degrees cannot properly be conferred on one and the same candidate in one night—*Id.*

The High Priest of every Chapter shall appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be fully to instruct each Mason who has received a degree before the next degree shall be conferred—1863, 30. *See Emergency; see Quorum.*

APRON.

The Royal Arch Apron is white, with crimson border—1863, 29.

BALLOTING.

All balloting takes place in the Royal Arch Degree, and all degrees conferred in a Chapter are balloted for at one and the same time—1863, 24-29.

BUSINESS.

No business should be transacted at a special or called convocation other than that for which the meeting was called; the only exception to that rule would be in a case where every member of the Chapter was present at the meeting and no objection made to the transacting such other business.—1886, 13.



Each Lodge must be opened and closed with its own peculiar ceremonies, as also the Chapter—1863, 29.

## CHAPTERS—LIST OF, TO 1878.

Date of organization, etc., 1878, 233.

Delinquency of etc., 1878, 241; 1879, 278.

When a Companion belonging to a Chapter in this jurisdiction signs a petition for a charter for a new Chapter and pays up his dues to the Chapter in which his membership exists, he thereby severs his membership in his Chapter and becomes a member of the newly-chartered Chapter without a dimit—1878, 242.

The names of all the original members of a new Chapter should be inserted in the body of the charter—*Id.*

It is the duty of the Grand Secretary, upon the organization of a new Chapter within this jurisdiction, to notify the particular Chapters in which any of the chartered members formerly held their membership, and from which they have not been dimitted, that the names of these members are upon the new charter, and that they are no longer members of their former Chapter—*Id.*

## CHAPTERS U. D.

A Chapter under dispensation is a creation of the Grand High Priest, by virtue of a constitutional provision, Article 2, Section 18. It possesses no power or authority except such as is expressly granted in the dispensation. Its existence extends only to the first Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to which its authority, records and documents must be surrendered—1877, 210.

If a dispensation or charter be applied for, or a continuation of its dispensation, satisfactory evidence must appear that the petitioners are not in arrears for fees or dues to the chartered Chapters of which they are respectively members, otherwise their application will be refused.—*Id.*

The records of a Chapter U. D. should exhibit a fair specimen of that intelligence and regularity of proceedings which are characteristic of a well-regulated Chapter of Royal

Arch Masons, before a charter be granted, and there should be evidence of fraternal prosperity.—*Id.*

The organization of a newly chartered Chapter terminates the connection of its members with their former Chapter or Chapters respectively, hence the necessity of a certificate from the Secretary of the Chapter or Chapters to which the petitioner or petitioners belong, that such petitioners are clear upon the records, or else a dimit must accompany the application for a charter.—*Id.*

Installation of Officers of a Chapter Under Dispensation is neither necessary nor proper—1872, 14, 16.

Officers of a Chapter U. D. work under the immediate supervision and control of the Grand High Priest; and such official honors as continuously appertain to duly elected and installed High Priests do not accrue to them—1872, 14, 16.

Before a dispensation or charter shall be granted by this Grand Chapter, or by its authority, the Companions who are recommended to be the officers of the new Chapter shall appear in person before the Chapter, whose recommendation is made necessary by the constitution, and exhibit before such Chapter a full and complete exemplification of the work in the several degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, the opening and closing ceremonies and the lectures in the several degrees; and no Chapter shall recommend the applicants unless they have had complete and full proof that the applicants are fully qualified to teach the Royal Art—1863, 27.

## CHARTERS.

The Grand Secretary is instructed to record the charter or warrant heretofore issued to any Chapter in this jurisdiction upon the request of the Chapter, on being furnished with such warrant or charter, or a copy thereof, certified under seal of the Chapter—1866, p. 26.

All warrants or charters hereafter issued from this Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be recorded by the Grand Secretary in a book to be procured and kept by him for that purpose—1866, p. 26.

Names of all members to be inserted in charter—1878, 242.



All chapters within this jurisdiction which resume work and show evidence thereof at the next convocation of this Grand Chapter, shall be exempt from the payment of all dues prior to the 27th of December, A. D. 1868; otherwise their charters shall be forfeited—1869, p. 12.

#### CONVOICATIONS.

It is improper for convocations of Chapters to be called to refreshment from time to time with unlimited discretion, but should be regularly closed when the business of the meeting is finished. If, from any unavoidable cause, it becomes necessary for the interest of the Chapter to postpone for a few days only the consideration of any specific subject, the Chapter may be called off to some prudently designated period for the purpose; in which event any omitted business of the Chapter may be transacted, after which the Chapter should invariably be closed—1872, 14-16.

#### DUES.

If a Companion, in good faith and in mistaking the law and custom of the case, petitions for and becomes a member of a new Chapter while he is indebted to his old one, the old Chapter has exclusive jurisdiction of the matter, and may suspend him, which suspension will take effect in the new Chapter; but his former Chapter can charge him dues only to the date of the charter of the new one—1877, 203-207.

#### EMERGENCY.

No case of emergency should ever be brought to the consideration of a Chapter, and no degrees shall be conferred on an applicant until he has satisfied the examining committee of his suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees—1863, 24.

#### EXEMPTION.

*See Constitution, Section 28*; amendment of Constitution, 1882, 355.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Committees on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Chapter are hereby instructed to only incorporate in their re-

ports those points of Masonic law which have been decided by other Grand Royal Arch Chapters, or such questions as are in controversy which appertain to Royal Arch Masonry, and that none other subjects shall be incorporated in said reports; and that said committees shall not present their views on said subjects, but only present the questions for the decision of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter—1859, 28.

Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence must be printed in the recess of the Grand Chapter and laid before the Grand Chapter on the first day of each Annual Convocation—1868, 13.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand High Priest is requested to appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter near the several sister Grand Chapters which have appointed representatives near our own, and to as many others as in his judgment he may think proper—1873, 75.

A list of Grand Representatives must be published annually with the Grand Chapter proceedings—1873, 75.

#### INSTALLATION.

The ceremony of Installation of Grand Officers used by the Grand R. A. Chapter of North Carolina was adopted for the installation of the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter—1863, 26.

Installation of officers of a Chapter U. D. is neither necessary nor proper—1872, 14-16.

Installation cannot be denied on the ground that the officer-elect is in arrears for dues. The Chapter has the power to suspend a member for non-payment of dues, but, until such action is taken by the Chapter, the Masonic standing of the companion is not affected by the fact of his dues not having been paid—1886, 12.

#### JURISDICTION.

When a candidate applying to any Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction for the Chapter degrees, and his petition is received and a part of said degree conferred on him by such Chapter, if after which he absents himself from said



Chapter for a term of years before receiving all of said degrees, he shall not be permitted to petition or receive in any other Chapter the remaining degrees without the consent of the Chapter in which he received a part of said degrees—1863, 17.

## MEMBERSHIP.

The name of a Companion cannot be dropped or stricken from the roll of Chapter members in consequence of suspension or expulsion from his Lodge, until after official notice from his Lodge, and an action of the Chapter requiring the same to be done—1876, 179.

While it is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some Lodge, the fact of his holding a dimit does not affect his standing in the Chapter for at least twelve months; and we are of the opinion that even after that time, if he continues to be of good moral character, he should still be regarded in good standing in the Chapter, provided his failure to affiliate with a Lodge is not wilful, but should be the result of circumstances over which he has no control.—1886, 12.

## MONITOR.

Mackey's Book of the Chapter is recommended for use of the Chapters—1859, 28.

## NAMES TO BE PRINTED, ETC.

The names, locations, times of meeting and names of members of the Chapters under this jurisdiction are required to be published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter—1863, p. 21.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Secretary is required to annex to the proceedings a list of all Past Grand Officers entitled to vote in the Grand Chapter—1863, p. 25.

## PAST MASTERS' DEGREE.

The degree of Past Master, as conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter, is not cognizable in a Blue Lodge—1863, 21.

The Chapters under this jurisdiction are required, in conferring the Past Masters' Degree, to abridge the ceremonies within the narrowest constitutional limits, and to use those formerly published in the proceedings—1863, 26.

A Past Master by degree, who has never been a Master of a Symbolic Lodge, cannot be present at conferring the Past Masters' Degree upon Masters of Symbolic Lodges—1863, 29.

The degree of Past Master is conferred in a Chapter only for the purpose of qualifying the applicant to take the degree of Royal Arch—1863, 29.

## PETITIONS.

No Chapter within this jurisdiction shall receive the petition of a Master Mason for advancement in the Chapter degrees who is not a regular member of some Lodge and in good standing, and who has paid all dues against him and made due proficiency in the symbolic degrees, of which he shall produce satisfactory evidence from the Secretary of the Lodge of which he is a member before he is balloted for—1863, 26.

## PLACE OF MEETING.

Under ordinary circumstances, the officers of a Chapter cannot remove to another place and hold a meeting. All meetings of the Chapter should be held at the regular place of meeting—1866, 12.

## PRINTING.

The Grand Secretary is authorized to have reprinted the exhausted proceedings of this Grand Chapter whenever, in his opinion, it is expedient to do so—1875, 14.

## QUORUM.

After a candidate has been balloted for and accepted, and the Chapter closed, no Lodge can be opened below with a less number than is necessary to open a Chapter—1863, 29.

## ROLL OF MEMBERS, CALLING, ETC.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to prepare a roll, embracing the names of all Grand and Past Grand Officers, with their Masonic grade or title; also, a list of subordi-



nate Chapters, with the names of the principal officers, so far as the same can be ascertained, and that at the opening of each Grand Convocation, as also at each daily meeting, the roll shall be called and the names of the absentees noted; and it shall be the further duty of the Grand Secretary to note upon the minutes daily the whole proceedings, or transcribe the same, in order that they may be read at the opening of each successive meeting; also, to record the names of all members or visitors at the time of opening, as also of such as may enter during the meeting, giving to each the Masonic title or grade to which he is entitled; and that the Grand Secretary be empowered to appoint an Assistant or Deputy Grand Secretary to aid him in the discharge of the duties, whose services shall be paid by the Grand Chapter—1863, 20-21.

SUBSTITUTES.

The use of substitutes in conferring the degree of Royal Arch is in accordance with the laws and usages of capitular Masonry—1875-7, 12.

SUSPENSION.

Suspension from the Lodge works a suspension in the Chapter. No action whatever is required on the part of the Chapter in such case, the suspension being complete in Chapter by the action of the Lodge—1886, 12.

When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Subordinate Chapter of which that brother shall be a member, or, if not a member, within whose jurisdiction he may reside, shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to it by any member thereof, proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Masonic functions for the period for which his suspension or expulsion from Craft Masonry continues in force—1863, 17.

WORK.

Resolution anent—1863, 28.  
Committee of Five on Work to be appointed—1883, 377.

STATISTICS AS PER RETURNS OF CHAPTERS.

| R. A. CHAPTERS.    | NUMBER | NO. MEMBERS LAST YEAR. | AFFILIATED. | EXALTED. | TOTAL. | DIED. | DEMITTED. | SUSPENDED. | EXPULSED. | PRESENT MEMBERSHIP. |
|--------------------|--------|------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Gainesville .....  | 2      | 25                     | .....       | .....    | 25     | 1     | .....     | .....      | .....     | 24                  |
| *Tampa .....       | 3      | 17                     | 2           | .....    | 19     | ..... | .....     | .....      | .....     | 19                  |
| St. John's .....   | 4      | 20                     | .....       | 1        | 21     | ..... | .....     | .....      | .....     | 19                  |
| Santa Rosa .....   | 6      | 19                     | .....       | .....    | 19     | ..... | .....     | .....      | .....     | 28                  |
| Madison .....      | 8      | 25                     | 3           | .....    | 29     | ..... | .....     | .....      | 1         | 18                  |
| *Mount Horeb ..... | 11     | 14                     | .....       | .....    | 14     | 1     | .....     | .....      | .....     | 13                  |
| Jacksonville ..... | 12     | 38                     | .....       | 1        | 39     | ..... | .....     | 4          | .....     | 35                  |
| Island .....       | 21     | 50                     | .....       | .....    | 50     | 1     | .....     | 1          | .....     | 48                  |
| *Nassau .....      | 23     | 20                     | .....       | .....    | 20     | 2     | .....     | .....      | .....     | 18                  |

\* From returns of 1884.

|                                                      | ESTIMATE. |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of members last year.....                     | 229       |
| Affiliated, 5; exalted, 5.....                       | 10        |
| Total .....                                          | 239       |
| Died, 5; dimitted, —; suspended, 5; expelled, 1..... | 11        |
| Present membership.....                              | 228       |
| Showing a decrease of 1.                             |           |



CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTER.    | NO. | CONVOCAION.            | HIGH PRIESTS.    | KINGS.      | SCRIBES.     | TREASURERS.  | SECRETARIES.    | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|-------------|-----|------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Gainesville | 2   | First Tuesday          | E V Waugh        | R McClellan | R F Taylor   | T A Carroll  | Mosely F Miller | Gainesville    |
| *Tampa      | 3   | 2d and 4th Saturday    | R B Thomas       | Duff Post   | D B Givens   | John Darling | Thos P Kennedy  | Tampa          |
| St. John's  | 4   | Monday fol. full moon. | S M Fowler       | C H Wright  | R O Knowles  | F S Goodrich | S B Wright      | DeLand         |
| Santa Rosa  | 6   | Second Wednesday       | J G Ellis        | R R Shepard | J G Ward     | J A Chadlin  | John Carlovitz  | Milton         |
| Madison     | 8   | First Monday           | Angus Paterson   | H J McCall  | E H Bunker   | H J Paramore | W H Hausman     | Madison        |
| *Mt. Horeb  | 11  | Third Monday           | C McK Oerting    | J McDonald  | T Stearnes   | B A Filbert  | G S Hallmark    | Pensacola      |
| Jacks'ville | 12  | Last Friday            | J F Clark        | J O Boag    | J I Mackey   | H Koopman    | W A Young       | Jacksonville   |
| Island      | 21  | 2d and 4th Wednesdays  | R A Montsalvatge | J Y Porter  | J J Delaney  | Samuel Filer | G F Ferguson    | Key West       |
| *Nassau     | 23  | Thurs. after Amelia L. | W F Scott        | J S Lee     | A O McDonell | J H Prescott | W A Jones       | Fernandina     |

(\* No return ; officers for 1884.

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.       | GRAND SECRETARIES.   | RESIDENCE.           |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Alabama               | Daniel Sayre         | Montgomery           |
| Arkansas              | James A Henry        | Little Rock          |
| California            | Thomas S Caswell     | San Francisco        |
| Canada                | David McClellan      | Hamilton, Ontario    |
| Colorado              | Ed C Parmalee        | Georgetown           |
| Connecticut           | James K Wheeler      | Hartford             |
| Dakota                | Thomas J Wilder      | Casselton            |
| Delaware              | William Marshall     | Wilmington           |
| District of Columbia  | Louis G Stephens     | Washington           |
| England               | Frederick K Brinkles | London, W C          |
| Georgia               | J E Blackshear       | Macon                |
| Illinois              | Gilbert W Barnard    | Chicago              |
| Indiana               | John M Branwell      | Indianapolis         |
| Iowa                  | John C Parish        | Des Moines           |
| Ireland               | Samuel B Oldham      | F M Hall, Dublin     |
| Kansas                | John H Brown         | Wyandotte            |
| Kentucky              | Joseph H Branham     | Louisville           |
| Louisiana             | James C Batchelor    | Box 872, New Orleans |
| Maine                 | Ira Berry            | Portland             |
| Maryland              | George A McCahan     | Baltimore            |
| Massachusetts         | A F Chapman          | Boston               |
| Michigan              | William P Innes      | Grand Rapids         |
| Minnesota             | A T C Pierson        | St Paul              |
| Mississippi           | J L Power            | Jackson              |
| Missouri              | W H Mayo             | St Louis             |
| Nebraska              | William R Bowen      | Omaha                |
| Nevada                | John D Hammond       | Carson City          |
| New Hampshire         | George P Cleaves     | Concord              |
| New Jersey            | George B Edwards     | Jersey City          |
| New York              | Christopher G Fox    | Buffalo              |
| North Carolina        | Donald W Bain        | Raleigh              |
| Nova Scotia           | James Gossip         | Halifax              |
| Ohio                  | James Nesbit         | Troy                 |
| Oregon                | Rocky P Earhart      | Portland             |
| Pennsylvania          | Charles E Myer       | Masonic Temple, Phil |
| Prince Edwards Island | G W Wakeford         | Charlottetown        |
| Quebec                | David Seath          | Montreal             |
| Rhode Island          | William R Greene     | Providence           |
| South Carolina        | J E Burke            | Charleston           |
| Tennessee             | John Frizzell        | Nashville            |
| Texas                 | Robert Brewster      | Houston              |
| Vermont               | W H S Whitecomb      | Burlington           |
| Virginia              | William B Isaacs     | Richmond             |
| West Virginia         | W H Riggs            | Martinsburg          |
| Wisconsin             | John W Laffin        | Oshkosh              |
| General Grand Chapter | Christopher G Fox    | Buffalo              |



# PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

|      | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPTY. GR. H. PRIESTS | GRAND KINGS.        | GRAND SCRIBES.      | GRAND TREASURERS. | GRAND SECRETARIES.   | GRAND CHAPLAINS. |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1847 | Thomas Douglas*     | John P Duval*         | Harry R Taylor*     | George W Macrae*    | Edwin D Nash*     | John B Taylor†       | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1848 | John P Duval*       | Isaac H Bronson*      | George W Macrae*    | D S Graham*         | Thomas Brown*     | John B Taylor†       | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1849 | Isaac H Bronson*    | Harry R Taylor*       | D S Graham*         | R A Shine*          | Thomas Hayward*   | John B Taylor†       | Charles E Dyke   |
| 1850 | Harry R Taylor*     | D S Graham*           | R A Shine*          | Gad Humphreys*      | David C Wilson†   | John B Taylor†       | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1851 | Thomas Brown*       | Gad Humphreys*        | Alfred A Fisher*    | Benjamin Sawyer*    | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor†       | Geo M McDonald   |
| 1852 | R A Shine*          | Samuel B. Stephens*   | Samuel Boardman*    | Daniel G McLean*    | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor†       | Charles E Dyke   |
| 1853 | Samuel Boardman*    | J M W Davidson*       | C A M Mitchell*     | James S Rust*       | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor†       | A G Ooag         |
| 1854 | J Wayles Baker*     | Thomas Y Henry*       | James Ellenwood*    | John L McKinnon*    | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor†       | Homer Hender     |
| 1855 | J Wayles Baker*     | Edward R Ives*        | Joseph S May*       | James M Baker*      | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor†       | Homer Hender     |
| 1856 | Thomas Hayward*     | Edward R Ives*        | John L McKinnon*    | James Ellenwood*    | R A Shine*        | John B Taylor†       | Charles E Dyke   |
| 1857 | Gad Humphreys*      | James Ellenwood*      | John L McKinnon*    | David S Walker*     | Thomas Hayward*   | John B Taylor†       | J R Plummer      |
| 1858 | Thomas Hayward*     | James Ellenwood*      | D P Holland*        | Charles E Dyke*     | John T Bond*      | John B Taylor†       | John Penny†      |
| 1859 | D P Holland*        | James M Baker*        | George F Baltzell*  | Calvin Davis*       | Thomas Hayward*   | John B Taylor†       | John Penny†      |
| 1860 | Thomas Y Henry*     | George F Baltzell*    | George D Fisher*    | Josiah Paine*       | Thomas Hayward*   | John B Taylor†       | John Penny†      |
| 1861 | George F Baltzell*  | James Ellenwood*      | Franklyn Branch*    | Charles Slager*     | Thomas Hayward*   | John B Taylor†       | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1862 | George F Baltzell*  | James Ellenwood*      | Charles Slager*     | D C Dawkins*        | Thomas Hayward*   | John B Taylor†       | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1863 | George F Baltzell*  | James Ellenwood*      | Green H Hunter*     | Wm H Arendell*      | Thomas Hayward*   | John B Taylor†       | Thomas A Carruth |
| 1864 | George F Baltzell*  | James Ellenwood*      | Thomas K Leonard*   | Wm H Arendell*      | Thomas Hayward*   | Hugh A Corley        | Columbus Smith†  |
| 1865 | David Jones*        | D C Dawkins*          | B S Fuller*         | Elias Earle*        | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley        | Columbus Smith†  |
| 1866 | David Jones*        | D C Dawkins*          | Elias Earle*        | A J Lea*            | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley        | Columbus Smith†  |
| 1867 | David Jones*        | Wm Morill*            | Charles Slager*     | Chas K Sparhawk*    | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley        | Samuel C Craft   |
| 1868 | James Ellenwood*    | Wm Morill*            | Charles Slager*     | M M T Hutchingson*  | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley        | Wm A McLean      |
| 1869 | D C Dawkins*        | M M T Hutchingson*    | H H Berry*          | Michael Bowes*      | T Preston Tatum*  | Edward Bradford, Jr† | Thomas A Carruth |
| 1870 | D C Dawkins*        | Charles Slager†       | Charles Mundee*     | Samuel Pasco*       | T Preston Tatum*  | Edward Bradford, Jr† | Thomas A Carruth |
| 1871 | D C Dawkins*        | James Ellenwood*      | William Morrill*    | Theodore Ball*      | T Preston Tatum*  | W M McIntosh         | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1872 | William Morrill*    | Hugh A Corley*        | John C Ley*         | James L Taylor*     | T Preston Tatum*  | W M McIntosh         | Thomas A Carruth |
| 1873 | Michael Bowes*      | Samuel Pasco*         | John S Driggs*      | Benj'mn G Alderman* | Daniel L Oakley*  | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1874 | Michael Bowes*      | John S Driggs*        | Benj'mn G Alderman* | David C Wilson*     | William A Young*  | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1875 | Henry W Long*       | Edward P Jordan*      | Wm T Weeks*         | W W Tucker*         | Daniel L Oakley*  | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1876 | John S Driggs*      | Charles J Allred*     | W W Tucker*         | John T Miller*      | Daniel L Oakley*  | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1877 | John S Driggs*      | George R Jones*       | W W Tucker*         | John T Miller*      | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1878 | Enos Wasgate*       | Robert J Perry*       | Geo E Wentworth*    | George S Hallmark*  | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | ohn Penny†       |
| 1879 | Robert J Perry*     | Geo E Wentworth*      | George S Hallmark*  | Hugh A Corley       | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1880 | Robert J Perry*     | George S Hallmark*    | Wm E Anderson*      | Wm A McLean         | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1881 | W A McLean          | William E Anderson    | Warren F Scott*     | John G Ellis*       | L McConihe†       | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1882 | W A McLean          | William E Anderson    | Warren F Scott*     | G S Hallmark*       | L McConihe†       | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1883 | George S Hallmark*  | William E Anderson    | Warren F Scott*     | J W V R Plummer*    | T S Wilmarth*     | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1884 | Wm E Anderson*      | Warren F Scott*       | J W V R Plummer*    | Angus Paterson*     | T S Wilmarth*     | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John Penny†      |
| 1885 | Wm E Anderson*      | J W V R Plummer*      | Angus Paterson*     | Marcus Endel*       | T S Wilmarth*     | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | Wm A McLean      |
| 1886 | Angus Paterson*     | Marcus Endel*         | F S Goodrich*       | John G Ellis*       | T S Wilmarth*     | DeWitt C Dawkins...  | John S Wharton   |

\* or † Dead.



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | GRAND CHAPTER.         | OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA. |
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| L A Pindal .....                         | Arkansas.....          | W B Barnett, Jacksonville           |
| James Moffitt.....                       | Canada.....            | R J Perry, Key West                 |
| Roger W Woodberry, Denver.....           | Colorado.....          | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville           |
| John Lockie, Washington.....             | Dist. of Columbia..... | R R Shepard, Milton                 |
| William L Orr.....                       | Illinois.....          | W McClintock, Key West              |
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| Thomas A Logan, Wheeling.....            | West Virginia.....     |                                     |
| Fred Ring, Jr, Lacrosse.....             | Wisconsin.....         |                                     |

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## M. E. GRAND CHAPTER

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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE STATE OF

## FLORIDA.

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The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons  
of the State of Florida convened in Annual Grand Convocation  
at the Masonic Hall in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of  
10 o'clock a. m., on Monday, the 17th day of January, A. D.  
1887, A. I. 2417.

PRESENT.

|       |                                    |                            |
|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| M. E. | ANGUS PATERSON.....                | Grand High Priest          |
| R. E. | W. W. TUCKER.....                  | Grand King                 |
| M. E. | GEO. S. HALLMARK, P. G. H. P.....  | as Grand Scribe            |
| R. E. | THOMAS S. WILMARTH.....            | Grand Treasurer            |
| M. E. | DEWITT C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P..... | Grand Secretary            |
| M. E. | WM. A. McLEAN, P. G. H. P.....     | Grand Chaplain             |
| E.    | JAMES W. BOYD.....                 | Grand Captain of the Host  |
| E.    | EDGAR A. RICHARDS.....             | Grand Principal Sojourner  |
| E.    | JOHN O. BOAG.....                  | Grand Royal Arch Captain   |
| E.    | C. A. G. BLOMQUIST.....            | Grand Master of Third Vail |
| E.    | CHARLES H. MUNGER.....             | Grand Mater of Second Vail |
| E.    | WM. M. McINTOSH.....               | Grand Master of First Vail |
| E.    | JAMES CLARK.....                   | Grand Guard                |



Past Grand High Priests D. C. DAWKINS, GEO. S. HALL-  
MARK, W. A. McLEAN.

Past Grand King, W. W. TUCKER.

Past Grand Secretary, W. M. McINTOSH.

Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Alabama,  
Colorado, District of Columbia, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland,  
Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, Novia Scotia, South Caro-  
lina, Scotland and Tennessee.

Constituent Chapters represented as follows, to-wit:

*Eureka, No. 7*—C. H. Munger, H. P.

*Madison, No. 8*—A. Paterson, H. P.; W. Hausman, proxy  
for Scribe.

*Jacksonville, No. 12*—W. A. McLean, H. P.; J. O. Boag,  
K.; J. I. Mackey, Scribe.

*Thomas Brown, No. 22*—James W. Boyd, H. P.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

On motion of M. E. Companion Hallmark, duly seconded  
and adopted, the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual  
Grand Convocation were dispensed with, they having been  
printed and distributed as usual.

M. E. Companion Hallmark moved that all Royal Arch  
Masons in good standing be invited to seats in Grand Chapter  
at this Convocation, which was adopted.

The Grand Secretary announced that Jacksonville R. A.  
Chapter, No. 12, had tendered the use of this hall to the Grand  
Chapter for the present Grand Convocation.

The Grand High Priest delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

*Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida.*  
As it is the custom, and law, that the Grand High Priest shall  
communicate in writing, at each annual Grand Convocation, a state-  
ment of his official acts during recess; it now becomes my duty and  
privilege to fulfill that requirement.

I have issued dispensations as follows to wit:

April 26th. To Island R. A. Chapter, No. 21, to meet and work,  
their Lodge room and charter having been destroyed by fire.

May 1st. To Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 7, to change their time  
of meeting to the 1st and 3d Tuesdays in each month instead of  
Wednesdays.

June 21st. To Mount Moriah R. A. Chapter, No. 24, to elect and  
install officers, they having failed at the proper time. P. G. H. P., G.  
S. Hallmark was authorized to install them.

July 26th. To companions at Eustis to organize a new chapter,  
appointing companions D. W. Herriek H. P.; S. E. Fuller K.; W. S.  
McLelland, S; the Petition was recommended by Eureka R. A.  
Chapter, No. 7.

Sept. 2d. To Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22, to elect and  
install officers, they having failed to elect and install at the proper  
time.

Oct. 13th. To companions at Palatka to organize a new  
Chapter, appointing Companions W. J. Winegar, H. P.; Geo. P.  
Fowler, K.; and P. Gardner, S.; the Petition was recommended by  
St. John's R. A. Chapter, No. 4.

January 3d, 1886. To Gainesville R. A. Chapter, No. 2, to elect  
and install officers.

I made rulings as follows, to wit:

February 23d. To Island R. A. Chapter, No. 21, at Key West on  
the By-Laws of the Chapter in connection with the Constitution of  
the Grand Chapter. That a member of the Chapter could not be  
dropped for non-payment of dues, without notice; that the action of  
the Chapter is necessary in such cases, and that can be had only after  
notice.

March 26th. To Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 7, that a M. M.  
Lodge required eight, a P. M. Lodge three, and a M. E. M. Lodge  
two, but after the R. A. Chapter is closed, that neither of them could  
be opened with a less number than would be required to open a Chap-  
ter, but with the required number present, they might open either of  
the Lodges without first opening the R. A. Degree, and all business  
must be transacted when opened on the R. A.

2d. Ruling to same Chapter at the same time. That a Mason in  
good standing in another jurisdiction, residing in this jurisdiction,  
could receive the Chapter Degrees without obtaining a dimitt from  
the Lodge to which he belongs; that he might become a member of  
the nearest Chapter to his residence, and continue to be a member of  
a Lodge in another jurisdiction.

April 26th. To Mount Moriah R. A. Chapter, No. 24, ruling on  
Articles 30, 31 and 32, of the Constitution. That if a Chapter failed  
to make returns and pay dues to the Grand Chapter for more than



two years, it is not suspended on that account, nor is it dissolved, nor its Charter forfeited. The Charter could not be forfeited, nor the Chapter dissolved, unless by their own action for that purpose, or by action of the Grand Chapter, upon charges regularly made, and that all members of such Chapter are in good standing until such action is taken, unless they had previously been suspended by action of their Chapter.

October 13th. To Companion Charles A. Fulton. That the High Priest had authority to call one of the Lodges, to open and confer the degrees, without first opening on the R. A. Degree, provided there were present a number sufficient to open the Chapter, and that all business must be transacted in the R. A. Degree.

Refer to Regulations Grand Chapter proceedings of 1886, under the head "Quorum" on page 49.

See letter of Chas. A. Fulton, and copy of my answer hereto attached.

October 21. Companion Charles E. Bell, a member of the Grand R. A. Chapter of England, also a member of the Grand Lodge, of Mark Masters, of England, etc. The three Lodge degrees are not conferred in the Grand R. A. Chapter, England, as they are in this country, and Companion Bell having applied to a Chapter in this jurisdiction for the degrees, in order that he might become a regular R. A. M., of our jurisdiction, and obtained them at a time when the Grand R. A. Chapter of Florida was on amicable relations with the R. A. C. and the G. L. of M. M. of England, since that time recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, has been withdrawn, Companion Bell desires to affiliate with a Chapter in this jurisdiction. Held: That he has the right to affiliate with any Chapter in this jurisdiction without any reference to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and the action of withdrawal of fraternal relations does not effect him, as he had been healed before such withdrawal.

His letter and a copy of my answer hereto attached.

November 9th. To Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22. This Chapter failed to get a quorum of the old members, but as there were several R. A. Masons who would affiliate, requested the G. H. P. for some relief. My answer was, that I am powerless as the time limited for issuing a dispensation to form a new Chapter had elapsed, as it was less than three months before the Annual Convocation.

March 2d. I have appointed Grand Representatives as follows: I appointed Companion James L. Avis, as our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and recommended the appoint-

ment of E. Companion W. E. Anderson, as a suitable Representative to the Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

March 10. Appointed Benjamin L. Landers as our Representative near the Grand R. A. Chapter of Nova Scotia, and recommended E. Companion W. A. McLean as reciprocal representative near our Grand Chapter.

January 15th. Appointed Henry R. Taylor, of Machias, Maine, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Maine, and ordered a commission to issue.

The Twenty-Sixth Triennial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the United States was held in Washington, D. C., beginning on the 28th of September and ending the 1st of October. Representatives from nearly all the States and Territories were present; on the part of Florida the Grand High Priest was in attendance. After a continuance of four days, during which the business that had accumulated for the last three years was transacted in perfect harmony and good will, the General Grand Chapter closed, to meet in Atlanta, Georgia, in the year A. D. 1889; the day to be appointed by the General Grand Council. The place where this Convocation was held, being the capital of the country, a half a century having passed away since the last meeting there, a contemplation of the changes that have taken place during that period rendered this Convocation of no ordinary interest. And our good companions of the District of Columbia were alive to the occasion, and spared no pains to make it one of most agreeable and pleasant.

The proceedings of the General Grand Chapter are now out, and I presume that copies have been furnished to all the Chapters, as a resolution was passed to that effect.

I call your attention to the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Triennial Convocation, A. D. 1886, and will only mention specially a few items of general interest.

There was no change made in the ritual, except that the use of the \* \* \* \* \* in the M. M. and M. E. M. degrees is not considered essential, but committed to the several Grand Chapters and left optional with them.

The resolution extending fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England, Wales, etc., passed in the year A. D. 1877, was rescinded.

An application from the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in Australia, to form a Chapter there was declined, because there are chapters in Australia working under the constitutions of England, Ireland and Scotland. Yet there is no Chapter organized there to draw material from those in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and the General Grand Chapter, adhering to the American doctrine of non-inter-



ference in the affairs and institutions of foreign countries, refused the application.

The sum of twelve hundred dollars was appropriated to the Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina on account of losses caused by earthquakes in Charleston and elsewhere in that State.

The Committee on a Digest of the Decisions of the General Grand Chapter, appointed at a former convocation, were directed to present their report to the General Grand Council, and, if approved, to be printed.

The following decisions of the General Grand High Priest, which were approved by the General Grand Chapter (with some few changes in minor points), are of general interest.

1st. A ballot for the degrees, when once commenced, must be concluded without closing or calling off.

2d. At a special meeting of the Chapter the business alone for which it was called can be considered, and all the resident members should have notice of these meetings.

3d. Each member of a State Grand Chapter is entitled to one vote in his own right.

4th. A proxy is a personal right enjoyed by each of the three officers representing a subordinate Chapter in a State Grand Chapter; that the authority to act must be in writing, and signed by the officer making the appointment; it is not necessary that the authority should be authenticated by the Secretary of the subordinate Chapter, nor by the Grand Secretary, but it would be well to have such authentication, if convenient.

I recommend the following changes, to-wit:

The Constitution requires that a number of companions shall work under a dispensation before they can receive a charter, and the Grand High Priest only can grant a dispensation. By Article 2, Section 19 of the Constitution, a dispensation cannot be issued unless it is done three months before the Annual Grand Convocation, thus making a long period in which nothing can be done. The Grand Chapter will not grant it, and some time may elapse after its close before the dispensation can be granted, as certain steps must be taken before it is granted. I, therefore, recommend that the last clause of Section 19, Article 2 of Constitution be abrogated.

In the regulations, in the proceedings of 1886, there is a discrepancy between the one on page 48, under the head of "Membership," and the one on page 50, under the head of "Suspension." first paragraph; the last regulation was passed in 1886. I think the language used by the committee is stronger than they intended. The regulations had not been published, and the committee was probably not aware of the existence of the first mentioned regulation. I, there-

fore, recommend the abrogation of the first paragraph under the head of "Suspension," on page 50, of the proceedings, as published in 1886. This will leave the law as it is under the head of "Membership," on page 48. The intention of the regulation is, that when a member is suspended or expelled from the Lodge, and his Chapter notified of it, the Chapter may act without a formal trial, and suspend or expel the companion, if they so choose. It is not intended that expulsion from the Lodge *per se* expels from the Chapter.

There are some Chapters in this jurisdiction whose membership is reduced, by deaths or removals, below the constitutional number; there are companions belonging to other Chapters that would attend, and there are several who want the degrees; as the law is now it is necessary that a dispensation should be granted including those who were not members of the old Chapter; there might be some easier and more effective way devised. I therefore recommend that some provision be made by which such Chapters could be put upon their feet again, either by calling in some member or members of other Chapters in this jurisdiction, to meet with them and work to fill up their ranks. This might be done by dispensation, or in some other way, as this Grand Chapter may devise.

The meeting of the Grand Chapter at the same time with that of the Grand Lodge is, I think, one cause of the Chapter's lack of greater prosperity. All the members of the Chapter are members of the Lodge, or nearly so, and the larger body receives the most attention, and as a general thing the greatest burdens fall upon a few who have something to do in both. If our Grand Convocations were held about the first of May or June, or at a time different from that of the Grand Lodge, then our undivided attention would be given to the Chapter, and a greater interest in capitular masonry would be manifested, our numbers would be increased, and we would have a greater degree of prosperity. There can be but one objection to this step, and that is a financial one, and which to some may look formidable, but I think it will vanish when the attempt is made. I therefore recommend the experiment, for awhile, and if we fail we can but fall back where we are.

ORLANDA, FLA., October 9, 1886.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. State of Florida:

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION: I have had occasion to visit Eureka Chapter, No. 9, at Orlando, and have had an opportunity to hear their work. I wish to ask you a few questions in regard to certain work as practiced in said Chapter, and which seems not quite clear to me, viz:



Has the High Priest the power or authority to open a Mark M. Lodge without first opening on the R. A.? Has he power and authority to confer any degrees or do any legal work while such M. M. Lodge is open? Is it not his duty under the laws of the Grand Chapter of the United States, to open Chapter on R. A., suspend labor on R. A. for purpose of opening a M. M. Lodge for work and instruction, etc., and close same and then resume labor on R. A.?

As I understand, this practice has been going on since the Chapter has been chartered, is it right?

As I am a Past M. E., from Brooklyn, New York State, and as we do our work according to the Standard Work of the Grand Chapter of the United States, I am at a loss to understand the difference, and beg of you to enlighten me at your earliest convenience.

Hoping you will grant my request, I remain yours, Fraternaly,

CHARLES A. FULTON,  
P. H. P. of Gate of the Temple Chapter, No. 208,  
Brooklyn, New York.

My present address is: P. O. Box 97, Orlando, Fla.

MADISON, FLA., October 13, 1886.

*Mr. Charles A. Fulton, P. O. Box 97, Orlando, Fla.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION: Yours of the 9th inst., asking questions about the work of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, has been received. In reply, I would state that such has been the work in many Chapters in our jurisdiction. All business connected with the Chapter must be done in the R. A., but after a candidate has been balloted for, M. M. Lodge may be called by the H. P. and the M. M. Degree conferred without opening the R. A. I am aware that this is not the work of some jurisdictions, and our Grand Chapter does not require that the R. A. should be opened at all convocations, but it may be inferred from the regulations that the work of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, to which you refer, is the work allowed. See proceedings of Grand Chapter 1886, page 49, under the head "quorum," this shows that a Lodge can not be opened below with a less number than is necessary to open a Chapter. We may infer that an equal number or greater, can open after the R. A. is closed, and this will be the work until the Grand Chapter changes it.

Yours, Fraternaly.

ANGUS PATERSON.

PICOLATA, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLA., Sept. 14, 1886.

*To the E. G. H. P. Angus Paterson:*

M. E. SIR AND COMPANION: Being placed in a most unpleasant position, I am impelled to come to you, as Supreme Head of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida, for advice and direction. I am a Compan-

ion of Royal Arch under the English Constitution. On my coming out to this State, four years ago, with introduction from the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of England and Grand Scribe E. S., most kindly and courteously received by both the Brethren and Companions. but was informed that to enable me to visit in Chapter, it would be necessary for me to take certain degrees necessary in R. A. Masonry in this country, but not recognized or given in that of England, viz: Mark Master, Past Master and Excellent Master. The Mark Degree I had already received from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, this being recognized here, I had only to take the two latter degrees which were conferred on me in Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and I subsequently visited both this Chapter and also Grand Chapter receiving most cordial and courteous attention. It was my intention, as I was about to settle in this State for some years, to affiliate with both a Lodge and Chapter. With the former I did so, and was last year elected to Duval Lodge, but by an event which has occurred, was prevented for applying for application to Chapter as I had intended, such intention being well known to many Companions who wished me to do so. By this occurrence I am also now prevented from either joining or even visiting. In 1885, in consequence of certain events, a resolution was passed in Grand Chapter severing fraternal relations with Grand Mark Lodge of England, and forbidding fraternal intercourse with all Mark Masons owing allegiance to that body. I was then informed quietly and courteously, by certain Companions, that in consequence, I would not be admitted to Chapter and asked not to present myself for admission.

I thus find myself as a Royal Arch Mason owing allegiance to a body, viz: G. Royal Arch Chapter of England in amiable relations with G. R. A. Chapter of Florida and one in which Mark Degree is not given debarred from fraternal intercourse with Companions in Florida, and unable to enter a Chapter in which I have had conferred on me (after paying the fees) two degrees, for the reason that I hold my mark under the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

It is a position of great unpleasantness and peculiarity, in which I must come to you, M. E. sir, for direction and guidance, as I feel it hard that as a genuine Royal Arch Mason belonging to a body recognised and in the most friendly and fraternal relations with a corresponding body in this State, I am yet prevented from visiting or affiliating with the latter body after having resigned my membership in Chapters in England for that express purpose.

Hoping for that advice and guidance which I seek, I remain, M. E. Sir and Companion, yours truly and Fraternaly,

CHARLES E. BELL,  
Master Mason, Companion, Royal Arch, Mark Master, Knight  
Templar and Knight of Malta, Grand Representative of Grand  
Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Florida.



MADISON, FLA., October 21, 1887.

Mr. Charles E. Bell, Picolata, St. Johns County, Fla.:

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION: Yours of the 14th ultimo reached me only a few days ago. The Grand Secretary sent it to me from New York. He says that he received it just before leaving home. I suppose that he expected to give it to me at the meeting of the G. G. C. at Washington, but he failed to reach there on account of sickness. He forwarded it to me since my arrival home. He has not returned yet, but will probably return on the 23d instant.

In answer to your inquiries I would say that, to my mind, there is no difficulty in your case. You state that you were a member of the G. R. A. C. of England, which is and was on fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Florida; that the three degrees, M. M., P. M. and M. E. M., are conferred in our Chapter, and not required in the Grand Chapter of England; that it would be necessary for you to take these three degrees in order that you might be healed before becoming a Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction; that you applied for and obtained these degrees, and thereby became healed and a R. A. M. in our jurisdiction. That is to say, you took two of the degrees, the P. M. and M. E. M., in Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and the M. M. you had previously taken in the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters in England, which was at the time also recognized by, and on fraternal relations with, our Grand Chapter, and that degree which you had taken was recognized by the Jacksonville Chapter; that since that time recognition and fraternal relations have been withdrawn from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England.

This action, in my opinion, does not effect you, because you have been healed and become a regular Royal Arch Mason of this jurisdiction.

See Constitution G. G. C., Article 3, Section 40.

I apprehend that you occupy the same position as if the Jacksonville Chapter had conferred all three of the degrees upon you, for that Chapter had no right to confer the P. M. and M. E. M. until the M. M. was conferred, and that Chapter recognized you as a Mark Master, hence you hold your three degrees from the Chapter at Jacksonville, by which you were healed. I see nothing in the way of your affiliating with the Chapter nearest your residence, or any one in this jurisdiction. You will have to unite in the withdrawal of recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England.

Yours fraternally,

ANGUS PATERSON,  
G. H. P., Florida.

P. S. If you desire to affiliate with a Chapter here, present your demit from the G. R. A. Chapter of England; all that will be required

of you is to be healed. You can then present the certificate of Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12; it shows that you have already taken the three degrees, and your having been recognized by our Grand Chapter. This ought to admit you as a member of any Chapter in our jurisdiction without any reference to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England, if the way be otherwise clear.

Yours fraternally,

ANGUS PATERSON,  
G. H. P., G. R. A. C., Florida.

The foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was, on motion, adopted; ordered to be referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects, and the Grand King announced Companions, Wm. M. McIntosh, J. W. Boyd and T. S. Wilmarth as said committee.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, duly seconded and adopted, the dues of Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22, were remitted to December 27, 1886.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *On Returns and Credentials.*—Wm. M. McINTOSH, CHAS. H. MUNGER, W. H. HAUSMAN.
2. *On Masonic Jurisprudence.*—F. S. GOODRICH, C. A. G. BLOMQUIST, E. A. RICHARDS.
3. *Unfinished Business.*—E. A. RICHARDS, JNO. O. BOAG, J. W. BOYD.
4. *Proposition and Grievances.*—J. W. BOYD, W. A. McLEAN, F. S. GOODRICH.
5. *On Finance and Accounts.*—T. S. WILMARTH, C. H. MUNGER, W. H. HAUSMAN.
6. *On Memorials.*—S. B. WRIGHT, W. A. McLEAN, C. H. MUNGER.
7. *On By-Laws and Dispensations.*—E. A. RICHARDS, J. W. BOYD, S. B. WRIGHT.

The dispensation and other papers of Florida Royal Arch Chapter, U. D., were presented by the Grand Secretary and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

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



1887, January 17, 3 p. m.

## PRESENT :

M. E. Angus Paterson, Grand High Priest, and others, as at the morning session, with the addition of F. S. Goodrich, Grand King, and representing St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, as King, and also Companion S. B. Wright, of said Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The following petition from St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, for relief was read, to wit :

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter, R. A. M., State of Florida :*

COMPANIONS: By order of our Chapter, I beg to present you this our petition, asking that the dues of our Chapter be remitted for the year 1886. Our Chapter Room, with all furniture, regalia and jewels, was burned in the big fire in our town, in September, 1886, and we are so impoverished as to be unable to pay our debts and to provide a new outfit. We regret to be obliged to make this request, and we do so with full confidence that in our distress we will not appeal in vain.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,

Secretary, St. Johns Chapter, No. 4.

DELAND, FLA., 16th January, A. D. 1887.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, duly seconded and adopted, the prayer of the foregoing petition was granted.

The Dispensation and other papers of Eustis Chapter, U. D., were presented by the Grand Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter :*

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials report that we have examined the returns of Chapters presented to us by the Grand Secretary and find them generally correct, and we recommend that the Grand Secretary supply the usual statistical table.

We have also examined the credentials presented and find the organization, as reported by the Grand Secretary, correct.

No matters of conflict have been referred to us, or heard of, and we congratulate the Grand Chapter upon the unbroken harmony in the assembling of this Grand Convocation and bespeak its continuance to the end.

The signs of prosperity are with us; for a time it may yet be slow, to be followed with pleasant acceleration in time not very far distant. Such, at least, we may all agree, is our fervent hope.

WM. M. McINTOSH,

CHARLES H. MUNGER,

W. H. HAUSMAN.

Committee.

M. E. Companion McLean, presented an excuse for non-attendance of M. E. Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P., and was instructed to return reciprocal greeting to said companion.

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

1887, January 18, 3 p. m.

## PRESENT :

|       |                                |                             |
|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| M. E. | ANGUS PATERSON.....            | Grand High Priest.          |
| R. E. | MARCUS ENDEL .....             | Deputy Grand High Priest.   |
| R. E. | FREDERICK S. GOODRICH.....     | Grand King.                 |
| M. E. | HENRY W. LONG, P. G. H. P..... | as Grand Scribe.            |
| R. E. | THOMAS S. WILMARTH.....        | Grand Treasurer.            |
| R. E. | C. A. J. BLOMQUIST.....        | as Grand Secretary.         |
| M. E. | WM. A. McLEAN, P. G. H. P..... | Grand Chaplain              |
| E.    | HERMAN GLOGOWSKI.....          | Grand Captain of the Host.  |
| E.    | SAMUEL B. WRIGHT.....          | Grand Principal Sojourner.  |
| E.    | JOHN O. BOAG .....             | Grand Royal Arch Captain.   |
| E.    | RAMON A. MONTSALVATGE...       | Grand Master Third Vail.    |
| E.    | CHARLES H. MUNGER.....         | Grand Master Second Vail.   |
| E.    | EDGAR A. RICHARDS.....         | as Grand Master First Vail. |
| E.    | JAMES F. CLARK.....            | Grand Guard.                |

And others, as at the foregoing session, and also M. E. Robert J. Perry, P. G. H. P., and Island Chapter No. 21, represented by R. A. Montsalvatge, H. P. and John J. Delaney, Scribe, and Gainesville Chapter No. 2, represented by M. Endel, proxy for H. P., and Julius Stark, K.



The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.  
Prayer conducted by the Grand Chaplain.  
The Special Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest beg leave to report as follows:

That so much thereof as relates to Dispensations and By-Laws be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That the rulings, decisions and recommendations thereon be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, except the recommendation to change the time of holding the Annual Sessions of the Grand Chapter, which, being a question of policy, we refer to the body of the Grand Chapter.

We recommend that the appointment of the following representatives be confirmed:

James L. Avis, near the Grand Chapter of Virginia.  
Benjamin L. Landis, near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.  
Henry R. Taylor, near the Grand Chapter of Maine.

We approve the recommendations made by the M. E. Grand High Priest of representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Florida, viz.:

Comp. W. E. Anderson, from the Grand Chapter of Virginia.  
Comp. W. A. McLean, from the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.  
Comp. Henry R. Taylor, from the Grand Chapter of Maine.

But we find that Companion Wm. M. McIntosh, of Tallahassee, was at the time the recognized representative from the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia near this Grand Chapter.

We are pleased to commend the able and efficient manner and the evident zeal and care with which our M. E. Grand High Priest discharged the manifold duties devolving upon him during his term and recommend that his address be printed in the published proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

W. M. McINTOSH,  
J. W. BOYD,  
THOMAS S. WILMARTH,  
Committee.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws report that we have considered the matters referred to us and recommended that

Concerning so much of the address of the M. E. G. H. P. as was referred to them; they recommend that the Dispensations to Island Chapter, No. 21, to meet and work, their charter having been destroyed by fire, be confirmed and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue to them a duplicate or certified copy of the Charter.

That the Dispensations granted to Eureka Chapter, No. 7, Gainesville No. 2, to Mount Moriah No. 24, and to Thos. Brown, No. 20, be approved and confirmed.

We also recommend that the stated Convocations of Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 22, being fixed for Saturday on or before each full moon be approved.

We have carefully considered the matter of new Chapters referred to us, and recommend that charters to be granted as follows, to-wit:

For Florida Royal Arch Chapter to be located in the city of Tallahassee, of which companions William M. McIntosh shall be High Priest; William A. Griffith shall be King; and Edward M. West shall be Scribe. We recommend approval of By-Laws as amended and we recommend that the Number 1 be assigned to said Chapter.

For Putnam Royal Arch Chapter to be located in the city of Palatka, of which companions William J. Winegar shall be High Priest; George P. Fowler shall be King; and Peter Gardner shall be Scribe. We recommend approval of their By-Laws; and that the Number 9 be assigned to said chapter.

For Eustis Royal Arch Chapter to be located in the town of Eustis, of which companions Daniel W. Herrick shall be High Priest; Samuel C. Fowler shall be King; Winfield S. McClelland shall be Scribe. We recommend that the proposed By-Laws be approved, and the Number 10 be assigned to said Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,  
E. A. RICHARDS,  
J. W. BOYD,  
S. B. WRIGHT,  
Committee.

The Grand Secretary entered and took his place in Grand Chapter.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

On motion adopted, Providence R. A. Chapter is allowed until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter to make returns.



M. E. William A. McLean, P. G. H. P., presented the following copy of letter posted by him which was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to-wit :

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA,  
IN GRAND ANNUAL CONVOCATION,  
AT JACKSONVILLE, January 17, 1887 }

M. E. Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P., Most Excellent Companion and  
Dear Bro. :

At the session of the Grand-Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, in Grand Annual Convocation this day, it was my pleasure to present on your behalf and in your name. Fraternal Greetings to this body, in which no member of the Royal Craft is more highly esteemed and revered. And I now have the distinguished honor and sincere pleasure of communicating to you the fact that, by unanimous vote of the Grand Chapter, it devolves upon me to express to you the regrets of this body collectively and individually resulting from your inability to be present with us on this occasion of our annual reunion, you may be well assured most excellent companion that I express the sentiment of every companion and brother in saying that your absence at this and all other times creates in our ranks a void difficult indeed to measure, but far more difficult to fill. Your unselfish devotion to duty, your zeal in the cause of Masonry will be kindly remembered and tenderly cherished by your companions in Florida, far beyond the period when you shall have surrendered the working tools of your profession.

By direction, and on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

W. A. McLEAN.

On motion of Companion Goodrich, duly seconded and adopted, the selection of Grand officers is to be the first business of the Grand Chapter at the session of Thursday next.

A ritualistic edict was made which the companions present are expected to remember. \* \* \* \* \*

R. E. Companion F. S. Goodrich made some very forcible and appropriate remarks recommending to the serious consideration of the Grand Chapter and Masonic Fraternity generally, the importance of preparing the way for and of finally erecting a Masonic Temple for the use of the Craft in Florida, whereupon the Grand Secretary offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be to call the subject matter of providing for the erection of a Masonic Temple to the attention of the Grand Lodge of Florida now in session, and that said committee be authorized to confer with any similar committee that the Grand Lodge may be pleased to appoint upon the subject.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed F. S. Goodrich, H. S. Ely, and D. C. Dawkins to constitute the special committee provided for in the foregoing resolution.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was concurred in, to-wit :

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to make the following report :

We have carefully examined the last annual report and find no unfinished business requiring our attention, the matter of procuring a new set of jewels for the Grand Chapter being in the hands of a committee who has been unable as yet to comply with the order on account of low rate of funds of the Treasury of the Grand Chapter. We would recommend the purchase of the jewels at as early a date as possible.

The question of exemplifying the several degrees of the Chapter during the annual Convocation having been brought up at previous annual Grand Convocations, we take the liberty to call the attention of this Grand Chapter to the fact that no action has yet been taken in this matter. This is a matter highly important to us all, from the fact that through the united action of the eye and ear, a lesson can be more briefly and substantially taught than by the use of the ear alone, all of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. RICHARDS,  
J. W. BOYD,  
J. O. BOAG,  
Committee.

R. E. Companion Endel moved that when the Grand Chapter be called off, that it be called to refreshment until 3 o'clock p. m. next Thursday, which motion was duly seconded and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock p. m., on Thursday the 20th inst.



1887, January 20th, 3. p. m.

PRESENT :

- M. E. ANGUS PATERSON.....Grand High Priest
- R. E. MARCUS ENDEL .....Deputy Grand High Priest
- R. E. FRED. S. GOODRICH.....Grand King
- M. E. HENRY W. LONG, P. G. H. P. ....as 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
- E. EDGAR A. RICHARDS.....Grand Chaplain of the Host
- E. SILAS B. WRIGHT.....Grand Principal Sojourner
- E. JOHN O. BOAG.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
- E. RAMON A. MONTSALVATGE, Grand Master of Third Vail
- E. CHARLES H. MUNGER.....Grand Master of Second Vail
- E. WM. M. MCINTOSH.....Grand Master of First Vail
- E. JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Guard

and others as at the session of last Tuesday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to previous appointment, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when the following were duly elected :

- ANGUS PATERSON, re-elected.....Grand High Priest.
- MARCUS ENDEL, " .....Deputy Grand High Priest.
- FREDERICK S. GOODRICH, " .....Grand King.
- RAMON A. MONTSALVTGE, elected.....Grand Scribe.
- THOMAS S. WILMARTH, re-elected.....Grand Treasurer.
- DEWITT C. DAWKINS, " .....Grand Secretary.
- WILLIAM A. MCLEAN; " .....Grand Chaplain.

On motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Charter of the late Florida R. A. Chapter, No 1, was declared forfeited, and the Charter thereof was ordered to be placed in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Since the last annual Grand Convocation your proceedings were printed and distributed as usual. By order of the Grand High Priest the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and that of this Grand Chapter were printed with the proceedings, and have doubtless been useful.

Pursuant to your instructions on page 15, Printed Proceedings, 1886, I sent a circular notice to all delinquent Chapters, or the last officers thereof, reported officially to this Grand Chapter, of which the following is a blank copy :

M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS,  
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., August, 1886.

.....R. A. Chapter No.....  
is hereby notified that charges will be preferred against it at the next Annual Convocation of said Grand Chapter, to be holden in the city of Jacksonville, commencing on the.....day of January, next, A. D. 1887, for delinquency, unless something sooner be done by said Chapter to prevent the same.

By order of the Grand Chapter.

Witness my hand and seal of said Grand Chapter.

.....  
Grand Secretary.

Notice according to the foregoing blank was sent to Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, Olive, No. 10, Mt. Horeb, No. 11, Newnansville, No. 13, Micanopy, No. 16, Concord, No. 18, Lake Butler, No. 19, Providence, No. 20, Thomas Brown, No. 22, Nassau, No. 23, and Mt. Moriah, No. 24. All other Chapters not now upon the roll being considered defunct since 1879; and see, also, proceedings of 1878.

Olive, No. 10, Newnansville, No. 13, Micanopy, No. 16, and Concord, No. 18, have long since surrendered their Charters. Thomas Brown, No. 22, has revived, and so others may do so, but the Grand Secretary is ready to prefer charges of delinquency against any Chapters when specially instructed to do so.

By resolution last year, on page 16, the Grand Secretary was instructed to compile and print the regulations of this Grand Chapter



up to that time, which he did, and put them in alphabetical order, for more practical reference and use, but it is easy to see that the compilation needs harmonizing and revising. All matters appertaining to the office of Grand Secretary are subject and in readiness for your inspection, and my statement of account is herewith submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

D. C. DAWKINS, *Grand Secretary, in Account with Grand Chapter:*

|            |                                                |           |
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| <i>Dr.</i> |                                                |           |
| Jan. 1887. | To dues of Eureka Chapter, No. 7.....          | \$40 00   |
| "          | To dues of Madison Chapter, No. 8.....         | 29 00     |
| "          | To dues of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12.....   | 40 00     |
| "          | To dues of Tampa Chapter, No. 3, for 1885..... | 21 00     |
| "          | To dues of Tampa Chapter, No. 3, for 1886..... | 21 00     |
| "          | To dues of Island Chapter, No. 21.....         | 48 00     |
| "          | To dues of Gainesville Chapter, No. 2.....     | 25 00     |
| "          | To Charter fees of Florida Chapter.....        | 50 00     |
| "          | To Charter fees of Eustis Chapter.....         | 50 00     |
| "          | To Charter fees of Putnam Chapter.....         | 50 00     |
|            |                                                | \$ 374 00 |

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| <i>Cr.</i> |                                             |        |
| 1887.      | By paid Grand Treasurer as per voucher..... | 374 00 |

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

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

|                    |                                          |                 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Dr.</i>         |                                          |                 |
| 1886.              | To balance on hand from last report..... | \$135 57        |
| January 21—        | Amount received from Grand Secretary     |                 |
| D. C. Dawkins..... |                                          | 240 00—\$375 57 |

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| <i>Cr.</i> |                                                        |                 |
| Voucher 1— | By printing proceedings 1885.....                      | 30 00           |
| " 2—       | By Grand Secretary Seal.....                           | 8 00            |
| " 3—       | By Grand Chaplain.....                                 | 10 00           |
| " 4—       | By Grand Guard.....                                    | 5 00            |
| " 5—       | By Grand Secretary, D. C. Dawkins.....                 | 150 00          |
| " 6—       | By Companion Montsalvatge, Island Chapter, No. 21..... | 20 00           |
|            | By balance.....                                        | 152 57—\$375 57 |

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| 1887        | To balance.....                                             | 152 57    |
| January 20— | To amount received from Grand Secretary, D. C. Dawkins..... | 374 00    |
|             |                                                             | \$ 526 57 |

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, presented the following report, which was received:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, respectfully report that nothing has been referred to this Committee for its consideration.

J. W. BOYD,  
F. S. GOODRICH,  
W. A. McLEAN,  
Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, made the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence report as follows: Upon matters submitted for their consideration, so much of the G. H. P. address as is referred to this Committee, be approved by the Grand Chapter with the following exception, to wit: We recommend that the General Grand Chapter ritualistic edict be considered in open Grand Chapter direct. We further recommend that the words on page 48, Printed Proceedings, 1886, as follows: "And an action of the Chapter requiring the same be done," be dropped and made to conform to ancient usage and custom, also with Article on page 50, *id.*, and with report of Committee on Jurisprudence in Convocation January, 1886, signed by our Grand H. P.

F. S. GOODRICH,  
C. A. G. BLOMQUIST,  
E. A. RICHARDS,  
Committee.

The Grand High Priest duly installed Companion Ramon A. Montsalvatge into the office of Grand Scribe, and also appointed and installed the following Grand Officers:

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| SILAS B. WRIGHT.....     | Grand Captain of the Host.   |
| JOHN O. BOAG.....        | Grand Principal Sojourner.   |
| CHARLES H. MUNGER.....   | Grand Royal Arch Captain.    |
| WILLIAM M. McINTOSH..... | Grand Master of the 3d Vail. |



JAMES W. BOYD.....Grand Master of the 2d Vail.  
 EDWARD A. RICHARDS.....Grand Master of the 1st Vail.  
 JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Guard.

Companion D. C. Dawkins proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was approved and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and await final action next year.

DISPENSATION AND PETITIONERS.

SEC. 19. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such; and no charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill, by labor, under dispensation for at least three months.

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to report that they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer \$526.57

We recommend the payment of the following bills, to-wit:

|                                                                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Printing the proceedings of 1886.....                                                | \$ 63 10 |
| Charters, returns, blanks, etc.....                                                  | 20 00    |
| Dispensations.....                                                                   | 3 00     |
| Book shelf for Grand Secretary's office.....                                         | 12 00    |
| Grand Chapter seal.....                                                              | 12 00    |
| Grand Secretary's salary.....                                                        | 150 00   |
| Grand Guard.....                                                                     | 10 00    |
| Grand Chaplain.....                                                                  | 10 00    |
| Companion R. A. Montsalvatge, Representative of Island Chapter No. 21, Key West..... | 20 00    |
|                                                                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                      | \$300 10 |
|                                                                                      | \$226 47 |

Balance.....

We recommend the purchase of jewels for this Grand Chapter.  
 We also recommend that the Grand Treasurer be empowered to pay for printing the proceedings of this Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,  
 CHAS. H. MUNGER, Chairman.  
 THOMAS S. WILMARTH.

On motion adopted, the Grand Secretary was authorized to procure a set of jewels for the Grand Chapter.

On motion adopted, the thanks of this Grand Chapter were tendered to Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, for the use of its hall.

Companion S. B. Wright offered the following resolution, which was duly seconded and adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m., on the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1888.

Companion Goodrich, for the Committee of Conference, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:

Your committee appointed to confer with similar committee from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of this State to devise ways and means and offer suggestions looking to the erection of a Masonic Temple for the use of the Fraternity in this State, would respectfully recommend that this Grand Chapter co-operate with the Grand Lodge in any action it may take in the premises.

F. S. GOODRICH, Chairman.  
 D. C. DAWKINS,  
 HENRY S. ELY.

The Grand High Priest duly installed Companion William M. McIntosh into the office of High Priest of Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, and authorized him to install the remaining officers thereof, and to fully organize said Chapter.

The Grand High Priest duly installed Companion Daniel W. Herrick into the office of High Priest of Eustis Royal Arch Chapter, No. 10, and authorized him to install the remaining officers thereof and to fully organize said Chapter.

Companion F. S. Goodrich offered the following resolution which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to revise, harmonize and systematize the regulations of this Grand Chapter, whereupon the Grand High Priest appointed as such committee, F. S. Goodrich, D. C. Dawkins, and C. H. Munger.



It appearing from the facts as presented that there was some irregularity attending the election and installation of the officers of Gainesville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, on motion duly seconded and adopted, said irregularity was declared duly healed.

The foregoing minutes of the Grand Chapter were read and confirmed.

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

*H. C. Perkins*

*Grand Secretary.*

STATISTICS AS PER RETURNS OF CHAPTERS.

| R. A. CHAPTER. |    | Number. | No. Members<br>Last Year. | Affiliated. | Exalted. | Total. | Died. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present Mem-<br>bership. |
|----------------|----|---------|---------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| *Florida       | 1  | †11     | 0                         | 3           | 14       | 0      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0         | 14                       |
| Gainesville    | 2  | 24      | 1                         | 2           | 27       | 0      | 0     | 2         | 0          | 0         | 25                       |
| Tampa          | 3  | 23      | 0                         | 0           | 23       | 2      | 1     | 0         | 0          | 0         | 29                       |
| St. Johns      | 4  | 20      | 1                         | 1           | 22       | 1      | 1     | 0         | 0          | 0         | 20                       |
| *Eureka        | 7  | 12      | 1                         | 14          | 27       | 1      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0         | 26                       |
| Madison        | 8  | 24      | 1                         | 3           | 32       | 0      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0         | 32                       |
| *Putnam        | 9  | †14     | 0                         | 3           | 17       | 0      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0         | 17                       |
| Eustis         | 10 | †9      | 0                         | 0           | 9        | 0      | 0     | 0         | 0          | 0         | 9                        |
| Jacksonville   | 12 | 37      | 1                         | 0           | 38       | 1      | 1     | 4         | 0          | 0         | 32                       |
| Island         | 21 | 48      | 0                         | 0           | 48       | 2      | 1     | 0         | 0          | 0         | 45                       |
| Thomas Brown   | 22 | 22      | 4                         | 0           | 26       | 6      | 1     | 0         | 0          | 0         | 19                       |
| Total          | 11 | 248     | 9                         | 26          | 283      | 13     | 5     | 6         | 0          | 0         | 259                      |

\* Chartered 1887.  
† Under dispensation.



CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTER.     | NO. | HIGH PRIESTS.    | KINGS.          | SCRIBES.         | TREASURERS.     | SECRETARIES.    | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|--------------|-----|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Florida      | 1   | W. M. McIntosh.  | W. A. Griffith. | E. M. West.....  |                 |                 | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville  | 2   | R. McClellan     | Julius Stark.   | I. E. Webster    | M. F. Miller    | M. Endel        | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa        | 3   | T. A. Carruth    | J. B. Wall      | D. B. Givens     | W. B. Henders'n | W. A. Givens.   | Tampa.         |
| St. Johns    | 4   | A. L. Wellman.   | F. S. Goodrich. | J. D. Ross.      | W. M. Dunn      | S. B. Wright    | DeLand.        |
| *Sa ta Rosa  | 6   | J. G. Ellis.     | R. R. Shepard   | J. G. Ward       | J. A. Chaffin   | John Carlovitz. | Milton.        |
| Eureka       | 7   | C. H. Munger     | G. W. Burden    | W. C. Stubblef'd | T. C. Gray      | W. F. Barnes.   | Orlando.       |
| Madison      | 8   | A. Paterson.     | H. J. McCall.   | J. B. Brinson    | H. J. Parramore | J. P. Peeler    | Madison        |
| Putnam       | 9   | W. J. Winegar... | Geo. P. Fowler. | P. Gardener.     |                 |                 | Palatka.       |
| Eustis       | 10  | D. W. Herriek    | S. C. Fuller.   | W. S. McClelland |                 |                 | Eustis.        |
| *Mt. Horeb   | 11  | C. McK. Oerting. | J. McDonald     | T. Stearns       | B. A. Filbert.  | G. S. Hallmark. | Pensacola.     |
| Jacksonville | 12  | W. A. McLean     | J. O. Boag      | J. I. Mackey...  | H. Koopman      | H. S. Ely       | Jacksonville.  |
| *Lake Butler | 19  |                  |                 |                  |                 | H. F. York      | Lake Butler.   |
| Providence   | 20  | J. F. Niblack.   | R. C. Martin    | A. C. Odom.      | J. H. Weeks     | W. T. Weeks     | Providence.    |
| Island       | 21  | RA Montsalvatge  | J. Y. Porter    | J. J. Delaney    | S. Filer.       | G. F. Ferguson  | Key West.      |
| Thomas Brown | 22  | J. W. Boyd       | J. T. Wilson    | F. N. Varn       | W. B. Varn.     | P. W. Daniel    | Bartow.        |
| *Nassau      | 23  | W. F. Scott.     | J. S. Lee       | A. O. McDonell.  | J. H. Prescott  | W. A. Jones     | Fernandina.    |
| Mt. Moriah   | 24  | J. B. Roberts    | H. C. Cushman   | Henry White.     | G. Forchheimer  | W. D. Maclay... | Pensacola.     |

\*No returns. Old officers.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.       | GRAND SECRETARIES.    | RESIDENCE.            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Alabama               | Daniel Sayre          | Montgomery.           |
| Arkansas              | James A. Henry.       | Little Rock.          |
| California            | Thomas S. Caswell     | San Francisco.        |
| Canada                | Dave McOlellan.       | Hamilton, Ontario.    |
| Colorado              | E. C. Parmelee        | Georgetown            |
| Connecticut           | James K. Wheeler.     | Hartford.             |
| Dakota                | Thomas J. Wilder.     | Casselton.            |
| Delaware              | James H. Price        | Wilmington.           |
| District of Columbia  | Louis G. Stephens     | Washington.           |
| England               | Frederick K. Brinklee | London, W. C.         |
| Georgia               | A. M. Wohlh           | Macon.                |
| Illinois              | Gilbert W. Barnard    | Chicago.              |
| Indiana               | John M. Brannwell     | Indianapolis.         |
| Iowa                  | John C. Parish.       | Des Moines.           |
| Ireland               | Sammuel B. Oldham     | F. M. Hall, Dublin.   |
| Kansas                | John H. Brown         | Wyanadotte.           |
| Kentucky              | Joseph H. Brannham.   | Louisville.           |
| Louisiana             | James G. Batchelor.   | Box 872, New Orleans. |
| Maine                 | Ira Berry             | Portland.             |
| Maryland              | George A. McCahan     | Baltimore.            |
| Massachusetts         | A. F. Chapman         | Boston.               |
| Michigan              | William P. Innes      | Grand Rapids.         |
| Minnesota             | A. F. C. Pierson      | St. Paul.             |
| Mississippi           | J. L. Power           | Jackson.              |
| Missouri              | W. H. Mayo.           | St. Louis.            |
| Montana               | William R. Bowen      | Omaha.                |
| Nebraska              | John D. Hammond.      | Carson City.          |
| Nevada                | George P. Cleaves     | Concord.              |
| New Hampshire         | George B. Edwards     | Jersey City.          |
| New Jersey            | Chrisopher G. Fox     | Burling.              |
| New York              | Donald W. Bain        | Hatfield.             |
| North Carolina        | Benjamin Curran.      | Raleigh.              |
| Ohio                  | Emmet V. Rhoads       | Hatfield.             |
| Oklahoma              | Rockey P. Egarhart    | Saint Paris.          |
| Oregon                | Charles E. Myer       | Portland.             |
| Pennsylvania          | David Seath.          | Mason Temple, Phil.   |
| Prince Edwards Island | William R. Greene     | Charlottetown.        |
| Rhode Island          | J. E. Butke           | Providence.           |
| South Carolina        | John Frizzell.        | Charleston.           |
| Tennessee             | Robert Brewster.      | Nashville.            |
| Texas                 | W. H. S. Whitcomb.    | Houston.              |
| Vermont               | William B. Isaacs.    | Burlington.           |
| Virginia              | W. H. Riggs           | Richmond.             |
| Washington            | T. M. Reid            | Marlshburg.           |
| West Virginia         | John W. Lathin        | Olympia.              |
| Wisconsin             | Christopher G. Fox.   | Oshkosh.              |
| Wyoming               |                       | Buffalo.              |

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.



PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

|      | GRAND<br>HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPUTY GRAND<br>HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND KINGS.      | GRAND<br>SCRIBES. | GRAND<br>TREASURER. | GRAND<br>SECRETARIES. | GRAND<br>CHAPLAINS |
|------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1847 | Thos Douglas*          | John P Duval*                 | Harry R Taylor*   | Geo W McRae*      | Edwin D Nash*       | John B Taylor*        | Edwin L T Blake    |
| 1848 | John P Duval.          | Isaac H Bronson*              | Geo W McRae*      | D S Graham*       | Thomas Brown*       | John B Taylor*        | Edwin L T Blake    |
| 1849 | Isaac H Bronson*       | Harry R Taylor*               | D S Graham*       | R A Shine*        | Thos Hayward*       | John B Taylor*        | Charles E Dyke*    |
| 1850 | Harry R Taylor*        | D S Graham*                   | R A Shine*        | Gad Humphreys*    | David C Wilson*     | John B Taylor*        | Edwin L T Blake    |
| 1851 | Thomas Brown*          | Gad Humphreys*                | Alfred A Fisher.  | Benj Sawyer       | David C Wilson*     | John B Taylor*        | Geo M McDonald     |
| 1852 | R A Shine*             | Sam'l R Stephens*             | Sam'l Boardman    | Paul G McLean     | David C Wilson*     | John B Taylor*        | Charles E Dyke*    |
| 1853 | Senal Boardman         | J M W Davidson*               | C A M Mitchell    | James S Rust*     | David C Wilson*     | John B Taylor*        | A G O'Bag          |
| 1854 | Wayles Baker*          | Thomas Y Henry*               | James Ellenwood   | Jno L McKinnon*   | David C Wilson*     | John B Taylor*        | Homier Hender      |
| 1855 | J Wayles Baker*        | Edward R Ives*                | Joseph S May      | James M Baker     | David C Wilson*     | John B Taylor*        | Homier Hender      |
| 1856 | Thos Hayward*          | Edward R Ives*                | Jno L McKinnon*   | Jas Ellenwood     | R A Shine*          | John B Taylor*        | Charles E Dyke*    |
| 1857 | Gad Humphreys*         | James Ellenwood               | Jno L McKinnon*   | David S Walker    | Thos Hayward*       | John B Taylor*        | J R Plummer        |
| 1858 | Thos Hayward*          | James Ellenwood               | D P Holland*      | Charles E Dyke*   | John T Bond*        | John B Taylor*        | John Penny*        |
| 1859 | D P Holland            | James M Baker                 | George F Baltzell | Calvin Davis*     | Thos Hayward*       | John B Taylor*        | John Penny*        |
| 1860 | Thos Y Henry*          | George F Baltzell             | George F Fisher*  | Josiah Paine      | Thos Hayward*       | John B Taylor*        | John Penny*        |
| 1861 | Geo F Baltzell         | James Ellenwood               | Frank'n Branch*   | Charles Slager*   | Thos Hayward*       | John B Taylor*        | Edwin L T Blake    |
| 1862 | Geo F Baltzell         | James Ellenwood               | Charles Slager*   | D C Dawkins       | Thos Hayward*       | John B Taylor*        | Edwin L T Blake    |
| 1863 | Geo F Baltzell         | James Ellenwood               | Green H Hunter    | W m H Arendell*   | Thos Hayward*       | John B Taylor*        | Thos A Carruth     |
| 1864 | Geo F Baltzell         | James Ellenwood               | Thos K Leonard    | W m H Arendell*   | Thos Hayward*       | John B Taylor*        | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1865 | David Jones*           | D C Dawkins                   | B S Fuller        | Elias Earle       | T Preston Tatum*    | Hugh A Corley         | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1866 | David Jones*           | D C Dawkins                   | Elias Earle       | A J Lea*          | T Preston Tatum*    | Hugh A Corley         | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1868 | Jas Ellenwood          | W m Morrill*                  | Charles Slager*   | Chas K Sparhawk*  | T Preston Tatum*    | Hugh A Corley         | Samuel C Craft     |
| 1869 | D C Dawkins            | W m Morrill*                  | Charles Slager*   | M M Hutchingson   | T Preston Tatum*    | Hugh A Corley         | W m A McLean       |
| 1870 | D C Dawkins            | M M Hutchingson               | H H Rerry*        | Michael Bowes.    | T Preston Tatum*    | Hugh A Corley         | W m A McLean       |
| 1871 | D C Dawkins            | Charles Slager*               | Charles Munde*    | Samuel Pasco      | T Preston Tatum*    | Hugh A Corley         | W m A McLean       |
| 1872 | W m Morrill*           | James Ellenwood               | William Morrill*  | Theodore Ball     | T Preston Tatum*    | Edw Bradford, Jr*     | Thos A Carruth     |
| 1873 | Michael Bowes.         | Hugh A Corley                 | John C Ley.       | James L Taylor.   | T Preston Tatum*    | W M McIntosh          | Thos A Carruth     |
| 1874 | Michael Bowes.         | Samuel Pasco                  | John S Driggs     | Benj G Alderman*  | T Preston Tatum*    | W M McIntosh          | Edwin L T Blake    |
| 1875 | Henry W Long           | John S Driggs                 | Ren G Alderman*   | David C Wilson.   | Daniel L Oakley     | De Witt C Dawkins     | Thos A Carruth     |
| 1876 | John S Driggs          | Edward P Jordan*              | W m T Weeks.      | W W Tucker.       | Daniel L Oakley     | De Witt C Dawkins     | John Penny*        |
| 1877 | John S Driggs          | Charles J Alred.              | W W Tucker.       | John T Miller.    | Daniel L Oakley     | De Witt C Dawkins     | John Penny*        |
| 1878 | John S Driggs          | George R Jones*               | W W Tucker.       | John T Miller.    | L McConibe*         | De Witt C Dawkins     | John Penny*        |

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1879 Robert J Perry.

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1883 Geo S Hallmark.

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## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER<br>GRAND JURISDICTIONS | GRAND<br>CHAPTER. | OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS<br>IN FLORIDA. |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| L A Pindal                                 | Alabama           | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| James Moffitt                              | Arkansas          | W B Barnett, Jacksonville.             |
| Roger W. Woodberry, Denver                 | Canada            | R J Perry, Key West.                   |
| John Lockie, Washington                    | Colorado          | W A McLean, Jacksonville.              |
| William L Orr                              | Dis't of Columbia | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.             |
| Elmer Crockett, South Bend                 | Illinois          | R R Shepard, Milton.                   |
| E D Hillyer, Grasshopper Fl's              | Indiana           |                                        |
| James W Statton, Brooksville               | Kansas            | W McChintock, Key West.                |
| J C Bachelor, New Orleans                  | Kentucky          | W A McLean, Jacksonville.              |
| Henry R Taylor, Machias.                   | Louisiana         | Enos Wasgate, Jacksonville.            |
| Nathan Leyman                              | Maine             | W W Tucker, Jacksonville.              |
| Alexander K Bryer                          | Maryland          | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.             |
| B H Langley, Winona                        | Massachusetts     |                                        |
| J L Powers, Jackson                        | Minnesota         |                                        |
| Rev C C Wood, Kansas City                  | Mississippi       |                                        |
| John B McCabe                              | Missouri          | H W Long, Cotton Plant.                |
| Ed L Thlow, Elizabeth                      | Nebraska          | R J Perry, Key West.                   |
| Rees G Williams, Utica                     | New Jersey        | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.             |
| B H Lands, Halifax                         | New York          | W A McLean, Jacksonville.              |
| R G Adams                                  | Nova Scotia       | R J Perry, Key West.                   |
| Charles R Cutler, Warren                   | Quebec            |                                        |
| A T Smythe, Charleston                     | Rhode Island      | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| B R Harris                                 | Scotland          | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.             |
| E C Houghton, N Bennington                 | South Carolina    | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| James L Avis                               | Tennessee         | John Carlovitz, Milton.                |
| Milburn Reid                               | Vermont           | W E Anderson, Blackwater.              |
| Thomas A Logan, Wheeling.                  | Virginia          | F S Goodrich, DeLand.                  |
| Fred Ring, Jr, Lacrosse                    | Washington Ty     |                                        |
|                                            | West Virginia     |                                        |
|                                            | Wisconsin         |                                        |

## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## M. E. GRAND CHAPTER

OF

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE STATE OF

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1888.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

### FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Hall in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, the 17th day of January, A. D. 1888, A. I. 2418.

#### PRESENT.

- |       |                                 |                                      |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| M. E. | ANGUS PATERSON . . . . .        | Grand High Priest.                   |
| R. E. | MARCUS ENDEL . . . . .          | Deputy Grand High Priest.            |
| R. E. | HENRY W. LONG . . . . .         | <i>as</i> Grand King.                |
| R. E. | RAMON A. MONTSALVATGE . . . . . | Grand Scribe.                        |
| R. E. | THOMAS S. WILMARTH . . . . .    | Grand Treasurer.                     |
| R. E. | DEWITT C. DAWKINS . . . . .     | Grand Secretary.                     |
| E.    | WILLIAM A. MCLEAN . . . . .     | Grand Chaplain.                      |
| E.    | J. W. V. R. PLUMMER . . . . .   | <i>as</i> Grand Captain of the Host. |
| E.    | JOHN O. BOAG . . . . .          | Grand Principal Sojourner.           |
| E.    | CHARLES H. MUNGER . . . . .     | Grand Royal Arch Captain.            |
| E.    | WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH . . . . .   | Grand Master Third Vail.             |
| E.    | JAMES W. BOYD . . . . .         | Grand Master Second Vail.            |
| E.    | EDGAR A. RICHARDS . . . . .     | Grand Master First Vail.             |
| E.    | JAMES F. CLARK . . . . .        | Grand Guard.                         |



Past Grand High Priests D. C. DAWKINS, H. W. LONG,  
W. A. McLEAN and W. E. ANDERSON.

Past Deputy Grand High Priest, J. W. V. R. PLUMMER.

Past Grand King, W. W. TUCKER.

Past Grand Secretary, W. M. McINTOSH.

Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters of Colorado,  
District of Columbia, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ne-  
braska, New York, Nova Scotia and Virginia.

And Constituent Chapters were represented as follows, to  
wit:

*Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1*—W. A. Griffith, H. P.; W.  
M. McIntosh, K.

*Gainesville R. A. Chapter, No. 2*—Marcus Endel, proxy for  
H. P.

*Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 3*—R. B. Thomas, proxy for  
H. P.; H. Glogowski, K.

*St. Johns R. A. Chapter, No. 4*—A. L. Wellman, proxy for  
H. P.

*Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 7*—C. H. Munger, H. P.; E. A.  
Richards, K.

*Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8*—A. Paterson, H. P.; W. S.  
Jordan, S.

*Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12*—W. A. McLean, H. P.;  
W. L. Baldwin, K.; Chas. H. Mallett, S.

*Providence R. A. Chapter, No. 20*—John F. Niblack, H. P.

*Island R. A. Chapter, No. 21*—R. A. Montsalvatge, H. P.

*Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22*—D. W. Stanley,  
H. P.

There appearing to be present, and answering to roll-call, a  
constitutional quorum and numbers, the Grand Chapter was  
opened in ample form, and the Grand Chaplain, within the Sanc-  
tuary, led in fervent and appropriate devotion.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing  
Committees, viz:

*On Returns and Credentials*—W. L. BALDWIN, H. GLOGOWSKI  
and W. S. JORDAN.

*On Unfinished Business*—J. T. NIBLACK, W. A. GRIFFITH  
and R. B. THOMAS.

*On Propositions and Grievances*—M. ENDEL, E. A. RICH-  
ARDS and D. W. STANLEY.

*On Dispensations and By-Laws*—W. A. McLEAN, J. W.  
BOYD and R. A. MONTSALVATGE.

*On Masonic Jurisprudence*—H. W. LONG, W. A. McLEAN,  
and W. W. TUCKER.

*On Finance and Accounts*—C. H. MUNGER, J. O. BOAG and  
D. W. STANLEY.

*On Memorials*—C. H. MUNGER, W. M. McINTOSH and C.  
H. MALLETT.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the  
following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials report that they  
have examined the Returns of Chapters presented to us by the  
G. S., and find the following:

Correct—1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 22, 23.

Incorrect—7 in members, 9 in members, 20 in members.

No Report—5, 6.

No Seal—10, 12, 20, 21. (Seal of 21 burned).

Florida, No. 1—W. A. Griffith, H. P.; W. M. McIntosh,  
Sr., K.

Gainesville, No. 2—Marcus Endel, for H. P.

Tampa, No. 3—H. Glogowski, K.; R. B. Thomas, proxy  
for H. P.

Eureka, No. 7—Companion Charles H. Munger, H. P.;  
Edgar A. Richards, S.

Madison, No. 8—Companion A. Paterson, M. E. H. P.;  
Wm. S. Jordan, S.

Putnam, No. 9—Officers.

Eustis, No. 10—Companion H. W. Bishop, proxy for H. P.,  
K. and S.

Jacksonville, No. 12—W. A. McLean, H. P.; W. L. Bal-  
dwin, K.; Charles H. Mallett, S.

Providence, No. 20—Companion John F. Niblack, H. P.

Island, No. 21—R. A. Montsalvatge, H. P.

Thomas Brown, No. 22—D. W. Stanley, H. P.; J. F. Wil-  
son, S.

St. Johns, No. 4—F. S. Goodrich, H. P.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. L. BALDWIN,  
H. GLOGOWSKI,  
WM. S. JORDAN.



The Grand High Priest delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

*Companions:*

Another year, with all its scenes and events, has come to a close. And as we stand at the beginning of a new year, are we encouraged to hope that it is the beginning of a new and brighter era for capitular Masonry in the State of Florida? Our Grand Chapter is young, and although its days have not been those of darkness and gloom, but rather the contrary, yet it has not attained that degree of usefulness and power that belong to those old mysteries that are ever new, and the landmarks of an order that had its origin before the dawn of history, and has kept pace with the ages, teaching the brotherhood of man and universal good will, and by its benign influence has made an impress upon the civilization of the world. It has always been one of the brightest stars in the great galaxy of institutions among men, and now sends forth a light that shows itself worthy of this golden age in which we live, and will continue through all coming time wherever man is found. This feeds the soul, that immortal part, whose aspirations fall not short of the immediate presence of the *Great I Am*.

The Mason is always searching for truth, and if he displays the swiftness, endurance and courage of those below him in the scale of being, together with the wisdom of man, his attainments will be his reward.

This institution of Masonry has been handed to us from the past ages. May we also transmit it to the generation to come unimpaired.

Several new Chapters have been formed during the year, and added to our lists. One or two old ones have been revived, and the outlook is encouraging.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

January 29. To Providence R. A. Chapter, No. 20, to elect and install officers, they having failed in time.

May 13. To St. Johns R. A. Chapter, No. 4, DeLand, to confer the degrees on Brother A. A. Stewart, who had taken two degrees in Lake City Chapter, which has since become dormant. The ruling was, that if Brother Stewart could convince the R. A. Chapter that he had taken two degrees the Chapter might confer the other degrees on him; if not, then the Chapter would confer all the degrees as on other candidates.

June 4. To Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 7, to confer the degrees before the time upon two brothers who were about to leave the State for the summer.

November. To Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8, to re-ballot for a candidate who had been rejected through mistake, provided that all would be present at the time who were present at the first ballot.

November 24. To Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12, to ballot for candidates before the expiration of the time. I being present witnessed the mark degree conferred upon the same candidates.

December 3. To Ocala Chapter, U. D., to meet and confer the degrees, at a called meeting.  
1888.

January 9. To Putnam R. A. Chapter, No. 9, to publicly install the officers elect; they having failed to install on the 27th of December.

APPOINTMENTS.

June 8. Appointed Thomas G. Reams to be Grand Representative near the Grand R. A. Chapter of Oregon, who was recommended by Wallace Baldwin, G. H. P.

RITUAL.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States adopted a ritual some years ago. It was sent out to the several Grand Chapters, to make such use of it as they might see fit; at my request it was sent to me; no one was allowed to keep it longer than eleven days; I kept it that long. I had it copied for the use of our Grand Chapter. I sent it to such as applied for it. Several of the Chapters had it, but not all of them.

I was absent from the State during the months of July, August and September; spent most of the time in England and Scotland. I visited many Lodges and some Chapters, but did not see the work of the Chapters. The work was explained; it is done mostly by lecture.

During my absence from the State, R. E. Companion Marcus Endel, D. G. H. P. transacted the business, and will communicate his official acts and doings.

I recommend that the Chapter hold its convocation at a different time from that of the Grand Lodge, say about the first of May.

I also recommend that a convention of the order of High Priesthood be formed, and that in order to get a sufficient number for the convention, the degree be conferred on all or several of the High Priests by those who have the degree.

On motion of Companion Plummer, duly seconded and adopted, the foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was



referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects, and the Deputy Grand High Priest announced Companions Plummer, Boag and Griffith as such committee.

The Deputy Grand High Priest presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Special Committee on Address of Grand High Priest:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

On June 23 I received a communication from M. E. Angus Paterson, Grand High Priest, informing me of his immediate departure from this Grand Jurisdiction, and directing me to assume the duties of Grand High Priest during his absence. I now have the honor to present for your consideration a statement of my official doings while thus acting:

July 7. I appointed E. Companion H. Scheofferes, of Houston, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Texas, and recommended for reciprocal appointment M. E. Companion Angus Paterson.

September 31. I directed our Grand Secretary to forward commission to Companion John J. Monell, of Omaha, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and for the appointment of a reciprocal representative I recommended Companion Robert McClellan, of Gainesville.

October 1. Dispensation granted to companions at Ocala to form a new Chapter, appointing Companion Henry W. Long, H. P.; Nathan Crown, K.; Edwin Spencer, S.; the petition for same being duly recommended by Gainesville Chapter, No. 2.

September 5. I received the official announcement of the death of M. E. James E. Morrison, P. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of New York, which occurred June 14, in the city of Buffalo. I immediately addressed a letter to M. E. William E. Sherer, G. H. P., expressive of the condolence of our Grand Chapter with the Companions of New York in their bereavement.

September 6. Received, through our Grand Secretary, proceedings of a convention and organization of a new Grand Chapter, in and for the Province of New Brunswick; also, a memorial circular from that Grand Body, requesting our recognition and the establishment of fraternal communication between our respective Grand Chapters. It not appearing that our Grand Chapter had appointed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the past year, and anticipating the early return of our Grand High Priest, I deemed it best to defer action in the premises, in order that the request might receive his personal attention. The Grand High Priest, however, returned the papers to me, with

the suggestion that this matter, together with everything pertaining to my administration, be reported directly to the Grand Chapter. I therefore attach herewith the proceedings and circular of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, and present same for your consideration and action.

October 22. I approved amendments to By-Laws of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, the same being in accord with our constitutional requirements.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,

D. G. H. P.

The Grand Secretary presented a petition for charter for a Chapter to be called Ocala Chapter, which was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

Companion Griffith offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the commissions of all present representatives of the Grand Chapter of Florida to other Grand Chapters shall terminate on the 24th of June, 1889, and that the terms of office of such representatives shall thereafter be three years, and that no Companion shall represent more than one Grand Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Companion J. F. Niblack moved that when the Grand Chapter be called off, that it be called to refreshment until 3:30 P. M. to-morrow, which motion was duly seconded and adopted.

Companion W. A. McLean moved that the election of Grand Officers take place during the afternoon session of to-morrow, which was duly seconded and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 3:30 P. M. to-morrow.

1888, January 18, 3:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. ANGUS PATERSON, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday, with the addition of  
 F. S. GOODRICH . . . . . Grand King.  
 R. A. MONTSALVATGE . . . . . Grand Scribe.  
 and J. F. NIBLACK . . . . . as Grand Secretary.



The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Special Committee on address of Grand High Priest presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

*To the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. H. P. and the report of the M. E. Deputy High Priest, respectfully recommend that so much thereof as relates to dispensations and by-laws be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That the rulings, decisions and recommendations be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, except the recommendation to change the time of holding the annual grand convocations of the Grand Chapter which we suggest be referred to the Grand Chapter as a whole, and except also the matter of ritual, which we recommend to be referred to a select committee for consideration.

That the appointments and recommendations made of Grand Representatives be confirmed.

That the recommendation that a convention of the Order of High Priesthood be formed, meets our hearty approval, and we respectfully recommend that this matter be referred to a special committee.

That the official announcement of the death of M. E. James E. Morrison, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of New York, be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That the matter of establishing fraternal relations with the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the Province of New Brunswick be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. W. V. R. PLUMMER,  
J. O. BOAG,  
W. A. GRIFFITH,  
Committee.

On motion of Companion Goodrich, duly seconded and adopted, the Grand High Priest appointed the following Committee on Ritual, to-wit: E. S. Goodrich, W. A. McLean, M. Endel, W. M. McIntosh.

The Grand Secretary entered and took his place.

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

On motion, duly seconded and adopted, it was decided to make no change in the time of meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws would report that they have examined the application of Ocala Chapter, U. D., copy of the Records and By-Laws of same, and would report as follows:

We recommend that a Charter be granted to Ocala Chapter, U. D., under the name of Ocala R. A. Chapter, and that No. 13 be assigned; also recommend that the By-Laws be approved and that Henry W. Long be H. P., Nathan Crown be King, and Edwin Spencer, Scribe.

Faternally submitted,

W. A. McLEAN,

J. W. BOYD,

R. ALFRED MONTSALVATGE.

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Proceedings of your last Convocation were printed and distributed as usual, and other matters appertaining to the office of Grand Secretary have been attended to.

I purchased a full set of Jewels for the Grand Chapter, at a cost of \$126, and drew upon the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the same. This was a discount of 10 per cent., and the Jewels are nice ones.

A very pretty little incident is worth recording. A brother Mason handed us a beautiful gold charm, picked up in the streets of Jacksonville, having the mark of a Mark Master Mason, with *Allen B. Strong* and *Ancient Chapter No. 1* inscribed thereon. Failing to find an owner, and finding that *Ancient Chapter No. 1* was located in the city of New York, and perhaps the oldest R. A. Chapter on the continent, I entered into correspondence with said Chapter, and found that Allen B. Strong dimitted from said Chapter in 1808. By request of said Chapter I sent it the said charm, where it is appreciated in a large collection of relics and curiosities carefully preserved. My correspondence was with the High Priest of said Chapter, M. E. Companion Edward P. Wilder, who extends a cordial invitation



to the Companions of this Grand Chapter to visit his Chapter at any convenient season, with the assurance that they may see the most antique Royal Arch work in existence, and beautiful as old.

I have collected during the year as follows:

|                                                            |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Dues for 1887, from Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1 . . . . . | \$17         |
| “ “ from Gainesville R. A. Chapter, No. 2 . . . . .        | 22           |
| “ “ from Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 3 . . . . .              | 32           |
| “ “ from Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 7 . . . . .             | 44           |
| “ “ from Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8 . . . . .            | 44           |
| “ “ from Putnam R. A. Chapter, No. 9 . . . . .             | 38           |
| “ “ from Eustis R. A. Chapter, No. 10 . . . . .            | 19           |
| “ “ from Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12 . . . . .      | 67           |
| “ “ from Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 20 . . . . .      | 17           |
| “ “ from Providence R. A. Chapter, No. 20 . . . . .        | 44           |
| “ “ from Island R. A. Chapter, No. 21 . . . . .            | 25           |
| “ “ from Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22 . . . . .      | 50           |
| Charter fee of Ocala R. A. Chapter, U. D . . . . .         | —            |
| <b>Total . . . . .</b>                                     | <b>\$419</b> |

Which amount has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.  
Your scrutiny is invited as to all matters appertaining to the office of the Grand Secretary.

D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Treasurer, after paying the bills recommended by the Finance Committee and ordered by the Grand Chapter, as per printed Proceedings of 1887 (see page 80), has a balance in his hands of . . . . . \$226 47  
January 19, received from Grand Secretary Dawkins . . . . . 419 00  
**Total . . . . . \$645 47**

Your Treasurer has paid the following bills, which he asks to have your approval:

|                                                 |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Printing Proceedings of 1887 . . . . .          | \$48 60         |
| Printing Certificates Grand Secretary . . . . . | 8 00            |
| Enclosing Book Case Grand Secretary . . . . .   | 6 50            |
| Printing R. A. M. Dispensations . . . . .       | 3 50            |
| Grand Chapter Jewels . . . . .                  | 126 00          |
| Binding Book Grand Secretary . . . . .          | 1 50            |
| Express on Jewels . . . . .                     | 90—             |
| <b>Total . . . . .</b>                          | <b>\$195 00</b> |

Balance at disposal of Grand Chapter . . . . . \$450 47  
Fraternally submitted,  
T. S. WILMARTH, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election of Grand Officers, when the following Companions were *all unanimously* elected to fill the offices set in apposition with their respective names, to-wit:

- MARCUS ENDEL . . . . . Grand High Priest.
- FRED. S. GOODRICH . . . . . Deputy Grand High Priest.
- WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH . . . . . Grand King.
- CHARLES H. MUNGER . . . . . Grand Scribe.
- THOMAS S. WILMARTH . . . . . Grand Treasurer.
- DEWITT C. DAWKINS . . . . . Grand Secretary.
- WILLIAM A. MCLEAN . . . . . Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Companion Goodrich, duly seconded and adopted, it was decided that the installation of the Grand Officers take place and be the first business of the session on to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

1888, January 19th, 3:30 P. M.  
PRESENT:

M. E. Angus Paterson, Grand High Priest, and others as at session of yesterday, except H. Glogowski, as Grand Scribe.  
The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.  
The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and concurred in:

*M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*  
Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to make the following report:  
We have examined the last annual report and find that there was a committee of three which was appointed by the Grand High Priest to revise, harmonize and systematise the regulations of this Grand Chapter, said Committee consisting of Companions Goodrich, Dawkins and Munger.

The exemplification of the several degrees of the Chapter, during the last Annual Convocation, and at previous Convocations, have been brought before this Grand Chapter. We are satisfied that the exemplification of the work would be appre-



ciated and instructive to those Companions in attendance on the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. F. NIBLACK, Chairman.  
M. ENDEL,  
W. A. GRIFFITH,  
D. W. STANLEY,  
E. A. RICHARDS,  
R. B. THOMAS.

The special Committee on Regulations presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

Your Committee appointed at the Annual Convocation in 1887, to revise and systematize the regulations of the Grand Chapter, would respectfully report, that they have attended that duty and would recommend that the subject of membership, on page 48, be revised and the words: "And an action of the Chapter requiring the same to be done," be dropped; and on page 50, subject of suspensions, be added the words: "After notice from the Lodge."

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. GOODRICH,  
CHAS. H. MUNGER,  
Committee.

Companion W. H. Long offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That all irregularities that may have been committed by the several Chapters, because of the omission of a clause in the Constitution in republishing the same in the Proceedings of 1886, be and are hereby healed.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to print and distribute as many copies of the missing section as may be necessary to supply the omission, with instructions for pasting in the same where it belongs.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances respectfully report that no matter requiring consideration has been referred to it.

MARCUS ENDEL,  
E. A. RICHARDS,  
D. W. STANLEY.  
Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted, viz:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence would respectfully recommend, that so much of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address as refers to Masonic Law be approved.

We would further recommend that the resolution submitted to us as the terms of office of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters, and as to our comparison, representing more than our Grand Chapter, be not approved.

H. W. LONG,  
W. A. McLEAN.

Companion Robert McClellan, being introduced by the Deputy Grand High Priest, presented his commission as Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Nebraska, near this Grand Chapter, and was received as such.

M. E. Angus Paterson presented his commission and was received as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Texas, near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

The Grand High Priest installed the following newly elected Grand Officers, to-wit:

MARCUS ENDEL . . . . . M. E. Grand High Priest.  
FRED. S. GOODRICH . . . . . R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.  
WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH . . . . . R. E. Grand King.  
CHARLES H. MUNGER . . . . . R. E. Grand Scribe.

M. E. Marcus Endel, Grand High Priest, appointed the following Grand Officers, who were duly installed by M. E. Angus Paterson, viz:

WILLIAM L. BALDWIN . . . . . Grand Captain of the Host.  
JAMES W. BOYD . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner.



EDGAR A. RICHARDS . . . . . Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
 JOHN O. BOAG . . . . . Grand Master Third Vail.  
 JOHN F. NIBLACK . . . . . Grand Master Second Vail.  
 WILLIAM A. GRIFFITH . . . . . Grand Master First Vail.  
 JAMES F. CLARK . . . . . Grand Guard.

M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., moved that when the Grand Chapter be called off, that it be called to refreshment until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, which was adopted.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following necrological report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:*

The Committee on Memorials beg leave to present the following report:

We take pleasure in announcing that the grim destroyer, Death, has made no break in our ranks since our last Grand Annual Convocation, so far as we have learned, for which we all should be truly grateful.

From correspondence we learn that the Grand Chapter of the State of New York has been bereaved by the death of the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, James E. Morrison, and that the action of our M. E. G. H. P. in that our Grand Secretary tendering the condolence of this Grand Chapter to said Grand Chapter of New York be approved by this Grand Chapter.

CHARLES H. MUNGER,  
 W. M. McINTOSH,  
 C. H. MALLETT, Committee.

The amendment proposed to the Constitution last year, on page 80 of the printed Proceedings, was taken up, put to a vote and unanimously adopted; whereby Section 19 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter was amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

DISPENSATION AND PETITIONERS.

SECTION 10. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such; and no charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill, by labor under dispensation for at least three months.

Companion F. S. Goodrich offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved,* That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 P. M., on Monday next preceding the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1889.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

1888, JANUARY 20, 10 A. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. MARCUS ENDEL . . . . . Grand High Priest.  
 R. E. WILLIAM M. McINTOSH. Grand King.  
 R. E. CHARLES H. MUNGER. . . Grand Scribe.  
 R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH. . . Grand Treasurer.  
 R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS. . . Grand Secretary.  
 R. E. WILLIAM A. McLEAN . . . Grand Chaplain.  
 E. ANGUS PATERSON . . . as Grand Captain of the Host.  
 E. JAMES W. BOYD . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner.  
 E. EDGAR A. RICHARDS. . . Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
 E. WILLIAM S. JORDAN. . . as Grand Master Third Vail.  
 E. D. W. STANLEY . . . as Grand Master of Second Vail.  
 E. W. A. GRIFFITH . . . . . Grand Master of First Vail.  
 E. JAMES F. CLARK . . . . . Grand Guard.  
 and constituent Chapters represented as before.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor with appropriate devotion.

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



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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to present the following report :

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

We have read with interest the correspondence between the Grand Secretary and M. E. Companion Edward P. Wilder, of New York, and think that the transfer of the Mark and Charm of a Companion, Allen B. Strong, to said Chapter, who dimitted therefrom in 1808, is a very pretty Masonic incident.

We find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of . . . . . \$645 47

and we recommend that the payment of the following bills be approved :

|                                        |                |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Printing Proceedings of 1887 . . . . . | \$ 48 60       |
| Printing Certificates . . . . .        | 8 00           |
| Enclosing Book Case . . . . .          | 6 50           |
| Printing Dispensations . . . . .       | 3 50           |
| Grand Chapter Jewels . . . . .         | 126 00         |
| Binding Chapter Returns . . . . .      | 1 50           |
| Express on Jewels . . . . .            | 90             |
|                                        | <hr/> \$195 00 |
|                                        | \$450 47       |

Leaving a balance of . . . . . \$450 47

We recommend the following appropriations, to-wit :

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Salary of Grand Secretary for 1887 . . . . . | \$150 00 |
| Salary Grand Chaplain . . . . .              | 10 00    |
| Salary Grand Guard . . . . .                 | 30 00    |

Leaving unappropriated, \$260.47, out of which the Grand Treasurer is authorized to pay the printing and other necessary running expenses during the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,  
CHARLES H. MUNGER,  
JOHN O. BOAG,  
D. W. STANLEY,  
Committee.

The Grand High Priest installed Companion Henry W. Long into the office of High Priest of Ocala R. A. Chapter, No. 13, and authorized him to install the remaining officers and consecrate said Chapter in due form.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed. There appearing to be no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Grand Secretary.



APPENDIX.



## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

At a Convocation of High Priests at the Masonic Hall in the City of Jacksonville, on the 19th day of January, 1888, there were present DeWitt C. Dawkins, P. G. H. P., George S. Hallmark, P. G. H. P., and James W. Boyd, P. H. P.; all of the Degree and Order of High Priesthood.

The Order of High Priesthood was duly communicated to and conferred upon the following Companions, to-wit: Angus Paterson, Henry W. Long, William A. McLean, D. Warwick Stanley, Charles H. Munger, John F. Niblack, Fred. S. Goodrich, William A. Griffith, William M. McIntosh and W. W. Tucker.

The Convocation was then called off until to-morrow.

JANUARY 20, 1888.

Convocation reassembled,

Present: Angus Paterson, Henry W. Long, Charles H. Munger, Wm. M. McIntosh, Wm. A. Griffith and James W. Boyd.

The Degree and Order of High Priesthood was regularly conferred upon Companions James F. Clark, Wm. E. Anderson, William M. Somerville and Marcus Endel—all being eligible to said Order—M. E. Angus Paterson presiding and James W. Boyd acting as Secretary.

The Convocation then dissolved.

JAMES W. BOYD,  
Secretary.

Friendly criticism upon the above record is solicited, that we may know the better how to proceed the next time.



## REGULATIONS OF 1888.

When a candidate has been rejected through a mistake, and all the voters are present, another ballot may be taken. Pages 95-103.

For exemplification of work, the presence of the G. H. P. is a sufficient basis for dispensation to ballot on a well-known candidate. Pages 95-103.

A Dispensation may issue authorizing a Chapter U. D. to meet and confer the degrees at a called meeting. Pages 95-103.

When an elected applicant is about to leave the State for the summer a dispensation may be granted to confer the degrees short of the usual time. Pages 94-103.

When a chapter fails to install its officers on the 27th of December, it may install them afterwards publicly, under a dispensation from the Grand High Priest. Pages 95-103.

When an applicant shows satisfactorily that he has taken one or more of the Chapter degrees in a regular Chapter that has since become dormant or defunct, the Chapter to which he applies may confer the remaining degrees. Pages 94-103.

The name of a Companion cannot be dropped or stricken from the roll of Chapter members in consequence of suspension or expulsion from his Lodge, until after official notice from his Lodge. Page 102. (*Changing law in 1886. Page 48.*)

Suspension from the Lodge works suspension in the Chapter. No action whatever is required on the part of the Chapter in such case, the suspension being complete in Chapter by action of the Lodge, after notice from the Lodge. Page 102. (*Changing law in 1886. Page 50.*)



STATISTICS FROM RETURNS.

| CHAPTER. |              | No. | No. Members Last Year. | Affiliated. | Exalted. | Total. | Died. | Dimittd. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present Membership. |
|----------|--------------|-----|------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|-------|----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 17       | Florida      | 1   | 17                     | 0           | 1        | 18     | 1     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 17                  |
| 18       | Gainesville  | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 1     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 24                  |
| 19       | Tampa        | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 20       | St. Johns    | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 21       | Purcell      | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 22       | Madison      | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 23       | Putnam       | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 24       | Enslin       | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 25       | Jacksonville | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 26       | Ocala        | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 27       | Providence   | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 28       | Island       | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 29       | Thomas Brown | 1   | 25                     | 0           | 0        | 25     | 0     | 0        | 0          | 0         | 25                  |
| 30       | Total        | 12  | 285                    | 14          | 62       | 361    | 7     | 9        | 1          | 0         | 364                 |

\* Chartered January, 1888.

RECAPITULATION.

|     |                   |
|-----|-------------------|
| 285 | Members last year |
| 14  | Affiliated        |
| 62  | Exalted           |
| 361 | Total             |
| 17  | Loss              |
| 344 | New at Ocala      |
| 354 | Net gain          |

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Section 23 of the Constitution is amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 23. Every member of a Chapter in good standing is entitled to one vote; but only High Priest and Past High Priests, Kings and Past Kings, Scribes and Past Scribes are eligible to the office of High Priest. 1877, page 203, and 1888, page 102.

Sec. 10. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons and in good standing as such. And no charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under dispensation for at least three months. Page 104.



CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTERS.         | No. | HIGH PRIESTS.        | KINGS.                | SCRIBES.             | TREASURERS.          | SECRETARIES.          | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | W. A. Griffith.....  | W. M. McIntosh.....   | F. M. West.....      | Robert Gamble.....   | S. A. Wauchope.....   | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | Julius Stark.....    | M. F. Miller.....     | D. W. Webb.....      | Marcus Endel.....    | Theo. A. Carroll..... | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | D. B. Giveus.....    | H. Glogowski.....     | C. R. Abbott.....    | W. B. Henderson..... | John T. Gunn.....     | Tampa.         |
| St. Johns.....    | 4   | F. S. Goodrich.....  | R. O. Knowles.....    | A. E. Glenson.....   | J. B. Jordan.....    | S. B. Wright.....     | DeLand.        |
| Santa Rosa†.....  | 6   | J. G. Ellis.....     | R. R. Sheppard.....   | J. G. Ward.....      | J. A. Chaffin.....   | .....                 | Milton.        |
| Eureka.....       | 7   | Chas. H. Munger..... | Mahlon Gore.....      | E. A. Richards.....  | Sidney E. Ives.....  | Wm. F. Barnes.....    | Orlando.       |
| Madison.....      | 8   | A. Paterson.....     | H. J. McCall.....     | W. S. Jordan.....    | H. J. Paramore.....  | J. E. Pound.....      | Madison.       |
| Putnam.....       | 9   | Wm. J. Winegar.....  | C. J. Hayes.....      | F. P. Meoserean..... | A. V. Mount.....     | C. J. Joseph.....     | Palatka.       |
| Fustis.....       | 10  | D. W. Herriek.....   | W. S. McClelland..... | S. C. Fuller.....    | H. F. Bishop.....    | H. W. Bishop.....     | Fustis.        |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | W. A. McLean.....    | W. L. Baldwin.....    | C. H. Mallett.....   | H. Koopman.....      | W. W. Tucker.....     | Jacksonville.  |
| Ocala*.....       | 13  | H. W. Long.....      | N. Crown.....         | E. Spencer.....      | .....                | .....                 | Ocala.         |
| Providence.....   | 20  | J. F. Niblack.....   | R. C. Martin.....     | J. J. Bunch.....     | B. M. Williams.....  | W. T. Weeks.....      | Providence.    |
| Island.....       | 21  | J. J. Delaney.....   | J. V. Porter.....     | Wm. McClintock.....  | Samuel Filer.....    | Geo. F. Ferguson..... | Key West.      |
| Thomas Brown..... | 22  | D. W. Stanley.....   | S. N. Page.....       | J. T. Wilson.....    | F. F. Beville.....   | J. W. Boyd.....       | Bartow.        |

†Old officers. No returns for 1886 or 1887.

\*Chartered January, 1888.

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.            | GRAND SECRETARIES.         | RESIDENCE.             |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Alabama.....               | Daniel Sayre.....          | Montgomery.            |
| Arkansas.....              | James A. Henry.....        | Little Rock.           |
| California.....            | Thomas H. Caswell.....     | San Francisco.         |
| Canada.....                | David McClellan.....       | Hamilton, Ontario.     |
| Colorado.....              | Ed. C. Parmalee.....       | Pueblo.                |
| Connecticut.....           | James K. Wheeler.....      | Hartford.              |
| Dakota.....                | Thomas J. Wilder.....      | Casselton.             |
| Delaware.....              | James H. Price.....        | Wilmington.            |
| District of Columbia.....  | Louis G. Stephens.....     | Washington.            |
| England.....               | Frederick K. Brinklee..... | London, W. C.          |
| Georgia.....               | A. M. Wolihin.....         | Macon.                 |
| Illinois.....              | Gilbert W. Barnard.....    | Chicago.               |
| Indiana.....               | John M. Bramwell.....      | Indianapolis.          |
| Iowa.....                  | John C. Parish.....        | Des Moines.            |
| Ireland.....               | Samuel B. Oldham.....      | F. M. Hall, Dublin.    |
| Kansas.....                | John H. Brown.....         | Wyandotte.             |
| Kentucky.....              | Joseph H. Branham.....     | Louisville.            |
| Louisiana.....             | James C. Batchelor.....    | Box 872, New Orleans.  |
| Maine.....                 | Ira Berry.....             | Portland.              |
| Maryland.....              | George A. McCahan.....     | Baltimore.             |
| Massachusetts.....         | A. F. Chapman.....         | Boston.                |
| Michigan.....              | William P. Innes.....      | Grand Rapids.          |
| Minnesota.....             | A. T. C. Pierson.....      | St. Paul.              |
| Mississippi.....           | J. L. Power.....           | Jackson.               |
| Missouri.....              | W. H. Mayo.....            | St. Louis.             |
| Nebraska.....              | William R. Bowen.....      | Omaha.                 |
| Nevada.....                | T. Nisbett Robertson.....  | Carson City.           |
| New Brunswick.....         | Chauncey N. Noteware.....  | St. John, N. B.        |
| New Hampshire.....         | George P. Cleaves.....     | Concord.               |
| New Jersey.....            | George B. Edwards.....     | Jersey City.           |
| New York.....              | Christopher G. Fox.....    | Buffalo.               |
| North Carolina.....        | Donald W. Bain.....        | Raleigh.               |
| Nova Scotia.....           | Benjamin Curren.....       | Halifax.               |
| Ohio.....                  | Emmet V. Rhoads.....       | Saint Paris.           |
| Oregon.....                | Rocky P. Earhart.....      | Portland.              |
| Pennsylvania.....          | Charles E. Meyer.....      | Masonic Temple, Phila. |
| Prince Edwards Island..... | G. W. Wakeford.....        | Charlottetown.         |
| Quebec.....                | David Seath.....           | Montreal.              |
| Rhode Island.....          | Wm. R. Greene.....         | Providence.            |
| South Carolina.....        | J. E. Burke.....           | Charleston.            |
| Tennessee.....             | John Frizzell.....         | Nashville.             |
| Texas.....                 | Robert Brewster.....       | Houston.               |
| Vermont.....               | Warren G. Reynolds.....    | Burlington.            |
| Virginia.....              | Wm. B. Isaacs.....         | Richmond.              |
| West Virginia.....         | W. H. Riggs.....           | Martinsburg.           |
| Washington Territory.....  | T. M. Reid.....            | Olympia.               |
| Wisconsin.....             | John W. Laffin.....        | Oshkosh.               |
| General Grand Chapter..... | Christopher G. Fox.....    | Buffalo.               |







## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER<br>GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | GRAND<br>CHAPTER.     | OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS<br>IN FLORIDA. |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| L. A. Pindal.....                           | Alabama.....          | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| James Moffit.....                           | Arkansas.....         | W B Barnett, Jacksonville.             |
| Roger W Woodberry, Denver.....              | Canada.....           | R J Perry, Key West.                   |
| John Lockie, Washington.....                | Colorado.....         | W A McLean, Jacksonville.              |
| Wm L Orr.....                               | Dist of Columbia..... | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.             |
| Elmer Crockett, South Bend.....             | Illinois.....         | R R Shepard, Milton.                   |
| E D Hillyer, Grasshopper F. M.....          | Indiana.....          | W McClintock, Key West.                |
| James W Statton, Brooksville.....           | Kansas.....           | W A McLean, Jacksonville.              |
| J C Bachelor, New Orleans.....              | Kentucky.....         | Enos Wasgate, Jacksonville.            |
| Henry R Taylor, Machias.....                | Louisiana.....        | W W Tucker, Jacksonville.              |
| Nathan Leyman.....                          | Maine.....            | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.             |
| Alexander K Bryer.....                      | Maryland.....         |                                        |
| B H Langley, Winona.....                    | Massachusetts.....    |                                        |
| J L Powers, Jackson.....                    | Minnesota.....        |                                        |
| Rev C C Wood, Kansas City.....              | Mississippi.....      |                                        |
| John J Monell, Omaha.....                   | Missouri.....         |                                        |
| Ed L Tillow, Elizabeth.....                 | Nebraska.....         | R McCellan, Gainesville.               |
| Rees G Williams, Utica.....                 | New Jersey.....       | R J Perry, Key West.                   |
| M Bows, Raleigh.....                        | New York.....         | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.             |
| B H Lands, Halifax.....                     | North Carolina.....   | W A McLean, Jacksonville.              |
| Thomas G Reams.....                         | Nova Scotia.....      |                                        |
| R G Adams.....                              | Oregon.....           | R G Perry, Key West.                   |
| Charles R Cutler, Warren.....               | Quebec.....           |                                        |
| A T Smythe, Charleston.....                 | Rhode Island.....     | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| B R Harris.....                             | Scotland.....         | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.             |
| H Shefferes, Houston.....                   | South Carolina.....   | Geo S Hallmark, Madison.               |
| E C Houghton, N Bennington.....             | Tennessee.....        | Angus Paterson, Milton.                |
| James L Avis.....                           | Texas.....            | John Cariovit, Blackwater.             |
| Millburn Reid.....                          | Vermont.....          | W E Anderson, DeLand.                  |
| Thomas A Logan, Wheeling.....               | Virginia.....         |                                        |
| Fred King, Jr, Lacrosse.....                | Washington Ty.....    |                                        |
|                                             | West Virginia.....    |                                        |
|                                             | Wisconsin.....        |                                        |

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OF

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GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,  
FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons  
of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand Convocation in  
the Masonic Hall at the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of  
3 o'clock p. m. on Monday the 14th day of January A. D. 1889,  
A. I. 2419.

PRESENT:

M. E. MARCUS ENDEL ..... Grand High Priest  
R. E. FRED S. GOODRICH ..... Deputy Grand High Priest  
R. E. SAMUEL E. WAUCHOPE ..... as Grand King  
R. E. CHARLES H. MUNGER ..... Grand Scribe  
R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH ..... Grand Treasurer  
R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS ..... Grand Secretary  
R. E. E. R. RICHARDSON ..... as Grand Chaplain  
E. ANGUS PATERSON ..... as Grand Captain of the Host  
E. JAMES W. BOYD ..... Grand Principal Sojourner  
E. JOHN H. STEPHENS ..... as Grand Royal Arch Captain  
E. P. W. DANIEL ..... as Grand Master 3d Vail  
E. JOHN F. NIBLACK ..... Grand Master 2d Vail  
E. PETER BROWN ..... as Grand Master 1st Vail  
E. JAMES F. CLARK ..... Grand Guard

Past Grand High Priests:

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,  
WILLIAM A. MCLEAN,  
ANGUS PATERSON.



M. E. Marcus Endel, G. H. P. read the following Annual Address:

COMPANIONS:

With gratification and pleasure I extend to you fraternal greeting, and a most hearty and cordial welcome to the Forty-Third Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter. By the favor of our Heavenly Benefactor we are permitted once again to assemble around our consecrated altar, and, with contrite hearts and a due appreciation of His blessings, devoutly offer up our grateful thanks for the many mercies and kindnesses accorded us in the past, and, with profound humility, pray to Him for a continuance of His divine protection.

Having assembled for the purpose of reviewing the work of the year just past, and to mark off the designs upon the trestle-board, by which the labors of the Craft can be continued during the one just commenced, let us hope that our deliberations will be marked with that spirit of brotherly love and affection, that zeal and harmony which has characterized your former faithfulness and devotion, that we may be able to discharge the duties and responsibilities resting upon us as the representatives of the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction in such a manner as shall redound to the benefit and advancement of our beloved and time honored institution.

During the summer a wide-spread calamity has befallen our State by the appearance of yellow fever in five or six communities, and the terrible scourge, so destructive to human life, has brought sorrow and affliction to many families of our brethren and companions.

Our own circle has not been spared devastation and bereavement by the ravages of the dread scourge. We are called upon to mourn the loss of several valuable and highly esteemed companions. Prominent among the victims we note Companion Wm. L. Baldwin, Grand Captain of the Host of this Grand Chapter.

Companion Baldwin was W. M. of Duval Lodge, of Jacksonville, and a member of the Grand Committee on Work in the Grand Lodge, and E. King of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12. He was a devoted member of our fraternity, and one who, in an eminent degree, embodied and illustrated the virtues which our order inculcates; a genial, kindly gentleman of unassuming and retiring demeanor, manifesting always in his daily intercourse with the fraternity and outside world a thoughtful appreciation of the object and teachings of the

Craft. He was stricken down while doing noble duty as a member of the Jacksonville Masonic Relief Committee, and died on September 4th.

A tried and true companion, may he rest in peace.

The list of our other deceased companions will be furnished to the Committee on Memorials by our Grand Secretary, that their memories may receive just tribute at the hands of the Grand Chapter.

I have received from the G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of New York, a notice of their bereavement, in the loss of M. E. John S. Perry, P. G. H. P., who died in the city of Troy, on May 30th.

I have received many letters from officers of Chapters throughout the State, requesting information, and my interpretation of the law. In every instance, however, they were answered by a reference to our State and General Grand Chapter Constitution and Regulations; therefore, I do not deem it necessary to report them.

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony reigns throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, and that our relations with the other Grand Chapters continue of the most pleasant character.

I have appointed Grand Representatives of our Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters as follows:

- Arkansas—Companion W. H. Gee, of Dardanelle.
  - Dakota—Companion John F. Schrader, of Rapid City.
  - Georgia—Companion Wm. A. Davis, of Macon.
  - Scotland—Companion Geo. Fisher, of Edinburgh.
- I have also recommended for appointment as Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near our own:
- Illinois—Companion Chas. H. Munger, of Orlando.
  - Kansas—Companion W. J. Winegar, Palatka.
  - Minnesota—Companion Wm. M. MacIntosh, Sr., Tallahassee.
  - Mississippi—P. G. H. P., S. Pasco, Monticello.
  - Nebraska—Companion J. J. Delaney, Key West.
  - North Carolina—Companion J. F. Niblack, Lake Butler.
  - Oregon—Companion Thos. S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville.
  - Rhode Island—Companion Julius Stark, Gainesville.
  - West Virginia—Companion H. W. Long, Martel.
  - Wisconsin—Companion R. B. Thomas, Tampa.
  - Georgia—P. G. H. P., D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.



The Grand Secretary takes this opportunity to suggest that, in his opinion, it would be well for the Grand Chapter to have its laws printed with this year's Proceedings, and two hundred extra copies in separate pamphlet form. This, of course, includes the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, as amended to date, and the Standing Regulations, as enacted and amended to date.

The condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida is quite encouraging, as may be easily discovered from the number of working Chapters now on the roll, compared with the status of but a few years back; but something seems to be needed to close up the gappy rank of their numbers, and thereby present a more solid appearance to our front, and make a nicer basis for assigning consistent numbers to Chapters hereafter to be organized; and this is, therefore, recommended to your consideration.

Pursuant to an order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, I issued notices to the High Priests, Kings, Scribes, Treasurers and Secretaries of Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5; Mt. Hope R. A. Chapter, No. 11; Lake Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 19; Nassau R. A. Chapter, No. 23, and Mt. Moriah R. A. Chapter, No. 24, and the following are copies of said notices:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., July, 25, 1888.

To James Turnbull, H. P.; John W. Jordan, K.; Jesse D. Cole, S.; Samuel Pasco, Tr., of Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5; Monticello, Fla.

Dear Brothers and Companions: The latest return of your said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, on file in this office, is for the year ending December 27, A. D. 1877, and you are the officers of said Chapter therein stated.

The Constitution provides that "neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues for two consecutive years, are acts for which a charter may be forfeited." I am instructed by our M. E. Grand High Priest to notify you, that unless you resume work and make returns to the Grand Chapter for this year, 1888, or else voluntarily surrender its charter, that charges will be preferred against it at the next annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in January, A. D. 1889.

Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Grand Chapter.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., July 25, 1888.

To C. McK. Oving, H. P.; James McDonald, K.; Thomas Stearn, S.; B. A. Philibert, Tr., and George S. Hallmark, Sec., of Mt. Hope R. A. Chapter, No. 11, Warrington, Fla.

Dear Brothers and Companions: The latest return of your said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, on file in this office, is for the year ending December 27, A. D. 1874, and you are the officers of said Chapter therein stated.

The Constitution provides that "neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues for two consecutive years, are acts for which a charter may be forfeited." I am instructed by our M. E. Grand High Priest to notify you, that unless you resume work and make returns to the Grand Chapter for this year, 1888, or else voluntarily surrender its charter, that charges will be preferred against it at the next annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in January, A. D. 1889.

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DEWITT C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, July 25, 1888.

To M. L. McKinney, H. P.; J. M. Johns, K.; O. B. Walton, S.; R. Thomas, Tr.; H. F. York, Sec., of Lake Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 19, Lake Butler, Fla.

Dear Brothers and Companions: The latest return of your said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, on file in this office, is for the year ending December 27, A. D. 1883, and you are the officers of said Chapter therein stated.

The Constitution provides that "neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues for two consecutive years, are acts for which a charter may be forfeited." I am instructed by our M. E. Grand High Priest to notify you, that unless you resume work and make returns to the Grand Chapter for this year, 1888, or else voluntarily surrender its charter, that charges will be preferred against it at the next annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in January, A. D. 1889.



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Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Grand Chapter.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, July 25, 1888.

To *W. F. Scott, H. P.; John M. Lee, K.; A. O. MacDonell, S.; J. H. Prescott, Tr.; W. A. Jones, Sec., of Nassau R. A. Chapter, No. 23, Fernandina, Fla.:*

DEAR BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS: The latest return of your said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, on file in this office, is for the year ending December 27, A. D. 1884, and you are the officers of said Chapter therein stated.

The Constitution provides that "neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues for two consecutive years, are acts for which a charter may be forfeited." I am instructed by our M. E. Grand High Priest to notify you, that unless you resume work and make returns to the Grand Chapter for this year, 1888, or else voluntarily surrender its charter, that charges will be preferred against it at the next annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in January, A. D. 1889.

Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Grand Chapter.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, July 25, 1888.

To *J. B. Roberts, H. P.; H. C. Cushman, K.; Henry White, S.; G. Forchimer, Tr.; A. Goldstucker as Sec., of Mt. Moriah R. A. Chapter, No. 24, Pensacola, Fla.:*

DEAR BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS: The latest return of your said Chapter, on file in this office, is for the year ending

December 27, A. D. 1882, and you are the officers of said Chapter therein stated.

The Constitution provides that "neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues for two consecutive years, are acts for which a Charter may be forfeited." I am instructed by our M. E. Grand High Priest to notify you, that unless you resume work and make returns to the Grand Chapter for this year, 1888, or else voluntarily surrender its charter, that charges will be preferred against it at the next annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in January, A. D. 1889.

Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Grand Chapter.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

One of the aforesaid notices was placed in an envelope, sealed, addressed, postage prepaid and mailed to the last known postoffice address, separately and singly, of each and every person, companion and officer named in each and all of said notices; and each and every one of said envelopes had printed thereon the words, "If not called for in 10 days, return to D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville, Fla."

The foregoing proceedings were duly reported to the M. E. Grand High Priest, and were approved by him, with the expressed hope that a revival of interest in those Chapters would result.

The notices sent to John W. Jordan, as King of Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, and to O. B. Walton, as Scribe of Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, were returned, unopened, by post to the writer, and the charter of Nassau Chapter, No. 23, was surrendered and forwarded to me by the High Priest of said Chapter.

Upon these matters being reported to the Grand High Priest, he instructed me to prefer charges, at this annual Convocation, against Jefferson Chapter, No. 5; Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 11; Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, and Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 24, which are herewith presented, as follows, to-wit:

I, DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, do hereby charge Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, located at Monticello, in Jefferson County, Florida, with delinquency, and with the violation of Section 21 of the Constitu-



tion of said Grand Chapter, in this, to-wit: that said Chapter has made no returns and paid in no dues to said Grand Chapter since for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1877.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

I, DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, do hereby charge Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11, located at Warrington, in the county of Escambia, Florida, with delinquency, and with the violation of Section 21 of the Constitution of said Grand Chapter, in this, to-wit: that said Chapter has made no returns and paid no dues to said Grand Chapter since for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1874.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

I, DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, do hereby charge Lake Butler Royal Arch Chapter, No. 19, with delinquency, and with the violation of Section 21 of the Constitution of said Grand Chapter, in this, to-wit: that the said Chapter has made no returns and paid no dues to said Grand Chapter since for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1883.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

I, DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, do hereby charge Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 24, with delinquency, and with the violation of Section 21 of the Constitution of said Grand Chapter, in this, to-wit: that said Chapter has made no returns and paid no dues to said Grand Chapter since for the Masonic year ending December, A. D. 1882.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

Since the last annual Convocation the Grand Secretary has collected and turned over to the Grand Treasurer the sum of three hundred and thirty-two dollars, and has vouchers for the same.

The Grand Secretary cheerfully submits all matters appertaining to his office to your inspection and control.

The Grand Secretary has issued all commissions or credentials ordered by the Grand High Priest; has complied with all other orders and instructions from him; and took the liberty of suggesting him for appointment of Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Dakota, near this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary feels that he can not close this report without first tendering his kindly and brotherly regards to the M. E. Grand High Priest, who has ever been a firm, yet amiable chief.

Fraternally submitted,  
D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

The foregoing report of the Grand Secretary was, on motion made, seconded and adopted, referred to the committee on Address of the Grand High Priest, for distribution.

R. E. Companion Goodrich moved that the election of Grand Officers be set down as the first business of the morning session of to-morrow; which, being duly seconded, was adopted.

On motion of R. E. Samuel A. Wauchope, all Regular Royal Arch Masons in good standing are invited to seats in this Grand Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to refreshment, with appropriate devotion conducted by the Grand Chaplain, until 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

1889, JANUARY 15, 3 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Marcus Endel, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

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

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns report: That we find the roll-call of the Grand Secretary correct, and that



therefore, the Grand Officers and other members of this Grand Chapter therein named as such are entitled to seats and to vote in this Grand Convocation.

We have examined the returns of Constituent Chapters, which have been placed in our hands by the Grand Secretary, and find very few irregularities. Numbers 3, 4, 20 and 21 have sent up their returns without seals. The seals of 4 and 20 are reported to us as being broken. We hope for a better record on this subject next time.

No. 21 reports three emeritus members and only gives the names of two. Of course only the two reported can be allowed.

Excepting what has been said as to missing seals, we find the following correct: Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12 and 20.

Fraternally submitted.

J. W. BOYD,  
JOHN F. NIBLACK,  
JAS. VEIT,  
Committee.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to election of Grand Officers, when the following were duly elected:

MARCUS ENDEL—Grand High Priest.  
FRED. S. GOODRICH—Deputy Grand High Priest.  
JAMES W. BOYD—Grand King.  
CHAS. H. MUNGER—Grand Scribe.  
THOMAS S. WILMARTH—Grand Treasurer.  
DEWITT C. DAWKINS—Grand Secretary.  
WILLIAM A. McLEAN—Grand Chaplain.

The committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest made the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The special committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and the report of the R. E. Grand Secretary, for division of subjects, and reference to appropriate committees, would respectfully report as follows, to wit:

We recommend: That all that part of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address pertaining to Dispensations granted by him be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That the necrological part thereof be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That all that part of said address which relates to delinquent Chapters, and the corresponding part of the Grand Secretary's report, be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

And that all that part of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to the printing of the Minutes, and also the recommendation to print two hundred extra copies, be referred to the committee on Finance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANGUS PATERSON,  
J. W. BOYD,  
W. A. McLEAN,  
Committee.

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

1889, JANUARY 16, 3 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Marcus Endel, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to order. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Treasurer, after paying the bills recommended by the Finance Committee and ordered by the Grand Chapter,



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| as per printed Proceedings of 1888, (see page 106) has a balance in his hands of | \$260 47 |
| January 31, Received from Grand Sec. Dawkins,                                    | 20 00    |
| Jan. 16, 1889, " " " " " "                                                       | 332 00   |
| Total,                                                                           | \$612 47 |

Your Treasurer has paid the following bills, which he asks to have your approval:

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| Printing Proceedings, 1888,    | \$48 60  |
| Printing Dispensation—DaCosta, | 5 00     |
| Trunk for Jewels,              | 75       |
| 500 Sticks,                    | 1 25     |
| 500 Letter Heads,              | 2 50     |
| Circulars—Vance,               | 1 25     |
|                                | \$59 35  |
|                                | \$553 12 |

Balance at disposal of Grand Chapter,  
Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS S. WILMARTH,  
Grand Treasurer.

The following Companions presented their credentials and were received with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry as representing Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, to wit:

MARCUS ENDEL, for Grand Chapter of Dakota.  
JULIUS STARK, for Grand Chapter of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.  
DEWITT C. DAWKINS, for Grand Chapter of Georgia.  
WILLIAM M. McINTOSH, for Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

M. E. Companion Paterson moved that the subject matter of the time and place for holding the next Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, with instructions to report by resolution or otherwise, during this Grand Convocation, which was duly seconded and adopted.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee, to whom was submitted that portion of the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest relating to Dispensations and By-Laws, beg leave to report as follows: That all dispensations granted since the last annual

convocation, and reported to this body in said address, be approved.

That amendments to By-Laws approved by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as follows:

Madison Chapter No. 8, changing time for holding regular meetings from 1st Monday in each month to 2d and 4th Wednesdays in each month; also for same Chapter, changing fees for degrees from \$20 to \$30.

For Tampa Chapter No. 3, substituting for "shall" in Article 6, Part 3d, the word "may," and adding "By a majority of the companions present," we report to this Grand Chapter for approval and confirmation.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. STEPHENS,  
ROBERT McCLELLAN,  
THOMAS S. WILMARTH,  
Committee.

The Grand High Priest installed Companion JAMES W. BOYD into the office of Grand King.

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

HERMAN GLOGOWSKI—Grand Captain of the Host.  
JOHN H. STEPHENS—Grand Principal Sojourner.  
ROBERT McCLELLAN—Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
JOHN O. BOAG—Grand Master of Third Vail.  
JOHN F. NIBLACK—Grand Master of Second Vail.  
JAMES VEIT—Grand Master of First Vail.  
JAMES F. CLARK—Grand Guard.

The Grand High Priest duly installed all the aforesaid newly appointed Grand Officers.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report, that we have examined the Proceedings of last Grand Convocation and find nothing to report for your action.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN F. NIBLACK,  
JAMES VEIT,  
PETER BROWN,  
Committee.



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

1889, JANUARY 17, 3 P. M.

PRESENT:

- M. E. MARCUS EADEL . . . . . Grand High Priest.
- R. E. FRED. S. GOODRICH . . . . . Deputy Grand High Priest.
- R. E. JAMES W. BOYD . . . . . Grand King.
- R. E. CHAS. H. MÜNGER . . . . . Grand Scribe.
- R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH . . . . . Grand Treasurer.
- R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS . . . . . Grand Secretary.
- R. E. W. A. McLEAN . . . . . Grand Chaplain.
- E. HERMAN GLOGOWSKI . . . . . Grand Captain of the Host.
- E. JOHN H. STEPHENS . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner.
- E. ROBERT McCLELLAN . . . . . Grand Royal Arch Captain.
- E. JOHN O. BOAG . . . . . Grand Master of the Third Vail.
- E. JOHN F. NIBLACK . . . . . Grand Master of the Second Vail.
- E. JAMES VEIT . . . . . Grand Master of the First Vail.
- E. JAMES F. CLARK . . . . . Grand Guard.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed. The committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances would respectfully report: That we have taken under consideration the actions of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

with reference to delinquent Chapters, and especially to numbers 11 and 24, to which our attention has been directed, and after careful consideration would recommend,

First, That this Grand Chapter do use its prerogative of mercy for *one more year* to all of said Chapters.

Second, We recommend the consolidation of numbers 11 and 24 under the charter and name of that Chapter which may have the largest number of companions going to form the new, and that the charter of the other Chapter be surrendered.

No other subject has been submitted to the attention of the committee.

Respectfully,

- S. A. WAUCHOPE,
  - C. W. JOHNSON,
  - P. W. DANIEL,
- Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, in verbal report, offered the following resolution in writing, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville at 12 m. on the first Tuesday in May, A. D. 1890, A. I. 2420.

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 as follows:

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

We find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of . . . . . \$612 47

We recommend the payment of the following bills:

|                                         |               |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Printing Proceedings of 1888, . . . . . | \$48 60       |
| Printing Dispensations, . . . . .       | 5 00          |
| Trunk for Jewels, . . . . .             | 75            |
| 500 amendment Const. slips, . . . . .   | 1 25          |
| 500 Letter Heads, . . . . .             | 2 50          |
| Circulars, . . . . .                    | 1 25—\$ 59 35 |

Leaving a balance of . . . . . \$553 12



We recommend the following appropriations, to wit:

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| Salary of Grand Secretary for 1888, . . . . .                      | \$150 00 |          |
| Salary of Grand Chaplain, . . . . .                                | 10 00    |          |
| Salary of Grand Guard, . . . . .                                   | 30 00    |          |
| Postage, and other expenses of Grand Secretary's office, . . . . . | 69 00    | \$259 00 |

Leaving unappropriated the sum of . . . . . \$254 12

We also recommend the printing of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, as recommended by the Grand Secretary in his annual report.

CHAS. H. MUNGER,  
H. GLOGOWSKI,  
Committee.

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

For two years past your Committee on Memorials have filled a sinecure—the appointment was in accordance with custom and usage, but for service within our own bounds the necessity did not exist. This year, we regret to say, the record is different.

We have very much to be thankful for, that the grim reaper who stalked through our Jurisdiction with the pestilence and desolated so many homes since our last Grand Annual Convocation, has spared so many of our companions. But we are pained to notice vacant seats, and we have received information that Death was not a stranger in other jurisdictions.

#### COMPANION SOLOMON F. HALLIDAY

Assisted in the organization of Gainesville Chapter in 1878, under a dispensation issued by Grand High Priest Wasgate, and was appointed Master of the Second Vail. He died October 24, 1888.

"Who shrinks from Death: come when he will or may,  
The night he brings will bring the rising day."

#### COMPANION M. F. MILLER

Received the degrees of Capitular Masonry in Gainesville Chapter during the month of September, 1878. He served in the office of Principal Sojourner during the years 1879, 1880 and 1884; was Secretary during 1886; Treasurer and Captain of the Host in 1887; and King in 1888. Fervency and zeal were characteristics of his nature. Regular in attendance, skillful in his work, his companions were rewarded when they honored him with office, and Gainesville Chapter mourns the loss of a beloved and useful member. He received his crown of life on the 24th of September, 1888.

"Oh! when our sun is setting may we glide  
Like summer evening down the golden tide,  
And leave behind us, as we pass away,  
Sweet starry twilight round our sleeping clay."

#### COMPANION BASIL B. BENNETT

Was born in Taylorsville, Ky., April 22, 1830. His early youth and manhood was spent in Louisville, where he studied the Universalist faith and doctrine under Dr. J. D. Williamson. He officiated as minister of the Universalist Church of Oxford, Ohio, where he resided for several years. He removed to Wabash, Ind., in 1859, where he studied medicine under Dr. H. H. Gillen. At the commencement of the civil war he entered the service of the United States as Major of the 101st Regiment Indiana Volunteers. After six months of service he resigned, on account of failing health, and went to Philadelphia, where he completed his medical studies. He rejoined his regiment as Surgeon, and remained until the close of the war. Dr. Bennett was exalted in Brooksville Chapter, No. 16, Indiana, in 1856. He removed to Volusia county, Fla., in 1877, and was a charter member of St. John's Chapter, No. 4, and of St. John's Lodge, No. 37. He was the postmaster of DeLand for eight years. While at Sea Breeze, on the Atlantic coast, he entered into rest on the 30th of July, 1888.

"How passing beautiful that sleep  
That gently falls upon the silvered brow of years,  
And shuts the weary eyelids, filled with tears,  
And opens them, never more to weep."

#### COMPANION THOMAS CHARLES GREY

Was born of English parentage, in the State of Pennsylvania. Shortly after his birth his father died, and soon after his



mother returned to England, where he remained until about sixteen years of age, when he returned to America. He finally located in New Hampshire, where he resided until he removed to Orlando, Fla., in 1883. For over three years he was connected with Sinclair's real estate agency, where his integrity and fine business qualities gained him an enviable reputation. Upon the organization of the Citizens' National Bank, of Orlando, he was tendered the position of book-keeper, which position he acceptably filled until disabled by his last illness. He was called to his eternal home December 13, 1888, leaving a wife and two young sons to mourn an irreparable loss. His funeral occurred at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, of which he was a communicant. Olivet Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, took charge of the remains, and he was buried with the honors of Christian knighthood. The Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Orlando Guards, of which bodies he was a member, joined in the funeral procession. Companion Grey assisted in the organization of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, being its first Secretary, prompt and faithful in the discharge of every duty. He was a genial companion, and a useful citizen.

"Our spear and shield no cloud of earth can dim;  
He triumphs o'er us; we conquer him."

#### COMPANION JAMES ARCHER GRESHAM

Had but a brief career as a Royal Arch Mason. He was exalted in Madison Chapter, No. 8, February 4, 1884, and died of consumption, at Welborn, Fla., April 24, 1888, in the 38th year of his age. A wife and two children mourn with us his untimely departure. He was a native of Chickasaw county, Miss., coming to Florida, with his parents, in his fourteenth year. In 1879 he embarked in business for himself, as a merchant, at Live Oak. A few years ago he removed to Welborn, uniting with Welborn Lodge, No. 13, and was engaged as farmer and merchant at the time of his death.

"Death doth not rob us of one gem;  
We mourn the casket where the priceless jewel lay,  
The while the guardian angel bears it swift away  
To grace our Father's diadem."

#### COMPANION EZRA GRAY,

A member of a Chapter in New Jersey, name and number not known, died in Jacksonville, September 15, 1888. The last

four were victims of the yellow fever, which visited Jacksonville last year.

"One by one the loved ones perished,  
But they left the chain still wound;  
Every virtue that they cherished,  
Here is found as they are found.  
Thus, in heaven,  
Blessed souls with ours are bound.

#### R. E. COMPANION WILLIAM L. BALDWIN

Died in Jacksonville, September 4, 1888. He was a member and the E. K. of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and, at the time of his death, W. M. of Duval Lodge, No. 18. He was a zealous Mason, a genial companion, and a useful citizen. To his energy and zealous attachment to the pure principles of the institution is due, in large measure, the present prosperity of the various Masonic bodies in the city of Jacksonville.

"He's dead! and wafted to the heavenly bourne,  
To gladden angels—making mortals mourn;  
Gone to that distant awe-inspiring sphere,  
Whose joys are wrung from tears of sorrow here."

#### COMPANION CHARLES S. BARON

Came to Florida about the year 1850, and settled at Biscayne, on the East Coast. In 1861 he moved to Key West. He assisted in the organization of Island Chapter, No. 21, in 1869, and the records mention him as a Past High Priest, but do not give the Jurisdiction. He was elected Treasurer of the Chapter, which office he held for six years. Dr. Baron took an interest in the various branches of our Order, and was always noted for his zeal and fidelity. He was Treasurer of Monroe Council, Royal and Select Masters, for several years. In 1872 Baron Commandery, No. 3 (named in his honor), was granted a dispensation, and he was named as the first Eminent Commander, which office he filled for three years. In the State he held important positions for long terms—Probate Judge, Deputy Collector of Revenue, etc.—and always satisfactorily discharged the duties that devolved upon him. Companion Baron was one of those genial souls that this world can ill afford to lose, sympathizing, unselfish, ever ready to minister in time of need, with open purse, or medical skill, or good advice. Af-



ter a faithful pilgrimage on Deity's footstool he went home on the 3d of November, 1888.

"Death leads the weary pilgrim home,  
Foot-sore and feeble, waiting on the hither sand;  
With death the tide he crosses, gains the heavenly strand,  
The golden harp, the starry crown."

M. E. COMPANION JOHN S. PERRY,

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, entered upon his reward for a life well spent, from the city of Troy, on the 30th of May, 1888.

This completes the record of the companions who have left us since we last met in annual convocation.

"They have laid aside the trestle-board,  
The compasses and square;  
They have resigned the purple robe  
For brighter raiment there.  
Their toil is o'er; their work is done,  
The capstone's laid, the triumph won."

Our companions have only gone before. They have merely laid down to the rest that, sooner or later, will come to us all. Let us emulate their virtues, and when the rough and rugged parts of this life have been completed, may we enter that peaceful place "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary shall find rest."

CHAS. H. MUNGER,  
For the Committee.

The foregoing Minutes were read and confirmed.

There appearing no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, with devout prayer, conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

*D. C. Dawkins*

Grand Secretary.



APPENDIX.



CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER  
OF THE UNITED STATES.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known and designated as the "GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter shall consist:

1. Of the following officers, that is to say: General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Principal Sojourner, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, Three General Grand Masters of the Vails, and General Grand Sentinel.
2. Of the Past General Grand High Priests, Past Deputy General Grand High Priests, Past General Grand Kings, and Past General Grand Scribes.
3. Of the Past Grand High Priests of Grand Chapters in this Jurisdiction.
4. Of the Grand High Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings and Grand Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the Grand Chapters in this Jurisdiction.



5. Of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the constituted Chapters chartered by the General Grand Chapter.

No one shall be, or continue an officer or member of the General Grand Chapter who is not a member in good standing of a Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

None but Present or Past High Priests shall be eligible to the first four offices in the General Grand Chapter.

The proxy of a Grand Officer must be a member of a Chapter in his own Jurisdiction. The proxy of an officer of a subordinate Chapter may be held by any affiliated Royal Arch Mason within the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

#### MEETINGS.

SEC. 3. The Stated Convocation of the General Grand Chapter shall be holden triennially, at such time and place as shall, from time to time, be designated for that purpose.

SEC. 4. Special Convocations may be called by the General Grand High Priest upon the request of the officers of three Grand Chapters, and shall be called upon the request of the Grand High Priests of ten Grand Chapters, timely notice thereof being given to all those entitled to membership in the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest, there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any convocation being held at the time appointed, he may change the time and place of the particular convocation; in which event he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary, who shall forthwith give notice to all the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

SEC. 6. No business shall be transacted in the General Grand Chapter unless nine Grand Chapters shall be represented therein.

#### POWERS.

SEC. 7. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the relations subsisting between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to Royal Arch Masons individually.

It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in those States, Districts, Republics and Territories which recognize this Jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its own immediate jurisdiction, and all that may be referred to for its decision by any Grand Chapter by formal vote; and its decision so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort.

It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted, nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapter, nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter preferred by any Subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that Jurisdiction or elsewhere; but it may, upon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference), act as final arbiter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members. It shall see that the ancient work of the Order is preserved in the several degrees, and establish uniform formulas for installation of its own officers and those of Grand and Subordinate



Chapters, for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters; and it may suspend the proceedings of any Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction in any State, District or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter, for any willful violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution, or for gross, unmasonic proceedings or conduct.

## ELECTIONS.

SEC. 8. The officers of the General Grand Chapter (except the General Grand Chaplain and Sentinel) shall be chosen at each Triennial Convocation, by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast.

The General Grand Chaplain and General Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and, in all cases, the General Grand officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

SEC. 9. Each member of the General Grand Chapter, except the General Grand Sentinel, shall have one vote in his own right, and no more; if, however, any officer of a Grand Chapter be not present, in person or by proxy, when any vote is taken, then the senior officer present shall cast the votes of those not present. Officers, or their proxies, of the subordinate Chapters shall collectively have one vote.

## COMMITTEES.

SEC. 10. At each Triennial Convocation the General Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each consisting of seven members: 1, On Credentials; 2, On Reports of General Grand Officers; 3, On Finance; 4, On Jurisprudence; 5, On Charters and Dispensations; 6, On Grievances; 7, On Correspondence; 8, On Ritual; 9, On Memorials of the Dead. The General Grand High Priest may appoint other committees as circumstances may require.

Upon these committees shall devolve such duties as may, from time to time, be required by the General Grand Chapter.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, and he has the power, to preside in the General Grand Chapter; to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it is not in session; to convene any Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; to preside therein; to inspect its proceedings, and require conformity to Masonic law, usage and custom; to require the attendance of, and information from, any General Grand officer respecting his office, and, when, in his opinion, it is proper so to do, to suspend such officer and appoint a suitable person to act in his stead until the next convocation of the General Grand Chapter, when report thereof shall be made for its action; to appoint such General Grand officers as may be necessary to fill vacancies, and to perform such other duties and exercise such other powers and prerogatives as properly pertain to the position, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 12. In case of the death, absence or inability to act of the General Grand High Priest, or a vacancy in his office, the Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, shall, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes. In the absence of all these officers the oldest Past General Grand officer present, according to rank, shall preside at all convocations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds and property of the General Grand Chapter; to pay out no money, except upon order of the General Grand Chapter, certified by the General Grand Secretary; but when the amount to be paid shall not be fixed by the General Grand Chapter the claim shall be audited and approved by the General Grand High Priest; to report to each Triennial Convocation, and oftener, if required by the General Grand Chapter, or the General Grand High Priest, the amount of his receipts and expenditures by items, and from whom received, and to whom paid, and the amount of funds and prop-



erty in his hands, and to execute and deposit with the General Grand High Priest an official bond within thirty days after his election, payable to the General Grand High Priest, and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe, or a majority of them, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, unless a different sum shall be fixed by the General Grand Chapter, conditioned that he pay or deliver, on demand, to the General Grand Chapter, or to his successor in office, or properly account for, all funds and property of the General Grand Chapter that shall come to his hands as General Grand Treasurer; and if the General Grand Treasurer-elect shall fail or refuse to execute a bond as herein required, then the General Grand High Priest shall appoint another General Grand Treasurer, who shall execute the required bond.

SEC. 14. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the General Grand Chapter; to receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and documents of the General Grand Chapter; to prepare, sign and certify all charters, dispensations and other instruments emanating from the General Grand Chapter, and, when necessary, affix its seal thereto; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the General Grand Chapter, and to pay over the same to the General Grand Treasurer; to report to each Triennial Convocation, and oftener, if required by the General Grand Chapter, or the General Grand High Priest, the amount of moneys received by him, by items, and the specific sources from which received; also, the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, that have neglected to render proper returns, and are in arrears, and such general information as to the state of the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, in this Jurisdiction, as may be proper, for the information or action of the General Grand Chapter; to conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter; to attend, with all necessary books and papers under his control, on all convocations of the General Grand Chapter; to execute and deposit with the General Grand High

Priest an official bond, within thirty days after his election, payable to the General Grand High Priest and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe, or a majority of them, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, unless a different sum shall be fixed by the General Grand Chapter, conditioned that he will promptly pay over or deliver, on demand, to the General Grand Treasurer, or properly account for, all funds or other property of the General Grand Chapter that may come to his hands as General Grand Secretary, and, if the General Grand Secretary-elect shall fail or refuse to execute such bonds as herein required, then the General Grand High Priest shall appoint another General Grand Secretary, who shall execute the required bond.

SEC. 15. The remaining General Grand officers shall perform such duties as pertain to their respective stations, according to the custom and usages of the Craft, and as may be required by the General Grand Chapter.

#### NEW CHAPTERS.

SEC. 16. The General Grand High Priest shall have power and authority, upon the petition of nine or more regular Royal Arch Masons, to grant dispensations, for a limited time, for the formation of Subordinate Chapters, under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, in all cases where the General Grand Chapter has authority to establish Chapters under the provisions of his Constitution, when, in his opinion, the good of the Craft may require the same; the time, in no case, to extend beyond the close of the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. But no new Chapter shall be thus established when there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance in this Jurisdiction, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located.

Chapters under dispensation have the same powers as chartered Chapters, except the election and installation of officers, and the rights growing out of such election and installation.



## DUTIES OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

SEC. 17. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe to improve and perfect themselves in the work and lectures pertaining to the degrees conferred in this Jurisdiction, as shall be prescribed by the General Grand Chapter, and to disseminate the same in the manner which, in their opinion, will best secure the desired end, or as may be required, from time to time, by the General Grand Chapter.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 18. The officers of every Chapter, Grand and Subordinate, in this Jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of the functions of their respective offices, and every candidate upon his admission, shall take an obligation to support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

## DEGREES.

SEC. 19. The degrees recognized by the General Grand Chapter to be conferred in Chapters in this Jurisdiction are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason.

## FEES AND DUES.

SEC. 20. The General Grand Chapter shall, from time to time, fix the amount to be paid in the treasury thereof for the organization of and as dues from subordinate Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, and also the assessments to be paid by Grand Chapters.

SEC. 21. The fees for conferring the several degrees by the Chapters in this Jurisdiction shall not be less than twenty dollars.

## APPEALS.

SEC. 22. An appeal shall, in all cases, lie to the General Grand Chapter from the decision of the General Grand High

Priest; but his opinion and decision shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter, unless it shall be otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of a majority of the members present.

## ARTICLE II.

## GRAND CHAPTERS.

SEC. 23. Whenever there shall be three Subordinate Chapters regularly chartered and constituted in any State, District, Republic or Territory by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter may be established as soon as convenience and propriety may dictate; provided, that the approbation of the General Grand High Priest shall have been first obtained. And any Grand Chapter thus established shall have and possess all the rights, privileges and prerogatives conferred upon Grand Chapters by this Constitution.

## OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 24. Grand Chapters shall consist:

1. Of the following elective officers, that is to say: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.
2. Of the following appointed officers, that is to say, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Royal Arch Captain and Grand Sentinel. Grand Chapters may, however, provide for the election of these officers, or any of them, by provisions to that effect in their Constitution or By-Laws, and may also, in the same manner, provide for the election or appointment of such other officers as they may see proper, not in contravention of this Constitution, and the usages and customs of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction.
3. Of the Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings and Past Grand Scribes of any Grand Chapter in this Jurisdiction, while they continue members of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter in which they seek admission.



4. Of the Past High Priest of the chartered Chapters under their respective Jurisdictions; also, such Past High Priests of other Jurisdictions who have removed thereto and become affiliated with a chartered Chapter, who may be elected to permanent membership by the Grand Chapter; provided, the Grand Chapter shall have first so prescribed in its Constitution or By-Laws.

5. Of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the chartered Chapters under their respective Jurisdictions, or, in their absence, then, in their stead, a representative appointed by the Chapter.

## MEETINGS.

SEC. 25. The Stated Convocations of Grand Chapters shall be holden, at least, once in every two years, and oftener, if they shall consider it expedient or necessary, and at such time and place as they shall respectively determine.

## ELECTIONS.

SEC. 26. At each Annual or Biennial Convocation the elective officers shall be chosen, by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast.

## VOTING.

SEC. 27. Each member of a Grand Chapter has one vote, and no more, in his own right; but if any officer of a Chapter is not present, in person or by proxy, his vote may be cast by the senior officer present, or, if none, by the proxy of the senior officer; if no officer or his proxy is present, the representative of the Chapter shall be entitled to three votes.

## POWERS.

SEC. 28. Grand Chapters have the sole government and superintendence, except as herein otherwise specially provided, of the several Subordinate Chapters within their respective Jurisdictions; to assign their limits, and to settle any controversies which may arise between them; and shall have

power, in such manner and under such restrictions as they may severally determine, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, to establish new Subordinate Chapters within their respective Jurisdictions.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 29. The officers of Grand Chapters shall severally perform such duties, and shall possess and enjoy such powers, prerogatives and privileges within their respective Jurisdictions as are required, possessed and enjoyed by the officers of the General Grand Chapter of like grade, under the provisions of this Constitution, so far as the same may be applicable.

Grand Chapters may require their grand officers to perform such other duties as may be deemed appropriate, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution or the usages of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

SEC. 30. Grand Secretaries of Grand Chapters shall severally make an annual communication to each other, and also to the General Grand Secretary, containing a list of grand officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the mutual benefit and information of the Grand Chapters, and shall also transmit to the General Grand Secretary a copy of all their By-Laws and Regulations, and, annually, a copy of the Proceedings to each of the officers of the General Grand Chapter.

## REVENUE.

SEC. 31. Grand Chapters may make upon the Subordinate Chapters within their respective Jurisdictions such assessments for revenue as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Grand Chapter, and may prescribe the time and manner of the payment thereof, and may also require of their respective Subordinate Chapters, at stated times, such information as to their condition as may be deemed proper, and may prescribe penalties for a failure to do these things.



## MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 32. Grand Chapters, in the formation of Subordinate Chapters in their respective Jurisdictions, shall observe the requirements and provisions of this Constitution in relation to the establishment of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, so far as the same may be applicable.

SEC. 33. Grand Chapters may concede territorial jurisdiction to each other over territory nearer to a Chapter in another Jurisdiction than to one in their own.

## ARTICLE III.

## SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SEC. 34. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this Jurisdiction shall have a dispensation or a charter, issued under the authority of the General Grand Chapter, or some Grand Chapter in this Jurisdiction; and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter in this Jurisdiction, or any member thereof, and any Chapter or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, or any member thereof, or any person exalted or advanced therein. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which was established before the adoption of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, January 27, 1798.

SEC. 35. No dispensation or charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past or Mark Masters independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SEC. 36. Charters for instituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons shall contain also the power to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King and Scribe, for the time being, to be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges.

SEC. 37. It is the duty of the High Priest of every Chapter, as appertaining to his office, to see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter by authority of which his Chapter is working be duly observed; that all the subordinate officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the transactions of the Chapter by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that the regular returns be made by the Secretary to the Grand Chapter, and the annual dues thereto be regularly and punctually paid. The charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter together at pleasure upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require a meeting. It is also his duty, together with the King and Scribe of his Chapter, to attend the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

SEC. 38. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand High Priest, or a Grand High Priest, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install officers, he shall have power and authority to appoint some Worthy High Priest, or Past High Priest, to perform the necessary ceremonies.

SEC. 39. No person having been a member of a Chapter shall be admitted a member of any Chapter in this Jurisdiction until he shall have produced a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, was dismissed and recommended, unless such Chapter has ceased to exist, in which case the certificate of the General Grand or Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction in which such Chapter had existed, as the case may be, shall be held sufficient.

SEC. 40. Chapters in this Jurisdiction are authorized to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Ex-



cellent Master on any worthy companion from without this Jurisdiction who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, to the end that he may be healed, and thereby become a regular Royal Arch Mason, free of charge. For conferring said degrees, in such cases, Chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues.

SEC. 41. No Chapter shall confer the degree of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State, District or Territory in which there is a Grand Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Subordinate Chapter nearest the place of residence of the applicant, or when the Grand Chapter has ceded the territory on which he resides.

SEC. 42. When the High Priest of a Chapter is absent, or in case of his inability to act, his powers and prerogatives shall vest in the King and Scribe in succession. In the absence of all these officers from a Stated Convocation, or a special Convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside.

#### REJECTED CANDIDATES.

SEC. 43. No Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall confer the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any other Chapter, without the consent of such rejecting Chapter, provided such Chapter be in existence.

#### QUORUM.

SEC. 44. For all purposes, except opening and closing a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 45. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any Triennial Convocation upon the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes to which the members present may be entitled;

provided, such amendment shall have been filed with the General Grand Secretary for six months, and shall have been by him included in the notice of the meeting forwarded to the members of the General Grand Chapter; provided, also, such amendment shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. The amendment so proposed may be modified in any manner by the General Grand Chapter; provided, such modification shall not alter such proposed amendment in any substantial particular.



CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,  
AS AMENDED TO JANUARY, 1889.

ARTICLE I.

STYLE.

SECTION 1. The style of this Grand Chapter shall be "THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA."

POWER AND AUTHORITY.

SEC. 2. This Grand Chapter is vested with the government and superintendence of Capitular Masonry within its territorial Jurisdiction, subject only to its obligation to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 3. This Grand Chapter shall be composed of its officers, both elected and appointed, as enumerated in sections five and seven of this Constitution, together with all Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, Past Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Secretaries, Past Grand Chaplains and Past High Priests of Chapters, who are members of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and the first three officers of each chartered Chapter working under the authority of this Grand Chapter, or their duly appointed proxies.



## ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS AND QUORUMS.

SEC. 4. The Annual Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held at such place as the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Florida may assemble, and at such time as may be designated by this Grand Chapter; and the representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum.

## ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

|                                                       |   |   |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|
| THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST, whose title is Most Excellent; |   |   |             |
| " DEPUTY GRAND H. PRIEST, whose title is Right "      | " | " | "           |
| " GRAND KING,                                         | " | " | "           |
| " GRAND SCRIBE,                                       | " | " | "           |
| " GRAND TREASURER,                                    | " | " | "           |
| " GRAND SECRETARY,                                    | " | " | " and       |
| " GRAND CHAPLAIN,                                     | " | " | " Reverend. |

## ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 6. None but High Priests, or Past High Priests, shall be eligible to election to either of the first four elective grand offices above named.

## APPOINTED OFFICERS.

SEC. 7. The appointed officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST;  
 " GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER;  
 " GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN;  
 " THREE GRAND MASTERS OF THE VAILS, and  
 " GRAND GUARD, who shall be respectively styled Excellent.

## ELECTION.

SEC. 8. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter must be chosen at each Annual Grand Convocation, by ballot, and by a majority of all the votes cast. The appointed grand officers shall be selected by the Grand High Priest, and hold

during his pleasure; and all officers of this Grand Chapter must be members, in good standing, of some Chapter or Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

## INSTALLATION.

SEC. 9. The installation of the officers of this Grand Chapter must take place during the Annual Grand Convocation at which they are elected.

## MEMBERS AND QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 10. This Grand Chapter may enlarge or diminish the numbers and qualifications of its members only by a provision or change of this Constitution.

## VOTES AND VOTERS.

SEC. 11. Each and every member of this Grand Chapter present is entitled to one vote, and the Acting Grand High Priest to an additional vote in case of an equal division, and each Chapter represented to three votes.

## PAY OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 12. Each officer and one representative of each Chapter attending the Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to receive from its funds such compensation as may be appropriated from time to time by the Grand Chapter; provided, that no one shall be paid in more than one capacity.

## THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

SEC. 13. The Grand High Priest shall exercise all the executive functions of the Grand Chapter during recess, and shall at each Annual Grand Convocation communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during recess, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

## SUCCESSION IN OFFICE.

SEC. 14. In case of the death, absence from the Grand Jurisdiction, or inability of the Grand High Priest, the



Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe will, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes; but there is no succession to any other office.

## GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 15. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds, securities and vouchers of this Grand Chapter; to pay all orders signed by the presiding officer, and attested by the Grand Secretary, predicated upon a previous action of the Grand Chapter; to report annually to the Grand Chapter his receipts and disbursements by items, and the amount and securities in his hands.

## GRAND SECRETARY.

SEC. 16. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the Grand Chapter; to keep a registry of members of the Chapters; to receive, duly file and keep all papers and documents of the Grand Chapter; to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Chapter, and its authority; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the Grand Chapter and pay the same, without delay, to the Grand Treasurer, and report the same by items to the Grand Chapter annually; to report the Chapters that have neglected to render proper returns of their elections, members and dues; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter; to provide blank charters and dispensations for new Chapters; to furnish blanks for the annual returns of the Chapters to the Grand Chapter, and to prescribe requisite instructions for making out the same, and to perform all other duties appertaining to his office. He is authorized to certify under seal of the Grand Chapter all regular diplomas and other documents for the benefit of worthy Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, and to receive a fee of one dollar in each case. He is also the custodian of the Grand Chapter Library, the constant and steady improvement of which should be an object of his special care and attention.

## OTHER OFFICERS.

SEC. 17. It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Grand Chapter, in addition to the duties herein specified, to perform such other duties appertaining to their offices as shall, from time to time, be directed by the Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE II.

## CHAPTERS.

SEC. 18. A Chapter can only be organized by dispensation from the Grand High Priest, or charter from the Grand Chapter, and in each case only upon the application of not less than nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

## DISPENSATION AND PETITIONERS.

SEC. 19. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such. And no charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under dispensation for at least three months.

## FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

SEC. 20. The fee for a dispensation to form a new Chapter shall be five dollars to the Grand Secretary, and for a charter fifty dollars for the Grand Chapter, and five dollars for the Grand Secretary, which must accompany the petition; and a fee of ten dollars shall be paid to the Grand Chapter for all other dispensations, except such as may, for good cause, be remitted by the Grand High Priest.

## OFFICERS OF CHAPTERS.

SEC. 21. The Chartered Chapters shall consist of a High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain, of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Master of the Third Vail, Master of the Second Vail, Master of the First



Vail, and a Guard, or Sentinel, and as many members as may be congregated and working, by virtue of their charter, and at the place therein designated.

OFFICERS—WHEN AND HOW CHOSEN.

SEC. 22. The first five officers named in the last preceding section shall be elected annually by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast at the regular Convocation of the Chapter next preceding St. John's (the Evangelist) day, and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest.

VOTERS AND ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 23. Every member of a Chapter, in good standing, is entitled to one vote; but only High Priests and Past High Priests, Kings and Past Kings, Scribes and Past Scribes are eligible to the office of High Priest.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 24. The installation of Chapter officers shall take place at the time of election, or as soon thereafter as expedient.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

SEC. 25. Vacancies in elective offices of Chapters can occur only by death, resignation, dimit, or removal after election beyond the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, promotion at an election to fill vacancies, and by suspension or expulsion; but the first three elective offices cannot be vacated by resignation.

VACANCIES—HOW FILLED.

SEC. 26. A Chapter may fill vacancies in any of the elective offices, except that of High Priest, by ballot at any regular Convocation, but in case of vacancy by the High Priest, an election can only be held at a regular Convocation, the members being duly summoned for that purpose, and by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, which must be applied for by the King and Scribe, and a vote of two-thirds

of all the members present at a regular Convocation, to be certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 27. A Chapter has full power and authority to enact By-Laws for its own government in conformity to this Constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, but any By-Law inconsistent therewith is void.

DUES.

SEC. 28. A Chapter may make By-Laws regulating the payment of dues from its members, and provide penalties for the enforcement thereof; but no greater penalty shall be inflicted than the indefinite suspension of the companion in arrears, which shall expire upon the payment of his dues to the date of suspension; provided, that when a Chapter shall, in its Annual Return, report an aged or infirm companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of Chapter dues, such Chapter shall have credit therefor in the payment of its dues, and the Chapters shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from Chapter dues by the By-Laws thereof.

ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES TO THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 29. Every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall make annual returns to the Grand Chapter of all its work to the twenty-seventh of December, with a list of its officers and members, and pay into the Treasury of the Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each exaltation, and the sum of one dollar as annual dues for every member borne on the rolls at any time during the year; said sums to be due and payable at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter, and such returns shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of January in each year.

*Provided,* That when a Chapter shall, in its Annual Return, report an aged or infirm companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of Chapter dues, such Chapter shall have credit thereof in the payment



preferred in open Chapter against any member thereof, and it shall be the duty of the acting High Priest (except in cases of non-payment of dues) to appoint three disinterested companions, as commissioners, to try the accused upon said charges and specifications, and to report their proceedings thereon to the Chapter with all convenient speed, together with their conclusions and recommendations thereon, for the action of the Chapter. The decision of the Chapter shall be final, unless an appeal therefrom be taken to the Grand Chapter within six months thereafter.

In case of charges against a Chapter or High Priest, or by one Chapter against another, they shall be referred to the Grand Chapter, when in session, or during recess to the Grand High Priest; and when presented to the latter, he shall appoint three commissioners (who shall be High Priests or Past High Priests) from Chapters not interested in the case, and they shall hear, try and determine the matter, reporting their proceedings, conclusions and decisions thereon to the officer appointing them; and their decision, if approved by him, shall be final, unless appealed from as above.

#### CHARGES AGAINST HIGH PRIESTS.

Sec. 35. Charges against the High Priest of a Chapter for official misconduct must be presented during his term of office, or within one year thereafter, to the Grand High Priest, or the Grand Chapter.

#### OTHER RULES FOR TRIALS AND APPEALS.

Sec. 36. The Grand Chapter may establish such further regulations as to the mode and form of trials and appeals as it may deem expedient.

#### NEW CHAPTERS MUST BE DULY CONSTITUTED.

Sec. 37. When a charter shall issue to authorize the holding of a new Chapter, the Chapter shall be duly constituted, and its officers installed by the Grand High Priest, or his duly authorized proxy; previous to which ceremonies, no Convoca-

of its dues, and the Chapters shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from Chapter dues by the By-Laws thereof.

#### CHAPTER—HOW DISSOLVED.

Sec. 30. A Chapter can only be dissolved by act of the Grand Chapter, or by a voluntary surrender of its warrant, pursuant to a vote of a majority of its members when duly summoned for that purpose, with notice of the object of the Convocation.

#### WARRANT—HOW FORFEITED OR SUSPENDED.

Sec. 31. The charter of a Chapter can be forfeited only upon charges regularly made in Grand Chapter at its Annual Grand Convocation, of which due notice shall be given to the Chapter, and an opportunity of being heard in defense; but it may be suspended by the Grand Chapter, or Grand High Priest, at any time upon proper cause shown, until the next Annual Grand Convocation thereafter.

#### ACTS FOR WHICH A CHAPTER MAY BE RECALLED.

Sec. 32. The acts for which a charter may be forfeited are contumacy to the authority of the Grand Chapter, or the Grand High Priest; violation of the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry, or of this Constitution, or neglecting to meet for one year or more, and the non-payment of dues to the Grand Chapter for two consecutive years.

#### CHAPTER DEPRIVED OF WARRANT.

Sec. 33. The surrender or forfeiture of a charter or disclusive upon the Chapter, and its members, and carries with it all the property of the Chapter, which must, on demand, be surrendered to the Grand Chapter or its authority.

#### CHARGES AND TRIALS.

Sec. 34. Charges, with distinct specifications of the offense charged, may, by any Royal Arch Mason in good standing, be



tion of the Chapter can be legally held, nor can it be represented in this Grand Chapter.

## PRESIDING OFFICER.

SEC. 38. The High Priest shall preside at the several convocations of the Chapter, and, in case of his absence, the King and Scribe, and no other shall, in order of rank, succeed him.

## APPEAL FROM DECISION OF HIGH PRIEST.

SEC. 39. No appeal to the Chapter can be taken from the decision of the High Priest.

## CHAPTER SEAL AND BOOKS.

SEC. 40. Every chartered Chapter shall have a seal, and shall also keep the following books:

1. A Book of By-Laws, with the signatures of its members.
2. A Record Book of the proceedings of the Chapter.
3. A Register of the names of members, with the date of receiving the different degrees, etc.
4. A Book of Marks.
5. An Alphabetical List of Expulsions, Suspensions and Rejections, and such other books as the Chapter shall direct.

## PETITION AND FEES FOR DEGREES.

SEC. 41. The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a less sum than twenty dollars, which must all be paid before receiving the Mark Degree, and then only upon Master Masons, who are members of Lodges in good standing, whose petitions have been duly presented in writing at a regular Convocation, reported upon by a committee of investigation, and unanimously accepted by the Chapter.

## REJECTED CANDIDATES.

SEC. 42. A petition for the degrees having been rejected cannot again be received within six months, nor by any other Chapter than the rejecting one, without first obtaining its consent.

## JURISDICTION OVER CANDIDATES.

SEC. 43. A Chapter shall not confer the degrees upon a candidate who resides nearer some other Chapter without the consent of such Chapter, nor upon a candidate who resides in another State without consent of the Chapter in whose Jurisdiction he resides, unless he be a member in good standing of a regular Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

## PROXIES.

SEC. 44. Each chartered Chapter within this Jurisdiction is entitled to be represented in the Grand Chapter by its first three officers, but in case either of them cannot attend, he may appoint any other member of the Chapter to act as his proxy, and shall furnish such proxy a certificate of appointment over his official signature, attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

## AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 45. No amendment to this Constitution shall be made until it shall have been proposed at one Annual Grand Convocation, and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at the next Annual Grand Convocation.



REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

ADVANCEMENT.

1. The golden rule for advancement in Masonry is suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees, of which the Chapter should be fully satisfied. All the Chapter degrees cannot properly be conferred on one and the same candidate in one night.

2. The High Priest of every Chapter shall appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be fully to instruct each Mason who has received a degree before the next degree shall be conferred. *See Emergency; see Quorum.*

APRON.

3. The Royal Arch Apron is white, with crimson border.

BALLOTING.

4. All balloting takes place in the Royal Arch Degree, and all degrees conferred in a Chapter are balloted for at one and the same time.

5. When a candidate has been rejected through a mistake, and all the voters are present, another ballot may be taken.

BUSINESS.

6. No business shall be transacted at a special or called convocation other than that for which the meeting was called; the only exception to that rule would be in a case where every member of the Chapter was present at the meeting and no objection made to the transacting such other business.



7. Each Lodge must be opened and closed with its own peculiar ceremonies, as also the Chapter.

## NEW CHAPTERS.

8. When a Companion belonging to a Chapter in this Jurisdiction signs a petition for a charter for a new Chapter and pays up his dues to the Chapter in which his membership exists, he thereby severs his membership in his Chapter and becomes a member of the newly-chartered Chapter without a dimit.

9. The names of all the original members of a new Chapter should be inserted in the body of the charter.

10. It is the duty of the Grand Secretary, upon the organization of a new Chapter within this Jurisdiction, to notify the particular Chapters in which any of the chartered members formerly held their membership, and from which they have not been dimitted, that the names of these members are upon the new charter, and that they are no longer members of their former Chapter.

11. The organization of a newly chartered Chapter terminates the connection of its members with their former Chapter or Chapters respectively, hence the necessity of a certificate from the Secretary of the Chapter or Chapters to which the petitioner or petitioners belong, that such petitioners are clear upon the records, or else a dimit must accompany the application for a charter. *See Chapters U. D.*

## CHAPTERS U. D.

*See Constitution, Section 19.*

12. A Chapter under dispensation is a creation of the Grand High Priest, by virtue of a constitutional provision, Article 2, Section 18. It possesses no power or authority except such as is expressly granted in the dispensation. Its existence extends only to the first Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to which its authority, records and documents must be surrendered.

13. If a dispensation or charter be applied for, or a continuation of its dispensation, satisfactory evidence must appear that the petitioners are not in arrears for fees or dues to the chartered Chapters of which they are respectively members, otherwise their application will be refused.

14. The records of a Chapter U. D. should exhibit a fair specimen of that intelligence and regularity of proceedings which are characteristic of a well-regulated Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, before a charter be granted, and there should be evidence of fraternal prosperity.

15. Installations of Officers of a Chapter Under Dispensation is neither necessary nor proper.

16. Officers of a Chapter U. D. work under the immediate supervision and control of the Grand High Priest; and such official honors as continuously appertain to duly elected and installed High Priests do not accrue to them.

17. Before a dispensation or charter shall be granted by this Grand Chapter, or by its authority, the companions who are recommended to be the officers of the new Chapter shall appear in person before the Chapter, whose recommendation is made necessary by the constitution, and exhibit before such Chapter a full and complete exemplification of the work in the several degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, the opening and closing ceremonies and the lectures in the several degrees; and no Chapter shall recommend the applicants unless they have had complete and full proof that the applicants are fully qualified to teach the Royal Art.

## CHARTERS.

18. The Grand Secretary is instructed to record the charter or warrant heretofore issued to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction upon the request of the Chapter, on being furnished with such warrant or charter, or a copy thereof, certified under seal of the Chapter.

19. All warrants or charters hereafter issued from this Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be recorded by the Grand



Secretary in a book to be procured and kept by him for that purpose.

20. All Chapters within this Jurisdiction which resume work and show evidence thereof at the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter, shall be exempt from the payment of all dues prior to the 27th of December, A. D. 1868; otherwise their charters shall be forfeited.

#### CONVOCATIONS.

21. It is improper for Convocations of Chapters to be called to refreshment from time to time with unlimited discretion, but should be regularly closed when the business of the meeting is finished. If, from any unavoidable cause, it becomes necessary for the interest of the Chapter to postpone for a few days only the consideration of any specific subject, the Chapter may be called off to some prudently designated period for the purpose; in which event any omitted business of the Chapter may be transacted, after which the Chapter should invariably be closed.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

22. For exemplification of work, the presence of the G. H. P. is a sufficient basis for dispensation to ballot on a well-known candidate.

23. A Dispensation may issue authorizing a Chapter U. D. to meet and confer the degrees at a called meeting.

24. When an elected applicant is about to leave the State for the summer a dispensation may be granted to confer the degrees short of the usual time.

25. When a Chapter fails to install its officers on the 27th of December, it may install them afterwards publicly, under a dispensation from the Grand High Priest.

#### DUES.

26. If a companion, in good faith and in mistaking the law and custom of the case, petitions for and becomes a member of a new Chapter while he is indebted to his old one, the

old Chapter has exclusive jurisdiction of the matter, and may suspend him, which suspension will take effect in the new Chapter; but his former Chapter can charge him dues only to the date of the charter of the new one.

#### EMERGENCY.

27. No case of emergency should ever be brought to the consideration of a Chapter, and no degrees shall be conferred on an applicant until he has satisfied the examining committee of his suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees.

#### EXEMPTION.

*See Constitution, Section 28.*

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

28. Committees on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Chapter are hereby instructed to only incorporate in their reports those points of Masonic law which have been decided by other Grand Royal Arch Chapters, or such questions as are in controversy which appertain to Royal Arch Masonry, and that none other subjects shall be incorporated in said reports; and that said committees shall not present their views on said subjects, but only present the questions for the decision of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

29. Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence must be printed in the recess of the Grand Chapter and laid before the Grand Chapter on the first day of each Annual Convocation.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

30. The Grand High Priest is requested to appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter near the several sister Grand Chapters which have appointed representatives near our own, and to as many others as in his judgment he may think proper.

31. A list of Grand Representatives must be published annually with the Grand Chapter proceedings.



## INSTALLATION.

32. The ceremony of Installation of Grand Officers used by the Grand R. A. Chapter of North Carolina was adopted for the installation of the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter.

33. Installation of officers of a Chapter U. D. is neither necessary nor proper.

34. Installation cannot be denied on the ground that the officer-elect is in arrears for dues. The Chapter has the power to suspend a member for non-payment of dues, but, until such action is taken by the Chapter, the Masonic standing of the companion is not affected by the fact of his dues not having been paid.

## JURISDICTION.

35. When a candidate applying to any Subordinate Chapter under this Jurisdiction for the Chapter degrees, and his petition is received, and a part of said degrees conferred on him by such Chapter, if, after which, he absents himself from said Chapter for a term of years before receiving all of said degrees, he shall not be permitted to petition or receive in any other Chapter the remaining degrees without the consent of the Chapter in which he received a part of said degrees.

36. When an applicant shows satisfactorily that he has taken one or more of the Chapter degrees in a regular Chapter that has since become dormant or defunct, the Chapter to which he applies may confer the remaining degrees.

## MEMBERSHIP.

37. While it is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some Lodge, the fact of his holding a dimit does not affect his standing in the Chapter for at least twelve months; and we are of the opinion that even after that time, if he continues to be of good moral character, he should still be regarded in good standing in the Chapter, provided his failure to affiliate with a Lodge is not wilful, but should be the result of circumstances over which he has no control.

## MONITOR.

38. Mackey's Book of the Chapter is recommended for use of the Chapters.

## NAMES TO BE PRINTED, ETC.

39. The names, locations, times of meeting, and names of members of the Chapters under this Jurisdiction are required to be published in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

40. The Grand Secretary is required to annex to the Proceedings a list of all Past Grand Officers entitled to vote in the Grand Chapter.

## PAST MASTERS' DEGREE.

41. The degree of Past Master, as conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter, is not cognizable in a Blue Lodge.

42. The Chapters under this Jurisdiction are required, in conferring the Past Masters' Degree, to abridge the ceremonies within the narrowest constitutional limits, and to use those formerly published in the Proceedings.

43. A Past Master by degree, who has never been a Master of a Symbolic Lodge, cannot be present at conferring the Past Masters' Degree upon Masters of Symbolic Lodges.

44. The degree of Past Master is conferred in a Chapter only for the purpose of qualifying the applicant to take the degree of Royal Arch.

## PETITIONS.

45. No Chapter within this Jurisdiction shall receive the petition of a Master Mason for advancement in the Chapter degrees who is not a regular member of some Lodge, and in good standing, and who has paid all dues against him, and made due proficiency in the symbolic degrees, of which he shall produce satisfactory evidence from the Secretary of the Lodge of which he is a member before he is balloted for.



## PLACE OF MEETING.

46. Under ordinary circumstances the officers of a Chapter cannot remove to another place and hold a meeting. All meetings of the Chapter should be held at the regular place of meeting.

## PRINTING.

47. The Grand Secretary is authorized to have reprinted the exhausted Proceedings of this Grand Chapter whenever, in his opinion, it is expedient to do so.

## QUORUM.

48. After a candidate has been ballotted for and accepted, and the Chapter closed, no Lodge can be opened below with a less number than is necessary to open a Chapter.

## ROLL OF MEMBERS, CALLING, ETC.

49. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to prepare a roll, embracing the names of all Grand and Past Grand Officers, with their Masonic grade or title; also, a list of subordinate Chapters, with the names of the principal officers, so far as the same can be ascertained, and that at the opening of each Grand Convocation, as also at each daily meeting, the roll shall be called, and the names of the absentees noted; and it shall be the further duty of the Grand Secretary to note upon the minutes daily the whole proceedings, or transcribe the same, in order that they may be read at the opening of each successive meeting; also, to record the names of all members or visitors at the time of opening, as also of such as may enter during the meeting, giving to each the Masonic title or grade to which he is entitled; and that the Grand Secretary be empowered to appoint an Assistant or Deputy Grand Secretary to aid him in the discharge of the duties, whose services shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

## SUBSTITUTES.

50. The use of substitutes in conferring the degree of Royal Arch is in accordance with the laws and usages of capitular Masonry.

## SUSPENSION.

51. Suspension from the Lodge works a suspension in the Chapter. No action whatever is required on the part of the Chapter in such case, the suspension being complete in Chapter by the action of the Lodge.

52. The name of a companion cannot be dropped or stricken from the roll of Chapter members in consequence of suspension or expulsion from his Lodge until after official notice from his Lodge.

53. When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Subordinate Chapter of which that brother shall be a member, or, if not a member, within whose Jurisdiction he may reside, shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to it by any member thereof, proceed to consider and decide whether such companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Masonic functions for the period for which his suspension or expulsion from Craft Masonry continues in force.



STATISTICS FROM RETURNS.

CHAPTERS.

| No. | Membership last year. | Expelled. | Suspended. | Dismissed. | Died. | Total. | Reinstated. | Annulled. | Exalted. |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 1   | 17                    | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0     | 17     | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 2   | 26                    | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0     | 26     | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 3   | 27                    | 0         | 1          | 1          | 0     | 28     | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 4   | 18                    | 0         | 0          | 1          | 1     | 21     | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 6   | 19                    | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0     | 19     | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 7   | 35                    | 1         | 1          | 1          | 1     | 43     | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 8   | 41                    | 13        | 0          | 0          | 0     | 56     | 1           | 0         | 0        |
| 9   | 27                    | 3         | 1          | 0          | 0     | 31     | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 10  | 9                     | 4         | 0          | 0          | 0     | 15     | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 12  | 50                    | 3         | 4          | 0          | 0     | 59     | 2           | 0         | 0        |
| 13  | 17                    | 1         | 0          | 0          | 0     | 24     | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 20  | 22                    | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0     | 22     | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 21  | 43                    | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0     | 43     | 1           | 1         | 0        |
| 22  | 6                     | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0     | 6      | 0           | 0         | 0        |
| 373 | 373                   | 49        | 14         | 0          | 0     | 436    | 10          | 9         | 13       |

\* 1887; no returns for 1888.

SUMMARY.

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| No. of members last year. | 373 |
| Gain.                     | 63  |
| Total                     | 436 |
| Loss.                     | 32  |
| Net gain, 31.             | 104 |

STATISTICS FROM RETURNS.



DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTERS.         | No. HIGH PRIESTS.     | KINGS.               | SCRIBES.           | TREASURERS.         | SECRETARIES.        | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Florida.....      | 1 W A Griffith.....   | W M McIntosh.....    | E M West.....      | R M Gamble.....     | S A Wauchope.....   | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville.....  | 2 Julius Stark.....   | Mosely F Miller..... | Donald W Webb..... | Marcus Endel.....   | I E Webster.....    | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa.....        | 3 H Glogowski.....    | Thos A Carruth.....  | W B Henderson..... | R B Thomas.....     | John T Green.....   | Tampa.         |
| St. Johns.....    | 4 Silas B Wright..... | F S Goodrich.....    | R O Knowles.....   | A E Gleason.....    | J S May.....        | DeLand.        |
| Santa Rosa.....   | 6 John G Ellis.....   | R R Sheppard.....    | Wm H Jewel.....    | Jas A Chaffin.....  | John Carlovitz..... | Milton.        |
| Eureka.....       | 7 Mahlon Gore.....    | E A Richards.....    | Wm H Jewel.....    | Frank A Curtis..... | W F Barnes.....     | Orlando.       |
| Madison.....      | 8 Angus Paterson..... | W S Jordan.....      | C H Dickinson..... | H J Paramore.....   | Jas E Pound.....    | Madison.       |
| Putnam.....       | 9 T P Mercereau.....  | B L Lillienthal..... | R Barnes.....      | M Kohl.....         | M Loeb.....         | Palatka.       |
| *Eustis.....      | 10 D W Herrick.....   | W S McClelland.....  | S C Fuller.....    | H E Bishop.....     | H W Bishop.....     | Eustis.        |
| Jacksonville..... | 12 W A McLean.....    | C W Johnson.....     | J H Stephens.....  | J C Greeley.....    | A W Knight.....     | Jacksonville.  |
| Ocala.....        | 13 H W Long.....      | N Crown.....         | O G Finch.....     | Wm Fox.....         | John S Frazer.....  | Ocala.         |
| Providence.....   | 20 J F Niblack.....   | R C Masters.....     | W J Feagle.....    | B M Williams.....   | A C Odom.....       | Providence.    |
| Island.....       | 21 J J Delaney.....   | J Y Porter.....      | Warren Tyler.....  | Sam'l Filer.....    | G F Ferguson.....   | Key West.      |
| Thomas Brown..... | 22 J W Boyd.....      | Warren Tyler.....    | P W Daniel.....    | D W Stanley.....    | G A K Stevens.....  | Bartow.        |

\*1887; no returns for 1888.

DIRECTORY OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.            | GRAND SECRETARIES.        | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Alabama.....               | Myles J Greene.....       | Montgomery.    |
| Arkansas.....              | James A Henry.....        | Little Rock.   |
| California.....            | Thomas H Caswell.....     | San Francisco. |
| Canada.....                | David McClellan.....      | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Colorado.....              | Ed C Parmalee.....        | Pueblo.        |
| Connecticut.....           | Joseph K Wheeler.....     | Hartford.      |
| Dakota.....                | Thomas J Wilder.....      | Casselton.     |
| Delaware.....              | James H Price.....        | Wilmington.    |
| District of Columbia.....  | Lewis G Stephens.....     | Washington.    |
| England.....               | Frederick K Brinklee..... | London, W. C.  |
| General Grand Chapter..... | Christopher G Fox.....    | Buffalo, N. Y. |
| Georgia.....               | A M Wolihin.....          | Macon.         |
| Illinois.....              | Gilbert W Barnard.....    | Chicago.       |
| Indiana.....               | John M Bramwell.....      | Indianapolis.  |
| Iowa.....                  | Alfred Wingate.....       | Des Moines.    |
| Ireland.....               | Sam'l B Oldham.....       | Dublin.        |
| Kansas.....                | John H Brown.....         | Wyandotte.     |
| Kentucky.....              | Joseph H Branham.....     | Louisville.    |
| Louisiana.....             | James C Batchelor.....    | New Orleans.   |
| Maine.....                 | Ira Berry.....            | Portland.      |
| Maryland.....              | George L McCahan.....     | Baltimore.     |
| Massachusetts.....         | Alfred F Chapman.....     | Boston.        |
| Michigan.....              | Wm P Innis.....           | Grand Rapids.  |
| Minnesota.....             | A T C Pierson.....        | St. Paul.      |
| Mississippi.....           | J L Power.....            | Jackson.       |
| Missouri.....              | W H Mayo.....             | St. Louis.     |
| Nebraska.....              | Wm R Bowen.....           | Omaha.         |
| Nevada.....                | Chauncey N Noteware.....  | Carson City.   |
| New Brunswick.....         | T Nisbett Robertson.....  | Saint John.    |
| New Hampshire.....         | George P Cleaves.....     | Concord.       |
| New Jersey.....            | George B Edwards.....     | Jersey City.   |
| New York.....              | Christopher G Fox.....    | Buffalo.       |
| North Carolina.....        | Donald W Bain.....        | Raleigh.       |
| Nova Scotia.....           | Edwin E Curran.....       | Halifax.       |
| Ohio.....                  | Matt H Watt.....          | Chillicothe.   |
| Oregon.....                | R P Earhart.....          | Portland.      |
| Pennsylvania.....          | Charles E Meyer.....      | Philadelphia.  |
| Prince Edward Island.....  | G W Wakefield.....        | Charlottetown. |
| Quebec.....                | Joseph Mitchell.....      | Montreal.      |
| Rhode Island.....          | Wm R Greene.....          | Providence.    |
| Scotland.....              | D Murray Lyon.....        | Edinburg.      |
| South Carolina.....        | J E Burke.....            | Charleston.    |
| Tennessee.....             | John Frizzell.....        | Nashville.     |
| Texas.....                 | Robert Brewster.....      | Houston.       |
| Vermont.....               | Warren G Reynolds.....    | Burlington.    |
| Virginia.....              | Wm B Isaacs.....          | Richmond.      |
| Washington Territory.....  | Thomas M Reed.....        | Olympia.       |
| West Virginia.....         | John W Morris.....        | Wheeling.      |
| Wisconsin.....             | John W Laffin.....        | Milwaukee.     |



# PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

## GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

|           | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND KINGS.       | GRAND SCRIBES.   | GRAND TREASURERS. | GRAND SECRETARIES. | GRAND CHAPLAINS. |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1847..... | Thos Douglas*       | John P Duval*              | Harry R Taylor*    | Geo W McRae*     | Edwin D Nash*     | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1848..... | John P Duval*       | Isaac H Bronson*           | Geo W McRae*       | D S Graham*      | Thomas Brown*     | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1849..... | Isaac H Bronson*    | Harry R Taylor*            | D S Graham*        | R A Shine*       | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | Charles E Dyke*  |
| 1850..... | Harry R Taylor*     | D S Graham*                | R A Shine*         | Gad Humphreys*   | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1851..... | Thomas Brown*       | Gad Humphreys*             | Alfred A Fisher*   | Benj Sawyer*     | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Geo M McDonald   |
| 1852..... | R A Shine*          | Sam'l B Stephens*          | Sam'l Boardman*    | Dan'l G McLean*  | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Charles E Dyke*  |
| 1853..... | Sam'l Boardman*     | J M W Davidson*            | C A M Mitchell*    | James S Rust*    | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | A G Oag          |
| 1854..... | J Wayles Baker*     | Thomas Y Henry*            | James Ellenwood*   | Jno L McKinnon*  | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Homer Hender     |
| 1855..... | J Wayles Baker*     | Edward R Ives*             | Joseph S May*      | John L McKinnon* | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Homer Hender     |
| 1856..... | Thos Hayward*       | Edward R Ives*             | John L McKinnon*   | James Ellenwood* | R A Shine*        | John B Taylor*     | Charles E Dyke*  |
| 1857..... | Thos Hayward*       | James Ellenwood*           | John L McKinnon*   | David S Walker*  | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | J R Plummer      |
| 1858..... | Gad Humphreys*      | James Ellenwood*           | D P Holland*       | Charles E Dyke*  | John T Bond*      | John B Taylor*     | John Penny*      |
| 1859..... | D Y Holland         | James Ellenwood*           | George F Baltzell* | Calvin Davis*    | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | John Penny*      |

|           |                 |                   |                  |                    |                  |                   |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1860..... | Thos Y Henry*   | Geo F Baltzell*   | George D Fisher* | Josiah Paine       | Thos Hayward*    | John B Taylor*    | John Penny*     |
| 1861..... | Geo F Baltzell* | James Ellenwood*  | Franklin Branch* | Charles Slager*    | Thos Hayward*    | John B Taylor*    | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1862..... | Geo F Baltzell* | James Ellenwood*  | Charles Slager*  | D C Dawkins.       | Thos Hayward*    | John B Taylor*    | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1863..... | Geo F Baltzell* | James Ellenwood*  | Green H Hunter*  | Wm H Arendell*     | Thos Hayward*    | John B Taylor*    | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1864..... | Geo F Baltzell* | James Ellenwood*  | Thos K Leonard*  | Wm H Arendell*     | Thos Hayward*    | Hugh A Corley     | Columbus Smith* |
| 1865..... | David Jones*    | D C Dawkins.      | B S Fuller.      | Elias Earle.       | T Preston Tatum* | Hugh A Corley     | Columbus Smith* |
| 1866..... | David Jones*    | D C Dawkins.      | Elias Earle.     | A J Lea*           | T Preston Tatum* | Hugh A Corley     | Columbus Smith* |
| 1867..... | David Jones*    | Wm Morrill*       | Charles Slager*  | Chas K Sparhawk*   | T Preston Tatum* | Hugh A Corley     | Columbus Smith* |
| 1868..... | Jas Ellenwood   | Wm Morrill*       | Charles Slager*  | M M T Hutchingson  | T Preston Tatum* | Hugh A Corley     | Samuel C Craft  |
| 1869..... | D C Dawkins.    | M M T Hutchingson | H H Berry*       | Michael Bowes.     | T Preston Tatum* | Ewd Bradford, Jr. | Wm A McLean     |
| 1870..... | D C Dawkins.    | Charles Slager*   | Charles Munde*   | Samuel Pasco.      | T Preston Tatum* | Ewd Bradford, Jr. | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1871..... | D C Dawkins.    | James Ellenwood   | Wm Morrill*      | Theodore Ball.     | T Preston Tatum* | W M McIntosh.     | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1872..... | Wm Morrill*     | Hugh A Corley.    | John C Ley.      | James L Taylor.    | T Preston Tatum* | W M McIntosh.     | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1873..... | Michael Bowes.  | Samuel Pasco.     | John S Driggs.   | Benj J Alderman.   | Wm A Young.      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1874..... | Michael Bowes.  | John S Driggs.    | Ben G Alderman.  | W W Tucker.        | Wm A Young.      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1875..... | Henry W Long.   | Edward P Jordan*  | Wm T Weeks.      | John T Miller.     | Wm A Young.      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1876..... | John S Driggs.  | Charles J Alfred. | W W Tucker.      | John T Miller.     | Wm A Young.      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1877..... | John S Driggs.  | George R Jones.   | W W Tucker.      | John T Miller.     | Wm A Young.      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1878..... | Enos Wasgate.   | Robert J Perry.   | G E Wentworth*.  | George S Hallmark. | L McConihe.      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1889..... | Robert J Perry. | G E Wentworth*.   | Geo S Hallmark.  | Hugh A Corley.     | L McConihe.      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1890..... | Robert J Perry. | Geo S Hallmark.   | Wm E Anderson.   | Wm A McLean.       | L McConihe.      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |

\* Dead.



PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS-CONTINUED.

|           | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND KINGS.         | GRAND SCRIBES.        | GRAND TREASURERS. | GRAND SECRETARIES.    | GRAND CHAPLAINS. |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1881..... | W A McLean.....     | Wm E Anderson.....         | Warren F Scott.....  | John G Ellis.....     | L McConihe.....   | DeWitt C Dawkins..... | John Penny       |
| 1882..... | W A McLean.....     | Wm E Anderson.....         | Warren F Scott.....  | G S Hallmark.....     | L McConihe.....   | DeWitt C Dawkins..... | John Penny*      |
| 1883..... | Geo S Hallmark..... | Wm E Anderson.....         | Warren F Scott.....  | J W V R Plummer.....  | T S Wilmarth..... | DeWitt C Dawkins..... | John Penny*      |
| 1884..... | Wm E Anderson.....  | Warren F Scott.....        | J W V R Plummer..... | Angus Paterson.....   | T S Wilmarth..... | DeWitt C Dawkins..... | Wm A McLean      |
| 1885..... | Wm E Anderson.....  | J W V R Plummer.....       | Angus Paterson.....  | Marcus Endel.....     | T S Wilmarth..... | DeWitt C Dawkins..... | Wm A McLean      |
| 1886..... | Angus Paterson..... | Marcus Endel.....          | F S Goodrich.....    | John G Ellis.....     | T S Wilmarth..... | DeWitt C Dawkins..... | John S Whitton   |
| 1887..... | Angus Paterson..... | Marcus Endel.....          | F S Goodrich.....    | R A Montsalvatge..... | T S Wilmarth..... | DeWitt C Dawkins..... | Wm A McLean      |
| 1888..... | Marcus Endel.....   | Fred S Goodrich.....       | Wm M McIntosh.....   | Chas H Munger.....    | T S Wilmarth..... | DeWitt C Dawkins..... | Wm A McLean      |
| 1889..... | Marcus Endel.....   | Fred S Goodrich.....       | James W Boyd.....    | Chas H Munger.....    | T S Wilmarth..... | DeWitt C Dawkins..... | Wm A McLean      |

\* Dead.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | GRAND CHAPTERS.     | OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA. |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| W H Gee, Dardenell.....                  | Alabama.....        | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola           |
| James Moffit.....                        | Arkansas.....       | W B Barnett, Jacksonville           |
| R W Woodberry, Denver.....               | Canada.....         | R J Perry, Key West                 |
| John F Schrader, Rapid City.....         | Colorado.....       | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville           |
| W A Davis, Macon.....                    | Dakota.....         | Marcus Endel, Gainesville           |
| W L Orr, Carrollton.....                 | Georgia.....        | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville           |
| Elmer Crockett, South Bend.....          | Illinois.....       | Chas H Munger, Orlando              |
| E D Hillyer, Grasshopper Fls.....        | Indiana.....        | R R Sheppard, Milton                |
| James W Statton, Brooksville.....        | Kansas.....         | W J Winegar, Palatka                |
| J C Batchelor, New Orleans.....          | Kentucky.....       | W McClintock, Key West              |
| Henry R Taylor, Machias.....             | Louisiana.....      | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville           |
| Nathan Leyman.....                       | Maine.....          | .....                               |
| Alex K Bryer.....                        | Maryland.....       | W W Tucker, Jacksonville            |
| B H Langley, Winona.....                 | Massachusetts.....  | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville           |
| J L Powers, Jackson.....                 | Minnesota.....      | W M McIntosh, Tallahassee           |
| Rev C C Wood, Kansas City.....           | Mississippi.....    | Samuel Pasco, Monticello            |
| John J Monnell, Omaha.....               | Missouri.....       | .....                               |
| Ed L Tillow, Elizabeth.....              | Nebraska.....       | R McClellan, Gainesville            |
| Rev G Williams, Utica.....               | New Jersey.....     | R J Perry, Key West                 |
| M Bowes, Raleigh.....                    | New York.....       | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville           |
| B H Lands, Halifax.....                  | North Carolina..... | J F Niblack, Mikesville             |
| Thomas G Reams.....                      | Nova Scotia.....    | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville           |
| R G Adams.....                           | Oregon.....         | T S Wilmarth, Jacksonville          |
| Charles R Cutler, Warren.....            | Quebec.....         | R J Perry, Key West                 |
| George Fisher, Edinburgh.....            | Rhode Island.....   | Julius Stark, Gainesville           |
| A T Smythe, Charleston.....              | Scotland.....       | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola           |
| B R Harris.....                          | South Carolina..... | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville           |
| Hy Schaffers, Houston.....               | Tennessee.....      | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola           |
| E C Houghton, N Bennington.....          | Texas.....          | Angus Paterson, Madison             |
| James L Avis.....                        | Vermont.....        | John Carlovitz, Milton              |
| Thomas M Reed, Olympia.....              | Virginia.....       | W E Anderson, Bagdad                |
| Thomas A Logan, Wheeling.....            | Washington Ty.....  | F S Goodrich, DeLand                |
| Fred Ring, Jr, Lacrosse.....             | West Virginin.....  | H W Long, Martel                    |
|                                          | Wisconsin.....      | R B Thomas, Tampa                   |



## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A committee of Anointed High Priests of and from the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of said Grand Chapter, to anoint certain companions who have been duly elected and installed into the office of High Priests of Chapters, assembled in the hall of Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, in the city of Jacksonville on Wednesday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1889, and organized as follows, to-wit:

- M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., as President.
- M. E. William E. Anderson, P. G. H. P., as Vice-President.
- M. E. E. R. Richardson, P. H. P., as Chaplain.
- M. E. W. W. Tucker, P. H. P., as Secretary.
- M. E. James W. Boyd, P. H. P., as Conductor.
- M. E. Chas. H. Munger, P. H. P., as Herald.
- M. E. John F. Niblack, P. H. P., as Steward.
- M. E. Marcus Endel, G. H. P., as Master of Ceremonies.

And opened, as in Convention, in due form.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from the M. E. Companions Samuel Pasco, P. H. P., of Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, Florida, and Julius Stark, H. P. of Gainesville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, of Florida, were severally introduced, and consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form.

The Convocation was then called to refreshment until 11 o'clock A. M. on the 18th instant.



## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

1889, JANUARY 18, 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

## PRESENT:

- M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., as President.  
 M. E. St. Augustine Wauchope, P. H. P., as Vice-President.  
 M. E. Wm. A. McLean, P. G. H. P., as Chaplain.  
 M. E. E. R. Richardson, P. H. P., as Secretary.  
 M. E. James F. Clark, P. H. P., as Treasurer.  
 M. E. James W. Boyd, P. H. P., as Conductor.  
 M. E. Chas. H. Munger, P. H. P., as Herald.  
 M. E. W. W. Tucker, P. H. P., as Steward.  
 M. E. Marcus Endel, G. H. P., as Master of Ceremonies.

The Convocation was duly called to labor as in Convention.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from the following M. E. Companions, to-wit:

Herman Glogowski, H. P. of Tampa Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, of Florida; Robert McClellan, P. H. P. of Gainesville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, of Florida, and J. W. V. R. Plummer, P. H. P., of Island Royal Arch Chapter, No. 21, and having previous satisfactory evidence of their having been duly elected to preside over a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, they were severally introduced, and regularly consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form.

It was voted by this committee that the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter be requested to furnish all anointed High Priests in this Grand Jurisdiction with proper certificates upon the payment of two dollars each.

The Convocation, as a Convention, closed in due form.

ANGUS PATERSON,  
 Chairman of Committee.

## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Grand Chapter of Florida,

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand Convocation in the Masonic Hall, at the city of Jacksonville, at H. 12, on Tuesday, the 6th day of May, A. I. 2420, A. D. 1890.

## PRESENT:

- M. E. MARCUS ENDEL..... Grand High Priest  
 R. E. SAMUEL A. WAUCHOPE...as Deputy Grand High Priest  
 R. E. JAMES W. BOYD..... Grand King  
 R. E. W. W. TUCKER.....as 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. ANGUS PATERSON, P. G. H. P....as G. C. of the Host  
 E. JOHN H. STEPHENS..... Grand Principal Sojourner  
 E. HENRY S. ELY.....as Grand Royal Arch Captain  
 E. R. ALFRED MONTSALVATGE...as Grand Master of 3d Vail  
 E. M. H. MOTTE.....as Grand Master of 2d Vail  
 E. WILLIAM M. SOMERVILLE....as Grand Master of 1st Vail  
 E. JAMES F. CLARK..... Grand Guard

## Past Grand High Priests:

- DEWITT C. DAWKINS,  
 WILLIAM A. McLEAN,  
 ANGUS PATERSON.  
 Past Grand King..... W. W. TUCKER  
 Past Grand Scribe..... R. A. MONTSALVATGE



## Grand Representatives :

- WM. A. McLEAN, P. G. H. P. . . . . Grand Chapter of Colorado  
 MARCUS ENDEL, G. H. P. . . . . Grand Chapter of Dakota  
 DEWITT C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Georgia  
 WM. A. McLEAN, P. G. H. P. . . . . Grand Chapter of Louisiana  
 W. W. TUCKER, P. G. K. . . . . Grand Chapter of Maryland  
 D. C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P. . . . . Grand Chapter of Massachusetts  
 D. C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P. . . . . Grand Chapter of New York  
 WM. A. McLEAN, P. G. H. P. . . . . Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia  
 THOMAS S. WILMARTH, G. T. . . . . Grand Chapter of Oregon  
 D. C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P. . . . . Grand Chapter of South Carolina  
 ANGUS PATERSON, P. G. H. P. . . . . Grand Chapter of Texas

And Constituent Chapters represented as follows, to-wit:

- Florida R. A. Chapter No. 1 :*  
 SAMUEL A. WAUCHOPE, proxy for Scribe.  
*Gainesville R. A. Chapter No. 2 :*  
 MARCUS ENDEL, proxy for officers.  
*St. Johns R. A. Chapter No. 4 :*  
 SILAS B. WRIGHT, H. P.  
*Madison R. A. Chapter No. 8 :*  
 ANGUS PATERSON, H. P.  
*Putnam R. A. Chapter No. 9 :*  
 FRANK P. MERSEREAU, H. P.  
*Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12 :*  
 JOHN H. STEPHENS, H. P.  
 HENRY S. ELY, K.  
 M. H. MOTTE, S  
*Providence R. A. Chapter No. 20 :*  
 JOHN F. NIBLACK, H. P.  
*Island R. A. Chapter No. 20 :*  
 R. A. MONTSALVATGE, proxy H. P., K. and S.  
*Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter No. 22 :*  
 JAMES W. BOYD, proxy H. P., K. and S.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the last Annual Grand Convocation having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was, on motion of Companion Paterson, dispensed with.

Upon roll of members being finished by the Grand Secretary, the Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees, to-wit :

*On Returns and Credentials :*

John H. Stephens,  
 Samuel A. Wauchope,  
 M. H. Mott.

*On Unfinished Business :*

Frank P. Mersereau,  
 Thomas S. Wilmarth,  
 John F. Niblack.

*On Propositions and Grievances :*

Silas B. Wright,  
 R. Alfred Montsalvatge,  
 Henry S. Ely.

*On Dispensations and By-Laws :*

William M. Someville,  
 M. H. Motte,  
 Thomas S. Wilmarth.

*On Masonic Jurisprudence :*

William A. McLean,  
 Angus Paterson,  
 W. W. Tucker.

*On Finance and Accounts :*

James W. Boyd,  
 Frank P. Mersereau,  
 Henry S. Ely.

*On Memorials :*

William A. McLean,  
 John F. Niblack,  
 R. Alfred Montsalvatge.

On motion of Companion Stephens, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing are invited to seats in this Grand Convocation.



M. E. Marcus Endel, G. H. P., read the following

ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

*Companions :*

After a lapse of sixteen months since its last meeting, the Grand Chapter of Florida is convened in its forty-fourth Grand Annual Convocation. It is a source of great pleasure to me to again extend to you fraternal greeting and bid you a fervent hearty welcome.

We meet again by the mercies of God, and as we enter upon the work of the session let us reverently invoke His benediction.

We have much cause, Companions, to offer up manifestations of devout thankfulness for the innumerable blessings which have been dispensed to us for the fruitful seasons, exemption from pestilence and diseases, and the general prosperity with which our beloved State has been blessed. I am happy to report that during the year the presence of the grim monster, death, has not been permitted to encroach upon our ranks and remove any of the officers or members of this Grand Chapter, and for this evidence of His favor we should be inspired with emotions of gratitude to our Heavenly Father whose providential care has protected and preserved us.

But whilst we are in the enjoyment of this blessing, some of our sister Grand Jurisdictions report that their altars are shrouded in habiliments of mourning and are in bereavement in consequence of the loss of distinguished and beloved companions. I report such as have come to my notice:

M. E. Darius A. Ogden, P. G. H. P. of Grand Chapter of New York, died May 4th. As a member of our time honored fraternity, Companion Ogden adorned every station which he filled. He was ever active in the service of the craft, and his brilliant intellectual faculties were constantly devoted to the promulgation and defense of its principles.

M. E. John Levy Lewis, P. G. H. P. of Grand Chapter of New York, died June 11th. For many years the oldest living Past Grand High Priest in that jurisdiction. His masonic wisdom, record and virtues are scattered through hundreds of pages of masonic history, and he was a Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

M. E. Salathiel C. Coffinberry, P. G. H. P. of Grand Chapter of Michigan, died September 20th. In every position of masonic trust he proved faithful, and was known as an upright Mason and a justice loving citizen.

E. Companion Joseph Beyls, Grand Tyler of Grand Chapter of Illinois, died March 9th, 1890, an honored and faithful member of the royal craft.

M. E. Benjamin Franklin Haller, General Grand Scribe of General Grand Chapter and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, died April 4th. In his unexpected and untimely death, the fraternity of his State, and Royal Arch Masonry throughout the entire country, has sustained an irreparable loss. In manners he was attractive and genial; in disposition generous and sincere; in judgment he was candid, discreet and just.

I recommend that the Grand Chapter take such action in the premises as will indicate our condolence with the companions of the various Grand Jurisdictions in their bereavement.

In 1872 the Grand Chapter met in June, while the Grand Lodge met in February, since which, now, for the first time in the history of the Grand Chapter of Florida, its Convocation is held at a different time from the Grand Lodge communications. By this severance, the dignity of the Grand Chapter has been greatly enhanced and the influence and importance of capitular masonry considerably elevated in this Grand Jurisdiction. Heretofore the labors of the larger body required such heavy demands on the time of our Grand Chapter and its members, that but little opportunity was permitted it to transact its business with that deliberation and care that its importance merited.

The opportunity is now afforded you to thoroughly canvass every subject brought up for consideration, and to comprehensively legislate for the best interests of our Order.

I feel convinced that future events will fully sustain the wisdom of the Grand Chapter in adapting itself to the necessities of this progressive movement, and that the new era in its affairs, now being so auspiciously inaugurated, will infuse additional zeal among the companions throughout the State, inspire its constituent chapters with greater energies, and awaken among them a spirit of enthusiasm and assiduity that will greatly redound to the benefit of our beloved institution.

The Twenty-Seventh Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States was held at Atlanta, Ga., commencing on November 20th and closing on the 22d. The Grand Chapter of Florida was represented by your Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion James W. Boyd, G. K.; Companion C. W. Johnson, proxy for Grand Scribe; M. E. D. C. Dawkins, P. G. H. P., and M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P.



Delegations from nearly every State and Territory were in attendance. Addresses of welcome were made by M. E. J. Taylor, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, M. W. John S. Davidson, Grand Master of Georgia, and Hon. Luther Glenn, Mayor of Atlanta, which were appropriately and eloquently responded to by the General Grand Officers. A large amount of business of general interest to the Royal Craft was transacted. We were the recipients of many courtesies from our Atlanta companions, and to them we are indebted for hospitable and cordial entertainment.

## DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted:  
January 18. To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, to elect a Secretary.

February 4. To Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, to elect and install officers, the Chapter having failed to meet and hold election at constitutional time.

April 29. To Island Chapter, No. 21, to elect and install officers, they having failed to hold election at proper time.

October 8. During the temporary absence from the State of R. E. Companion Boyd, Grand King, granted dispensation to Florida Chapter, No. 1, to confer degrees short of time.

## DECISIONS.

A member of Jackson Lodge, No. 1, petitioned Florida Chapter, No. 1, for the degrees; he was elected and the M. degree conferred upon him. The candidate subsequently embarked in the business of whiskey selling and saloon keeping, whereupon the High Priest of the Chapter refused to advance him. The candidate appealed to the Grand High Priest for his decision as to the legality of the action of the High Priest in refusing to confer the remaining degrees. After referring the correspondence to the High Priest, and upon his statement of the case, I decided as follows:

No officer has the right to arbitrarily refuse advancement to a candidate; objection must be made in open Chapter, and the Chapter must decide whether or not it is founded upon fraternal justice; after such objection has received the consideration of the Chapter, and it shall appear that one-third of the members present are in favor of sustaining the objection, it shall be so entered upon the record, and the remaining degrees shall not be conferred, unless by unanimous consent

of the Chapter expressed at a stated convocation, notice of which shall be given at the preceding stated convocation. If the cause of the objection be not removed in a reasonable time, the candidate shall be declared rejected and the fee be returned.

In making this decision I was not guided by any precedent of our own, as our records do not contain a similar case; but inasmuch as it is in harmony with the laws of every jurisdiction that has expressed itself on the subject, I ventured to make it; it being, in my opinion, a necessary regulation.

The High Priest of Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 2, requested my decision as follows:

A Master Mason in good standing, holding a dimit, petitioned a Lodge for affiliation, and was twice rejected; can the Chapter receive and act upon his petition for the degrees, so long as his non-affiliation is not willful or delayed on his part? Answer: It would not be proper for your Chapter to entertain his petition, as under our laws he must be a member of a Lodge, in good standing, to make him eligible.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I have appointed Grand Representatives of our Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters as follows:

Iowa—Companion Caleb Lamb, of Newton.

North Dakota—Companion John W. Scott, Valley City.

Ohio—Companion William E. Evans, of Chillicothe.

Maine—Companion Henry R. Taylor, of Machias.

I have also re-commissioned such other Representatives whose terms had expired by limitation, in accordance with the laws of their Grand Jurisdiction.

For reciprocal honors, I have recommended the appointment of the following Companions as Grand Representatives of the respective Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Iowa—Companion S. B. Wright.

Ohio—Companion William A. Griffith.

Missouri—Companion J. W. Boyd.

Vermont—Companion C. McK. Oerting.

Maine—Companion H. Glogowski.

## VISITATIONS.

It has been my pleasure to visit nearly every Chapter in the State during the recess. In every instance I was accorded the fraternal courtesies and honors due to the Grand High



Priest. The recollection of my visits among the Companions is a source of great pleasure and gratification. A reasonable degree of prosperity exists. Great interest was manifested in the work and lectures, and wherever the degrees were conferred the work was received with evident satisfaction.

In the course of my visitations to our subordinate Chapters, I was impressed with the lack of uniformity and the great variety of work that prevails. The Grand Chapter of Florida has never adopted a standard work, and as a great desire for uniformity exists, I would recommend that the next Grand High Priest be authorized and directed to designate a committee of such Companions as are, in his opinion, the most capable, and to invest them with the duty of selecting a standard work for all the degrees; the same to be reported at our next Grand Convocation.

On March 22d I visited Pensacola for the purpose of resuscitating Capitular Masonry in that section, and am pleased to report that I received the hearty co-operation and assistance of the companions. A call had been issued for a meeting of the members of Mt. Horeb, No. 11, Santa Rosa, No. 6, and Mt. Moriah, No. 24, for the purpose of consolidating these Chapters. A Chapter was duly opened, and a consolidation of the three Chapters effected, under the auspices of Mt. Moriah, No. 24, the charter of that Chapter being retained. The charters of Santa Rosa, No. 6, and Mt. Horeb, No. 11, were surrendered, and it was resolved that the effects and property belonging to those Chapters revert to Mt. Moriah, No. 24. I held an election of officers and installed those so elected; Companion Geo. S. Hallmark being High Priest, and Companion A. L. Williams the new Secretary. The companions are enthusiastic over the prospects of renewed life, and I earnestly hope that their desire for prosperity and success may be abundantly realized.

Companions, before surrendering the authority and responsibilities of my office, permit me to return to you my sincere acknowledgments for the honor conferred. It has been a great pleasure to preside over the deliberations of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction during the past two years.

I return grateful thanks to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter for their uniform assistance. My thanks are especially due to our efficient Grand Secretary for his invaluable services.

MARCUS ENDEL,  
Grand High Priest.

On motion of Companion Paterson, duly seconded and adopted, the address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a special committee of three for distribution of subjects, and R. E. Samuel A. Wauchope, as Deputy Grand High Priest, announced as such committee:

Companions Angus Paterson,  
James W. Boyd,  
Thomas S. Wilmarth.

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

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation were printed and distributed as usual, and appended thereto are to be found the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States and the Constitution and the Regulations of this Grand Chapter. Two hundred extra copies of the said Constitution and Regulations were printed and bound in pamphlets separately, under the title page of "Book of Constitutions of the Grand Chapter of Florida."

The Grand Secretary deems it unnecessary to mention in detail the matters already reported by the Grand High Priest in his Annual Address, but suffice it to say that all the requisitions of my chief have been promptly and faithfully complied with.

The blanks for making returns by the Chapters having been exhausted, it became necessary to provide others. And although the former blanks were, when in use, considered scarcely susceptible of improvement, the Grand Secretary flatters himself that some important changes have been made, and he hopes they will be approved.

In due time blank returns were sent to the Chapters with the information, approved by the Grand High Priest, that the Annual Report of the Grand Secretary would close on the first day of May, and urging them to send in their returns and dues in ample time to be included in said report; and my statement of account, hereto appended, will show a very good compliance with the request. From this showing, it appears that two Chapters only, from the list of working Chapters, are missing. It is surprising that a Chapter located in the thriving and enterprising city of Ocala should be tardy; and the evident condition of Eustis Chapter is not encouraging.



Although no new Chapters have been organized during the year that is past, the Chapters have generally held their own, and the returns, when compared with last year, indicate hopeful prosperity as the result of constancy and diligence.

The correspondence with the office of Grand Secretary has been uniformly harmonious and pleasant, and the M. E. Grand High Priest has my sincere thanks for his universal brotherly kindness.

Fraternally submitted,  
D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

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| D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, in account with     | Grand         |
| Chapter,                                            | DR.           |
| 1889—To dues of Island Chapter, No. 21, for 1888... | \$42 00       |
| 1890—To dues of Florida Chapter, No. 1, for 1889... | 34 00         |
| To dues of Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, for 1889,    | 33 00         |
| To dues of St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, for 1889..     | 19 00         |
| To dues of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, for 1889...       | 44 00         |
| To dues of Madison Chapter, No. 8, for 1889..       | 45 00         |
| To dues of Putnam Chapter, No. 9, for 1889...       | 36 00         |
| To dues of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for        | 69 00         |
| 1889.....                                           | 23 00         |
| To dues of Providence Chapter, No. 20, for 1889,    | 40 00         |
| To dues of Island Chapter, No. 21, for 1889...      | 38 00         |
| To dues of Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 22, for        |               |
| 1889.....                                           | 423 00        |
|                                                     | <u>423 00</u> |

By paid Grand Treasurer, as per voucher.....

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

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Treasurer, after paying the bills recommended by the Finance Committee and ordered by the Grand Chapter, as per printed proceedings of 1889 (see pages 21-22), has a balance in his hands of..... \$294 12

May 2, 1890, received from Grand Sec. D. C. Dawkins, 423 00

Total..... \$717 12

Your Treasurer has paid the following bills, which he asks to have your approval:

|                                              |                |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Printing Proceedings, 1889.....              | \$119 84       |
| Paid for Badges, General Grand Chapter...    | 3 25           |
| 500 Blank Returns, Grand Secretary's office, | 25 00—\$148 09 |

Balance at disposal of Grand Chapter.....\$569 03

Fraternally submitted,  
THOMAS S. WILMARTH,  
Grand Treasurer.

Companion McLean moved that when the Grand Chapter call off, it be called to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock this evening, which was duly seconded and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.

1890, MAY 6, 7:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Marcus Endel, Grand High Priest, and others as at the morning session.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The special committee on the address of the Grand High Priest made the following report, to-wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

The special committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest for division of subjects, and reference to appropriate committees, would respectfully report as follows, to-wit:

We recommend: That all that part of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address pertaining to dispensations granted by him be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.



That the necrological part thereof be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That all the rulings and decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, stated in the address, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANGUS PATERSON,  
J. W. BOYD,  
THOMAS S. WILMARTH,  
Committee.

May 6, 1890.

#### RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS REPORT.

The 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 beg leave to report:

We have carefully examined the returns of Chapters Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 20, 21, and 22, and find them all, to the credit of their respective officers, correct.

We are particular to note that all have the seal of the several Chapters, as the same committee reported omissions in this respect at the last Grand Convocation.

No returns have been received from Chapters Nos. 3, 10, and 13, and we are left to report that No. 7 is not represented.

We find present and entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter, the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Representatives of Grand Chapters, officers and proxies of constituent Chapters, and visiting companions, who appear upon the roll call heretofore recorded by the Grand Secretary.

We desire to express our appreciation of the neatness which characterizes the returns from the various Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction; this being noted without exception.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN H. STEPHENS,  
SAMUEL A. WAUCHOPE,  
M. H. MOTT,  
Committee.

#### FINANCE.

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 as follows:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer presented to the present Grand Convocation, and find them correct and recommend their adoption.

We recommend the following appropriations, to-wit:

|                                                   |                |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Salary of Grand Secretary for past year . . . . . | \$150 00       |
| Salary of Grand Chaplain . . . . .                | 10 00          |
| Salary of Grand Guard . . . . .                   | 15 00          |
| Office rent, postage, etc., of Grand Secretary,   | 67 00—\$242 00 |

We recommend the printing of the Proceedings of the present convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer pay for the same and other necessary expenses.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. BOYD,  
F. P. MERSEREAU,  
HENRY S. ELY,  
Finance Committee.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NO. 1.

Papers from Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, were presented by the Grand Secretary and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following companions, holding credentials as Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, were received and welcomed by the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry:

R. E. W. W. Tucker—Maryland.  
R. E. James W. Boyd—Missouri.  
R. E. C. McKenzie Oerting—Vermont.  
R. E. Chas. H. Munger—Illinois.  
R. E. Silas B. Wright—Iowa.  
R. E. Herman Glogowoski—Maine.  
R. E. Robert McClellan—Nebraska.  
R. E. W. A. Griffith—Ohio.  
R. E. Thomas S. Wilmarth—Oregon.



W. A. McLean, P. G. H. P., moved that the election of Grand Officers be held at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, which was duly seconded and adopted.

P. G. H. P. McLean presented, verbally, a message from M. E. Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P., residing at East Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, to the effect of his pleasant recollections of this Grand Chapter, and regretfully expressing the opinion that he is not likely ever hereafter to be able to attend any future meetings of this body; whereupon, R. E. Silas B. Wright moved that Companion McLean be requested to respond to said message, assuring Companion Wasgate of the interminable love and esteem of this Grand Chapter for him, invoking the "I AM THAT I AM" to continue to him the choicest blessings.

On motion of Companion McLean, it was voted that when the Grand Chapter be called off that it be called to refreshment until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

1890, MAY 7, 10 A. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Marcus Endel, Grand High Priest, and others as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The foregoing minutes of last night's session were read and confirmed.

Memorial circulars were read by the Grand Secretary from the M. E. Grand Chapter of Ohio, announcing the death of M. E. Daniel A. Scott, P. G. H. P., and R. E. Jonathan A. Burr, P. D. G. H. P., of that Grand Chapter, which, upon his motion, were referred to the Committee on Memorials.

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

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be instructed to report what, if any, changes should be made in Regulations 28 and 39.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Companion James W. Boyd proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes and be taken up for final action at the next Annual Grand Convocation, to-wit:

Amend Section 4, of Article 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter so as to read thus:

The Annual Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville at such time as may be designated by this Grand Chapter, and the Representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum. *Provided*, That the Grand High Priest may, for good cause, designate some other time and place within this Grand Jurisdiction for holding the Annual Grand Convocation. *And provided*, also, That the Grand High Priest may call a special Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter when, in his discretion, it may be necessary or important to do so.

COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Companion S. B. Wright offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be instructed to present to this session of the Grand Chapter such amendment to the Constitution as may be necessary to perpetuate the Committee on Work, which is to be appointed at this Grand Convocation.

JURISPRUDENCE.

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, having carefully considered the decisions made by the M. E. Grand High Priest, as reported by him in his Annual Address, and believing the same to be in harmony with the principles of Free-



masonry, as understood and recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction, recommend that the same be approved and adopted by this Grand Chapter.

The suggestion and recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest regarding a uniform system of work is considered by your committee as being of the utmost importance to the interests of the craft in this jurisdiction; we therefore recommend that the M. E. High Priest be authorized and directed to appoint a committee on work, consisting of five members of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to exemplify the work in the various degrees at each and every session of the Grand Chapter.

We also recommend that the Constitution be so amended as to perpetuate the Committee on Work as a standing committee of this Grand Chapter.

W. A. McLEAN,  
ANGUS PATERSON,  
W. W. TUCKER,  
Committee.

#### ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand High Priest announced that the order of High Priesthood would be in session at 7:30 o'clock this afternoon.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter duly elected the following Grand Officers, Companions McLean and Anderson acting as tellers:

JAMES W. BOYD—Grand High Priest.  
THOMAS S. WILMARTH—Deputy Grand High Priest.  
FRANK B. MERSEREAU—Grand King.  
SILAS B. WRIGHT—Grand Scribe.  
JOHN H. STEPHENS—Grand Treasurer.  
DEWITT C. DAWKINS—Grand Secretary.  
W. A. McLEAN—Grand Chaplain.

M. E. William A. McLean, P. G. H. P., by request of the Grand High Priest, duly installed all the newly elected Grand Officers into their respective offices.

M. E. James W. Boyd, Grand High Priest, appointed the following Grand Officers, who were also duly installed by W. A. McLean, P. G. H. P., to-wit:

JOHN F. NIBLACK—Grand Captain of the Host.

SAMUEL A. WAUCHOPE—Grand Principal Sojourner.  
R. ALFRED MONTSALVATGE—Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
W. W. TUCKER, Grand Master 3d Vail.  
HENRY S. ELY—Grand Master 2d Vail.  
M. H. MOTTE—Grand Master 1st Vail.  
JAMES F. CLARK—Grand Guard.

Companion Wright moved that this afternoon, from 3:30 o'clock, be devoted to the exemplification of work, which was adopted.

M. E. Companion Endel moved that when the Grand Chapter be called off that it be called to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock this evening, which was adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.; and at 3:30 P. M. the members of the Grand Chapter visited Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and witnessed the conferring of the R. A. degree, R. E. John H. Stephens presiding.

1890, May 7, 7:30 P. M.

#### PRESENT:

M. E. JAMES W. BOYD..... Grand High Priest  
R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH..... Deputy Grand High Priest  
R. E. FRANK P. MERSEREAU..... Grand King  
R. E. SILAS B. WRIGHT..... Grand Scribe  
R. E. JOHN H. STEPHENS..... Grand Treasurer  
R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS..... Grand Secretary  
R. E. W. A. McLEAN..... Grand Chaplain  
E. JOHN F. NIBLACK..... Grand Captain of the Host  
E. SAMUEL A. WAUCHOPE..... Grand Principal Sojourner  
E. R. ALFRED MONTSALVATGE... Grand Royal Arch Captain  
E. W. W. TUCKER..... Grand Master of 3d Vail  
E. HENRY S. ELY..... Grand Master of 2d Vail  
E. M. H. MOTTE..... Grand Master of 1st Vail  
E. JAMES F. CLARK..... Grand Guard

And others, as at the morning session.



The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

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

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the papers from Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1, in the matter of Isidor Marcus being refused advancement, beg leave to report that they have examined the record in the case and find that the Chapter obeyed the instructions of the Grand High Priest, which have been approved by the Grand Chapter. As this disposes of the whole case, we recommend that the case be dismissed.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
HENRY S. ELY,

Committee.

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

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report: That on page 13, *et seq.*, of the printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the year 1889, charges for delinquency were preferred against Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, and Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 24.

It appears that the trials of these cases were continued for one year, and that time having elapsed, the matters now come up for your consideration and disposal.

Since the last Annual Convocation, two of these Chapters, to-wit: Mount Horeb, No. 11, and Mount Moriah, No. 24, and also Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6, have, by action of the Grand High Priest, approved by the Grand Chapter, been consolidated into Mount Moriah R. A. Chapter, No. 24. This puts an end to the charges against Nos. 11 and 24, and terminates the existence of Nos. 6 and 11.

From the respected representations made to your Committee, it appears that there are still signs of life lurking among the ruins of Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5, which may soon be kindled into activity; we therefore recommend that this case be continued for another year, in which the companions in the beautiful town of Monticello may revive their Chapter.

As to Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, no voice is heard, and the past year's continuance has brought no glimmer of hope. It is practically dead, and no signs of resurrection. We recommend that the charter of Lake Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 19, be, and is hereby, forfeited, and the said Chapter dissolved.

Your Committee further recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to procure the charters of Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6, Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, and Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, and all the property of said Chapter No. 19, and place the same in the archives of this Grand Chapter, and to report his doings hereunder at the next Annual Convocation.

Your Committee find no other unfinished business requiring your action.

Fraternally submitted,

F. P. MERSEREAU,  
T. S. WILMARTH,  
J. F. NIBLACK,

Committee.

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

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommend that Regulation 28 of this Grand Chapter be abrogated, and that the following be adopted in lieu thereof, to-wit:

28. At each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each consisting of not less than three members:

1. On Credentials and Returns.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-Laws.
5. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. On Finance and Accounts.
7. On Memorials.
8. On Foreign Correspondence, to sit during the recess

of the Grand Chapter.

9. On Printing.
10. On Work.

Your Committee recommend that Regulation 39 of this Grand Chapter be amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

39. The names of the elective officers of the Chapters, and the P. O. addresses of the Secretaries thereof, under the



jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, are required to be printed with the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,  
 W. A. McLEAN,  
 ANGUS PATERSON,  
 W. W. TUCKER,  
 Committee.

Companion McLean offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Ritual for installation ceremonies for the use of the Grand Chapter; and that the same be printed under direction of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest appointed W. A. McLean and D. C. Dawkins to constitute the committee under the foregoing resolution.

Companion Endel offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for the use of the hall, and for their assistance and co-operation in making this Grand Convocation a pleasant and profitable recollection by amplifying the Royal Arch degree in the efficient manner in which it was rendered.

Companion Wright proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, which was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings, and await final action next year, to-wit:

Amend Section 4, of Article 1, of the Constitution by adding the following words, to-wit: "And soon after the opening of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each to consist of not less than three members:

1. On Returns and Credentials.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-Laws.
5. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. On Finance and Accounts.
7. On Memorials.
8. On Foreign Correspondence.
9. On Printing.
10. On Work.

The Committee on Work shall consist of three members, the term of one of which shall expire each year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence to sit during the recess of the Grand Chapter.

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

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Finance Committee, having under consideration the question of allowance of mileage, we ascertain the distances of the several subordinate Chapters from Jacksonville to be as follows:

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Florida, No. 1.....       | 166 miles |
| Gainesville, No. 2.....   | 70 miles  |
| Tampa, No. 3.....         | 240 miles |
| St. Johns, No. 4.....     | 114 miles |
| Eureka, No. 7.....        | 147 miles |
| Madison, No. 8.....       | 110 miles |
| Putnam, No. 9.....        | 56 miles  |
| Providence, No. 20.....   | 77 miles  |
| Thomas Brown, No. 22..... | 210 miles |
| Mt. Moriah, No. 24.....   | 370 miles |

We recommend the payment of five cents per mile, one way, to the Senior Representative from each Chapter duly represented at the present Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,  
 J. W. BOYD,  
 F. P. MERSEREAU,  
 Committee.

COMMITTEES:

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

*On Printing:*

- D. C. Dawkins,
- T. S. Wilmarth,
- W. A. McLean.

*On Foreign Correspondence:*

- D. C. Dawkins,
- Marcus Endel,
- W. A. McLean.



*On Work:*

Marcus Endel,  
W. A. McLean,  
Angus Paterson,  
Frank P. Merscreau,  
Henry S. Ely.

NEXT CONVOCATION.

Companion Endel offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville, on the second Tuesday in May, A. D. 1891, opening at 3 o'clock P. M. of that day.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

We, the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, beg leave to report that, having examined the various dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest, also that granted by the Grand King, in the absence of his superior officer from the Grand Jurisdiction, we recommend the confirmation of the same by Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. M. SOMEVILLE,  
M. H. MOTTE,  
THOS. H. WILMARTH,  
Committee.

NECROLOGY.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

While the busy world around us in the various departments of commercial life are continually creating, repeating, and diversifying the sounds of traffic in gay acceleration, we, who for a time have withdrawn therefrom to consider of things more sedate and holy for our own good, and for the good influence that we may hope to exert upon the lives of

others, many thoughts upon many kindred subjects claim our attention; but none more profound and important than the fact that ere long the life we live on this beautiful earth must and will surely terminate. Nothing can, by any possibility, be of more consequence to us than to wisely and happily solve the question, each for himself, how to spend the remainder of this earthly existence so as to meet that end attended with the best possible prospects for entrance into the life beyond and to there survive in the most satisfactory manner through that life or sphere, which is to have no end.

If Freemasonry, of which the Royal Arch Chapter is an important factor, is fit for any purpose, and sufficiently important to compensate us for the sacrifice of time and worldly interest consequent upon our meeting here and at the fervent altars of our Holy Royal Arches whither we came, that value which bind us together for good and the facilities which it furnishes its zealous adherents for learning how to live that our lives may not be unprofitable here or uninteresting hereafter. With these professions, we humble ourselves in chains of brotherly love and the deepest humility, and then looking up with love and admiration to the "I AM THAT I AM," with whose approving smile we go on our way through the vicissitudes of this life to the vouchsafed haven in the next.

While such be the tenor of Royal Arch Masonry, why mourn when a companion has left the circle of these earthly tabernacles and taken his flight to the sanctuary up yonder?

From the Grand Chapter of New York has gone Darius A. Ogden, P. G. H. P.; ever active and brilliant, and devoted to the principles of the Royal Arch. And from New York has also gone the wise and genial John L. Lewis, so long and so well known throughout the Masonic world as a Masonic exemplar. He had been Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

From the Grand Chapter of Michigan has gone Salathiel C. Coffinberry, P. G. H. P.; faithful in every trust, just and upright.

From the Grand Chapter of Illinois, the Grand Tyler, Joseph Beyles, an honest and faithful companion.

From the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the General Grand Scribe, Benjamin Haller, Grand Master of his State, Tennessee; attractive, genial, generous, sincere, discreet and just.



From the Grand Chapter of Ohio is gone Past Grand High Priest Daniel A. Scott, an eminent physician, and respected and esteemed. And from Ohio, also, is gone Jonathan N. Burr, P. D. G. H. P.; eminent in his profession, devoted to his church, and active in the material welfare of masonry.

All those companions have quitted the labors of earth; some of them in ripe old age, and simply found waiting the Master's call to go up hence; and others, beyond our feeble comprehension, taken away in the midst of active life, vigor and usefulness; this specially brings a feeling of sadness over us, but they had learned the way, and we must take it for granted that the call was right. It is hard thus to part with our loved ones, from whithersoever they go, and we solemnly sympathize with the bereft and afflicted; and with our sister Grand Bodies, whose losses have been severe, can we sympathize with our loved ones at home in the death of the companions of our own Chapters, a list of whom will be furnished by the Grand Secretary.

May our Heavenly Father, whose great name illuminates our Holy Royal Arch, bind up the wounds of the afflicted, comfort the bereaved, and have us always in the rectitude of His holy keeping.

W. A. McLEAN,  
JOHN F. NIBLACK,  
R. A. MONTSALVATGE.  
Committee.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

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

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

## STATISTICS.

| CHAPTERS.          | No. | Members last year. | Exalted. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Total. | Deaths. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Rejected. | Present Membership. |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Florida .....      | 1   | 19                 | 9        | 1           | 0           | 29     | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0         | 1         | 29                  |
| Gainesville .....  | 2   | 25                 | 4        | 3           | 0           | 32     | 1       | 1         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 30                  |
| Tampa .....        | 3   | 27                 | 0        | 1           | 0           | 28     | 0       | 1         | 7          | 0         | 0         | 20                  |
| St. Johns .....    | 4   | 19                 | 0        | 0           | 0           | 19     | 0       | 2         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 17                  |
| Eureka .....       | 7   | 40                 | 2        | 3           | 0           | 45     | 0       | 6         | 1          | 1         | 0         | 37                  |
| Madison .....      | 8   | 55                 | 1        | 0           | 0           | 56     | 3       | 1         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 52                  |
| Putnam .....       | 9   | 31                 | 3        | 0           | 0           | 34     | 0       | 1         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 33                  |
| .....              |     |                    |          |             |             |        |         |           |            |           |           | 15                  |
| +Eustis .....      | 10  | 9                  | 4        | 2           | 0           | 15     | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 58                  |
| Jacksonville ..... | 12  | 55                 | 7        | 2           | 0           | 64     | 2       | 4         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 24                  |
| +Ocala .....       | 13  | 17                 | 7        | 0           | 0           | 24     | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 26                  |
| Providence .....   | 20  | 22                 | 4        | 0           | 0           | 26     | 0       | 0         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 38                  |
| Island .....       | 21  | 41                 | 0        | 0           | 0           | 41     | 1       | 0         | 1          | 1         | 0         | 32                  |
| Thomas Brown ..... | 22  | 26                 | 7        | 0           | 0           | 33     | 1       | 0         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 411                 |
|                    |     | 386                | 48       | 12          | 0           | 446    | 8       | 16        | 9          | 2         | 1         |                     |

+Returns for 1888.

## SUMMARY.

|                                                  |     |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of Members last year as per Returns ..... | 386 |
| Whole gain .....                                 | 60  |
| .....                                            | 446 |
| Total .....                                      | 35  |
| Whole loss .....                                 | 411 |
| Present Membership .....                         | 25  |
| Net gain .....                                   |     |



CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTERS.          | No. | HIGH PRIESTS.      | KINGS.            | SCRIBES.          | TREASURERS.       | SECRETARIES.     | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Florida .....      | 1   | W A Griffith ..... | W M McIntosh..    | Edward M West.    | Robert Gamble     | S A Wauchope..   | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville .....  | 2   | W K Bartleson..    | A M Cushman ..    | J R Eddin .....   | Julius Stark ..   | J E Webster ..   | Gainesville.   |
| †Tampa .....       | 3   | H Glogowski .....  | T A Carruth ..... | W B Henderson.    | R B Thomas .....  | John T Green ..  | Tampa.         |
| St. Johns.....     | 4   | Silas B Wright..   | A E Gleason ..... | J B Jordan.....   | W M Dunn.....     | J S May .....    | DeLand.        |
| Eureka .....       | 7   | Chas O Myers...    | Edgar A Richard   | Wm H Jewel.....   | Mahlon Gore....   | W F Barnes ..... | Orlando.       |
| Madison.....       | 8   | Angus Paterson.    | W S Jordan .....  | Wm H Hausman      | H J Paramore ..   | James E Pound    | Madison.       |
| Putnam .....       | 9   | F P Mersereau..    | Calvin Gillis ..  | W J Winegar....   | Moritz Kohl ..... | Marcus Loeb....  | Palatka.       |
| †Eustis.....       | 10  | D W Herrick .....  | W S McClellan..   | S C Fuller .....  | H E Bishop .....  | H W Bishop ..... | Eustis.        |
| Jacksonville...    | 12  | Jno H Stephens.    | Henry S Ely.....  | MH Motte .....    | J C Greeley ..... | W A Bours.....   | Jacksonville.  |
| Ocala.....         | 13  | O G Finch.....     | J H Whitfield..   | E C Bird .....    | .....             | .....            | Ocala.         |
| Providence .....   | 20  | John F Niblack.    | B M Williams ..   | W J Feagles ..... | R C Martin .....  | A C Odom .....   | Providence.    |
| Island.....        | 21  | John J Delaney.    | W McClintock..    | Benj Albury ..... | Samuel Filer ..   | RA Monsalvatge   | Key West.      |
| Thomas Brown.....  | 22  | Warren Tyler...    | Pent W Daniel..   | Jas T Hancock..   | Sam Lang .....    | James W Boyd..   | Bartow.        |
| Mount Moriah ..... | 24  | G S Hallmark ..... | .....             | .....             | .....             | A L Williams ..  | Pensacola.     |

† No Return of Officers for last year.

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DIRECTORY OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.        | GRAND SECRETARIES.    | P. O. ADDRESS.    |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Alabama.....           | Myles J. Greene.....  | Montgomery        |
| Arkansas.....          | James A. Henry.....   | Little Rock       |
| California.....        | Thomas H. Caswell..   | San Francisco     |
| Canada.....            | David McLellan.....   | Hamilton, Ontario |
| Colorado.....          | Ed. C. Farnalce.....  | Pueblo            |
| Connecticut.....       | Joseph K. Wheeler..   | Hartford          |
| Dakota.....            | Thomas J. Wilder..... | Casselton         |
| Delaware.....          | James H. Pritch.....  | Wilmington        |
| District of Columbia.  | Lewis G. Stephens..   | Washington        |
| England.....           | Fredrick K. Brinklee. | London, W. C.     |
| General Grand Chapter. | Christopher G. Fox .. | Barfalo, N. Y.    |
| Georgia.....           | A. M. Wollin.....     | Macon             |
| Illinois.....          | Gilbert W. Barnard..  | Chicago           |
| Indiana.....           | John M. Brannwell..   | Indianapolis      |
| Iowa.....              | Alfred Wipgate.....   | Des Moines        |
| Ireland.....           | Sam'l B. Oldham.....  | Dublin            |
| Kansas.....            | John H. Brown.....    | Wyandotte         |
| Kentucky.....          | Joseph H. Branham..   | Louisville        |
| Louisiana.....         | James C. Batchelor..  | New Orleans       |
| Maine.....             | Ira Berry.....        | Portland          |
| Massachusetts.....     | George J. McCabhan..  | Baltimore         |
| Michigan.....          | Alfred F. Chapman..   | Boston            |
| Minnesota.....         | Wm. P. Imms.....      | Grand Rapids      |
| Mississippi.....       | Thomas Montgomery..   | St. Paul          |
| Missouri.....          | J. L. Power.....      | St. Louis         |
| Nebraska.....          | W. H. Mayo.....       | Omaha City        |
| Nevada.....            | Wm. R. Boyven.....    | Carson City       |
| New Brunswick.....     | Chauncey N. Notewate  | Saint John        |
| New Hampshire.....     | T. Nisbett Robertson. | Concord           |
| New Jersey.....        | George P. Cleaves.... | Jersey City       |
| New York.....          | George J. Edwards.... | Buffalo           |
| North York.....        | Christopher G. Fox .. | Raleigh           |
| Novia Scotia.....      | Donald W. Bain.....   | Halifax           |
| Ohio.....              | Edwin E. Carran.....  | Chillicothe       |
| Oregon.....            | Matt. H. Vatt.....    | Portland          |
| Pennsylv. Vanua.....   | R. P. Earhart.....    | Philadelphia      |
| Prince Edward Island.  | Charles E. Meyer..... | Charlottetown     |
| Rhode.....             | G. W. Wakefield.....  | Providence        |
| Scotland.....          | Joseph Mitchell.....  | Montreal          |
| Southland.....         | Wm. R. Greene.....    | Edinburgh         |
| Tennese.....           | D. Murray Lyon.....   | Charleston        |
| Texas.....             | J. E. Burke.....      | Nashville         |
| Vermont.....           | John Frizzell.....    | Honston           |
| Virginia.....          | Robert Brewster.....  | Burlington        |
| Washington Territory.  | Warren G. Reynolds..  | Richmond          |
| West Virginia.....     | Wm. B. Isaacs.....    | Olympia           |
| Wisconsin.....         | Thomas M. Reed.....   | Wheeling          |
| .....                  | John W. Morris.....   | Milwaukee         |
| .....                  | John W. Lathin.....   | .....             |



PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

|           | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND KINGS.     | GRAND SCRIBES.    | GRAND TREASURERS. | GRAND SECRETARIES. | GRAND CHAPLAINS. |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1847..... | Thos Douglas*       | John P Duval*              | Harry R Taylor*  | Geo W McRae*      | Edwin D Nash*     | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1848..... | John P Duval*       | Isaac B Bronson*           | Geo W McRae*     | D S Graham*       | Thomas Brown*     | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1849..... | Isaac H Bronson*    | Harry R. Taylor*           | D S Graham*      | R A Shine*        | Thos Haywood*     | John B Taylor*     | Charles E Dyke*  |
| 1850..... | Harry R Taylor*     | D S Graham*                | R A Shine*       | Gad Humphreys*    | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1851..... | Thomas Brown*       | Gad Humphreys*             | Alfred A Fisher  | Benj Sawyer       | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Geo M McDonald   |
| 1852..... | R A Shine*          | Sam'l B Stephens*          | Sam'l Boardman   | Dan'l G McLean    | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Charles E Dyke*  |
| 1853..... | Sam'l Boardman      | J M W Davidson*            | C A M Mitchell   | James S Rust*     | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | A G Oag          |
| 1854..... | J Wayles Baker*     | Thomas Y Henry*            | James Ellenwood  | Jno L McKinnon*   | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Homer Hender     |
| 1855..... | J Wayles Baker*     | Edward R Ives*             | Joseph S May     |                   | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Homer Hender     |
| 1856..... | Thos Haywood*       | Edward R Ives*             | John L McKinnon* | James Ellenwood   | R A Shine*        | John B Taylor*     | Charles E Dyke*  |
| 1857..... | Thos Haywood*       | James Ellenwood            | John L McKinnon* | David S Walker    | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | J R Plummer      |
| 1858..... | Gad Humphreys*      | James Ellenwood            | D P Holland*     | Charles E Dyke*   | John T Bond*      | John B Taylor*     | John Penny*      |
| 1859..... | D P Holland*        |                            | Geo F Baltzell*  | Calvin Davis*     | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | John Penny*      |
| 1860..... | Thos Y Henry*       | Geo F Baltzell*            | George D Fisher* | Josiah Paine*     | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | John Penny*      |
| 1861..... | Geo F Baltzell*     | James Ellenwood            | Franklin Branch* | Charles Slager*   | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1862..... | Geo F Baltzell*     | James Ellenwood            | Charles Slager*  | D C Dawkins       | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1863..... | Geo F Baltzell*     | James Ellenwood            | Green H Hunter   | Wm H Arendell*    | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | Thos A Carruth   |
| 1864..... | Geo F Baltzell*     | James Ellenwood            | Thos K Leonard   | Wm H Arendell*    | Thos Hayward*     | Hugh A Corley      | Columbus Smith*  |
| 1865..... | David Jones*        | D C Dawkins                | B S Fuller       | Elias Earle       | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley      | Columbus Smith*  |
| 1866..... | David Jones*        | D C Dawkins                | Elias Earle      | J A Lea*          | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley      | Columbus Smith*  |
| 1867..... | David Jones*        | Wm Morrill*                | Charles Slager*  | Chas K Sparhawk*  | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley      | Samuel C Craft   |
| 1868..... | Jas Ellenwood       | Wm Morrill*                | Charles Slager*  | M M T Hutchingson | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley      | Wm A McLean      |
| 1869..... | D C Dawkins         | M M T Hutchingson          | H H Berry*       | Michael Bowes     | T Preston Tatum*  | Ewd Bradford, Jr*  | Thos A Carruth   |
| 1870..... | D C Dawkins         | Charles Slager*            | Charles Mundee*  | Samuel Pasco      | T Preston Tatum*  | Ewd Bradford, Jr*  | Thos A Carruth   |
| 1871..... | D C Dawkins         | James Ellenwood            | Wm Morrill*      | Theodore Ball     | T Preston Tatum*  | W M McIntosh       | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1872..... | Wm Morrill*         | Hugh A Corley              | John C Ley       | James L Taylor    | T Preston Tatum*  | W M McIntosh       | Thos A Carruth   |
| 1873..... | Michael Bowes       | Samuel Pasco               | John S Driggs    | Benj J Alderman*  |                   | DeWitt C Dawkins   | John Penny*      |
| 1874..... | Michael Bowes       | John S Driggs              | Ben G Alderman*  |                   | Wm A Young        | DeWitt C Dawkins   | John Penny*      |
| 1875..... | Henry W. Long       | Edward P. Jordan*          | Wm T Weeks       | W W Tucker        |                   | DeWitt C Dawkins   | John Penny*      |
| 1876..... | John S Driggs       | Charles J Allred           | W W Tucker       | John T Miller     |                   | DeWitt C Dawkins   | John Penny*      |
| 1877..... | John S Driggs       | George R Jones*            | W W Tucker       | John T Miller     | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins   | John Penny*      |
| 1878..... | Enos Wasgate        | Robert J Perry             | G E Wentworth*   | Geo S Hallmark    | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins   | John Penny*      |
| 1879..... | Robert J Perry      | G E Wentworth*             | Geo S Hallmark   | Hugh A Corley     | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins   | John Penny*      |
| 1880..... | Robert J Perry      | Geo S Hallmark             | Wm E Anderson    | Wm A McLean       | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins   | John Penny*      |

\*Dead.



PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

|           | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND KINGS.    | GRAND SCRIBES.   | GRAND TREASURERS. | GRAND SECRETARIES. | GRAND CHAPLAINS |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1881..... | W A McLean          | Wm E Anderson              | Warren F Scott  | John G Ellis     | L McConihe*       | De Witt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1882..... | W A McLean          | Wm E Anderson              | Warren F Scott  | G S Hallmark     | L McConihe*       | De Witt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1883..... | Geo S Hallmark      | Wm E Anderson              | Warren F Scott  | J W V R Plummer  | T S Wilmarth      | De Witt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1884..... | Wm E Anderson       | Warren F Scott             | J W V R Plummer | Angus Paterson   | T S Wilmarth      | De Witt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1885..... | Wm E Anderson       | J W V R Plummer            | Angus Paterson  | Marcus Endel     | T S Wilmarth      | De Witt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1886..... | Angus Paterson      | Marcus Endel               | F S Goodrich    | John G Ellis     | T S Wilmarth      | De Witt C Dawkins  | John S Wharton  |
| 1887..... | Angus Paterson      | Marcus Endel               | F S Goodrich    | R A Montsalvatge | T S Wilmarth      | De Witt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1888..... | Marcus Endel        | Fred S Goodrich            | Wm M McIntosh   | Chas H Munger    | T S Wilmarth      | De Witt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1889..... | Marcus Endel        | Fred S Goodrich            | James W Boyd    | Chas H Munger    | T S Wilmarth      | De Witt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1890..... | J W Boyd            | T S Wilmarth               | S B Wright      | F T Mercereau    | John H Stephens   | De Witt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |

\*Dead.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | GRAND CHAPTERS.     | OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA. |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| B F Pope, Gadsden.....                   | Alabama.....        | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola           |
| W H Gee, Dardenell.....                  | Arkansas.....       | W B Barnett, Jacksonville           |
| James Moffat.....                        | Canada.....         | R J Perry, Key West                 |
| R W Woodbury, Denver.....                | Colorado.....       | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville           |
| John F Schrader, Rapid City.....         | Dakota.....         | Marcus Endel, Gainesville           |
| W A Davis, Macon.....                    | Georgia.....        | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville           |
| W L Orr, Carrollton.....                 | Illinois.....       | Chas H Munger, Orlando              |
| Elmer Crocket, South Bend.....           | Indiana.....        | R R Shepard, Milton                 |
| Caleb Lamb, Newton.....                  | Iowa.....           | S B Wright, DeLand                  |
| E D Hillyer, Grasshopper Fls.....        | Kansas.....         | W J Winegar, Palatka                |
| James W Statson, Brooksville.....        | Kentucky.....       | W McClintock, Key West              |
| J C Batchelor, New Orleans.....          | Louisiana.....      | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville           |
| Henry R Taylor, Machias.....             | Maine.....          | H Glogowski, Tampa                  |
| Nathan Leyman.....                       | Maryland.....       | W W Tucker, Jacksonville            |
| Alex K Bryer.....                        | Massachusetts.....  | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville           |
| B H Langley, Winona.....                 | Minnesota.....      | W M McIntosh, Tallahassee           |
| J L Powers, Jackson.....                 | Mississippi.....    | Samuel Pasco, Monticello            |
| Rey C C Wood, Kansas City.....           | Missouri.....       | J W Boyd, Bartow                    |
| John J Monnell, Omaha.....               | Nebraska.....       | R McClellan, Gainesville            |
| Ed L Tillow, Elizabeth.....              | New Jersey.....     | R J Perry, Key West                 |
| Rees G Williams, Utica.....              | New York.....       | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville           |
| M Bowes, Raleigh.....                    | North Carolina..... | J F Niblack, Mikesville             |
| John W Scott, Valley City.....           | North Dakota.....   | Marcus Endel, Gainesville           |
| B H Lands, Halifax.....                  | Nova Scotia.....    | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville           |
| Wm E Evans, Chillicothe.....             | Ohio.....           | Wm A Griffith, Tallahassee          |
| Thomas G Reams.....                      | Oregon.....         | T S Wilmarth, Jacksonville          |
| R G Adams.....                           | Quebec.....         | R J Perry, Key West                 |
| Charles R Cutler, Warren.....            | Rhode Island.....   | Julius Stark, Gainesville           |
| George Fisher, Edinburgh.....            | Scotland.....       | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola           |
| A T Smythe, Charleston.....              | South Carolina..... | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville           |
| R R Harris.....                          | Tennessee.....      | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola           |
| Hy Schaffers, Houston.....               | Texas.....          | Angus Paterson, Madison             |
| E C Houghton, N Bennington.....          | Vermont.....        | C McK Oerting, Pensacola            |
| James L Avis.....                        | Virginia.....       | W E Anderson, Bagdad                |
| Thomas M Reed, Olympia.....              | Washington.....     | F S Goodrich, DeLand                |
| Thomas A Logan, Wheeling.....            | West Virginia.....  | H W Long, Martel                    |
| Fred Ring, Jr, Lacrosse.....             | Wisconsin.....      | R B Thomas, Tampa                   |



TO THE MEMORY

OF THE  
COMPANIONS WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FROM THE CHAPTERS IN  
FLORIDA IN THE MASONIC YEAR A. D. 1889.

| NAMES.               | DATE.            | CHAPTER.              |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Josiah Paine.....    | September .....  | Madison, No. 8.       |
| John L Miller .....  | October 23.....  | Madison, No. 8.       |
| Richard J Mays ..... | October 26.....  | Madison, No. 8.       |
| H Koopman .....      | April 20.....    | Jacksonville. No. 12. |
| A W Knight.....      | September 7..... | "                     |
| Joseph C Cole .....  | March 13.....    | Island, No. 21.       |
| James T Wilson ..... | October 28.....  | Thomas Brown, No. 22. |

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

At a convocation of regularly anointed High Priests in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Jacksonville, State of Florida, at the hour of 3 o'clock P. M., on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1890, the following companions being present, were duly elected to form a Convocation of High Priests, to-wit:

- M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., President.
- M. E. James W. Boyd, G. H. P., Vice-President.
- M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, P. G. H. P., Secretary-Treasurer.
- M. E. William McLean, G. H. P., Chaplain.
- M. E. Samuel A. Wauchope, P. H. P., Master of Ceremonies.

- M. E. Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., Conductor.
- M. E. John F. Niblack, G. C. of H., Herald.
- M. E. W. W. Tucker, P. G. K., Steward.

And there were also present:

- M. E. James F. Clark, P. H. P.
- M. E. Wm. M. Someville, P. H. P.

The convocation being thus duly organized, adjourned until 10:30 o'clock this P. M.

1890, MAY 7, 10:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

The President, Angus Paterson, and other officers and companions, as before. The convocation opened, pursuant to adjournment, in harmony.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from the following M. E. Companions, to-wit:

- John H. Stephens, H. P. of Jacksonville R. A. C. No. 12
- Thomas S. Wilmarth, P. H. P. " " No. 12
- R. Alfred Montsalvatge, P. H. P. of Island " No. 21
- Frank P. Mersereau, H. P. of Putnam " No. 9
- Silas B. Wright, H. P. of St. Johns " No. 4



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PROCEEDINGS

And having previous satisfactory evidence of their having been duly elected to preside over their respective R. A. Chapters, they were severally introduced, and regularly consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form. The Secretary and Treasurer, being called upon, reported that no funds had been placed in his hands for the purpose, and therefore he had not furnished the certificates which were requested of him last year. Upon motion made, seconded and duly adopted, the fee for membership in this convocation is fixed at three dollars, and that each member paying said fee should be entitled to a certificate of membership. There being no further business, the convocation adjourned.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Secretary and Treasurer.



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
 GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,   
 FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons  
of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand Convocation in  
Masonic Hall, at the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3  
o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, A. D. 1891,  
A. I. 2421.

PRESENT—GRAND OFFICERS:

- |                    |         |                             |                   |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| M. E. JAMES        | W. BOYD | .....                       | Grand High Priest |
| THOMAS S. WILMARTH | .....   | Deputy Grand High Priest    |                   |
| IRVING E. WEBSTER  | .....   | as Grand King               |                   |
| EDGAR A. RICHARDS  | .....   | as Grand Scribe             |                   |
| JOHN H. STEPHENS   | .....   | Grand Treasurer             |                   |
| DEWITT C. DAWKINS  | .....   | Grand Secretary             |                   |
| WILLIAM A. McLEAN  | .....   | as Grand C. of H.           |                   |
| ANGUS PATERSON     | .....   | as Grand P. S.              |                   |
| HENRY T. WARTMAN   | .....   | as Grand Royal Arch Captain |                   |
| W. P. WEBSTER      | .....   | Grand Master of 3d Vail     |                   |
| WILLIAM W. TUCKER  | .....   | as Grand Master of 2d Vail  |                   |
| J. D. SINCLAIR     | .....   | as Grand Master of 1st Vail |                   |
| H. C. STEELE       | .....   | Grand Guard                 |                   |
| JAMES F. CLARK     | .....   |                             |                   |

Past Grand High Priests:

- |                 |                    |              |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                 | DEWITT C. DAWKINS, |              |
|                 | W. A. McLEAN,      |              |
|                 | ANGUS PATERSON.    |              |
| Past Grand King | .....              | W. W. TUCKER |



Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters as follows, to-wit:

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| W. A. McLEAN      | Grand Chapter of Colorado       |
| DEWITT C. DAWKINS | Grand Chapter of Georgia        |
| WM. A. McLEAN     | Grand Chapter of Louisiana      |
| H. GLOGOWSKI      | Grand Chapter of Maine          |
| W. W. TUCKER      | Grand Chapter of Maryland       |
| D. C. DAWKINS     | Grand Chapter of Massachusetts  |
| J. W. BOYD        | Grand Chapter of Missouri       |
| D. C. DAWKINS     | Grand Chapter of New York       |
| W. A. McLEAN      | Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia    |
| T. S. WILMARTH    | Grand Chapter of Oregon         |
| D. C. DAWKINS     | Grand Chapter of South Carolina |
| ANGUS PATERSON    | Grand Chapter of Texas          |

And Constituent Chapters represented as follows, to-wit:

*Gainesville Chapter No. 2:*

IRVING E. WEBSTER, H. P.

*Tampa Chapter No. 3:*

HERMAN GLOGOWSKI, H. P.

*Eureka Chapter No. 7:*

EDGAR A. RICHARDS, H. P.

*Putnam Chapter No. 9:*

FRANK P. MERSEREAU, H. P.

*Jacksonville Chapter No. 12:*

HENRY S. ELY, H. P.

J. D. SINCLAIR, S.

*Ocala Chapter No. 13:*

HENRY T. WARTMAN, proxy for H. P.

W. W. TUCKER, proxy for K.

DEWITT M. RODEFFER, S.

*Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22:*

WARREN TYLER, H. P.

OPENING.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, prayer being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

ORGANIZATION.

The Grand High Priest appointed a Committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of D. C. Dawkins, A. Paterson and W. W. Tucker, and announced a recess of five minutes. Upon resumption of business the Committee on Returns and Credentials reported verbally that the foregoing list of Grand Officers and members is correct; that the said officers and members are entitled to be present, and that the Grand Chapter is duly organized.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last Annual Convocation having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

On motion of A. Paterson, duly seconded and adopted, the aforesaid minutes are corrected so as to show that *per diem* as well as mileage was allowed and paid to members.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

The Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees:

*On Returns and Credentials:*

DeWitt C. Dawkins,  
Angus Paterson,  
William W. Tucker.

*On Unfinished Business:*

Edgar A. Richards,  
John H. Stephens,  
Herman Glogowski.

*On Propositions and Grievances:*

William W. Tucker,  
Angus Paterson,  
Edgar A. Richards.

*On Dispensations and By-Laws:*

Herman Glogowski,  
Henry T. Wartman,  
John H. Stephens.



*On Masonic Jurisprudence:*

William A. McLean,  
Angus Paterson,  
DeWitt C. Dawkins.

*On Finance and Accounts:*

Thomas S. Wilmarth,  
Henry T. Wartman,  
Irving E. Webster.

*On Memorials:*

Irving E. Webster,  
William A. McLean,  
Thomas S. Wilmarth.

## VISITORS.

On motion of H. Glogowski, duly seconded and adopted, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing are invited to seats as visitors in this Grand Convocation.

## ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Grand High Priest read the following annual address:

*Companions of the Grand Chapter:*

Another year, with its incident changes, is placed upon the record of the past, among which many faithful Companions have passed through the vales of time into the presence of the Eternal and Supreme Grand Council, whilst we, through the dispensation of Him who doeth all things well, are permitted to again assemble in this our Forty-fifth Grand Convocation, to extend to each other fraternal greetings, to labor in promoting the work and principles of our Holy Order, and upon bended knees offer to the Great I Am the adoration of grateful hearts for the manifold blessings vouchsafed to us, individually and collectively.

During the year just passed it is especially gratifying that throughout our fair State peace, good-will and prosperity have reigned supreme; that no adversity nor pestilence has visited within our borders, save in a milder degree than in some of our sister jurisdictions the plague la grippe, for a season, but whose fetters have long since been loosed, and now good health prevails. It is also gratifying to note that our Royal

Order is in a prospering condition; that whilst one Chapter, Eustis No. 10, has surrendered its charter, others which have been inactive have again resumed and joined the list of faithful workers. Whilst there have been some losses in some of the Chapters, owing to suspensions for non-payment of dues, yet the majority show a decided increase.

Companions, we meet again, but there is one vacant chair in our midst. Our beloved Companion, John F. Niblack, Grand Captain of the Host and Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, on the 4th day of February, 1891, fell a victim to that terrible plague, la grippe, which scourged so many sections of our republic during the winter months. Active, zealous and genial, he was ever ready to perform the duties assigned him, and we shall miss him from our labors and councils.

Our sister jurisdictions seem also to have been more unfortunate than usual, as indicated by the reports received by me, as follows:

General Albert Pike, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Arkansas, and the recognized head of Scottish Rite Masonry throughout the world, and perhaps the best known, died in Washington City on April 2, 1891. As lawyer, poet and Freemason, he was one of the grandest among men that any age has produced.

M. E. Alfred F. Chapman, P. G. G. H. P., died at his residence, in Boston, March 20, 1891. His demise is sincerely felt and deplored in every department of Masonry.

M. E. James E. Cadle, P. G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Missouri.

M. E. A. Bernard Cadworth, P. G. H. P. Grand Chapter of Michigan.

M. E. Nathan Dikeman, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, died November 3, 1890. In every station to which he was called he served with unusual zeal and devotion, rising rapidly from that of Master of his lodge, at the early age of 24, to that of Grand High Priest at the age of 32.

M. E. Hiram Bassett, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, died November 6, 1890, at his home in Millersburg, Ky., in the 70th year of his age, "full of years and full of honors." He was Grand Master in 1861, Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite in 1866, and Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1875. He served many years as Grand Secretary, and at the time of his death was Grand Master of the Third Vail of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. As



a Mason he was distinguished for his intelligence, efficiency and zeal, and his kindly nature and courteous bearing won the respect and love of all who came in contact with him. He was my Masonic preceptor, and in his death I mourn the loss of a personal friend.

P. G. H. P. John Snowden Tyson, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, died July 26, 1890, by accidental drowning. He had served as Grand Master for five years, and had filled many important positions in Cryptic and Templar Masonry. His influence was always devoted to the best interests of the Craft.

M. E. John W. Dadmun, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, died August 6, 1890. He was committee on foreign correspondence for nineteen years, and being well versed in the laws and usages of Royal Arch Masonry, was considered authority in such matters.

M. E. A. Doty, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, died November 27, 1890. He was also Senior Grand Warden of his Grand Lodge and Past Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters. He was distinguished for his work in the Masonic Board of Relief, and stood without a superior in his jurisdiction as a brilliant Mason.

M. E. John Hawkins Rountree, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, died June 27, 1890, at the advanced age of 85 years. His life had been of remarkable activity. Beginning an official career as sheriff at the age of 22 years, he had filled many positions of honor and trust, and yet found much time to devote to the interests of Masonry.

E. Franklin H. Bascom, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, died November 17, 1890. A fervent and zealous member of the Order, he contributed his time and talent to the welfare of the Craft.

E. Companion John Calvin Parish, Emeritus Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, died September 26, 1890. An efficient official he was, held in great esteem by the Fraternity in his State.

E. Companion Matthias H. Watt, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, died August 4, 1890. Faithful in the performance of duty, he was regarded as a model Grand Secretary.

E. James E. Coer, Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Being a zealous worker in Capitular Masonry, he gave his time and talent to the welfare of the Order.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed Grand Representatives of our Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters as follows:

Connecticut—Rev. J. F. Stidham, of New Britain.

Minnesota—John F. Benzet, of St. Paul.

Nova Scotia—John A. Lawson.

New Brunswick—Wm. H. B. Sadlier, of St. Johns.

For reciprocal honors I have recommended the appointment of the following Companions as Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Connecticut—Warren Tyler, of Bartow, and the reappointment of Robert McClellan, of Gainesville, as Representative of Nebraska.

## DECISIONS.

The Council of Florida Royal Arch Chapter No. 1 having refused to open in the subordinate degrees to the Chapter and confer the degrees pertaining thereto, I am asked. "Can't we open in the Preparatory Degrees and confer said degrees without opening in the Royal Arch?"

I answered: After a Chapter has been closed no Lodge subordinate thereto can be opened with less than nine Royal Arch Masons, but a Chapter being regularly opened may, when necessary, call off to a designated period not beyond its next regular Convocation, when such subordinate Lodges may be opened and degrees conferred, there being present in each degree the requisite number for that purpose who are also Royal Arch Masons.

On January 13th, I approved an amendment to the by-laws of Madison Chapter changing time of holding their regular Convocations from the second and fourth Wednesdays to the first and third Mondays.

## DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted:  
August 16. To Florida Chapter, No. 1, to elect and install High Priest, King and Scribe, to fill vacancies occasioned by removal of the High Priest from the jurisdiction, the death of the Scribe and the possible promotion of the King.

October 29. To Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 24, to ballot on petitions before said Chapter at a called meeting thereof.  
October 18. To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, to elect and confer the four Chapter Degrees in advance of the time specified in the by-laws of said Chapter, the Secretary having failed to present the petitions at the proper time.



December 20. To St. John's Chapter, No. 4, to publicly install its officers on the 2d of January, 1891.

January 1, 1891. To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, to elect and install officers, they having failed to hold election at the proper time.

January 8, 1891. To Island Chapter, No. 21, to elect and install officers, they having failed to hold election at the proper time.

February 8, 1891. To Tampa Chapter, No. 3, to hold an election of officers.

## CONCLUSION.

It will be observed from what has been reported that your presiding officer has been called upon to perform but few official acts, which should not be taken as a lack of zeal in our Institution, but rather in the light that harmony prevails throughout our jurisdiction. And see to it, Companions, that no disturbing material be brought within our portals to disturb that harmony. Look well to the character of the material, that it be such as will redound to the credit and prosperity of the Order.

And now, Companions, let us to the discharge of our duties, promptly yet considerately, that we may go hence with an approving conscience that we have done all that devolved upon us to do.

My grateful thanks are due to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter for their courtesy and assistance, and especially to the Grand Secretary for valuable assistance and courtesy.

J. W. BOYD.

## REFERENCE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That so much of the annual address of the Grand High Priest as relates to necrological matters be referred to the Committee on Memorials; that so much thereof as relates to law, decisions and special dispensations be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; that so much thereof as relates to Grand Representatives be approved, and that the residue of said address, or so much thereof as is not otherwise referred, be referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest announced the foregoing special committee to be composed of H. Glogowski, I. E. Webster and H. T. Wartman.

## REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

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

## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1890 were promptly printed and distributed as usual, and I recommend that hereafter four copies be sent to each Chapter, that the Council Officers may each have a copy, and one copy be required to remain always in the Chapter for ready reference at all times. I also recommend that four copies be sent to each Grand Chapter in reciprocal exchange, that the retiring Grand High Priests may have a copy. I further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send our Proceedings to all regular Masonic organizations which will reciprocate.

Matters contained in the address of the Grand High Priest are not repeated here.

The charters of defunct Chapters Nos. 6 and 11 have been sent to the Grand Secretary's office; that of No. 19 has not, though requested so to do.

The Grand Chapter in 1885 sustained a very great loss by fire, and had no insurance; it now has property in custody of the Grand Secretary upon which a reasonable insurance ought to be carried.

All matters appertaining to the office of Grand Secretary have been faithfully performed, and your scrutiny is solicited.

Although one of our Chapters has surrendered to adversity, the others are prospering, as the appended account will show.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Grand Secretary.

## COLLECTIONS.

|                                                                 | Dr.      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, to Grand Chapter, 1891, May 12— | \$34 00  |
| To dues of Florida Chapter, No. 1...                            | 28 00    |
| To dues of Gainesville Chapter, No. 2...                        | 24 00    |
| To dues of Tampa Chapter, No. 3...                              | 46 00    |
| To dues of St. John's Chapter, No. 4...                         | 46 00    |
| To dues of Eureka Chapter, No. 7...                             | 46 00    |
| Carried forward.....                                            | \$132 00 |



|                                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <i>Brought forward</i> .....                     | \$132 00 |
| 1891, May 12—To dues of Madison Chapter, No. 8.. | 40 00    |
| To dues of Putnam Chapter, No. 9..               | 39 00    |
| To dues of Jacksonville Chap., No. 12..          | 80 00    |
| To dues of Ocala Chapter, No. 13....             | 63 00    |
| To dues of Providence Chap., No. 20..            | 20 00    |
| To dues of Island Chapter, No. 21..              | 47 00    |
| To dues of Thomas Brown Chapter,<br>No. 22.....  | 31 00    |
| To dues of Mount Moriah Chapter,<br>No. ....     | 452 00   |
|                                                  | 452 00   |
| 1891, May 12—By paid Grand Treasurer.....        | 452 00   |

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, to-wit:

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following financial statement:

|        |                                          | DR.       | CR.        |
|--------|------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1890.  |                                          |           |            |
| May 10 | To balance in treasury.....              | \$ 569.03 |            |
| 1891.  |                                          |           |            |
| May 12 | To Rec'd from G. S. D. C. Dawkins..      | 452.00    |            |
|        |                                          |           | \$1,021.03 |
| 1890.  |                                          |           |            |
| May 11 | By salary of Grand Secretary.....        | \$ 150.00 |            |
| " "    | By salary of Grand Chaplain.....         | 10 00     |            |
| " "    | By salary of Grand Guard.....            | 15.00     |            |
| " "    | By office rent, postage, etc., G. S..... | 67.00     |            |
| June 4 | By per diem and mileage allowed.....     | 80.05     |            |
| 1891.  | By printing Proceedings of 1890.....     | 48.00     |            |
| May 12 | By Balance.....                          | 650.98    |            |
|        |                                          |           | \$1,021.03 |

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN H. STEPHENS,  
Grand Treasurer.

May 12, 1891.

CHAPTER RETURNS.

The Grand Secretary presented the returns which he had received from the Chapters, and they were referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

GREETING.

W. A. McLean, P. G. H. P., verbally presented a fraternal greeting from Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P., and Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., moved that this Grand Chapter heartily reciprocates the brotherly sentiment, to be conveyed to him through a printed copy of the Proceedings, which motion was duly seconded and adopted.

REFRESHMENT.

A. Paterson, P. G. H. P., moved that when the Grand Chapter be called to refreshment that it be until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to refreshment until 10 A. M., to-morrow.

1891, MAY 13, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

PRESENT:

Most Excellent James W. Boyd, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

CALLED TO LABOR.

The Grand Chapter was duly called from refreshment to labor; prayer being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and confirmed.

RETURNS.

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:  
Your Committee on Returns and Credentials report that



the matter of credentials has heretofore been disposed of by the Grand Chapter.

We find correct the returns of Chapters bearing the following numbers, to-wit: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 21 and 22.

We find No. 20 due \$10, by error.

Eustis Chapter No. 10, has surrendered its charter, which is in the Archives of the Grand Chapter. This is but the end of a long, lingering disease, commonly known as apathy, and we fear that the same dreadful malady has struck our Companions in the Western portion of the State, as no return has come up from No. 24 since the consolidation in 1888. Redoubled assiduity is recommended to all Companions interested in efficient remedies.

Tampa Chapter No. 3, has sent up its returns for 1889 and 1890, and has paid only a portion of its dues. Its languishing condition is due to the yellow fever epidemic which so sorely afflicted that city three years ago; but the surviving Companions, after so long a struggle, begin to experience the sensation of revival to which Grand Chapter leniency will evidently contribute. Such, at least, is our hope and belief, and we therefore recommend that the balance of its indebtedness, up to December 27, 1890, be cancelled.

We congratulate the Chapters making correct returns, for their neatness and creditable painstaking, and urge upon all the Chapters to have their returns into the hands of the Grand Secretary at least ten days before each Annual Grand Convocation.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
A. PATERSON,  
W. W. TUCKER,  
*Committee.*

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter State of Florida:*  
We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to report as follows:

1. Inasmuch as the committee appointed from last year to report a standard work for the several degrees of the Chapter have been unable to make such selection, owing to adverse circumstances, we would recommend the continuance of said committee for another year,

2. Your committee would recommend the final adoption of the proposed amendments to Section 4 of Article I of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Florida, to read as follows:

The Annual Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville, at such time as may be designated by this Grand Chapter, and the Representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum. *Provided*, That the Grand High Priest may, for good cause, designate some other time and place within this Grand Jurisdiction for holding the Annual Grand Convocation. *And Provided, also*, That the Grand High Priest may call a special Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter when, in his discretion, it may be necessary or important to do so. And hereafter the opening of this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following standing committees, each to consist of not less than three members:

1. On Returns and Credentials.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-Laws.
5. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. On Finance and Accounts.
7. On Memorials.
8. On Foreign Correspondence.
9. On Printing.
10. On Work.

The Committee on Work shall consist of three members, the term of one of which shall expire each year. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence to sit during the recess of the Grand Chapter.

3. In regard to the continued inactivity of Jefferson R. A. Chapter No. 5, your committee would respectfully recommend to continue the same another year, a visit from the Grand High Priest as being, in their opinion, the most effectual method of reviving the said Chapter.

4. Your committee also find on page 22 of Grand Chapter proceedings of 1890, that Companions W. A. McLean and D. C. Dawkins were appointed a committee to prepare a printed Ritual for Installation ceremonies, but your committee would respectfully report that we are unable to find the aforesaid printed Ritual among any of the books or papers belonging to this Grand Chapter.



Beyond the foregoing report, your committee find no further unfinished business requiring the action of this Grand Chapter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. RICHARD,  
H. GLOGOWSKI.

The Grand Treasurer moved that the foregoing report on unfinished business be acted upon *seriatim*, which was duly seconded and adopted.

Upon paragraph No. 1 of said report, the Grand Treasurer offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That that portion of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business relating to the Committee on Work be adopted and the Committee on Work to report a uniform system at the next Convocation of this grand body and be prepared to exemplify all the Chapter degrees.

Upon paragraph No. 2, of said report, it was moved, seconded and adopted, that the proposed amendment to the Constitution to be found on pages 22 and 23 of the printed proceedings of 1890, be adopted, excepting only the words on page 23, "the Committee on Work shall consist of three members, the term of one of which, shall expire each year."

Paragraph No. 3 of said report was concurred in.

Upon consideration of paragraph No. 4 the committee was continued for another year.

The aforesaid report was then unanimously adopted as amended by the aforesaid actions of the Grand Chapter.

FINANCE.

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*  
Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report as follows:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, presented to the present Grand Convocation, and find them correct, and recommend their adoption.

We recommend the following appropriations, to-wit:

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Salary of Grand Secretary for past year     | \$150 00 |
| Salary of Grand Chaplain                    | 10 00    |
| Salary of Guard                             | 15 00    |
| Office rent, postage, etc., Grand Secretary | 60 00    |

Also, the payment of a per diem of two dollars, and five cents per mile, one way, to the senior officer present from each Chapter duly represented at the present Convocation, and elective Grand Officers not mentioned above. When no officer is present to represent his Chapter, the proxy present for the Senior officer is entitled to it.

We recommend the printing of the proceedings of the present Convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer pay for the same and other necessary expenses.

T. S. WILMARTH,  
H. T. WARTMAN,  
I. E. WEBSTER.

Jacksonville, Florida, May 13, 1891.

JURISPRUDENCE.

A majority of the Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have carefully considered the matters referred to it, and report as follows:

The decision of the Grand High Priest, in the matter of inquiries from Florida R. A. Chapter, seems to be in harmony with regulations 24 and 48, and are therefore approved, with the understanding that Chapters are not authorized to call off one regular Convocation until the next for the purpose of doing work in the Lodges.

Believing that the law as it stands is rather too rigid for practical utility with all the Chapters, we recommend, that regulation 21 be amended by adding thereto the following words, to-wit: *Provided*, that the High Priest may call meetings of the Lodges respectively, to confer the Lodge degrees upon duly elected candidates, and do the work with the working quorums, Mark Master's Lodge —, Past Master's Lodge —, and Most Excellent Master's Lodge —, and all of whom are not necessarily required to be Royal Arch Masons; and for such purpose, the Chapter, like a court of chancery, is always open, and must always be expressly recognized in the records of meetings.

The committee also recommend that Regulation No. 48 be amended by adding thereto the words: "Except for the purpose contained in this proviso to Regulation No. 21."

Your committee find that the special dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest conform to precedent, and are therefore approved.



The office of High Priest, like that of a king, is never vacant, for when the duly elected Companion can no longer fill it, the King or Scribe successively enter, therefore care should be taken and a dispensations hould never be granted in such a case, unless the King and Scribe surviving expressly join in the application. To this principle the Grand High Priest adhered in his decision.

W. A. McLEAN,  
D. C. DAWKINS,  
*Committee.*

A. Paterson, P. G. II. P., of said committee, presented the following minority report :

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter :*

The undersigned, member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, agrees with the majority, except that part which permits the subordinate Lodges to meet without there being nine members present. And would recommend the following be the law of the Grand Chapter on this subject :

That the subordinate Lodges may be opened without opening the R. A. degree, provided there be nine present. All business of the Chapter must be done when opened on the R. A. degree, but it may be called off, and the subordinate Lodges opened for the purpose of conferring degrees, but the R. A. must be closed within a few days. When the R. A. is opened, eight members or more shall compose a Mark Lodge, Three members or more shall compose a Past Master's Lodge, and two members or more shall compose a Most Excellent Master's Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANGUS PATERSON,

*Of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.*

May 13, 1891.

On motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the foregoing majority report was adopted, and the three blanks therein were ordered to be filled as follows, to-wit: After the words "Mark Masters' Lodge," insert the word "five;" after the words "Past Masters' Lodge," insert the word "three;" and after the words "Most Excellent Masters' Lodge," the word "two."

## ELECTIONS, ETC.

The Grand Treasurer offered the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved,* That when the Grand Chapter calls from labor to refreshment, that labor be resumed at 3:30 P. M., and the first business of the afternoon session shall be the election of Grand officers.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3:30 P. M.

1891, MAY 13, 3:30 P. M.

## PRESENT.

Most Excellent James W. Boyd, Grand High Priest, and others as at the morning session.

## CALLING ON.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor; the devotional exercises were conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

## MINUTES.

The foregoing minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

## ELECTION.

The Grand Chapter, as per previous appointment, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when the following were duly elected, to-wit:

THOMAS S. WILMARTH—Grand High Priest.  
FRANK P. MERSEREAU—Deputy Grand High Priest.  
IRVING E. WEBSTER—Grand King.  
JOHN H. STEPHENS—Grand Scribe.  
HENRY S. ELY—Grand Treasurer.  
DEWITT C. DAWKINS—Grand Secretary.  
WILLIAM A. McLEAN—Grand Chaplain.



## NECROLOGY.

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter :*

Your Committee on Memorials respectfully present the following report :

Leaving the busy marts of trade for a brief period, we have convened for the purpose of considering those matters which tend to satisfy the longings of the human heart for something purer and holier and which tend to bring us nearer the great "I AM;" the source of all our earthly comforts, the better to fit us for the duties of this life.

Man is a progressive being, not satisfied with what he sees around him, but is ever looking into the future.

The present is but a fragment of that eternity toward which we are drifting, and the chief end and aim of man is to be prepared for the life upon which he is to enter when his labors here shall have ceased. Our motto being "Holiness to the Lord" it should be our highest pleasure to use those blessings which the Almighty has bestowed upon us, in accordance with the dictates of His will accompanied with infinite love.

While we consider this to be true Royal Arch Masonry, there still lingers a sadness when a Companion leaves us to join the grand council on high and we would that we could say, that within the past year our ranks have not been broken by the grim monster, Death, but our Most Excellent Grand High Priest calls attention to the vacant chair of Companion John F. Niblack, Grand Captain of the Host, an active, zealous and genial companion, who cheerfully responded to every call of duty, and while we mourn our loss we are called to extend the hand of sympathy to our sister grand jurisdictions.

That grand leader and head of Scottish Rite Masonry, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, General Albert Pike, has been called into the Supreme Grand Council of Heaven, one of the grandest men the world has ever produced—one whose whole soul was devoted to the principles of Freemasonry.

M. E. Companion, Alfred F. Chapman, by *Angina Pectoris*, suddenly took his upward flight from his residence in the City of Boston, on the 20th of March, 1891, in the 62 year of his age. He was that kind of a Mason, whose services were demanded in every department, from the checkered floor, through the Presidency of High Priesthood, to the position of

General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, which latter position he filled 1883 to 1886, and was never in any place found wanting. He erected a perpetual monument to himself, as editor of the *Liberal Free-Mason*, and his sparkling genius will long linger with the memory of those who knew him.

From the Grand Chapter of Missouri has gone James E. Cadle, P. G. H. P., and from the Grand Chapter of Michigan has also gone A. Bernard Cudworth, P. G. H. P., men of excellent worth and zealous Masons.

From Connecticut has gone Nathan Dikeman, P. G. H. P., perhaps one of the youngest yet one of the most zealous workers of the Royal Arch; and from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Hiram Bassett, P. G. H. P. has gone, "a man full of years and full of honors." He had served as Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite—Grand Commander of Knights Templar—and passed away as Grand Master of the 3d Vail of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, leaving behind a record complete.

From the Grand Chapter of Maryland has gone John Snowden Tyson, P. G. H. P., a true friend to the needy, whose life was pure and undefiled.

From the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts has gone Rev. John W. Dadman, P. G. H. P., bold, intelligent, considerate and prudent, he was in himself equipped as an authority in all matters contributing to the welfare of the Craft.

From the Grand Chapter of South Carolina has gone A. Doty, G. H. P.; as a brilliant Mason he stood without a superior, leaving an example worthy of emulation.

From the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin has gone John Hawkins Roundtree, P. G. H. P., a man devoted to the principles of Masonry, faithful and conscientious in the discharge of every duty, and from the Grand Chapter of Vermont has also gone Franklin H. Bascom, G. K., genial and generous, his time was devoted to the welfare of Chapter.

From the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa has gone John Calvin Parish, Emeritus Grand Secretary, faithful in every trust, just and upright, and from the Grand Chapter of Ohio Matthias H. Watt, Excellent Grand Secretary, whose lifelong work with the Craft made him a noted Secretary.

From the Grand Chapter of Connecticut has also gone James E. Coer, G. P. S., who devoted his time and talents to the welfare of the Rite.

All these companions have ceased their labors in the lower Council and have crossed the dark river to wear the jewels of



the Supreme Grand Council, leaving behind them influences that will never die, but as seed sown, they will sprout again and again bearing fruit continuously.

May the Supreme Ruler, whose name forms the grand principle and foundation of our Chapter, comfort the afflicted and keep us in that rectitude of conduct that will guide us into the highway of holiness unto Himself.

I. E. WEBSTER,  
T. S. WILMARTH,  
W. A. McLEAN,  
*Committee.*

#### CRYPTIC MASONRY.

H. T. Wartman, P. H. P. offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved,* That the M. E. G. H. P. appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to take all necessary and proper steps to ascertain the *status* of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction; and report at the next annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest appointed as such committee;

HENRY T. WARTMAN,  
JAMES W. BOYD,  
EDGAR A. RICHARD.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATION.

Warren Tyler, H. P., presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut near the Grand Chapter of Florida, and was received as such, with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry; and Companion Robert McClellan was also received as representative of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

#### TEMPLE FUND.

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

*Resolved,* That the sum of one hundred dollars be contributed by this Grand Chapter to the erection of a Masonic Temple in Jacksonville, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized and instructed to pay said sum to the Grand Lodge Building Committee for that purpose.

#### INSTALLATIONS, ETC.

The newly elected Grand Officers were duly installed into their respective offices by William A. McLean, P. G. H. P.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Grand Officers, who were also duly installed by W. A. McLean, P. G. H. P., to-wit:

ANGUS PATERSON, Grand Captain of the Host.  
EDGAR A. RICHARDS, Grand Principal Sojourner.  
HERMAN GLOGOWSKI, Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
WARREN TYLER, Grand Master 3d Vail.  
HENRY T. WARTMAN, Grand Master 2d Vail.  
DEWITT M. RODEFER, Grand Master 1st Vail.  
JAMES F. CLARK, Grand Guard.

#### SPECIAL REPORT.

The Special Committee on residue of Grand High Priest's Address, presented the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

*To M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Special Committee to which was referred the portions of the Address of the Grand High Priest which was not referred to other committees, or otherwise disposed of, report, that we have considered the thoughts and sentiments contained in said address, and recommend them to the thoughtful consideration of all the Royal Craft in Florida.

We recommend that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to M. E. Companion Boyd for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged his official duties.

H. GLOGOWSKI,  
I. E. WEBSTER,  
H. T. WARTMAN,  
*Committee.*

#### NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The Grand Treasurer offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved,* That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville on the second Tuesday in May A. D. 1892, at H. 12.



## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed with the proceedings. And the resolutions thereunto appended were unanimously adopted.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence report, that inasmuch as the Masonic fraternity of our State are specially engaged in an effort to erect a Masonic Temple, in which the Grand Chapter feels an active interest, we have deemed it indiscreet to produce a general review of the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters, thereby saving the expense of printing it in aid of the purpose indicated.

We are vain enough, if vanity it is, to entertain the impression that others would like to know, in all the Grand Jurisdictions, what we had to say about them. And the Royal Craft in Florida are the greatest losers in failing to obtain the good news and glad tidings that await the gatherings from the published annals of the Grand Chapters throughout the great Royal Arch heritage, but we must humbly, if not cheerfully, submit to these disadvantages, "working and eating are our bread," so to speak, until the stumbling blocks shall have been removed, the rough and rugged places shall have been safely passed, and until the brighter day of prosperity shall have dawned upon us, and "the glory of the Lord shall have filled the Lord's House."

Your committee has at least partially examined the published proceedings of the various Grand Chapters as they were severally received, with unusual pleasure and profit, and only regret that we cannot here divide the rich legacies with you, and must be content to present such matters to your consideration as require your action. Your attention, therefore, will be directed to the new links which have been inserted, thus enlarging the Royal Chain of fraternal union and affection.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indian Territory was regularly organized, under the auspices of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, on the 15th day of February, 1890, with that indomitable, Mason, M. E. Joseph S. Morrow, as Grand High Priest. At first there was a want of confidence, in the minds of high officials, in the feasibility of organizing a successful Grand Chapter in that vast territory, but its eager organization and onward progress since, puts to final rest all such doubts; so that we

may hail the brilliant young sister, with all our heart, as one of the brightest links, solid at that, in the Royal chain. As the Grand Chapter of Florida held its Annual Convocation last year in May for the first time, and there was no report on Foreign Correspondence, the matter of recognition was not attended to when it probably ought to have been, for which we feel sorry, but we may not have received the necessary information. At any rate, we now append hereto a resolution for that purpose, and recommend its adoption.

An annual Convocation of this new Grand Chapter was held November 6, 1890, at which M. E. Edmond H. Doyle was elected Grand High Priest and the M. E. Joseph S. Morrow was elected Grand Secretary.

We have heretofore been in fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Dakota. When that immense territory was divided and became the Sovereign States of North and South Dakota, the establishment of a Grand Chapter in each became a necessity, which has been harmoniously accomplished. The Grand Chapter of North Dakota held its first Annual Grand Communication at Grand Forks, June 18, 1890. M. E. Leonard E. Chase was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Thomas J. Wilder was elected Grand Secretary. We append hereto a resolution for its recognition, and recommend its adoption.

The Grand Chapter of South Dakota held its first Annual Grand Convocation at the city of Madison, June 9, 1890. M. E. Henry S. Williams was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Geo. A. Pettigrew was elected Grand Secretary.

Whether or not the original command to "multiply and replenish" was intended to apply to the generation of Grand Chapters, the admonition seems to have been taken as specially given, and the increasing process is still going on. The youngest babe of all being of full twelve months' conception, (and still wearing long dresses), saw the dawn of its first day November 12, 1890. It sprang into existence under authority of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and seems to have fair prospects ahead. M. E. Martin W. Kales was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Geo. J. Roskruge, Grand Secretary. We append a resolution for recognition, and recommend its adoption.

Fraternally submitted.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
*For the Committee.*



APPENDED RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indian Territory be, and is hereby recognized as a regular, sovereign and independent Grand Chapter, and that an exchange of Grand Representatives be solicited.

*Resolved*, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota be, and is hereby recognized as a regular, sovereign and independent Grand Chapter, and that the mutual representation already established be continued.

*Resolved*, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota be, and is hereby recognized as a regular, sovereign and independent Grand Chapter, soliciting exchange of Representatives.

*Resolved*, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona be, and is hereby recognized as a regular, sovereign and independent Grand Chapter, mutual relations of amity being desired.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, duly made, seconded and adopted, the thanks of this Grand Chapter are tendered to Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12, for use of Hall.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the railroads for special rates.

MINUTES.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

CLOSING.

There appearing to be no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, the devotions being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

*D. C. Dawkins*  
Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

| CHAPTERS          | No. | Members last year | Exalted | Affiliated | Reinstated | Total | Deaths | Dimitted | Suspended | Expelled | Rejected | Present Membership |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|---------|------------|------------|-------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | 29                | 1       |            |            | 30    | 2      | 1        | 1         |          |          | 26                 |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | 30                |         | 2          |            | 32    | 1      | 3        |           |          |          | 28                 |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | 22                |         | 2          |            | 24    |        |          |           |          |          | 24                 |
| St. Johns.....    | 4   | 17                | 7       | 2          |            | 26    |        |          |           |          |          | 26                 |
| Eureka.....       | 7   | 37                | 5       | 2          |            | 44    | 1      | 3        | 2         |          |          | 38                 |
| Madison.....      | 8   | 52                | 1       | 1          |            | 54    | 1      | 3        | 6         |          |          | 44                 |
| Putnam.....       | 9   | 33                | 3       | 1          |            | 37    | 1      |          | 2         |          |          | 34                 |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | 58                | 12      | 1          | 2          | 73    |        | 4        |           |          |          | 69                 |
| Ocala.....        | 13  | 26                | 6       |            |            | 32    |        | 2        | 1         |          |          | 29                 |
| Providence.....   | 20  | 26                | 4       | 1          |            | 31    | 1      | 2        |           |          |          | 28                 |
| Island.....       | 21  | 38                | 5       |            |            | 43    | 3      | 1        |           |          |          | 39                 |
| Thomas Brown..... | 22  | 32                |         |            | 1          | 33    |        |          |           |          |          | 33                 |
|                   |     | 400               | 44      | 12         | 3          | 459   | 10     | 19       | 12        |          |          | 418                |

SUMMARY.

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of Members last year, as per Returns..... | 400 |
| Whole gain.....                                  | 59  |
| Total.....                                       | 459 |
| Whole loss.....                                  | 41  |
| Present Membership.....                          | 418 |
| Net gain.....                                    | 18  |



## CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTERS            | NO. | HIGH PRIESTS       | KINGS             | SCRIBES            | TREASURERS        | SECRETARIES        | P. O. ADDRESS |
|---------------------|-----|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Florida.....        | 1   | W M McIntosh, Sr   | D McLachlan ..... | W P Denham .....   | R Gambell .....   | S A Wauchope.....  | Tallahassee.  |
| Gainesville.....    | 2   | I E Webster.....   | A M Cushman ..... | J R Eddins .....   | T A Carroll.....  | .....              | Gainesville.  |
| Tampa.....          | 3   | H Glogowski.....   | B A Brown.....    | J C White.....     | R B Thomas.....   | M D Cushing.....   | Tampa.        |
| St Johns.....       | 4   | S B Wright.....    | A E Gleason ..... | J R Wetherell..... | F H Enos.....     | J H Hibbard .....  | DeLand.       |
| Eureka.....         | 7   | E A Richards ..... | W H Jewell.....   | G W Burden .....   | M Gore .....      | W F Barnes.....    | Orlando.      |
| Madison.....        | 8   | W S Jordan.....    | M H Waring.....   | J W Williams.....  | H J Paramore..... | J E Pound.....     | Madison.      |
| Putnam.....         | 9   | F P Mersereau..... | C Gillis.....     | W J Winegar.....   | M Kohl .....      | Marcus Loeb.....   | Palatka.      |
| Jacksonville .....  | 12  | H S Ely.....       | M H Motte.....    | J D Sinclair.....  | J C Greeley ..... | A M Lenig .....    | Jacksonville. |
| Ocala.....          | 13  | J N Whitefield.... | O G Finch.....    | D M Rodeffer ..... | W Fox.....        | John S Forazer.... | Ocala.        |
| Providence .....    | 20  | J F Niblack.....   | J M Tolbert ..... | R C Martin.....    | D A Reeves .....  | A C Odom.....      | Pr vidence.   |
| Island.....         | 21  | J J Delaney.....   | W McClintock....  | B Albury .....     | S Filer .....     | R A Monsalvatge    | Key West.     |
| Thomas Brown.....   | 22  | W Tyler.....       | J F Hancock, Jr.. | T L Hughes.....    | S Lang.....       | J W Boyd.....      | Bartow.       |
| *Mount Moriah ..... | 24  | G S Hallmark.....  | .....             | .....              | .....             | A L Williams ..... | Pensacola.    |

\* No return of officers for 1889.

## DIRECTORY OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

| GRAND CHAPTERS              | GRAND SECRETARIES.         | P. O. ADDRESS.     |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Alabama.....                | Myles J. Greene .....      | Montgomery.        |
| Arizona Territory .....     | George J. Roskrige.....    | Presco Rock.       |
| Arkansas.....               | James A. Henry .....       | San Francisco.     |
| California.....             | Thomas H. Caswell.....     | Hanilton, Ontario. |
| Canada.....                 | David McLehlan.....        | Pueblo             |
| Colorado.....               | Ed. G. Parmelee.....       | Hartford.          |
| Connecticut.....            | Joseph K. Wheeler.....     | Wilmington.        |
| Delaware.....               | James H. Stephens.....     | Washington.        |
| District of Columbia .....  | Lewis G. Sprinkle.....     | London, W. C.      |
| England.....                | Frederick R. Brinklee..... | Buffalo, New York. |
| General Grand Chapter ..... | Christopher G. Fox.....    | .....              |
| Georgia.....                | A. M. Wolhin.....          | .....              |
| Illinois.....               | Gilbert W. Barnard.....    | Chicago.           |
| Indiana.....                | John M. Bramwell.....      | Atoka.             |
| Indian Territory.....       | Joseph S. Morrow.....      | Des Moines.        |
| Iowa.....                   | Alfred Wiegert.....        | Dublin.            |
| Ireland.....                | Samuel B. Oldham.....      | Wyandotte.         |
| Kansas.....                 | John H. Brown.....         | New Orleans.       |
| Kentucky.....               | Joseph H. Branham.....     | Portland.          |
| Louisiana.....              | James C. Batchelor.....    | Baltimore.         |
| Maine.....                  | Ira Henry.....             | Boston.            |
| Maryland.....               | George E. McCahan.....     | Grand Rapids.      |
| Massachusetts.....          | George Bowen.....          | .....              |
| Michigan.....               | Wm. P. Innis.....          | St. Paul.          |
| Minnesota.....              | Thomas Montgomery.....     | Jackson.           |
| Mississippi.....            | J. L. Power.....           | St. Louis.         |
| Missouri.....               | W. H. Mayo.....            | Omaha.             |
| Montana.....                | Wm. R. Bowen.....          | Carson City.       |
| Nevada.....                 | Chanutey N. Noteware.....  | Saint John.        |
| New Brunswick.....          | T. Nisbett Robertson.....  | Genev. City.       |
| New Hampshire.....          | George P. Cleaves.....     | .....              |
| New Jersey.....             | George H. Edwards.....     | Buffalo.           |
| New York.....               | Christopher G. Fox.....    | Raleigh.           |
| North Carolina.....         | Donald W. Bain.....        | Fargo.             |
| North Dakota.....           | Thomas J. Wilder.....      | Hartax.            |
| Ohio.....                   | George T. Smithers.....    | Cincinnati.        |
| Oregon.....                 | J. H. Bronnwell.....       | Portland.          |
| Pennsylvania.....           | R. F. Earhart.....         | Philadelphia.      |
| Rhode Island.....           | Charles E. Meyer.....      | Charlottetown.     |
| South Carolina.....         | G. W. Wakefield.....       | Montreal.          |
| South Dakota.....           | Joseph Mitchell.....       | Providence.        |
| Tennessee.....              | Wm. R. Greene.....         | Edinburgh.         |
| Texas.....                  | D. Murray Lyon.....        | Charleston.        |
| Vermont.....                | J. E. Burke.....           | Portland.          |
| Virginia.....               | George A. Pettigrew.....   | Nashville.         |
| Washington Territory.....   | John Frizzell.....         | Houston.           |
| West Virginia.....          | Robert Brewster.....       | Burlington.        |
| Wisconsin.....              | Warren G. Reynolds.....    | Richmond.          |
| .....                       | William B. Isaacs.....     | Walla Walla.       |
| .....                       | Young C. Blalock.....      | Winnington.        |
| .....                       | John W. Morris.....        | Winkeing.          |
| .....                       | John W. Lahn.....          | Milwaukee.         |



PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

|        | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS | GRAND KINGS      | GRAND SCRIBES      | GRAND TREASURERS  | GRAND SECRETARIES | GRAND CHAPLAINS |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1847.. | Thos Douglas*      | John P Duval*             | Henry R Taylor*  | Geo W McRae*       | Edwin D Nash*     | John B Taylor*    | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1848.. | John P Duval*      | Isaac B Bronson*          | Geo W McRae*     | D S Graham*        | Thomas Brown*     | John B Taylor*    | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1849.. | Isaac H Bronson*   | Harry R Taylor*           | D S Graham*      | R A Shine*         | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*    | Charles E Dyke* |
| 1850.. | Harry R Taylor*    | D S Graham*               | R A Shine*       | Gad Humphreys*     | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*    | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1851.. | Thomas Brown*      | Gad Humphreys*            | Alfred A Fisher* | Benj Sawyer*       | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*    | Geo M M Donald  |
| 1852.. | R A Shine*         | Sam'l B Stephens*         | Sam'l Boardman*  | Dan'l O McLean*    | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*    | Charles E Dyke* |
| 1853.. | Sam'l Boardman*    | J M W Davidson*           | C A M Mitchell*  | James S Rust*      | David C Wilson*   | J hu B Taylor*    | A G Oag         |
| 1854.. | J Wayles Baker*    | Thomas Y Henry*           | James Ellenwood* | John L McKinnon*   | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*    | Homer Hender    |
| 1855.. | J Wayles Baker*    | Edward R Ives*            | Joseph S May*    | James Ellenwood*   | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*    | Homer Hender    |
| 1856.. | Thos Hayward*      | James Ellenwood*          | John L McKinnon* | David S Walker*    | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*    | Charles E Dyke* |
| 1857.. | Thos Hayward*      | James Ellenwood*          | D P Holland*     | Charles E Dyke*    | John T Bond*      | John B Taylor*    | J R Plummer     |
| 1858.. | Ga Humphreys*      | James Ellenwood*          | Geo F Baltzell*  | Calvin Davis*      | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*    | John Penny*     |
| 1859.. | D P Holland*       | Geo F Baltzell*           | George D Fisher* | Josiah Faine*      | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*    | John Penny*     |
| 1860.. | Thos Y Henry*      | Geo F Baltzell*           | Franklin Branch* | Charles Slager*    | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*    | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1861.. | Geo F Baltzell*    | James Ellenwood*          | Charles Slager*  | D C Dawkins*       | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*    | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1862.. | Geo F Baltzell*    | James Ellenwood*          | Green H Hunter*  | Wm H Arendell*     | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*    | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1863.. | Geo F Baltzell*    | James Ellenwood*          | Thos K Leonard*  | Wm H Arendell*     | Thos Hayward*     | Hugh A Corley*    | Columb's Smith* |
| 1864.. | Geo F Baltzell*    | James Ellenwood*          | B S Fuller*      | Elias Earle*       | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley*    | Columb's Smith* |
| 1865.. | David Jones*       | D C Dawkins*              | Elias Earle*     | J A Lea*           | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley*    | Columb's Smith* |
| 1866.. | David Jones*       | D C Dawkins*              | Charles Slager*  | Chas K Sparhawk*   | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley*    | Samuel C Craft  |
| 1867.. | David Jones*       | Wm Morrill*               | Charles Slager*  | M M T Hutchingson* | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley*    | Wm A McLean     |
| 1868.. | Jas Ellenwood*     | Wm Morrill*               | Charles Slager*  | Michael Bowes*     | T Preston Tatum*  | Edw Bradford, Jr* | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1869.. | D C Dawkins*       | M M T Hutchingson*        | H H Berry*       | Samuel Pasco*      | T Preston Tatum*  | Edw Bradford, Jr* | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1870.. | D C Dawkins*       | Charles Slager*           | Charles Mndlee*  | Theodore Ball*     | T Preston Tatum*  | W M McIntosh*     | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1871.. | D C Dawkins*       | James Ellenwood*          | Wm Morrill*      | James L Taylor*    | T Preston Tatum*  | W M McIntosh*     | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1872.. | Wm Morrill*        | Hugh A Corley*            | John C Ley*      | Benj J Alderman*   | Wm A Young*       | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*     |
| 1873.. | Michael Bowes*     | Samuel Pasco*             | John S Driggs*   | W W Tucker*        | DeWitt C Dawkins* | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*     |
| 1874.. | Michael Bowes*     | John S Driggs*            | Ben G Alderman*  | W W Tucker*        | DeWitt C Dawkins* | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*     |
| 1875.. | Henry W Long*      | Edward P Jordan*          | Wm T Weeks*      | John T Miller*     | DeWitt C Dawkins* | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*     |
| 1876.. | John S Driggs*     | Charles J Allred*         | W W Tucker*      | John T Miller*     | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*     |
| 1877.. | John S Driggs*     | George R Jones*           | W W Tucker*      | Geo S Hallmark*    | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*     |
| 1878.. | Enos Wasgate*      | Robert J Perry*           | G R Wentworth*   | Hugh A Corley*     | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*     |
| 1879.. | Robert J Perry*    | G E Wentworth*            | Geo S Hallmark*  | Wm A McLean*       | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*     |
| 1880.. | Robert J Perry*    | Geo S Hallmark*           | Wm E Anderson*   | Wm A McLean*       | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*     |

\* Dead.



PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

|        | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS | GRAND KINGS         | GRAND SCRIBES       | GRAND TREASURERS                      | GRAND SECRETARIES  | GRAND CHAPLAINS |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1881.. | W A McLean.....     | Wm E Anderson...          | Warren F Scott. ... | John G Ellis.....   | L McConihe*.....                      | DeWitt C Dawkins.. | John Penny*.... |
| 1882.. | W A McLean.....     | Wm E. Anderson ...        | Warren F Scott..... | G S Hallmark.....   | L McConihe*.....                      | DeWitt C Dawkins.. | John Penny*.... |
| 1883.. | Geo S Hallmark...   | Wm E Anderson....         | Warren F Scott..... | J W V R Plummer ..  | T S Wilmarth.....                     | DeWitt C Dawkins.. | John Penny*.... |
| 1884.. | Wm E Anderson..     | Warren F Scott.....       | J W V R Plummer ..  | Angus Paterson ...  | T S Wilmarth.....                     | DeWitt C Dawkins.. | Wm A McLean..   |
| 1885.. | Wm E Anderson..     | J W V R Plummer ..        | Angus Paterson....  | Marcus Endel.....   | T S Wilmarth.....                     | DeWitt C Dawkins.. | Wm A McLean..   |
| 1886.. | Angus Paterson..    | Marcus Endel.....         | F S Goodrich ...    | John G Ellis.....   | T S Wilmarth.....                     | DeWitt C Dawkins.. | John S Wharton  |
| 1887.. | Angus Paterson ..   | Marcus Endel.....         | F S Goodrich .....  | R A Monsalvatge ... | T S Wilmarth.....                     | DeWitt C Dawkins.. | Wm A McLean..   |
| 1888.. | Marcus Endel....    | Fred S Goodrich....       | Wm M McIntosh....   | Chas H Munger.....  | T S Wilmarth.....                     | DeWitt C Dawkins.. | Wm A McLean..   |
| 1889.. | Marcus Endel....    | Fred S Goodrich....       | James W Boyd.....   | Chas H Munger.....  | T S Wilmarth.....                     | DeWitt C Dawkins.. | Wm A McLean..   |
| 1890.. | J W Boyd.....       | T S Wilmarth....          | S B Wright.....     | F P Mersereau.....  | John H Stephens... DeWitt C Dawkins.. | Wm A McLean..      |                 |

\*Dead.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS | GRAND CHAPTERS      | OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| H F Pope, Gadsden.....                  | Alabama.....        | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.         |
| Will Gee, Dardenell.....                | Arkansas.....       | W B Barnett, Jacksonville.         |
| James Moffat, London, Ont.....          | Canada.....         | R J Perry, Key West.               |
| R W Woodbury, Denver.....               | Colorado.....       | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville.         |
| Rev J H Siddham, New Britain            | Connecticut.....    | Warren Tyler, Bartow.              |
| W A Davis, Macon.....                   | Georgia.....        | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.         |
| W L Orr, Carrollton.....                | Illinois.....       |                                    |
| Elmer Crockett, South Bend.....         | Indiana.....        | R F Shepard, Milton.               |
| Caleb Lamb, Newton.....                 | Iowa.....           | S B Wright, Deland.                |
| E D Hilgner, Grasshopper Falls          | Kansas.....         | W J Winegar, Palatka.              |
| J W Season, Brooksville.....            | Kentucky.....       | W McClintock, Key West.            |
| J C Batchelor, New Orleans.....         | Louisiana.....      | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville.         |
| Henry R Taylor, Machias.....            | Maine.....          | H Glogowski, Tampa.                |
| Nathan Leyman.....                      | Maryland.....       | W W Tucker, Key West.              |
| Alexander K Bryer.....                  | Massachusetts.....  | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.         |
| John F Benzet, St Paul.....             | Minnesota.....      | W M McIntosh, Tallahassee.         |
| J L Powers, Jackson.....                | Mississippi.....    | Samuel Pasco, Monticello.          |
| Rev C C Wood, Kansas City ..            | Missouri.....       | J W Boyd, Bartow.                  |
| John J Monnell, Omaha.....              | Nebraska.....       | R McClahan, Gainesville.           |
| W H B Sadler, St John.....              | New Brunswick.....  |                                    |
| Ed L Thlow, Elizabeth.....              | New Jersey.....     | R J Perry, Key West.               |
| Rees G Williams, Utica.....             | New York.....       | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.         |
| M Howes, Raleigh.....                   | North Carolina..... |                                    |
| John W Scott, Valley City.....          | North Dakota.....   | Marcus Endel, Gainesville.         |
| John M Lawson, Yarmouth.....            | Nova Scotia ..      | W. A. McLean, Jacksonville.        |
| Wm E Evans, Chillscoche.....            | Ohio.....           |                                    |
| Thomas G Reams.....                     | Oregon.....         | T S Wilmarth, Jacksonville.        |
| R G Adams.....                          | Quebec.....         | R J Perry, Key West.               |
| Charles R Cutler, Warren.....           | Rhode Island.....   | Julius Stark, Gainesville.         |
| George Fisher, Edinburgh.....           | Scotland.....       | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.         |
| A T Smythe, Charleston.....             | South Carolina..... | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.         |
| John F Schrader, Rapid City.....        | South Dakota.....   | Marcus Endel, Gainesville.         |
| B R Harris, Jackson.....                | Tennessee.....      | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.         |
| Hy Scherfflers, Houston.....            | Texas.....          | Angus Paterson, Madison.           |
| E C Houghton, N. Hemmington             | Vermont.....        | C Mick Oertung, Pensacola.         |
| James L Avis.....                       | Virginia.....       | W E Anderson, Pensacola.           |
| Thomas M Reed, Olympia.....             | Washington.....     | F S Goodrich, Deland.              |
| Jerre A Miller, Wheeling.....           | West Virginia.....  | H W Long, Martel.                  |
| Fred Ring, Jr., Lacrosse.....           | Wisconsin.....      | R B Thomas, Tampa.                 |



## TO THE MEMORY

OF THE  
COMPANIONS WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FROM THE CHAPTERS IN  
FLORIDA IN THE MASONIC YEAR A. D. 1890.

| NAMES                   | DATE              | CHAPTER             |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Peter Wise.....         | April 18.....     | Florida, No. 1.     |
| Edward M West.....      | June 15.....      | Florida, No. 1.     |
| Julius Stark.....       | September 20..... | Gainesville, No. 2. |
| C E Pelot.....          | .....             | Eureka, No. 7.      |
| William Bryson.....     | April 23.....     | Madison, No. 8.     |
| Sherman Conant.....     | March.....        | Putnam, No. 9.      |
| Bluford M Williams..... | November 1.....   | Providence, No. 20. |
| John H Coleman.....     | August 17.....    | Island, No. 21.     |
| Manuel M Escassi.....   | June 10.....      | Island, No. 21.     |
| George W Maslin.....    | January 11.....   | Island, No. 21.     |

## INSTALLATION

OF THE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND  
CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter being in readiness for the installation of its officers, the Grand High Priest, or installing officer, designates a Companion to act as Grand Marshal for the occasion, and instructs him to present the Grand High Priest elect for installation.

The Grand Marshal, taking care to see the newly elected Grand Officer divested of all robes and jewels, presents him at the Altar of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, saying:

*Most Excellent:* Companion \_\_\_\_\_, having been duly elected to the office of Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, now stands before you upon this consecrated spot, declaring himself ready for installation.

The Grand High Priest, calling up the Grand Chapter, says:

*Companions of the Grand Chapter:* Behold in this sacred presence, Companion (name in full), who has been duly elected to preside over you as your Grand High Priest, and who now declares himself ready for installation. If any of you have any reasons to urge why he should not be installed, you will make your objections known now, or else forever hereafter hold your peace.

If no objection be made, he will say:

Hearing no objection, I shall proceed to install him.

The Installing Officer then descending to near the altar, administers the following obligation of office—all the Companions still standing:

I \_\_\_\_\_, do promise and vow that I will serve as Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch



Masons of the State of Florida, for the term for which I have been elected, and will perform all the duties of that office to the best of my ability, and will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. So help me God.

The Grand Chaplain shall then offer the following prayer:

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God! the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth!

We approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over our Ancient Fraternity. Fill his heart with Thy love, that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy will. Make him steadfast in Thy service; grant him firmness of mind and kindness of disposition; teach him to rule his brethren, not with a rod of iron, but with justice and equity; animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors to do good. May he inculcate Thy judgments and Thy laws, and do all that his high office requires, with an eye single to Thy glory and the good of the Craft! Bless him, and bless them whom Thou hast put under him; and grant that, when we shall have finished the work of these earthly temples, we may be admitted to the glories of the temple eternal in the heavens. Amen.

Glory be to God on high!

Response by all the Companions:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. So mote it be. Amen.

The Installing officer will then invest the G. H. P. elect with the robes and jewels of his office, after which he may deliver to him the following charge:

CHARGE TO THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

*Most Excellent:* By the voice of your Companions you have been chosen to occupy the most important and the most honorable office in their power to bestow; and to me has been intrusted the pleasing duty of investing you with its insignia. You have been too long a member of our Ancient and Honorable Craft, to require now any instructions in relation to the duties of your office; and I do not doubt that you will be constant and regular in your attendance on the convocations of the Grand Chapter; watching with fidelity and diligence the conduct of the subordinate bodies within your jurisdiction; paying punctual attention to the Constitution of our Order, and requiring a due obedience to it from every member; and in all things, making the glory of the Grand

High Priest of the Universe, and the good of the Craft, the chief objects of your regard.

The ancient landmarks of the Fraternity, by which we are distinguished from the rest of the world, are peculiarly intrusted to your care; and it therefore becomes your most sacred duty to see that, during your administration, not the least of them may be removed.

From our knowledge of your zeal and ability, we feel confident that you will discharge the duties of this important station in such a manner as will greatly redound to the honor of your self as well as of the Fraternity over whom you have been elected to preside.

Let the *Mitre* with which you are invested remind you of the dignity of the office you sustain, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God—that perfection is not given unto man upon earth; and that perfect holiness belongeth alone unto the Lord.

The *Breast-Plate* with which you are decorated, in imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the twelve tribes, and worn by the High Priest of Israel, is to teach you that you are always to bear in mind your responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the Institution, and that the honor and interests of our Society and its members should be always near your heart.

The *various colors* of the *Robes* you wear, are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind, whose cultivation and constant practice are as necessary to your own present and future happiness, as they are, by the example they will afford, to the prosperity of the Craft over whom you are placed.

You will now assume your seat in the East, and instruct your subordinates in the duties which they are respectively required to discharge.

After he has taken his seat in the East the Grand Marshal will say:

Companions, in the name of the Most High God and by virtue of the authority in me vested, I proclaim Comp. ——— Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, by three times three.

The Grand Honors of R. A. Masonry are then given.— When deemed unnecessary to rehearse the whole ceremony of installation, at large, all the remaining Grand Officers may be presented at one time, and the Installing Officer will administer to them all together the following obligation:



I (all speaking their names) do promise and vow, that I will make myself familiar with the charges and duties of the office for which I have been selected and will perform the same, for the requisite time, to the best of my ability, and will specially support and maintain the Constitution and laws of this Grand Chapter. So help me God.

They will then be severally invested with their official insignia and take their stations and places.

After which the Grand Marshal proclaims—See page 42.

When the full ceremony is desirable the Deputy Grand High Priest elect will be presented to the Grand High Priest in the same manner as the G. H. P. was, and after taking a similar obligation, the Grand High Priest delivers the following:

#### CHARGE TO THE DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Most Excellent: The station to which you have been called by your Companions is one of great dignity and importance. In many cases, your powers and prerogatives are co-extensive with those of your chief; and at all times you are, if he be present, to assist him with your counsel and cooperation, and, in his absence, to preside over the Craft. But while your powers and privileges are thus extensive, remember that they bring with them a heavy share of responsibility. The honor that has been conferred upon you, and the trust that has been reposed in you, demand a corresponding fidelity and attachment to the interest of those to whose kindness and confidence you are indebted for your official elevation.

You will now be invested with the robes and jewels of your office.

The signification of the robes you wear, you have already heard explained. May the symbolic lessons which they convey be deeply impressed upon your mind and heart and ever influence your conduct.

Be seated at the right hand of the M. E. G. H. P.

The Grand King elect is then presented, in the following words:

Most Excellent: I present before you Comp. \_\_\_\_\_, who has been duly elected to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand King, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

The G. H. P. says:

Companions: You now behold before you Companion \_\_\_\_\_, who has been duly elected to serve this Grand Chapter as Right Excellent Grand King, and who now de-

clares himself ready for installation. If any of you have any reasons to urge why he should not be installed, you will make them known now, or else forever hereafter hold your peace.

If no objections be made, he will say:

Hearing no objections, I shall proceed to install him.

The Grand High Priest will then administer the following obligation:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do promise and vow that I will serve this Grand Chapter, as Grand King, for the time for which I have been elected; that I will perform all the duties appertaining to that office to the best of my ability, and will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. So help me God.

The Grand High Priest will then cause the Grand King to be invested with the robes and jewels of his office, and deliver to him the following charge:

#### CHARGE TO THE GRAND KING.

*Right Excellent Companion:* The honorable station to which you have been elected, requires from you exemplary conduct, and its duties demand your most assiduous attention. In the absence of the Grand High Priest and his Deputy, you are to preside; in their presence, you are to strengthen and support the authority of your chief, and to aid by your counsel and advice.

The *Scarlet Robe*, an emblem of royal dignity, should remind you of the paternal concern you should ever feel for our Institution, and the fervency and zeal with which you should endeavor to promote its prosperity.

In presenting to you the *Crown*, which is an emblem of royalty, I would remind you that, to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men, must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind, than to rule over their lives and fortunes; and that, to enable you to enjoy this pre-eminence with honor and satisfaction, you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

The Grand Marshal then presents the Grand Scribe elect, saying:

Most Excellent: I present before you Companion \_\_\_\_\_, who has been duly elected to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand Scribe, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

(Obligation same as for Grand King.)



## CHARGE TO THE GRAND SCRIBE.

The Grand High Priest says:

*Right Excellent Companion:* The office of Scribe, to which you are elected, is very important and respectable. In the absence of your superior officers, you are bound to succeed them, and to perform their duties. The purposes of the Institution ought never to suffer for want of intelligence in its proper officers; you will therefore perceive the necessity there is of your possessing such qualifications as will enable you to accomplish those duties which are incumbent upon you, in your appropriate station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve on you, by the absence of superiors.

The *Purple Robe*, with which you are invested, is an emblem of *union*, and is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Order should be your constant aim; and to this end, you are studiously to avoid all occasions of giving offence, or countenancing any thing that may create divisions or dissensions. You are, by all means in your power, to endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among all the orders and degrees of Masonry; and as the glorious sun, at its meridian height, dispels the mist and clouds, which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the gloom of jealousy and discord, wherever they may appear.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are then presented.

## CHARGE TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

*Excellent Companion:* You have been elected to the responsible office of Grand Treasurer, and I now invest you with the badge of your office.

It is your duty to receive all moneys due the Grand Chapter from the hands of the Grand Secretary; make due entries of the same; and pay them out by order of the Grand Chapter, taking proper vouchers. The office to which you have been elected embraces an important trust, and the choice of you by your Companions is an evidence of the high opinion they entertain of your fidelity and discretion.

## CHARGE TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

*Right Excellent Companion:* You have been elected to the important and essential office of Grand Secretary, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

It is your duty to collect all moneys due the Grand Chapter, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his

receipt for the same; to observe all the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, and to make a true record of all things proper to be written. You are also the official organ of the Grand Chapter, in that capacity will conduct its various correspondence, and act as the medium of intercourse between the Fraternity and their presiding officer. In the discharge of these extensive duties, let your carriage and behavior be marked with that promptitude and discretion that will at once reflect credit on yourself, and honor on the body whom you represent.

The Grand Chaplain is then presented.

## CHARGE TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

*Right Rev. Companion:* The sacred position of Grand Chaplain has been entrusted to your care, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

In the discharge of your duties, you will be required to conduct the devotional exercises of our Grand Convocations, and to perform the sacred functions of your holy calling at our public assemblings. Masonry being an embodiment of piety and morality, I am sure that, in ministering at its altar, the services you may perform will lose nothing of their vital importance, because they are practiced in that spirit of universal tolerance which distinguishes our Institution. The doctrinal tolerance which you are accustomed to inculcate to the world, as the minister of God, will form the appropriate lessons which you are expected to communicate to your Companions. The profession which you have chosen for your lot in life, is the best guarantee that you will discharge the duties of your present appointment with steadfastness and perseverance in well doing:

The Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner and Royal Arch Captain are then presented:

## CHARGE TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE HOST.

*Excellent Companion:* The office with which you have been intrusted requires much skill and attention for the faithful discharge of its duties, which are those of a Marshal, or Master of Ceremonies.

You are to superintend all processions of your Chapter, when moving as a distinct body, either in public or private; and as the world can only judge of our private discipline by our public deportment, you will be careful that the utmost order and decorum be observed on all such occasions. You will ever be attentive to the commands of your chief, and always near at hand to see them duly executed. I invest you



with the badge of your office, and presume that you will give to your duties all that study and attention which their importance demands. I present you with this sword, as the appropriate implement of your office.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER.

*Excellent Companion:* The office confided to you corresponds to that of Senior Deacon in the lower degrees; it becomes your duty to obey and extend the orders of your superiors, and to act as their proxies in the active business of the Grand Chapter. Attention, obedience, and promptitude are, therefore, essentially necessary for the faithful performance of your duties. I present you with the rod, a symbol of command, as the proper ensign of your office.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN.

*Excellent Companion:* The office to which you have been appointed nearly corresponds to that of Junior Deacon in the inferior degrees. It is, therefore, your duty to see that the external avenues of the Chapter are securely guarded, and that none are permitted to pass or repass, but such as are duly qualified, and have the requisite permission. Let vigilance and attention therefore actuate you in the discharge of the functions of your important office; for the more faithful performance of which, I intrust this sword to your keeping.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND GUARD.

*Companion:* You have been appointed Grand Sentinel of this Grand Chapter; and I now invest you with the jewel of your office, and place this sword in your hands, the more effectually to enable you to repel the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and to guard against surprise.

It is your duty to guard the door of the Grand Chapter, on the outside; to report to the Grand Royal Arch Captain those who desire to be admitted; to place the Chapter-Room in order for Convocations; and to attend to such other duties as may be required of you by the Grand Chapter. Your punctual attendance is essentially necessary at every convocation.

The Grand Marshal then makes proclamation as follows:

By authority of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, I proclaim that the Grand Officers thereof have been installed in ample form. Hail! salute! with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, by three times three.

The public or private Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, accordingly as the installation shall have been publicly or privately conducted, shall then be given, and the installation ceremony will be concluded.

On public occasions these ceremonies may be preceded and followed by anthems, odes, and addresses, at the discretion of the Grand Chapter.



## ANCIENT CEREMONIES.

## CONSECRATION OF A NEW CHAPTER.

The new Chapter will meet in its Hall, and open on the Royal Arch degree; the Grand Officers will meet in an adjoining room; and on being notified by a committee of the new Chapter that its members are ready for their reception, they will proceed to the Chapter Room, where, being received by the New Chapter with the Grand Honors, the Officers of the New Chapter resign their stations to the Grand Officers. A procession is then formed by the Grand Captain of the Host as follows, which repairs to the Church, or place designated for the performance of the ceremonies:

Grand Captain of the Host.

Sentinel.  
 Mark Masters by twos.  
 Past Masters by twos.  
 Most Excellent Masters by twos.  
 Royal Arch Masons triangularly, two in front and one behind.  
 Members of the new Chapter triangularly.  
 Masters of the First and Second Veil.  
 Master of the Third Veil.  
 Royal Arch Captain, Principal Sojourner.  
 Captain of the Host.  
 Secretary and Treasurer.  
 One Companion carrying the Pot of Incense.  
 Four Companions carrying the Ark.  
 Two Companions carrying Lights.  
 Scribe and King.  
 High Priest.  
 Grand Sentinel.  
 Members of the Grand Chapter triangularly.  
 Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
 Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.  
 Grand Chaplain, Orator.  
 Deputy Grand High Priest.  
 Grand Scribe, Grand King.  
 Grand High Priest.

On arriving at the Church, or place where the ceremonies are to be performed, the procession halts, faces inward, and the Grand Officers and others pass through. All being seated, the ceremonies commence as follows:

ANTHEM.

PRAYER by the Grand Chaplain.

Almighty and Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth! Who is there in heaven but Thee, and who upon earth can stand in competition with Thee? Thy OMNISCIENT Mind brings all things in review, past, present, and to come; Thine OMNIPOTENT Arm directs the movements of the vast creation; Thine OMNIPRESENT Eye pervades the secret recesses of every heart; Thy boundless beneficence supplies us with every comfort and enjoyment; and Thine unspeakable perfection and glory surpass the understanding of the children of men! Our Father who art in heaven, we invoke Thy benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. May this Chapter be established to Thine honor and consecrated to Thy glory; may its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern and fidelity to pursue its true interests; and may its members be ever mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good will they owe to all mankind.

Glory be to God on high.

*Response:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. So mote it be. Amen.

ORATION.

The Grand Captain of the Host then forms the new Chapter in front of the Grand High Priest.

The Deputy Grand High Priest says:

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest:* A number of Companions, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor and propagating the principles of the Art, have applied to the Grand Chapter for a Warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which having been obtained, they are now assembled for the purpose of being constituted, and having their officers installed in due and ancient form.



*Grand High Priest:* Let the Warrant of Constitution be read.

*Grand Secretary* reads it.

*Grand High Priest:* Companions, do you still approve of the officers as named herein?

*Companions:* We do.

*Grand High Priest:* By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my respected Companions, into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. From henceforth you are authorized and empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and to do and perform in all such things as thereunto may appertain, conforming in all your doings to the Grand Royal Arch Constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Florida. And may the God of your fathers be with you, guide, and direct you in all your doings.

The Ark of the Covenant, and the furniture, clothing, jewels and implements belonging to the Chapter (having previously been placed in the centre in front of the Grand High Priest) are now uncovered, and the dedication proceeds.

The Grand Chaplain, with the pot of incense in his hands, says:

To our most excellent patron, Zerubbabel, we solemnly dedicate this Chapter. May the blessing of our Heavenly High Priest descend and rest upon its members, and may their felicity be immortal. Glory be to God on high.

*Response:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### MUSIC OR AN ODE.

The Deputy Grand High Priest then presents the High Priest of the new Chapter to the Grand High Priest, saying:

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest:* I present you Companion ———, nominated in the Warrant, to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter. I find him to be skillful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity.

The Grand High Priest addresses him as follows:

*Most Excellent:* I feel much satisfaction in performing my duty on the present occasion by installing you into the

office of High Priest of this Chapter. It is an office highly honorable to all those who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it. Your reputed Masonic knowledge, however, precludes the necessity of a particular enumeration of those duties. I shall therefore only observe that by a frequent recurrence to the constitution and general regulations, and constant practice of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will be best able to fulfill them; and I am confident that the Companions who are chosen to preside with you will give strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions. I shall now propose certain questions to you, relative to the duties of your office, to which I must request your unequivocal answer.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of your Companions who have attained this sublime degree?

2. That you will never permit your Chapter to be opened unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons?

3. That you will never permit either more or less than three brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time?

4. That you will not exalt any one to this degree who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, or who has not made a reasonable proficiency in the foregoing degrees?

5. That you will promote the general good of our order, and, on all proper occasions, be ready to give and receive instructions, particularly from the General and State Grand Officers.

6. That, to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Chapter, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions.

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation?

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter, who has not been exalted in a Chapter legally constituted, without his being first formally healed?

9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, in conformity to the Constitution, and general regulations of the Grand Chapter of Florida?

10. That you will pay respect and due obedience to the instructions of the Grand Officers, particularly relating to the



several Lectures and Charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter?

11. That you will support and observe the Constitution, and General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, under whose authority you act?

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

*Answer.* I do.

The Grand Chaplain offers the following

PRAYER :

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God! the Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth!

We approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over this new assembly; fill his heart with Thy love, that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy glory. Make him steadfast in Thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart, and strengthen his endeavors; may he teach Thy judgments and Thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before Thee, upon Thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto Thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy; hear Thou from Heaven Thy dwelling-place, and forgive our transgressions. Amen.

Glory be to God on high!

*Response.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. So mote it be. Amen.

The Grand High Priest then administers the following obligation:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do promise and vow that I will serve this Chapter, as High Priest for the time for which I have been elected; that I will perform all the duties appertaining to that office to the best of my ability, and will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

The Grand High Priest will then cause the High Priest to be invested with the clothing and badges of his office, and may address him as follows:

*Most Excellent:* In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence with the charges, which you have heard recited, you are qualified for installation as the High Priest of this Royal Arch Chapter; and it is incumbent upon me, on this occasion, to point out some of the particulars appertaining to your office, duty, and dignity.

The High Priest of every Chapter has it in special charge, to see that the by-laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution, and regulations of the Grand Chapter are duly observed: that all the officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective offices faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and accurate records of all the proceedings of the Chapter and its archives are kept by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keeps and renders exact and just accounts of all the moneys and other assets belonging to the Chapter; that the regular turns be made annually to the Grand Chapter; and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter together at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence, which in his judgment may require their meeting. It is his privilege and duty, together with the King and Scribe, to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy; and the well-being of the institution requires that this duty should on no occasion be omitted.

The office of High Priest is a station highly honorable to all those who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it. By a frequent recurrence to the constitutions and general regulations, and a constant practice of the several lectures and charges, you will be best enabled to fulfill those duties; and I am confident that the Companions, who are chosen to preside with you, will give strength to your endeavors, and support your exertions.

Let the *Mitre* with which you are invested, remind you of the dignity of the office you sustain, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God; that perfection is not given unto man upon earth, and that perfect holiness belongeth alone unto the Lord.

The *Breast-Plate* with which you are decorated, in imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the twelve tribes and worn by the High Priest of Israel, is to teach you that you are always to bear in mind your responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the institution, and that the honor and interests of your Chapter and its members, should always be near your heart.

The *various colors* of the *Robes* you wear, are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind; each of which will be briefly illustrated in the course of the charges to be delivered to your subordinate officers.



The G. H. P. will then say:

You will now take charge of your associate council officers, standing upon their right, and present them severally in succession to the Deputy Grand High Priest by whom they will be presented to me for installation.

The H. P. of the Chapter will then present his Associate Council Officers to the Deputy Grand High Priest, who will present them severally and collectively to the Grand High Priest, who will administer to them the following obligation:

I, (each speaking his name) do promise and vow, that I will serve this Chapter in the office, and for the time that I have been chosen; that I will perform all the duties appertaining thereto to the best of my ability, and will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the Grand Chapter of Florida, and the by-laws and rules of this Chapter.

The G. H. P. will then cause them to be invested with the respective insignia of office, and conducted to their stations, but previous to the latter he may address them as follows:

#### CHARGE TO THE KING.

*Excellent Companion:* The important station to which you are elected, in this Chapter, requires from you exemplary conduct; its duties demand your most assiduous attention; you are to second and support your chief in all the requirements of his office; and should casualties at any time prevent his attendance, you are to succeed him in the performance of his duties.

Your badge (*the Level surmounted by a crown*) should remind you, that although you are the representative of a King, and exalted by office above your Companions, yet that you remain upon a level with them, as respects your duty to God, to your neighbor, and to yourself; that you are equally bound with them to be obedient to the laws and ordinances of the institution; to be charitable, humane, and just, and to seek every occasion of doing good.

Your office teaches a striking lesson of humility. The institutions of political society teach us to consider the king as the chief of created beings, and that the first duty of his subjects is to obey his mandates; but the institutions of our sublime degrees, by placing the King in a situation subordinate to the High Priest, teaches us that our duty to God is paramount to all other duties, and should ever claim the priority of our obedience to man; and that however strongly we may be bound to obey the laws of civil society, yet that those laws, to be just, should never intermeddle with matters of conscience, nor dictate articles of faith.

The *Scarlet Robe*, an emblem of imperial dignity, should remind you of the paternal concern you should ever feel for the welfare of your Chapter and the fervency and zeal with which you should endeavor to promote its prosperity.

In presenting to you the *Crown*, which is an emblem of royalty, I would remind you that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men, must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind, than to rule over their lives and fortunes; and that, to enable you to enjoy this pre-eminence with honor and satisfaction, you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

You are entitled to the second seat in the council of your Companions. Let the bright example of your predecessor in the Grand Council at Jerusalem, stimulate you to the faithful discharge of your duties: and when the King of Kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, from His hand may you receive a *crown of glory*, which shall never fade away.

#### CHARGE TO THE SCRIBE.

*Excellent Companion.* The office of Scribe to which you are elected, is very important and respectable. In the absence of your superior officers, you are bound to succeed them, and to perform their duties. The purposes of the Institution ought never to suffer for the want of intelligence in its proper officers; you will therefore perceive the necessity there is of your possessing such qualifications as will enable you to accomplish those duties which are incumbent upon you, in your appropriate station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve on you, by the absence of your superiors.

The *Purple Robe*, with which you are invested, is an emblem of *union*, and is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Chapter should be your constant aim; and to this end, you are studiously to avoid all occasions of giving offense, or countenancing any thing that may create divisions or dissensions. You are, by all means in your power, to endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among all orders and degrees of Masonry; and as the glorious sun, at its meridian height, dispels the mist and clouds, which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the gloom of jealousy and discord, whenever they may appear.

Your badge (*a Phomb-Rule surmounted by the Turban*) is an emblem of rectitude and vigilance; and while you stand as a watchman upon the tower, to guard your Companions against the approach of those enemies of human felicity, in-



*temperance* and *excess*, let this faithful monitor ever remind you to walk uprightly in your station; admonishing and animating your Companions to fidelity and industry while at labor, and to temperance and moderation while at refreshment. And when the Great Watchman of Israel, whose eye never slumbers nor sleeps, shall relieve you from your post on earth, may He permit you in heaven to participate in that food and refreshment which is

"Such as the saints in glory love,  
And such as angels eat."

In the same manner as before, all the other officers are presented, and the G. H. P. administers to them the obligation, page 49, and causes them to be invested and conducted to their stations; but prior to the latter (the Chaplain being seated) he may address them as follows:

CHARGE TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE HOST.

*Companion*: The office with which you are entrusted is of high importance, and demands your most zealous consideration. The preservation of the most essential traits of our ancient customs, usages, and landmarks, are within your province; and it is indispensably necessary, that the part assigned to you, in the immediate practice of our rites and ceremonies, should be perfectly understood, and correctly administered.

Your office corresponds with that of Marshal or Master of ceremonies. You are to superintend all processions of your Chapter, when moving as a distinct body, either in public or private; and as the world can only judge of our private discipline by our public deportment, you will be careful that the utmost order and decorum be observed on all such occasions. You will ever be attentive to the commands of your chief, and always near at hand to see them duly executed. I invest you with the badge of your office, and presume that you will give to your duties all that study and attention which their importance demands.

CHARGE TO THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER.

*Companion*: The office confided to you, though subordinate in degree, is equal in importance to any in the Chapter, that of your chief alone excepted. Your office corresponds with that of Senior Deacon, in the preparatory degrees. Among the duties required of you, the preparation and introduction of candidates are not the least. As in our intercourse with the world, experience teaches that first impressions are often the most durable, and the most difficult to eradicate; so

it is of great importance, in all cases, that those impressions should be correct and just: hence it is essential that the officer, who brings the blind by a way that they knew not, and leads them in paths that they have not known, should always be well qualified to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.

Your *Robe of office* is an emblem of humility; and teaches that in the prosecution of a laudable undertaking, we should never decline taking any part that may be assigned us, although it may be the most difficult or dangerous.

The *rose-colored tessellated Border*, adorning the robe, is an emblem of ardour and perseverance, and signifies, that when we have engaged in a virtuous course, notwithstanding all the impediments, hardships, and trials, we may be destined to encounter, we should endure them all with fortitude, and ardently persevere unto the end; resting assured of receiving, at the termination of our labors, a noble and glorious reward. Your past exertions will be considered as a pledge of your future assiduity in the faithful discharge of your duties.

CHARGE TO THE ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN.

*Companion*: The well-known duties of your station require but little elucidation. Your office in the preparatory degrees corresponds with that of Junior Deacon. It is your province, conjointly with the Captain of the Host, to attend the examination of all visitors, and to take care that none are permitted to enter the Chapter, but such as have *traveled the rugged path* of trial, and evinced their title to our favor and friendship. You will be attentive to obey the command of Captain of the Host, during the introduction of strangers among the workmen; and should they be permitted to pass your post, may they by him be introduced into the presence of the Grand Council.

The *White Banner*, entrusted to your care, is emblematical of that purity of heart and rectitude of conduct, which ought to actuate all those who pass the white veil of the sanctuary. I give it to you strongly in charge, never to permit any one to pass your post, without the signet of truth.

I present you the badge of your office, in expectation of your performing your duties with intelligence, assiduity, and propriety.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE THIRD VAIL.

*Companion*: I present you with the *Scarlet Banner*, which is the ensign of your office, and with a sword to protect



and defend the same. The rich and beautiful color of your banner is emblematical of fervency and zeal; it is the appropriate color of the Royal Arch degree; it admonishes us, that we should be fervent in the exercise of our devotions to God, and zealous in our endeavors to promote the happiness of man.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL.

*Companion:* I invest you with the *Purple Banner*, which is the ensign of your office, and arm you with a sword, to enable you to maintain its honor.

The color of your banner is produced by a due mixture of blue and scarlet; the former of which is the characteristic color of the symbolic or first three degrees of Masonry, and the latter that of the *Royal Arch degree*. It is an emblem of union, and is the characteristic color of the intermediate degrees. It admonishes us to cultivate and improve that spirit of union and harmony, between the brethren of the symbolic degrees and the Companions of the sublime degrees, which should ever distinguish the members of a society founded upon the principles of everlasting truth and universal philanthropy.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL.

*Companion:* I invest you with the *Blue Banner*, which is the ensign of your office, and a sword for its defence and protection. The color of your banner is one of the most durable and beautiful in nature. It is the appropriate color adopted and worn by our ancient brethren of the three symbolic degrees, and is the peculiar characteristic of an institution which has stood the test of ages, and which is as much distinguished by the durability of its materials or principles, as by the beauty of its superstructure. It is an emblem of universal friendship and benevolence; and instructs us, that in the mind of a mason, those virtues should be as expansive as the blue arch of heaven itself.

CHARGE TO THE TREASURER.

*Companion:* You are elected Treasurer of the Chapter, and I have the pleasure of investing you with the badge of your office. The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer, are accuracy and fidelity; accuracy, in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity, in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Chapter, that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same, whenever he is called upon for that purpose. I presume that your respect for the institution, your attachment

to the interests of your Chapter, and your regard for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

CHARGE TO THE SECRETARY.

*Companion:* I with pleasure invest you with your badge as Secretary of this Chapter. The qualities which should recommend a Secretary, are, promptitude in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior officers; punctuality in attending the convocations of the Chapter; correctness in recording their proceedings; judgment in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing; regularity in making his annual returns to the Grand Chapter; integrity in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands; and fidelity in paying the same over into the hands of the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I presume, has designated you a suitable occupant for this important office; and I cannot entertain a doubt that you will discharge its duties beneficially to the Chapter, and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted into the celestial Grand Chapter of saints and angels, and fine your name recorded in the book of life eternal.

CHARGE TO THE SENTINEL.

*Companion:* You are appointed Sentinel of this Chapter, and I invest you with the badge, and this implement of your office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel, to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of all cowens and eavesdroppers, and permit none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified; so it should morally serve as a constant admonition to us to set a guard at the entrance of our thoughts; to place a watch at the door of our lips; to post a sentinel at the avenue of our actions; thereby excluding every unqualified and unworthy thought, word, and deed; and preserving consciences void of offence toward God and toward man.

As the first application from visitors for admission into the Chapter is generally made to the Sentinel at the door, your station will often present you to the observation of strangers; it is therefore essentially necessary that he who sustains the office with which you are entrusted, should be a man of good morals, steady habits, strict discipline, temperate, affable, and discreet. I trust that a just regard for the honor and



reputation of the institution, will ever induce you to perform with fidelity the trust reposed in you; and when the door of this earthly tabernacle shall be closed, may you find a welcome entrance through the gates into the temple and city of our God.

The G. H. P. may then request the Chaplain to arise, and repeat to him the

CHARGE TO THE CHAPLAIN.

Same as on page 41, leaving out the word "Grand."

The G. H. P. may then deliver the following

CHARGE TO THE CHAPTER:

*Companions:* The exercise and management of the sublime degrees of masonry in your Chapter hitherto, are so highly appreciated, and the good reputation of the Chapter so well established, that I must presume these considerations alone, were there no others of greater magnitude, would be sufficient to induce you to preserve and perpetuate this valuable and honorable character. But when to these is added the pleasure which every philanthropic heart must feel in doing good, in promoting good order, in diffusing light and knowledge, in cultivating Masonic charity, which are the great objects of this sublime institution, I cannot doubt that your future conduct, and that of your successors, will be calculated still to increase the lustre of your justly esteemed reputation.

May your Chapter become beautiful as the temple, peaceful as the ark, and sacred as its most holy place. May your obligations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct acceptable as the offering. May the exercise of your charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support; may you be endowed with every good and perfect gift, while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally be admitted within the veil of heaven, to the full enjoyment of life eternal. So mote it be. Amen.

The officers and members of the Chapter will then pass in review in front of the Grand Officers, and with their hands crossed on their breasts, bowing as they pass.

The G. H. P. or Captain of the Host then makes the following proclamation:

In the name of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of

Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, I proclaim — Chapter No. —, to be legally constituted and consecrated and the officers thereof duly installed, with the Grand Honors of R. A. Masonry by three times three.

The appropriate Grand Honors are then given.

AN ODE.

BENEDICTION by the Grand Chaplain.

The procession then returns to the Chapter Room, and the Grand Officers retiring, the Chapter is closed by its own officers.

ANNUAL INSTALLATION.

At the time appointed for the installation, the Chapter being open in the Royal Arch degree, a Past High Priest, if one be present, and if not, some other officer, presents the High Priest elect to the Presiding Officer, and says:

"*Most Excellent:* I present before you Companion —, who has been duly elected to serve this Chapter as High Priest for the ensuing masonic year, and who now declares himself ready for installation."

The High Priest elect then turning and facing the Companions, the Presiding Officer says:

"*Companions:* You now behold before you Companion —, who has been duly elected to serve this Chapter as Most Excellent High Priest, and who now declares himself ready for installation. If any of you have any reasons to urge why he should not be installed, you will make them known now, or else forever hereafter hold your peace. Hearing no objections, I shall proceed to install him."

The Presiding Officer will then proceed as on pages 46 to 56, to the close of "charge to Chapter."

The following proclamation may then be made by the Captain of the Host:

In the name of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the United States. I proclaim the Officers of — Chapter No. —, duly installed; Hail! and Salute! with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, by three times three.



### CEREMONY OBSERVED AT GRAND VISITATIONS.

The Grand Secretary, by command of the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest, notifies the Chapter of the intended visit.

The High Priest opens the Chapter in the Royal Arch degree.

The visiting officer being announced, he is received by the Chapter standing, and enters accompanied by his Grand Officers in the following order :

Grand Captain of the Host.  
Grand Principal Sojourner.      Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer.  
Grand Chaplain.  
Grand Scribe, Grand King.  
Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Grand Sentinel remains at the door.

They pass through the Vails, being saluted by the Masters of the Veils as they pass; and on arriving at the East, they open to the right and left, and the Deputy Grand or Grand High Priest, accompanied by the Grand King and Scribe, passes within the Sanctuary. The Grand Council receives them according to ancient usage, and the High Priest resigns his gavel and the chairs to the Grand High Priest and his Council. The private Grand Honors are then given, and the officers of the Chapter resign their seats to the corresponding Grand Officers, the Principal Sojourner and Masters of the Vails retaining theirs. The High Priest then delivers to the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priest, the Warrant of Constitution, the Treasurer's and Secretary's books, and a statement of the funds of the Chapter for his inspection. Having examined them, he makes such observations as the circumstances and situation of the Chapter may require. The Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest then resigns the chair to the High Priest and the Grand Officers leave their seats, which are re-

sumed by the officers of the Chapter, and repair to the East. Should the Grand Officers retire before the Chapter is closed, a similar ceremony must be observed as at their entrance.

On ordinary visitations of any of the Grand Officers to a subordinate Chapter, they shall be received as follows:

The Grand High Priest shall be received by the Captain of the Host and Royal Arch Captain at the door, the Chapter standing, and conducted to a seat on the right of the Grand Council, the High Priest offering him the gavel.

The Deputy Grand High Priest shall be received in the same manner, and conducted to a seat on the left of the Grand Council, the High Priest offering him the gavel.

The Grand King and Grand Scribe shall be received at the door by the Royal Arch Captain and conducted to seats, the Grand King on the right and the Grand Scribe on the left of the Grand Council, but the High Priest shall not offer them the gavel.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Grand Chaplain, shall be received by the Royal Arch Captain at the White Vail, the Chapter standing, and conducted to seats, the Grand Treasurer on the right and the Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain on the left of the Grand Council.

These honors shall not be paid to the Grand Officers unless they cause themselves to be officially announced as such at the door of the Chapter by the Sentinel.



FORM OF A PROCESSION OF A SUBORDINATE  
CHAPTER.

Sentinel with flaming sword.  
Mark Masters by twos.  
Past Masters by twos.  
Most Excellent Masters by twos.  
Banner of the Chapter.  
Royal Arch Masons by threes triangularly.

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Masters of the First and Second Vails with their banners.  
Master of the Third Vail with his banner.  
Royal Arch Captain with his banner, and Principal Sojourner with his staff.  
{ Ark of the Covenant, }  
{ carried by four companions. }  
Secretary and Treasurer.  
Chaplain and Orator.  
Scribe and King.  
High Priest.

The Captain of the Host acts as Marshal, and walks at the side of the procession.

If any Grand Officers be present, they will take position in front of the High Priest.

Processions of the Grand Chapter must be formed in a corresponding manner, the Grand High Priest making the *pro tempore* appointments, and causing all needful instructions to be given for information and proper decorum.



ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the 30th day of May, A. D. 1891.

PRESENT:

M. E. Angus Paterson, President.  
M. E. John H. Stephens, *as* Vice-President.  
M. E. William A. McLean, Chaplain.  
M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Secretary and Treasurer.  
M. E. Thomas S. Wilmarth *as* Master of Ceremonies.  
M. E. Frank P. Mersereau *as* Conductor.  
M. E. James W. Boyd *as* Herald.  
M. E. William W. Tucker, Steward.  
M. E. James F. Clark, Guard.

OPENING.

The Convention was duly opened in solemnity, and ample form.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting, as printed with the Proceedings of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida for 1890, were approved.



## PETITIONS.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from:

- Henry S. Ely, of Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12.
- Irving E. Webster, of Gainesville R. A. Chapter, No. 2.
- Edgar A. Richards, of Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 7.
- Warren Tyler, of Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22.

And having previous satisfactory evidence of their having been duly elected to preside over their respective Royal Arch Chapters they were severally introduced and regularly consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form. They severally paid the membership fee and received their certificates of membership in the Grand Council.

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Secretary and Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

*To M. E. President:*

Membership fees were received from Marcus Endel, Thomas S. Wilmarth, Frank P. Mersereau, Silas B. Wright, John F. Niblack, William A. McLean, Angus Paterson, William M. Somerville and John H. Stephens, making in all \$27.00, and certificates have been issued to them.

Certificates for the use of this body were procured in a nicely bound book, with stubs, whereby a proper record can be easily kept of every certificate issued. The cost of this book of certificates was \$5 and the cost of the seal was \$12, leaving a balance on hand of \$10.

The newly anointed companions, to-wit, Ely, Webster, Richards and Tyler, have paid their membership fees, amounting to \$12, which now leaves in the treasury \$22.

D. C. DAWKINS,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

## GRAND COUNCIL.

The Secretary and Treasurer offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved,* That the name of this organization shall be The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida.

## CONSTITUTION.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed by the President to draft and present to the next annual meeting of this Grand Council a form of constitution for its government; and the President appointed D. C. Dawkins, W. A. McLean and J. H. Stephens as such committee.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Council proceeded to elect officers thereof for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of

- Angus Paterson, President.
- John H. Stephens, Vice-President.
- William A. McLean, Chaplain.
- DeWitt C. Dawkins, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Frank P. Mersereau, Master of Ceremonies.
- Henry S. Ely, Conductor.
- James W. Boyd, Herald.
- William W. Tucker, Steward.
- James F. Clark, Guard.

It was voted that the Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to issue certificates without fee to old members of the Grand Council who may desire the same, and that the names of all the members be published in the Proceedings, together with the dates of Consecration.

## APPLICATION.

M. E. Henry T. Wartman was duly elected to membership in this Grand Council, and the Secretary and Treasurer was instructed to issue him a certificate as such.

## DISBURSEMENT.

It was voted that the Secretary and Treasurer pay to the Guard \$1.25 for services and expenses; and have the Proceedings of this Grand Council printed for the use of its members and others.



ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

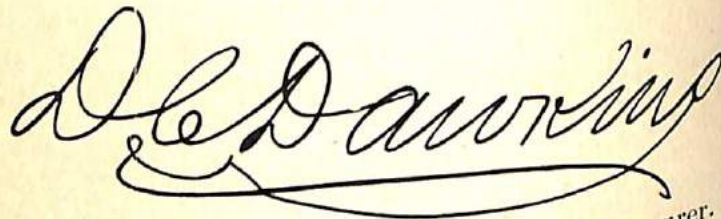
It was voted that the next annual meeting of this Grand Council be held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Jacksonville, on Wednesday next succeeding the second Tuesday in May, 1892, at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., or immediately after the Grand Chapter shall have closed.

MINUTES.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

CLOSED.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council was closed in solemn, ancient form.



Secretary and Treasurer.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

| NAME.                 | DATE.                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| DEWITT C. DAWKINS     | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| JOHN F. BENEZET       | " " "                        |
| DAVID S. WALKER       | " " 19, 1888                 |
| ANGUS PATERSON        | " " "                        |
| HENRY W. LONG         | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM A. MCLEAN     | " " "                        |
| D. WARWICK STANLEY    | " " "                        |
| CHARLES H. MUNGER     | " " "                        |
| FRED. S. GOODRICH     | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM A. GRIFFETH   | " " "                        |
| JAMES F. CLARK        | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM M. SOMERVILLE | " " "                        |
| MARCUS ENDEL          | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM W. TUCKER     | " " "                        |
| GEORGE S. HALLMARK    | Affiliated                   |
| JAMES W. BOYD         | " " "                        |
| SAMUEL PASCO          | Consecrated January 16, 1889 |
| JULIUS STARK          | " " 18, 1889                 |
| HERMAN GLOGOWSKI      | " " "                        |
| ROBERT McCLELLAN      | " " "                        |
| J. W. V. R. PLUMMER   | " May 7, 1890                |
| JOHN H. STEPHENS      | " " "                        |
| THOMAS S. WILMARTH    | " " "                        |
| R. ALFRED MONSALVATGE | " " "                        |
| FRANK P. MERSEREAU    | " " "                        |
| SILAS B. WRIGHT       | " " "                        |
| SAMUEL A. WAUCHOPE    | Affiliated                   |
| HENRY S. ELY          | Consecrated May 13, 1890     |
| IRVING E. WEBSTER     | " " "                        |
| EDGAR A. RICHARDS     | " " "                        |
| WARREN TYLER          | " " "                        |



1892.

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FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

-OF THE-

GRAND CHAPTER

-OF-

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

-OF THE-

STATE OF FLORIDA.

HELD IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

MAY 10 AND 11, A. I. 2422, A. D. 1892.

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1892.



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,  
FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch  
Masons of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand  
Convocation in Masonic Hall, at the City of Jacksonville,  
at the hour of H. 12, on Tuesday, the 10th day of May,  
A. D. 1892, A. I. 2422.

PRESENT—GRAND OFFICERS:

- |                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| M. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH . . . . . | Grand High Priest           |
| WM. W. TUCKER . . . . .            | as Deputy Grand High Priest |
| IRVING E. WEBSTER . . . . .        | Grand King                  |
| WM. E. ANDERSON . . . . .          | as Grand Scribe             |
| HENRY S. ELY . . . . .             | Grand Treasurer.            |
| DEWITT C. DAWKINS . . . . .        | Grand Secretary.            |
| WM. A. McLEAN . . . . .            | Grand Chaplain              |
| ANGUS PATERSON . . . . .           | Grand C. of H               |
| DOUGALD McLACHLAN . . . . .        | as Grand P. S.              |
| SILAS B. WRIGHT . . . . .          | as Grand R. A. C.           |
| WARREN TYLER . . . . .             | Grand Master of 3d Vail     |
| JOHN D. SINCLAIR . . . . .         | as Grand Master of 2d Vail  |
| WM. M. McINTOSH . . . . .          | as Grand Master of 1st Vail |
| JAMES F. CLARK . . . . .           | Grand Guard                 |

Past Grand High Priests:

- D. C. DAWKINS,  
W. A. McLEAN,  
W. E. ANDERSON,  
ANGUS PATTERSON,  
J. W. BOYD,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
JAMES ELLENWOOD.



Past Grand Kings:

W. M. McINTOSH,  
W. W. TUCKER.

And Constituent Chapters represented as follows:

*Florida Chapter No. 1:*

DOUGALD McLACHLAN, H. P.  
W. M. McINTOSH, proxy for K. and S.

*Gainesville Chapter No. 2:*

MARCUS ENDEL, proxy for H. P.

*Tampa Chapter No. 3:*

B. A. BROWN, H. P.

*St. Johns Chapter No. 4:*

SILAS B. WRIGHT, H. P.

*Eureka Chapter No. 7:*

W. H. JEWELL, H. P.

*Madison Chapter No. 8:*

E. H. BUNKER, H. P.  
T. J. SMITH, K.

*Putnam Chapter No. 9:*

C. J. HAYS, H. P.

*Jacksonville Chapter No. 12:*

J. D. SINCLAIR, H. P.  
B. H. CHADWICK, K.  
W. P. WEBSTER, S.

*Ocala Chapter No. 13:*

J. H. WHITFIELD, H. P.

*Providence Chapter No. 20:*

J. W. PERRY, proxy for K.

*Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22:*

WARREN TYLER, H. P.  
J. W. BOYD, proxy for K.

*Mount Moriah Chapter No. 24:*

W. M. E. ANDERSON, H. P.

OPENING.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, prayer being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

ORGANIZATION.

The Grand High Priest appointed a committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of D. C. Dawkins, J. W. Boyd and Warren Tyler, which said committee, upon examination of the returns and credentials in the hands of the Grand Secretary, reported verbally that the foregoing list of grand officers and members is correct, and that said officers and members are entitled to be present and participate in the proceedings, and that the Grand Chapter is duly organized.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last Annual Convocation having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

All companion Royal Arch Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Grand Chapter.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees:

*On Returns and Credentials:*

D. C. Dawkins,  
J. W. Boyd,  
Warren Tyler.

*On Unfinished Business:*

B. A. Brown,  
J. H. Stephens,  
O. S. Wright.

*On Propositions and Grievances:*

W. M. McIntosh,  
H. S. Ely,  
E. H. Bunker.



*On Dispensations and By-Laws :*

Angus Paterson,  
J. D. Sinclair,  
C. J. Hays.

*On Masonic Jurisprudence :*

W. A. McLean,  
W. E. Anderson,  
Angus Paterson.

*On Finance and Accounts :*

W. M. McIntosh,  
S. B. Wright,  
H. S. Ely.

*On Memorials :*

Irving E. Webster,  
Wm. W. Tucker,  
Dougald McLachlan.

## ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Grand High Priest read the following annual address :

*Companions of the Grand Chapter :*

No great draft upon the imagination is necessary for Royal Arch Masons to comprehend the fervency and zeal of our ancient brethren, which actuated them, after such long privations and suffering, to repair to the city of Jerusalem at the risk of whatever trials, difficulties and dangers might confront them, there to unite in the most zealous endeavor in the great and glorious undertaking of rebuilding the renowned Temple, which had been erected by their fraternal ancestors for the service of the ever living God, and which had then long since been totally destroyed, as one of the remarkable incidents of a most atrocious and cruel war; nor need we vainly theorize upon the ardor and devotion which characterized their patriotic labors in the great work.

Amid the difficulties which required them, as a matter of readiness and precaution, to work with their mechanical instruments in one hand and their warlike defences in the other. Neither is it a matter of speculation or theory for companions of the Royal Arch to comprehend, in vivid realization, the exuberance of spirit, and sending up of loud hallelujahs to Jehovah upon the completion and consecration of the second

Temple; it is also quite as easy for such Craftsmen to understand the fullness of their reward upon their subsequent assemblings therein, where their exclamations were, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord."

We, as Royal Arch Masons, are, by our traditions and organization their lineal descendents, and hence it is equally our right to rejoice, as they did; when the opportunities come to repair to our holy tabernacles and transcendantly so, when, as their accredited representatives, we meet here in our annual reunion.

Not in hosts of formidable armies, went our ancient brethren to the designated place of labor, worship and praise, but quietly, yet with firm and steady tread, wended they their way, and when upon assembling the few or the many, being inspired with brotherly love and devotional ardor, they enjoyed alike the heavenly vow, that when only two or three are gathered together in His name, He would be with them and bless them. Thus to have met, and thus to be filled with loving kindness and reverential awe, is our glorious privilege and consequent happy reward.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below."

Forty-five years ago, this being the forty-sixth annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, the representation of three Chapters, situated in Tallahassee, St. Augustine and Apalachicola, met in the capital city and organized this body. A retrospective view of its history presents a panorama of its vicissitudes, its alternate flourishing cycles and its depressing decades, which strikingly depicts the futile plains, beautiful highways, and the rough and rugged paths of human life.

The poet said :

"Death rides on every passing breeze  
And lurks in every flower."

And how applicable this to all earthly existence. Two of those original Chapters are long since dead, the one at Tallahassee only surviving. Along the line of this series of years, twenty-seven (27) additional Chapters have been organized, making thirty (30) in all under this Grand Jurisdiction, seventeen (17) of which have gone the way of all earthly objects, leaving us to-day but thirteen (13) working chartered Chapters. Shall we be discouraged? No. Our ancient brethren and companions, whose virtues we claim to emulate, were not daunted, even under the most appalling difficulties and dangers. When, after their deepest humility, with abiding faith and



manly courage, they had passed their successive troubles and dangers, they redoubled their assiduity and pressed forward to glorious victory. Their noble example is left for our imitation. We have safely passed our most fearful and alarming decade, left it many years behind us, and are traveling along the beautiful paths of pleasantness to the most sanguine period of prosperity.

Of our thirteen (13) interesting Chapters, six (6) are of comparatively recent origin. They, like children, growing into vigorous manhood, are making reasonable progress, and the older, so to speak, are growing young and more vigorous again, and instead of our once little group of thirty (30) companions, we now have hundreds of Royal Craftsmen on the way to rebuild the House of the Lord, whose splendor shall outshine its predecessor.

Our tabernacles are erected in the "Land of Flowers," whose pure, balmy air, geographical situation, life-giving waters, fertile soil and inexhaustible sources of wealth and learning must ere long place Florida the peer of any State in this grand American Union, and enviously attract to it the attention of the great commercial marts of the world.

#### NEW CHAPTERS.

A dispensation was granted on the 10th day of February, 1892, to twelve petitioners therefor, to be called Monroe Chapter, U. D., and to be located at Sanford, in the county of Orange, among whom Companion A. C. Martin was recommended for High Priest; Companion Thomas B. Dick for King, and Companion H. B. Lord, Scribe. The petition was recommended by Eureka Chapter, No. 7, at Orlando, in the same county, and all the requisites were fully complied with. Good accounts have been received from said new Chapter, and any application that may be made to you as to further progress will be submitted to you by the Grand Secretary.

A movement has been set on foot for the organization of a Chapter further south, which has not yet fully matured. The well-known zeal and intelligence of some of the companions engaged in the enterprise warrants me in predicting early success.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

Your presiding officer is not specially fond of them, nor are our Chapters inclined to ask for them, under circumstances which are completely under their control, but necessity sometimes arises, and a few have been granted

One on the 18th of November, 1891, to St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, authorizing it to ballot at a called Convocation upon the petition of three candidates, after due notice to all the members.

The brethren desiring this promotion lived at such a distance, and were so situated, that they could not pursue the object of their ardent desire for six months or more after a limited period, and the interest of the Chapter would evidently be promoted by the accessions, and for want of a quorum the ballot had been delayed.

One on the 15th of December, 1891, to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for the same purpose, for similar reasons; at least equally urgent.

One on the 26th of December, 1891, to St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, to elect its officers at a called Convocation, and at its earliest convenience, for the reasons that the officers elected declined installation, and to await the regular Convocation in the new year would likely work detrimental delay.

One on January 20th to Tampa Chapter, No. 3, to elect and install officers. It so happened that the lawful time for election fell upon the night of the 25th of December, and the Christmas festivities being uppermost, kept away from the Chapter a sufficient number to defeat a quorum.

#### RULINGS OR DECISIONS.

The following questions were propounded and answers given:

1. Should a proposed amendment to the by-laws of a Chapter, when appertaining to the finances of the Chapter, be referred to the Financial Committee?

Answer. That is a matter of discretion with the Chapter.

2. Should the original proposition to amend the by-laws of a Chapter be finally disposed of, either by withdrawing or voting upon it?

Answer. Yes, that would be proper action.

3. Under Masonic law and custom can an original proposition, or resolution to amend, be superceded by a substitute?

Answer. Yes, when no objection is made.

4. Should a proposed amendment, offered as a substitute for the original, take the course prescribed by the by-laws, viz: Lay over for a meeting for subsequent action?

Answer. If the proposed change of the original proposition was clerical only, no; but if the new proposition is material in substance, it is a new proposition, and should go over to a subsequent meeting.



5. Should the record show how the vote upon amendment of by-laws stood?

Answer. The record should so state; but if the point be not raised at the time, or at the time of action upon the minutes, the result stated is sufficient.

6. When less than three-fourths of the members present vote for an amendment to the by-laws, and the balance of the members present do not all vote, but three-fourths of the votes cast are for amendment, is it carried?

Answer. No; the express language of the amending clause requires that three-fourths of all the members present must vote for the amendment, else it is lost.

7. Is it necessary that the by-laws of subordinate Chapters be approved by the Grand Chapter?

Answer. Yes, or in recess by the Grand High Priest, except that changing time of regular Convocations, under the amending clause of the by-laws, need not be so approved.

8. Is a Royal Arch Chapter organized for charitable purposes?

Answer. No; but its privilege in that direction is limited only by its own discretion, especially in the disbursement of its surplus funds.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Many of our sister Grand Chapters are enacting limited terms of office of their Grand Representative, usually of three years, terminating with the triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, others at designated periods, while this Grand Chapter has made no change in that respect, and our system is satisfactory.

Former commissions expired and new ones, with our consent, have been issued to the same and other companions, as follows, viz.:

M. E. W. W. Tucker, for Maryland.

M. E. Silas B. Wright, for Iowa.

M. E. C. McR. Oerting, for Vermont.

M. E. Marcus Endel, for North Dakota.

To fill vacancies in Florida, the following nominations have been made for appointment of Grand Representatives near this Grand Chapter:

For Grand Chapter, Illinois—Herman Glogowski.

For Grand Chapter, Kentucky—James W. Boyd.

For Grand Chapter, New Brunswick—Edgar A. Richards.

For Grand Chapter North Carolina—Irwin E. Webster.

For Grand Chapter, Ohio—William M. McIntosh.

For Grand Chapter, Washington—Silas B. Wright.

It is expected that these distinguished companions will, in due time, present their credentials and be properly considered by you.

#### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

This body held its stated Convocation at Minneapolis, opening on July 22, 1891. Its published proceedings have not yet reached us, but are promised through the General Grand Secretary so soon as the printers shall have completed them. Paramount duties and obligations prevented my attendance, and the same may be said of the other three officers of this Grand Council; at least none attended. The Grand Chapter of Florida did not, however, go by default, as all the officers gave proxies to M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., who, ever ready to respond to fraternal duty, at whatever personal sacrifice, attended, and we know that the interests, dignity and honor of this Grand Chapter were well cared for, and for this service he is entitled to your grateful recognition.

This was probably one of the most important sessions ever held by that body, for its work, began many years ago, of providing a uniform ritual was consummated, and we learn from the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Joseph P. Hornor, of Louisiana, that this Grand Chapter will ere long be supplied with its quota of the result; until then we are in the dark as to what, if any, changes are to be made in our present work. It is gratifying to realize, as we do, that the General Grand Chapter is growing steadily in prosperity and influence, and it is a matter of pride and gratification that this Grand Chapter is one of its constituent members.

#### FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Peace is within our walls at home and harmony reigns supreme, our amicable relations with all regular Grand Chapters being undisturbed. Every regular Grand Royal Arch Chapter is the sovereign power within the sphere of its jurisdiction, and is the peer of our own, and whenever it becomes necessary for a Grand Chapter to arrest the charter or suspend the functions of one of its subordinates, and we are officially informed of the fact, that is the voice we hear, that is the voice we heed, and it is only left for us and our Chapter to take good heed that the unworthy enter not our Holy Tabernacles and desecrate them. But one instance has officially come to our knowledge. The Grand Chapter of Ohio has arrested the charter of its Horeb Chapter, No. 1, located at Worthington, in that State, for disloyal and rebellious conduct, and you are hereby cautioned to see to it that no seed or sprig of its sedition shall be transplanted to Florida soil.



## LAWS AND CEREMONIALS.

Pursuant to your former action, the installation ceremonies anticipated were printed with the proceedings of last year, and they, coupled with the constitution of the General Grand Chapter and of this Grand Chapter, make a valuable book for the use of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. This work is commended to your respectful consideration.

## NECROLOGY.

It is a matter of mutual congratulation and reverential gratitude that, during the year just closed, the scythe of the reaper of souls has made no havoc in the official galaxy and membership of this Grand Chapter, and our hearts should glow with gratitude to Almighty God for his supervising blessings, of health, plenty and peace, and especially for the privilege of this happy assembling around our holy altar. *La Grippe* and other causes of suffering and death, though comparatively mild within our own jurisdiction, have been seriously severe in many portions of this country, and, as a consequence, some of our sister Grand Chapters had heart rending bereavements, to whom our sympathy goes in loving condolence.

Official information has been received of the following deaths, and in each and every case the sympathy of the Royal Craft in Florida was tendered by letter :

M. E., John Dallas Hamilton, P. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, August 13, 1891.

M. E., John Otto, P. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, August 15, 1891.

M. E., Andrew McCalley, P. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of Washington, September 15, 1891.

M. E., William Ridgway Penick, P. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, December 4, 1891.

Rev. LaFayette VanCleve, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, March 2, 1892.

M. E., David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of Canada, March 16, 1892.

The papers which brought to us the obsequies will be placed in the hands of the proper committee for more extended notice.

## COURTESIES.

Your presiding officer during the past year has never felt that he was alone and plodding his way single handed. On the other hand, no called for counsel and assistance has been withheld, or indifferently heeded. My grateful acknowledgments are due, and are hereby tendered, to all my associates in

office, but more especially to our Grand Secretary, in whose services this Grand Chapter fully realizes that it is peculiarly fortunate.

## CONCLUSION.

Now, companions, you have the record of my official doings I ask at your hands that forbearance which may reasonably be demanded for whatever of weakness and frailty may be perceived. You called me to this position for whatever merit you conceived in me. My duties have been discharged faithfully as best I could, and the honor conferred will be a boon of happiness and pleasant reflection while I live, assuring you that my zeal and ardor for the cause of Royal Arch Masonry will not thereby ever be decreased.

THOMAS S. WILMARTH,  
*Grand High Priest.*

On motion of Companion W. E. Anderson the address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects.

The Deputy Grand High Priest announced as such committee the following named companions, to-wit: W. E. Anderson, W. A. McLean and Angus Paterson,

Which said committee presented the following report, and the same was received and adopted :

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter :*

Your committee to whom was referred the address of G. H. Priest recommend that so much as refers to new Chapters be referred to Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws; so much as refers to special dispensations and decisions be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; that so much as refers to Grand Representatives, General Grand Chapter, fraternal relations and the remainder of the address, not otherwise referred, to a special committee of three for consideration; that so much as refers to the fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

W. E. ANDERSON,  
W. A. McLEAN,  
A. PATERSON,  
*Committee.*

The special committee recommended by the foregoing report was appointed, consisting of Companions Wright, Boyd and Tucker.

P. G. H. P. W. A. McLean verbally presented fraternal greetings from Companion Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P.,



when Companion W. E. Anderson, P. G. H. P., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That Companion McLean be requested to convey to P. G. H. P. Wasgate the thanks of this Grand Chapter for his kindly remembrance, and to assure him that he has our best wishes for his welfare.

The special committee on residue of the address of the Grand High Priest made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your special committee to whom was referred such portions of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address, as were not otherwise specially referred, beg leave to report, that we concur in the recommendation of our Grand High Priest that this Grand Chapter make no change in the matter of the limitation of the term of appointment of Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter to other Grand Chapters.

We further advise that as far as practicable the Grand High Priest select for recommendation to other Grand Chapters as representatives near this Grand Chapter, companions who do not already represent other Grand Chapters, and who are regular attendants on this Grand Chapter, and failure of any Grand Representative to attend three consecutive Grand Annual Convocations shall cause the office to be declared vacant, and new representatives shall be recommended for appointment.

We recommend that those companions whose commissions have been received since our last Annual Convocation be duly received and honored by this Grand Chapter.

We are pleased to note that our Grand Chapter was ably represented by Past Grand High Priest Paterson at the last Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and also to note that the General Grand Chapter have adopted a full ritual, which will be disseminated as soon as it can be put in proper shape. We hope that our Grand Chapter will defer the adoption of a ritual until this authorized work can be received.

Under the head of fraternal relations our Grand High Priest notes the disloyal conduct of Horeb, Chapter No. 1, of Ohio, and the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Ohio in the premises, we therefore recommend that as the charter of Horeb Chapter, No. 1, of Worthington, Ohio, has been arrested by the Grand Chapter of Ohio for cause, that no companion hailing from said Horeb Chapter, No. 1, of Worthington, Ohio, be granted any of the privileges or benefits of Royal Arch

Masonry in this jurisdiction until their charter shall be restored by the Grand Chapter of Ohio, or until they have been regularly healed, and that notice of their action be sent to the several Chapters of this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
J. W. BOYD,  
W. W. TUCKER,  
*Committee.*

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer presented their annual reports, which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

|          |                                                |          |         |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| 1892.    |                                                |          |         |
| May 10.— | To dues from Florida Chapter, No. 1.....       | \$ 27.00 |         |
|          | To dues from Gainesville Chapter, No. 2.....   | 32.00    |         |
|          | To dues from Tampa Chapter, No. 3.....         | 22.00    |         |
|          | To dues from St. Johns Chapter, No. 4.....     | 63.00    |         |
|          | To dues from St. Johns Chapter, No. 7.....     | 42.00    |         |
|          | To dues from Eureka Chapter, No. 8.....        | 39.00    |         |
|          | To dues from Madison Chapter, No. 9.....       | 54.00    |         |
|          | To dues from Putnam Chapter, No. 12.....       | 72.00    |         |
|          | To dues from Jacksonville Chapter, No. 13..... | 83.00    |         |
|          | To dues from Ocala Chapter, No. 20.....        | 26.00    |         |
|          | To dues from Providence Chapter, No. 22.....   | 30.00    |         |
|          | To dues from Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 24..... | 69.00    |         |
|          |                                                | \$559.00 |         |
|          |                                                | 553.00   |         |
|          |                                                |          | \$ 6.00 |
| May 10.— | By paid Grand Treasurer.....                   |          |         |

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Henry S. Ely, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

|           | Dr.                                                                                           | Cr.      |            |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1890.     |                                                                                               |          |            |
| May 11.—  | Received from J. H. Stephens.....                                                             | \$650.98 |            |
| 1892.     |                                                                                               |          |            |
| May 11.—  | Received from Grand Treasurer.....                                                            | 553.00   | \$1,203.98 |
| 1891.     |                                                                                               |          |            |
| May 1.—   | Claims, per diem and mileage paid as taken from report of Grand Treasurer.....                | \$326.80 |            |
|           | Office rent Grand Secretary.....                                                              | 60.00    |            |
|           | [The vouchers for above were burned in the fire of May, 1891.]                                |          |            |
| July 25.— | Donation to Masonic building (as authorized by Grand Chapter. See proceedings 1891, page 22), | 100.00   |            |
| July 27.— | Printing proceedings.....                                                                     | 76.80    |            |
| Nov. 5.—  | Insurance of Grand Chapter library.....                                                       | 11.94    |            |
| 1892.     |                                                                                               |          |            |
| May 11.—  | Balance on hand.....                                                                          | 628.44   | \$1,203.98 |

On motion of Companion Paterson, the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.



MAY 10, 1892, 7:30 P. M.

M. E. Thomas S. Wilmarth, G. H. P., and others, as at the opening session, with the addition of Companion E. A. Richards, G. P., Sojourner.

The Grand Chapter was duly called from refreshments to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the opening session were read and confirmed.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following named companions presented their credentials as Grand Representatives of Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Florida, viz.:

W. M. McINTOSH—Ohio.

E. A. RICHARDS—New Brunswick.

SILAS B. WRIGHT—Washington.

And were received as such with the grand honors of Royal Arch Masonry.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, Companion Herman Glogowski was also recognized as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter, State of Florida:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report as follows:

The special committee appointed last year to report a standard work of the several degrees of the Chapter, reported that the General Grand Chapter had adopted a ritual, we therefore recommend that that committee be discharged.

We find that companions W. A. McLean and D. C. Dawkins, who were appointed a special committee last year to prepare a printed ritual for installation ceremonies, has performed that duty during the recess of the Grand Chapter, and we recommend that their report as printed be adopted and they be discharged.

Fraternally submitted.

B. A. BROWN,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, and, on motion of Companion Pater-

son, the same was considered by sections and approved; when, on motion of Companion Endel, the report was adopted as a whole.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in the matter of rulings and decisions made by the Grand High Priest:

As to Ruling 1st it is not proper to refer a proposed amendment to the By-Laws to a committee for their report. It should be disposed of by the Chapter, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Ruling 2d approved. The Constitution instructs how proposed amendments to the By-Laws should be disposed of. If not withdrawn, they should be acted upon in accordance with the regulations.

Ruling 3d approved. Provided the resolution to amend does not refer to the By-Laws, which can only be amended in the constitutional manner.

Ruling 4th approved.

Ruling 5th not approved, as it is not necessary that the vote should be a matter of record; the announcement by the High Priest of the result is sufficient.

Ruling 6, 7 and 8 approved, being in accordance with existing regulations. The special dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest are also approved.

W. A. McLEAN,  
W. E. ANDERSON,  
ANGUS PATERSON,  
*Committee.*

On motion of Grand Secretary Dawkins the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence is requested to consider and report what, if any, change should be made in Regulation 39, on page 35, Book of Laws and Constitution.

On motion of Companion McLean, the special order of business at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning's session shall be the election of grand officers.

Companion Paterson made some interesting remarks relative to the transactions of the General Grand Chapter in session at Minneapolis.

On motion of Companion Endel the thanks of this Grand Chapter are tendered to Companion Paterson for the valuable information imparted.

A question propounded by Companion Jewell, of Eureka Chapter No. 7, as to the election of Chapter



officers, was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

On motion of Companion Anderson, adopted, that when the Grand Chapter call off it be until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

MAY 11, 1892, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

PRESENT:

Most Excellent Thomas S. Wilmarth, Grand High Priest, and others, as at the evening session.

CALLED TO LABOR.

The Grand Chapter was duly called from refreshment to labor; prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the session of last evening were read and confirmed.

It having been reported to the Grand Chapter that Companion John H. Stephens, Grand Scribe, is unable to be present by reason of sickness, on motion of Companion Paterson, a committee, consisting of Companions Paterson, Anderson and Tucker, was appointed to visit Companion Stephens and convey to him fraternal greetings and the sympathy of this Grand Chapter in his affliction.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, which resulted as follows:

IRVING E. WEBSTER—Grand High Priest.  
 SILAS B. WRIGHT—Deputy Grand High Priest.  
 WILLIAM M. McINTOSH—Grand King.  
 JOHN H. STEPHENS (re-elected)—Grand Scribe.  
 HENRY S. ELY (re-elected)—Grand Treasurer.  
 DEWITT C. DAWKINS (re-elected)—Grand Secretary.  
 WILLIAM A. McLEAN (re-elected)—Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report as follows, viz.:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, presented to the present Grand Convocation, and find them correct, and recommend their adoption, to-wit:

|                                                       |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Salary of Grand Secretary for last year . . . . .     | \$150.00 |
| Salary of Grand Chaplain . . . . .                    | 10.00    |
| Salary of Guard . . . . .                             | 15.00    |
| Office rent, postage, etc., Grand Secretary . . . . . | 60.00    |

Also, the payment of a per diem of two dollars and five cents per mile, one way, to the senior officer present from each Chapter duly represented at the present Convocation, and elective grand officers not mentioned above. When no officer is present to represent his Chapter, the proxy present for the senior officer is entitled to it.

We recommend the printing of the proceedings of the present Convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer pay for the same and other necessary expenses.

W. M. McINTOSH,  
 S. B. WRIGHT,  
 H. S. ELY,  
*Committee.*

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

NECROLOGY.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Memorials respectfully present the following report:

Whilst we may congratulate ourselves upon the prosperous condition of capitular Masonry throughout our Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, yet we are filled with sadness when we reflect that we have lost the pleastant association of some of our loved companions, who, having completed their journeys, over the rough and rugged pathways of life, have passed through the veils of the Sacred Tabernacle, and have been admitted into the presence of the Supreme Grand Council above.

Death is a subject not lightly to be broached by those who are subjects to its power, for none can escape the inexorable doom, yet we are taught that it is through its gates that we find an entrance to the place of wages, refreshment and rest.



When its strong hand hath levelled all in humiliation in the grave, then the Almighty hand of the Supreme Grand Master shall prevail, and will exalt every worthy companion to a glorious fellowship in that Celestial Lodge above, where the noontide of bliss will eternally shine; where the scales of doubt and darkness will fall from our eyes, and the perfect plans of the Divine Artist shall be seen completed and displayed in all their glorious splendor. With the light of such a faith before us, oh! death where is thy sting.

Among those of our own Grand Jurisdiction who have entered into rest, and whose presence will never again gladden our earthly tabernacle, are the following:

From Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, January 25th, has gone James W. Moore.

From Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7, March 6th, has gone Charles E. Bacon.

From Madison Royal Arch Chapter, No. 8, May 3d, has gone Robt. M. Witherspoon.

From Ocala Royal Arch Chapter, No. 13, June , has gone John Pinkerton.

From Providence Royal Arch Chapter, No. 20, February 4th, has gone John F. Niblack.

Some of sister Grand Jurisdictions, who have our warmest sympathies, have been called upon to mourn the loss of many of their loved, and some of them most distinguished companions, full reference of whom will be found in the address of our P. G. H. P., T. S. Wilmarth.

May we all ever endeavor to practice outside of our respective Chapters the noble precepts that are inculcated in them, and daily study and obey the laws that are given us by the Supreme Grand High Priest above.

WM. W. TUCKER,  
I. E. WEBSTER,  
D. McLACHLAN,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances reported as follows, and the same was received and adopted:  
*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances respectfully report that nothing has been presented for our consideration, and we congratulate the Royal Craft on the fact that harmony and good fellowship prevails throughout our borders.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. McINTOSH,  
H. S. ELY,  
E. H. BUNKER,  
*Committee.*

## DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, and the same was duly received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee recommend that the dispensation for Monroe Chapter, U. D., at Sanford, be continued until the next Grand Annual Convocation, as we are informed that a charter will be applied for at that time.

ANGUS PATERSON,  
J. D. SINCLAIR,  
C. J. HAYS,  
*Committee.*

## APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

WARREN TYLER—Grand Captain of the Host.  
E. A. RICHARDS—Grand Principal Sojourner.  
D. McLACHLAN—Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
C. J. HAYS—Grand Master 3d Vail.  
W. S. JORDAN—Grand Master 2d Vail.  
B. A. BROWN—Grand Master 1st Vail.  
JAMES F. CLARK—Grand Guard.

All the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers were duly installed into their respective offices by Companion William A. McLean, P. G. H. P.; Companion Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., acting as Grand Marshal.

The committee heretofore appointed on the status of cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, not being ready to report, the said committee was continued, with instructions to report at the next Annual Convocation.

On motion of Companion Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., the Committee on Work was authorized and requested to prepare a ritual for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Grand Chapter, the same to be presented and used for the opening ceremonies at the next Grand Annual Convocation.



## MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, and the same was duly received and adopted :

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter :*

Your committee recommend that Regulation 39 be amended by striking out the words "and names of members." The regulation as amended would read: "The names, locations and times of meeting of the Chapters under this Jurisdiction are required to be published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter."

In reply to the question submitted by Eureka Chapter, No. 7, asking whether an election of officers held at a regular Convocation as soon as practicable after St. John's day in December, is legal, your committee reply that as Section 22 G. C. Constitution requires that the election shall be held at the regular Convocation next preceeding St. John's day, the election at a later Convocation is illegal.

We recommend that the irregularity of the election in Eureka Chapter, No. 7, be healed by this Grand Chapter.

We recommend that Section 22, G. C. Constitution, be amended by inserting the words "or as soon thereafter as practicable" after the words "St. John, the Evangelist's day."

W. A. McLEAN,  
W. E. ANDERSON,  
ANGUS PATERSON.

Companion W. E. Anderson, P. G. H. P., presented the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the next regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville, at high 12, on the second Tuesday in May, 1893.

On motion of Companion Endel, P. G. H. P., the thanks of this Grand Chapter are tendered to Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, for use of hall, and other courtesies extended by said Chapter.

And, on motion of Companion Anderson, P. G. H. P., a vote of thanks was tendered to the railroads for special rates.

## COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following named companions as a Committee on Work :

W. A. McLean,  
W. E. Anderson,  
Marcus Endel.

The Grand High Priest also appointed the following committees :

## ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE :

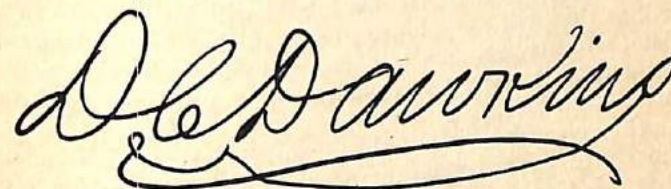
D. C. Dawkins,  
W. A. McLean,  
T. S. Wilmarth.

## ON PRINTING :

D. C. Dawkins,  
H. S. Ely,  
John H. Stephens.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

There appearing to be no further business the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, the devotions being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.



*Grand Secretary.*



The Grand Annual Convocation was held on the 10th and 11th of May, 1892, and on the 16th of said month, our Grand Secretary was prostrated by a stroke of paralysis, and from that time to the present he has been unable to discharge the duties, or to give direction to matters connected with the office.

On the 11th of July the Most Excellent Grand High Priest issued a commission, appointing me Assistant Grand Secretary during the disability of Companion Dawkins, or until the next Grand Annual Convocation.

The minutes of the Annual Convocation had not been prepared for the printer, and it became a question with me as to whether or not it would be to the best interests of the Grand Chapter that I should undertake to perform that service, or allow it to remain over until the next Grand Annual Convocation, and that the proceedings of two years be printed together in one pamphlet. This matter was decided, however, by the fact of numerous letters being received from other jurisdictions and individual Masons requesting that our proceedings for 1892 be forwarded to them; therefore, the latter part of August I took charge of the papers, etc., of the Annual Convocation, and proceeded to prepare the proceedings for publication, and the foregoing is the result of my effort in that behalf. It is unnecessary to state in this connection that if a master overseer had been in charge of the work, a different specimen would be presented for inspection, at the same time it is not to be expected that my labors will be entirely unrewarded, as this will most likely come in the form of adverse criticism, and properly so, too, as a mere novice cannot reasonably expect to receive wages belonging exclusively to the experienced architect.

As the representative of the Grand Secretary, in discharging the duties of his office temporarily, it is proper for me to say that this Grand Chapter is under obligations to sister jurisdictions for kindly sympathy so impressively expressed for our Grand Secretary and his family in their affliction.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Notwithstanding the fact that the writer hereof is a member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, it is well known that Companion Dawkins has, for years past, prepared such reports as were sent out, and as he was well qualified for that service, it was left entirely to his judgment and skill, and, as a general thing, these reports were not read by the other members of the committee until they appeared in connection with and as a part of the printed proceedings of the Annual Convocation. While it would afford pleasure and no

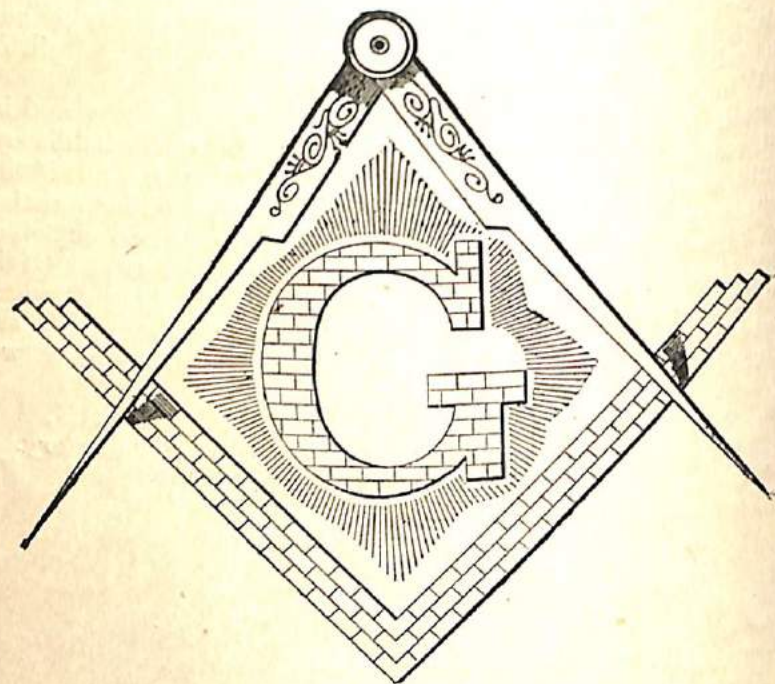
small degree of profit to this particular member of the committee to commune with the Royal Craft by reviewing the proceedings of the various jurisdictions in fraternal intercourse with this Grand Chapter, it is exceedingly doubtful as to whether any real benefit could possibly result therefrom, for the reason that such service, to be productive of practical results, requires larger experience in matters Masonic than is possessed by this humble scribe. We may entertain the hope, however, that in the not very distant future a "Shimsi" will be discovered within our ranks, possessing the requisite qualifications for such a noble and glorious undertaking. Until then we will be under the necessity of contenting ourselves with receiving benefits from other Jurisdictions without giving anything in return.

When our proceedings shall have been received and inspected, it may be that errors and omissions will be discovered, especially in the Directory of Grand Chapters, but if this should be the fact, the best apology possible under existing circumstances is now here presented—there is not sufficient time afforded for examination of proceedings to ascertain what, if any changes, have been made during the past year. The Directory is therefore the same as published with the proceedings of 1891, with the exception of perhaps one or two changes.

Fraternally,

W. A. McLEAN,  
*Assistant Grand Secretary.*





STATISTICS.

| CHAPTERS          | No. | Members last year | Exalted | Affiliated | Reinstated | Total | Deaths | Dimitted | Suspended | Expelled | Rejected | Present membership |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|---------|------------|------------|-------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | 27                | ...     | 1          | ...        | 28    | ...    | ...      | ...       | ...      | ...      | 28                 |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | 23                | ...     | ...        | ...        | 23    | ...    | ...      | 6         | ...      | ...      | 18                 |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | 24                | 5       | ...        | ...        | 24    | ...    | 1        | 1         | ...      | ...      | 31                 |
| St. Johns.....    | 4   | 26                | 7       | ...        | 1          | 42    | 1      | ...      | ...       | 1        | ...      | 40                 |
| Bureka.....       | 7   | 38                | 3       | ...        | ...        | 48    | 1      | 4        | ...       | 1        | ...      | 42                 |
| Madison.....      | 8   | 44                | 3       | 1          | ...        | 45    | 1      | 1        | 1         | ...      | ...      | 43                 |
| Putnam.....       | 9   | 45                | ...     | ...        | ...        | 75    | ...    | 3        | 3         | ...      | ...      | 60                 |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | 73                | 2       | ...        | 1          | 57    | ...    | 1        | ...       | ...      | ...      | 55                 |
| Ocala.....        | 13  | 29                | 27      | ...        | ...        | 31    | 1      | 1        | ...       | ...      | ...      | 29                 |
| Providence.....   | 20  | 28                | 3       | ...        | ...        | 33    | ...    | 2        | 2         | ...      | ...      | 29                 |
| Thomas Brown..... | 22  | 33                | ...     | ...        | ...        | 37    | ...    | ...      | ...       | ...      | ...      | 37                 |
| Mt. Moriah.....   | 24  | 32                | 3       | 2          | ...        | 48    | 4      | 13       | 13        | 2        | ...      | 454                |
|                   |     | 427               | 53      | 4          | 2          | 486   | 4      | 13       | 13        | 2        | ...      |                    |

SUMMARY.

|                                                 |     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of members last year as per returns..... | 427 |
| Whole gain.....                                 | 27  |
| Whole loss.....                                 | 454 |
| Present membership.....                         | 32  |
|                                                 | 422 |



## CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTER.          | No. | HIGH PRIESTS.       | KINGS.             | SCRIBES.            | TREASURERS.         | SECRETARIES.        | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|-------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | D. McLachlan.....   | W. P. Denham.....  | L. P. Wombwell...   | Robert Gamble ....  | W. M. McIntosh, Sr. | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | A. M. Cushman....   | John R. Eddins.... | Syd. L. Carter..... | W. K. Bartleson...  | W. S. McDowell...   | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | B. A. Brown.....    | Abe Maas.....      | W. J. Perry.....    | R. B. Thomas.....   | J. C. White.....    | Tampa.         |
| St Johns.....     | 4   | Silas B. Wright.... | A. E. Gleaser..... | R. O. Knowles ...   | W. M. Dunn.....     | J. H. Hibbard.....  | DeLand.        |
| Eureka.....       | 7   | W. H. Jewell.....   | E. A. Richards.... | W. T. Barnes.....   | Mahlon Gore.....    | Sam. S. Puckett...  | Orlando.       |
| Madison.....      | 8   | E. H. Bunker.....   | Thos. J. Smith.... | N. T. Elliott.....  | H. J. Parramore...  | James E. Pound...   | Madison.       |
| Putnam.....       | 9   | C. J. Hays.....     | W. H. Cyrus.....   | Lewis Hendrickson   | Montz Kohl.....     | Marcus Loeb.....    | Palatka.       |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | J. D. Sinclair..... | B. H. Chadwick.... | W. P. Webster.....  | Otis L Keene.....   | A. M. Lennig.....   | Jacksonville.  |
| Ocala.....        | 13  | J. H. Whitfield...  | John S. Frazer.... | S. D. Zacharias...  | William Fox.....    | O. B. Hogan.....    | Ocala.         |
| Providence.....   | 20  | J. M. Tolbert.....  | W. J. Flayles..... | W. F. Peeler.....   | R. C. Martin.....   | A. C. Odom.....     | Mt. Tabor.     |
| Thomas Brown..... | 22  | Warren Tyler.....   | James Harden.....  | Geo. A. K. Stevens  | D. W. Stanley.....  | James W. Boyd....   | Bartow.        |
| Mt. Moriah.....   | 24  | W. E. Anderson...   | H. C. Cushman....  | John B. Ellis.....  | J. P. Hilliard..... | A. L. Williams....  | Pensacola.     |

## DIRECTORY OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

| GRAND CHAPTERS             | GRAND SECRETARIES         | P. O. ADDRESS      |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Alabama.....               | George J Roskrige.....    | Montgomery.        |
| Arizona Territory.....     | James A Henry.....        | Tucson.            |
| Arkansas.....              | Thomas H Caswell.....     | Little Rock.       |
| California.....            | David McLellan.....       | San Francisco.     |
| Canada.....                | Ed C Parnallee.....       | Hamilton, Ontario. |
| Colorado.....              | Joseph H Wheeler.....     | Pueblo.            |
| Connecticut.....           | James H Price.....        | Hartford.          |
| Delaware.....              | James G Stephens.....     | Wilmington.        |
| District of Columbia.....  | Frederick K Brinklee..... | Washington, W. C.  |
| England.....               | Christopher G Fox.....    | Buffalo, New York. |
| General Grand Chapter..... | A. M. Wolhin.....         | Macon.             |
| Georgia.....               | Gilbert W Barnard.....    | Chicago.           |
| Illinois.....              | John M Brumwell.....      | Indianapolis.      |
| Indiana.....               | Joseph S Morrow.....      | A toka.            |
| Indian Territory.....      | Alfred Wingate.....       | Des Moines.        |
| Iowa.....                  | Samuel B Oldham.....      | Dublin.            |
| Ireland.....               | John H Brown.....         | Wyandotte.         |
| Kansas.....                | James O Batchelor.....    | New Orleans.       |
| Kentucky.....              | Stephen Berry.....        | Portland.          |
| Louisiana.....             | George I. McCallan.....   | Baltimore.         |
| Maine.....                 | Sepamus Bowen.....        | Boston.            |
| Maryland.....              | Wm P Innis.....           | Grand Rapids.      |
| Massachusetts.....         | Thomas Montgomery.....    | St. Paul.          |
| Michigan.....              | J. I. Power.....          | St. Louis.         |
| Minnesota.....             | W H Mayo.....             | Omaha.             |
| Mississippi.....           | Wm R Bowen.....           | Carson City.       |
| Missouri.....              | Chanucy N Notewarte.....  | Saint John.        |
| Montana.....               | T N Nisbet.....           | Concord.           |
| Nebraska.....              | George P Cleaves.....     | Tersey City.       |
| New Brunswick.....         | George B Edwards.....     | Rutland.           |
| New Hampshire.....         | Christopher G Fox.....    | Fairfax.           |
| New Jersey.....            | Donald W Bain.....        | Paris.             |
| New York.....              | Thomas J Wilder.....      | Channahdi.         |
| North Carolina.....        | George T Smithers.....    | Portland.          |
| North Dakota.....          | J H Brownwell.....        | Philadelphina.     |
| Oha.....                   | R P Earhart.....          | Charlottetown.     |
| Oregon.....                | Charles E Meyer.....      | Montreal.          |
| Pennsylvania.....          | G W Wakefield.....        | Providence.        |
| Prince Edward Island.....  | Joseph Mitchell.....      | Edinburgh.         |
| Rhode Island.....          | Wm R Greene.....          | Charleston.        |
| Scotland.....              | D Murray Lyon.....        | Charlestown.       |
| South Carolina.....        | J E Burke.....            | Portland.          |
| South Dakota.....          | George A Pettigrew.....   | Nashville.         |
| Tennessee.....             | John Fritzell.....        | Houston.           |
| Texas.....                 | Kobert Brewster.....      | Hartington.        |
| Vermont.....               | Warren G Reynolds.....    | Richmond.          |
| Virginia.....              | William B Isaacs.....     | Walla Walla.       |
| Washington Territory.....  | William C Blalock.....    | Wheeler.           |
| West Virginia.....         | Young W Morris.....       | Milwaukee.         |
| Wisconsin.....             | John W Lathin.....        |                    |



**PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.**

|      | GRAND<br>HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPUTY GRAND<br>HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND KINGS.        | GRAND SCRIBES.     | GRAND<br>TREASURERS. | GRAND<br>SECRETARIES. | GRAND<br>CHAPLAINS. |
|------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1847 | Thos Douglas*.....     | John P Duval*.....            | Henry R Taylor* ..  | Geo W McRae*.....  | Edwin D Nash*....    | John B Taylor*....    | Edwin L T Blake     |
| 1848 | John P Duval*.....     | Isaac B Bronson*..            | Geo W McRae*.....   | D S Graham*.....   | Thomas Brown*....    | John B Taylor*....    | Edwin L T Blake     |
| 1849 | Isaac H Bronson*..     | Harry R Taylor*...            | D S Graham*... ..   | R A Shine* .....   | Thos Haywood*....    | John B Taylor*....    | Charles E Dyke*     |
| 1850 | Harry R Taylor*...     | D S Graham*.....              | R A Shine*.....     | Gad Humphreys*..   | David C Wilson*...   | John B Taylor*....    | Edwin L T Blake     |
| 1851 | Thomas Brown* ...      | Gad Humphreys*..              | Alfred A Fisher.... | Benj Sawyer. ....  | David C Wilson*...   | John B Taylor*....    | Geo M M'Donald      |
| 1852 | R A Shine*.....        | Sam'l B Stephens*..           | Sam'l Boardman...   | Dan'l O McLean...  | David C Wilson*...   | John B Taylor*....    | Charles E Dyke*     |
| 1853 | Sam'l Boardman...      | J M W Davidson*..             | C A M Mitchell..... | James S Rust*..... | David C Wilson*...   | John B Taylor*....    | A O Oag             |
| 1854 | J Wayles Baker*...     | Thomas Y Henry*..             | James Ellenwood..   | John L McKinnon*   | David C Wilson*...   | John B Taylor*....    | Homer Hender        |
| 1855 | J Wayles Baker*...     | Edward R Ives*....            | Joseph S May .....  | .....              | David C Wilson*...   | John B Taylor*....    | Homer Hender        |
| 1856 | Thos Haywood*....      | Edward R Ives*....            | John L McKinnon*    | James Ellenwood..  | R A Shine*.....      | John B Taylor*....    | Charles E Dyke*     |
| 1857 | Thos Haywood*....      | James Ellenwood..             | John L McKinnon*    | David S Walker.... | Thos Hayward*....    | John B Taylor*....    | J R Plummer         |
| 1858 | Gad Humphreys*..       | James Ellenwood..             | D P Holland*.....   | Charles E Dyke*... | John T Bond*.....    | John B Taylor*....    | John Penny*         |
| 1859 | D P Holland*.....      | .....                         | Geo F Baltzell*.... | Calvin Davis*..... | Thos Hayward*....    | John B Taylor*....    | John Penny*         |

|      |                     |                     |                     |                     |                    |                     |                 |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1860 | Thos Y Henry*....   | Geo F Baltzell*.... | Geo D Fisher*.....  | Josiah Paine*.....  | Thos Hayward*....  | John B Taylor*....  | John Penny*     |
| 1861 | Geo F Baltzell*.... | James Ellenwood..   | Franklin Branch*..  | Charles Slager*.... | Thos Hayward*....  | John B Taylor*....  | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1862 | Geo F Baltzell*.... | James Ellenwood..   | Charles Slager*.... | D C Dawkins.....    | Thos Hayward*....  | John B Taylor*....  | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1863 | Geo F Baltzell*.... | James Ellenwood..   | Green H Hunter*..   | Wm H Arendell*..    | Thos Hayward*....  | John B Taylor*....  | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1864 | Geo F Baltzell*.... | James Ellenwood..   | Thos K Leonard ...  | Wm H Arendell*..    | Thos Hayward*....  | Hugh A Corley....   | Columb's Smith* |
| 1865 | David Jones*.....   | D C Dawkins.....    | B S Fuller.....     | Elias Earle.....    | T Preston Tatum*.. | Hugh A Corley....   | Columb's Smith* |
| 1866 | David Jones*.....   | D C Dawkins.....    | Elias Earle.....    | J A Lea*.....       | T Preston Tatum*.. | Hugh A Corley....   | Columb's Smith* |
| 1867 | David Jones*.....   | Wm Morrill*.....    | Charles Slager*.... | Chas K Sparhawk*    | T Preston Tatum*.. | Hugh A Corley....   | Samuel C Craft  |
| 1868 | James Ellenwood..   | Wm Morrill*.....    | Charles Slager*.... | M M T Hutchingson   | T Preston Tatum*.. | Hugh A Corley....   | Wm A McLean     |
| 1869 | D C Dawkins.....    | M M T Hutchingson   | H H Berry*.....     | Michael Bowes....   | T Preston Tatum*.. | Edw Bradford, Jr*.. | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1870 | D C Dawkins.....    | Charles Slager*.... | Charles Mundee*..   | Samuel Pasco .....  | T Preston Tatum*.. | Edw Bradford, Jr*.. | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1871 | D C Dawkins.....    | James Ellenwood..   | Wm Morrill*.....    | Theodore Ball.....  | T Preston Tatum*.. | W M McIntosh.....   | Edwin L T Blake |
| 1872 | Wm Morrill*.....    | Hugh A Corley....   | John C Ley.....     | James L Taylor....  | T Preston Tatum*.. | W M McIntosh.....   | Thos A Carruth  |
| 1873 | Michael Bowes....   | Samuel Pasco.....   | John S Driggs.....  | Benj J Alderman*..  | .....              | DeWitt C Dawkins    | John Penny*     |
| 1874 | Michael Bowes....   | John S Driggs.....  | John G Alderman*..  | .....               | Wm A Young.....    | DeWitt C Dawkins    | John Penny*     |
| 1875 | Henry W Long.....   | Edward P Jordan*..  | Wm T Weeks.....     | W W Tucker.....     | .....              | DeWitt C Dawkins    | John Penny*     |
| 1876 | John S Driggs.....  | Charles J Allred... | W W Tucker.....     | John T Miller ..... | .....              | DeWitt C Dawkins    | John Penny*     |
| 1877 | John S Driggs.....  | George R Jones*...  | W W Tucker.....     | John T Miller.....  | L McConihe*.....   | DeWitt C Dawkins    | John Penny*     |
| 1878 | Enos Wasgate .....  | Robert J Perry .... | G R Wentworth*...   | Geo S Hallmark....  | L McConihe*.....   | DeWitt C Dawkins    | John Penny*     |
| 1879 | Robert J Perry..... | G E Wentworth*...   | Geo S Hallmark....  | Hugh A Corley.....  | L McConihe*.....   | DeWitt C Dawkins    | John Penny*     |
| 1880 | Robert J Perry..... | Geo S Hallmark....  | Wm E Anderson...    | Wm A McLean.....    | L McConihe*.....   | DeWitt C Dawkins    | John Penny*     |

\*Dead.



PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS—Continued.

|      | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS | GRAND KINGS     | GRAND SCRIBES    | GRAND TREASURERS | GRAND SECRETARIES | GRAND CHAPLAINS |
|------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1881 | W A McLean         | Wm E Anderson             | Warren F Scott  | John G Ellis     | L McConihe*      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1882 | W A McLean         | Wm E Anderson             | Warren F Scott  | G S Hallmark     | L McConihe*      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1883 | Geo S Hallmark     | Wm E Anderson             | Warren F Scott  | J W V R Plummer  | T S Wilmarth     | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John Penny*     |
| 1884 | Wm E Anderson      | Warren F Scott            | J W V R Plummer | Angus Paterson   | T S Wilmarth     | DeWitt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1885 | Wm E Anderson      | J W V R Plummer           | Angus Paterson  | Marcus Endel     | T S Wilmarth     | DeWitt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1886 | Angus Paterson     | Marcus Endel              | F S Goodrich    | John G Ellis     | T S Wilmarth     | DeWitt C Dawkins  | John S Wharton  |
| 1887 | Angus Paterson     | Marcus Endel              | F S Goodrich    | R A Montsalvatge | T S Wilmarth     | DeWitt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1888 | Marcus Endel       | Fred S Goodrich           | Wm M McIntosh   | Chas H Munger    | T S Wilmarth     | DeWitt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1889 | Marcus Endel       | Fred S Goodrich           | James W Boyd    | Chas H Munger    | T S Wilmarth     | DeWitt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1890 | J W Boyd           | T S Wilmarth              | S B Wright      | F P Mesereau     | John H Stephens  | DeWitt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |
| 1891 | T S Wilmarth       | F P Mesereau              | I E Webster     | J H Stephens     | Henry S Ely      | DeWitt C Dawkins  | Wm A McLean     |

\* Dead

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS | GRAND CHAPTERS | OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| B B Pope, Gadsden                       | Alabama        | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola          |
| W H Gee, Dardenell                      | Arkansas       | Wm B Barnett, Jacksonville         |
| James Moffatt, London, Ont.             | Canada         | R J Perry, Key West                |
| R W Woodbury, Denver                    | Colorado       | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville          |
| Rev J H Stidham, New Britain            | Connecticut    | Warren Tyler, Bartow               |
| W A Davis, Macon                        | Georgia        | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville          |
| W L Orr, Carrollton                     | Illinois       | Herman Glogowski, Tampa            |
| Elmer Crocket, South Bend               | Indiana        | R B Shepard, Milton                |
| Caleb Lamb, Newton                      | Iowa           | Silas B Wright, DeLand             |
| E D Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls          | Kansas         | W J Winegar, Palatka               |
| J W Stason, Brooksville                 | Kentucky       | James W Boyd, Bartow               |
| J C Batchelor, New Orleans              | Louisiana      | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville          |
| Henry E Taylor, Machias                 | Maine          | Herman Glogowski, Tampa            |
| Nathan Leyman                           | Maryland       | W W Tucker, Jacksonville           |
| Alexander K Bryer                       | Massachusetts  | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville          |
| John F Benzet, St. Paul                 | Minnesota      | W M McIntosh, Tallahassee          |
| J L Powers, Jackson                     | Mississippi    | Sam'l Paseo, Monticello            |
| Rev C C Wood, Kansas City               | Missouri       | J W Boyd, Bartow                   |
| John J Monnell, Omaha                   | Nebraska       | R McClellan, Gainesville           |
| W H B Sadler, St. Johns                 | New Brunswick  | E A Richards, Orlando              |
| E L Tillow, Elizabeth                   | New Jersey     | R J Perry, Key West                |
| R G Williams, Utica                     | New York       | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville          |
| M Bowes, Raleigh                        | North Carolina | Irving E Webster, Gainesville      |
| John W Scott, Valley City               | North Dakota   | Marcus Endel, Gainesville          |
| John M Lawson, Yarmouth                 | Nova Scotia    | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville          |
| Wm E Evans, Chillicothe                 | Ohio           | W M McIntosh, Tallahassee          |
| Thomas G Reams                          | Oregon         | Thos S Wilmarth, Jacksonville      |
| R G Adams                               | Quebec         | R J Perry, Key West                |
| Charles R Cutler, Warren                | Rhode Island   | Julius Starke, Gainesville         |
| Geo Fisher, Edinburgh                   | Scotland       | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola          |
| A T Smythe, Charleston                  | South Carolina | D C Dawkins, Jacksonville          |
| John F Schrader, Rapid City             | South Dakota   | Marcus Endel, Gainesville          |
| B R Harris, Jackson                     | Tennessee      | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola          |
| Hy Scherffiers, Houston                 | Texas          | Angus Paterson, Madison            |
| E E Houghton, N. Bennington             | Vermont        | C W K Oerting, Pensacola           |
| James L Avis                            | Virginia       | Wm E Anderson, Pensacola           |
| Thomas M Reed, Olympia                  | Washington     | Silas B Wright, DeLand             |
| Jere A Miller, Wheeling                 | West Virginia  | Henry W Long, Martel               |
| Fred Ring, Jr., Lacrosse                | Wisconsin      | R B Thomas, Tampa                  |



## DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

| CHAPTER.          | No. | LOCATION.         | TIME OF MEETING.          |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | Tallahassee.....  | Second and fourth Monday. |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | Gainesville,..... | First Monday.             |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | Tampa,.....       | Second and fourth Friday. |
| St. Johns.....    | 4   | DeLand,.....      | Second Monday.            |
| Eureka.....       | 5   | Orlando,.....     | First and third Tuesday.  |
| Madison..         | 6   | Madison,.....     | First and third Monday.   |
| Putnam.....       | 9   | Palatka,.....     | Second and fourth Monday. |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | Jacksonville,.... | Fourth Thursday.          |
| Ocala.....        | 13  | Ocala,.....       | First Monday.             |
| Providence.....   | 20  | Providence,.....  | Second Thursday.          |
| Thomas Brown..... | 22  | Bartow,.....      | Second Friday.            |
| Mt. Moriah.....   | 24  | Pensacola,.....   | Second and fourth Friday. |

## TO THE MEMORY

—OF THE—

COMPANIONS WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FROM THE CHAPTERS  
IN FLORIDA IN THE MASONIC YEAR A. D. 1891.

| NAMES.                     | DATE.            | CHAPTER.            |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| James W. Moore.....        | January 24.....  | Florida, No. 1.     |
| Charles E. Bacon.....      | March 6.....     | Eureka, No. 7.      |
| Robert M. Witherspoon..... | May 3.....       | Madison, No. 8.     |
| John Pinkerton.....        | June.....        | Ocala, No. 13.      |
| John F. Niblack.....       | February, 4..... | Providence, No. 20. |





## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida assembled at Masonic Hall in the City of Jacksonville at the hour of 7.30 o'clock P. M. on Wednesday, May 11, A. D. 1892.

### PRESENT :

M. E. Angus Paterson, President.  
 M. E. Irving E. Webster, *as* Vice-President.  
 M. E. William A. McLean, Chaplain.  
 M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Secretary and Treasurer.  
 M. E. Wm. M. McIntosh, Sr., Master of Ceremonies.  
 M. E. Henry S. Ely, Conductor.  
 M. E. James W. Boyd, Herald.  
 M. E. Wm. W. Tucker, Steward.  
 M. E. James F. Clark, Guard.  
 And Companions Endel, Wilmarth and Wright.  
 The Grand Council, with appropriate ceremonies, was duly opened in ample form.

### MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting, as printed with the proceedings of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida for 1891, were approved.

### PETITIONS.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from :

Wm. H. Jewell, Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 7.  
 Wm. S. Jordan, Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8.  
 John D. Sinclair, Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12.  
 Elijah H. Bunker, Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8.  
 Charles J. Hays, Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 3.  
 Dougald McLachlan, Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1.

And it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they have been elected to preside over their respective Royal Arch Chapters, they were severally introduced and regularly consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Council proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of—

M. E. Angus Paterson, President.  
 M. E. Irving E. Webster, Vice-President.  
 M. E. Wm. A. McLean, Chaplain.  
 M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Secretary and Treasurer.  
 M. E. Wm. M. McIntosh, Master of Ceremonies.  
 M. E. Henry S. Ely, Conductor.  
 M. E. James W. Boyd, Herald.  
 M. E. Wm. W. Tucker, Steward.  
 M. E. James F. Clark, Guard.

### CONSTITUTION.

The committee appointed to prepare a Constitution for this Grand Council presented the following:

This organization shall be "The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida."

### MEETINGS.

The annual Convocations shall be held in the city of Jacksonville, immediately after or during the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, and the President may call special Convocations when, in his judgment, it will be for the best interests of the Order to do so, and may be held at such place as he may designate.



## DUTIES AND POWERS.

The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside, and in their absence any member of the Grand Council may be selected as President *pro tem*.

## OFFICERS.

The officers of this Grand Council shall be a President, Vice-President, Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer, Master of Ceremonies, Conductor, Herald, Steward and Guard, who shall be elected annually.

## FEES.

The fee for membership shall be five dollars, and must accompany the application; also, two dollars for certificate. The Secretary and Treasurer and Guard shall receive for their services such compensation as may be provided by the Grand Council. Provision may be made by the Grand Council for dues and assessments.

## MEMBERSHIP.

It is the duty of every High Priest and Past High Priest to be enrolled as members of the Grand Council.

## AMENDMENT.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Grand Council by a majority vote of those present.

On motion of Companion Marcus Endel, the foregoing was approved and adopted as the Constitution of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The Secretary and Treasurer presented the following annual report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. President:*

The proceedings of the last annual meeting were printed with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida, and also in separate pamphlet form, which were mailed to all the officers and members of this Grand Council. Appended to the proceedings is a register of membership, from which was, from some cause, inadvertently on my part, the names of Companions Wm. E. Anderson and Wm. M. McIntosh were omitted, but are now inserted, and will appear in the register published with these proceedings.

|                                                                                                                                  |         |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Cash on hand at last meeting.....                                                                                                | \$17 50 | \$22 00 |
| Cost of printing.....                                                                                                            | 1 25    | 18 75   |
| Paid Guard.....                                                                                                                  |         | \$3 25  |
| Balance on hand.....                                                                                                             |         | 12 00   |
| Fees have been received from Companions Charles J. Hays, Elijah H. Bunker, John D. Sinclair and Dougald McLachlan, \$3 each..... |         | \$15 25 |
| On hand at this date.....                                                                                                        |         |         |

No further business appearing the Grand Council, with appropriate ceremonies, was closed in ample form.



Secretary and Treasurer.



REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

| NAME.                         | DATE.                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DEWITT C. DAWKINS .....       | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| JOHN F. BENEZET .....         | " " "                        |
| DAVID S. WALKER .....         | " " 19, 1888                 |
| ANGUS PATERSON .....          | " " "                        |
| HENRY W. LONG .....           | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM A. MCLEAN .....       | " " "                        |
| D. WARWICK STANLEY .....      | " " "                        |
| CHARLES H. MUNGER .....       | " " "                        |
| FRED S. GOODRICH .....        | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM A. GRIFFETH .....     | " " "                        |
| JAMES F. CLARK .....          | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM M. SOMERVILLE .....   | " " "                        |
| MARCUS ENDEL .....            | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM W. TUCKER .....       | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM E. ANDERSON .....     | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH, SR. .... | " " "                        |
| GEORGE S. HALLMARK .....      | Affiliated " "               |
| JAMES W. BOYD .....           | " " "                        |
| SAMUEL PASCO .....            | Consecrated January 16, 1889 |
| JULIUS STARK .....            | " " 18, 1889                 |
| HERMAN GLOGOWSKI .....        | " " "                        |
| ROBERT MCCLELLAN .....        | " " "                        |
| J. W. V. R. PLUMMER .....     | " May 7, 1890                |
| JOHN H. STEPHENS .....        | " " "                        |
| THOMAS S. WILMARTH .....      | " " "                        |
| R. ALFRED MONTSALVATGE .....  | " " "                        |
| FRANK P. MERSEREAU .....      | " " "                        |
| SILAS B. WRIGHT .....         | " " "                        |
| SAMUEL A. WAUCHOPE .....      | Affiliated " "               |
| HENRY S. ELY .....            | Consecrated May 13, 1891     |
| IRVING E. WEBSTER .....       | " " "                        |
| EDGAR A. RICHARDS .....       | " " "                        |
| WARREN TYLER .....            | " " 11, 1892                 |
| WILLIAM H. JEWELL .....       | " " "                        |
| WILLIAM S. JORDAN .....       | " " "                        |
| JOHN D. SINCLAIR .....        | " " "                        |
| ELIJAH H. BUNKER .....        | " " "                        |
| CHARLES J. HAYS .....         | " " "                        |
| DOUGALD McLACHLAN .....       | " " "                        |

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF FLORIDA.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD AT THE

City of Jacksonville

MAY 9-10, A. D. 1893, A. I. 2423.

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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,  
FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch  
Masons of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand Con-  
vocation in Masonic Temple, at the City of Jacksonville,  
at the hour of H. 12, on Tuesday, the 9th day of May,  
A. D. 1893, A. I. 2423.

PRESENT—GRAND OFFICERS:

M. E. IRVING E. WEBSTER . . . . . Grand High Priest  
MARCUS ENDEL . . . . . as Deputy Grand High Priest  
WM. M. MCINTOSH . . . . . Grand King  
JOHN H. STEPHENS . . . . . Grand Scribe  
HENRY S. ELY . . . . . Grand Treasurer  
WM. A. MCLEAN . . . . . Grand Secretary  
WARREN TYLER . . . . . Grand C. of H.  
EDGAR A. RICHARDS . . . . . Grand P. S.  
D. McLACHLAN . . . . . Grand R. A. C.  
CHARLES J. HAYES . . . . . Grand Master 3d Vail  
WILBER P. WEBSTER . . . . . as Grand Master 2d Vail  
OLIN S. WRIGHT . . . . . as Grand Master 1st Vail  
JAMES F. CLARK . . . . . Grand Guard

Past Grand High Priests:

W. A. McLEAN,  
ANGUS PATERSON,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
JAMES W. BOYD.



## Proceedings of the

Past Grand King:

WM. M. McINTOSH, SR.

And Constituent Chapters represented as follows:

*Florida Chapter No. 1:*

DOUGALD McLAFLAN, H. P.

*Gainesville Chapter No. 2:*

MARCUS ENDEL, proxy for H. P.

*St. John's Chapter No. 4:*

SILAS B. WRIGHT, proxy for H. P.

*Eureka Chapter No. 7:*

WM. H. JEWELL, H. P.

*Madison Chapter No. 8:*THOMAS J. SMITH, H. P.  
NATHANIEL T. ELLIOTT, S.*Putnam Chapter No. 9:*CHARLES J. HAYES, H. P.  
NOAH J. TILGHMAN, proxy for K.  
WM. G. TILGHMAN, proxy for S.*Jacksonville Chapter No. 12:*BINGHAM H. CHADWICH, H. P.  
WILBER P. WEBSTER, K.  
IRVING E. BAIRD, S.*Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22:*WARREN TYLER, H. P.  
JAMES W. BOYD, proxy for K.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form with appropriate ceremonies.

## ORGANIZATION.

The Grand High Priest appointed a Committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of Companions W. A. McLean, J. H. Stephens and J. W. Boyd, which said committee reported verbally that the foregoing list of grand officers and members is correct, and that said officers and

members are entitled to be present and participate in the proceedings, and that the Grand Chapter is duly organized.

## MINUTES.

The minutes of the last annual convocation having been printed and distributed, the reading was, on motion of Companion Endel, dispensed with.

## VISITORS.

On motion of Companion Marcus Endel, Past Grand High Priest, all Companion Royal Arch Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Grand Chapter.

The following Grand Chapters were duly represented: Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Brunswick, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nova Scotia, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Washington.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees:

*Returns and Credentials:*W. A. McLean,  
J. H. Stephens,  
J. W. Boyd.*Unfinished Business:*E. A. Richards,  
N. T. Elliott,  
C. J. Hayes.*Propositions and Grievances:*Angus Paterson,  
Marcus Endel,  
Warren Tyler.



## Proceedings of the

*Dispensations and By-Laws:*

D. McLachlan,  
C. J. Hayes,  
Angus Paterson.

*Masonic Jurisprudence:*

W. A. McLean,  
Angus Paterson,  
Marcus Endel.

*Finance and Accounts:*

J. W. Boyd,  
B. H. Chadwick,  
W. M. McIntosh.

*Memorials:*

Olin S. Wright,  
Wm. H. Jewell,  
Wilber P. Webster.

## ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his annual address to the Grand Chapter as follows:

*Companions:*

We are assembled in this our forty-seventh annual Grand Convocation with feelings of profound gratitude to the Author of all good for the mercies of the past year, and dependent upon Him to direct in our deliberations for the future.

As your presiding officer, it is my duty and my pleasure to extend to you a hearty welcome, and to recite the official acts which I have had the honor to perform during the Masonic year just closed.

While we look with admiration and delight upon the magnificent structure erected by the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction our hearts respond with thanks to the God of all good for His many mercies, for the signs of peace and prosperity that prevail throughout our "Land

of Flowers," and that cordial and fraternal relation existing between us and our sister Grand Jurisdictions.

While there have been many joys during the few months passed since our last meeting, they have been intermingled with sorrows.

We grasp with brotherly love the hands of those whom we have met at these successive gatherings, and cordially greet those who to-day receive their first impressions of a Grand Chapter; but we sadly miss those whose services have been ended, and who responded to the summons to that "land that lies beyond our mortal view."

It is meet and my melancholy duty to pause at the outset of this address to pay tribute to their memory, and make suitable recognition of their worth.

Scarcely had the deliberations of the Grand Chapter of 1892 been brought to a close, when our M. E. Companion D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of this body, was stricken with paralysis on May 16th, in which condition he lingered until October 5, 1892, when he entered the portals of the Supreme Grand Chapter above. No Companion in the Masonic history of this State was so well known as Companion Dawkins. Few Masons have received at the hands of their brothers a larger share of honor. Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1850, his desire and longing for Masonic light led him on until we find him a Royal Arch Mason in 1854 and a Knight Templar. From the humblest position in a Lodge of Master Masons we trace his footsteps through all the offices, step by step, to the position of Grand High Priest. For many years he occupied the honorable position of Grand Secretary of the State, both in the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and for twenty-three years the trusted position of Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

He was a man of ripe judgment, and a discerner of Masonic truth, always frank and fearless, possessed of a large, genial, warm and kindly nature that won for him the confidence of his brethren, which confidence was never betrayed. In the death of Companion Dawkins this Grand Chapter has suffered a heavy loss. Nor do we mourn alone. Some of our sister Jurisdictions have



draped their altars, and bereave the loss of distinguished and beloved companions. Such as have come to my notice are here reported.

M. E. Joseph Potts Horner, Past Grand High Priest of Louisiana and General Grand High Priest of the United States, died at New Orleans, January 24, 1893.

M. E. Companion Horner was an active and earnest worker in Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, holding the highest position in the State Grand Bodies of each, and at the time of his death the highest position in the General Grand Body of the United States. He was also Inspector General of the Thirty-Third Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry. The place he held in the fraternity cannot well be filled. His departure has cast a gloom that hangs heavily over the Royal Craft throughout the entire Jurisdiction.

M. E. Myles Jefferson Green, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, died June 27, 1892. Companion Greene, with fidelity and zeal, filled many high and important stations. He was an honest, upright Mason and a Christian, his daily walk and conversation exemplifying the teachings of the "lowly Nazarene," who "taught as never man taught."

M. E. W. B. Hillman, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, died July 11. Companion Hillman was a modest unassuming man and a true Mason, always foremost in assisting his younger Companions to positions of fame and influence.

M. E. Albert H. Keiser, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, died July 14. An accomplished, enthusiastic and devoted Mason; he lived up to his profession honestly and faithfully.

M. E. George L. Kimball, Past Grand High Priest of Arkansas, died August 29. He took special interest in capitular Masonry. His clear intellect and thorough comprehension of its doctrines made him the authority in his Jurisdiction, and for several sessions he represented his State in the General Grand Chapter.

M. E. Chester Tilden, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, died August 3.

M. E. Stephen T. Bartlett, Past Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, died October 18.

As a member of the Masonic fraternity, Companion Tilden adorned every station which he filled; always active and enthusiastic, his faculties were devoted to the promulgation of its principles.

Companion Bartlett was prominent in the councils of the Grand Chapter, no one being more closely allied to its interests, he was noted for his proficiency in ritualistic work.

M. E. Hugh G. Clark, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Omaha, died November 30. He filled many offices of trust and was noted for punctuality and integrity; an earnest, active and useful Freemason.

M. E. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, died November 16. Companion Bain had served his Grand Chapter many years as Grand Secretary; trusted and honored by his State as State Treasurer; an honored and faithful member of the Royal Craft.

I recommend that this Grand Chapter take such action as will express to these Grand Jurisdictions our condolence and sympathy.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

On May 18, M. E. Companion H. Robinson was appointed Grand Secretary, pro. tem., and later, July 11, 1892, M. E. Companion W. A. McLean was appointed Grand Secretary to fill the unexpired term of that office caused by the death of Companion Dawkins.

#### NEW CHAPTERS.

February 27, 1893, a dispensation was granted to several petitioners for a new chapter at Plant City, in the county of Hillsboro, to be called Plant City Chapter, U. D. Companion Olin S. Wright was recommended for High Priest, J. L. Young, King, and R. M. Wells, Scribe.

This petition was recommended by Thomas Brown, Chapter No. 22, and in proper form. Companion T. H. Caldwell was in November, 1892, appointed King, and Robert Kirby, Scribe, for Munroe Chapter, U. D.

This action becoming necessary, the office of King



being vacated by the death of Companion T. B. Dick, and the office of Scribe being vacated by the removal of H. B. Lord from this Jurisdiction.

Good reports of progress reach us from these new Chapters.

## SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

May 21.—To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, to hold Convocation for the purpose of electing candidates and conferring degrees, and again to same chapter in March, 1893. This being thought for the best interest of this Chapter, the quorum being broken at the regular convocation by reason of visitations to distant Commanderies.

December 24.—To Eureka Chapter, No. 7, to elect and install officers, they having failed to meet and hold election at the constitutional time.

December 24.—To Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, to publicly install officers.

January 2.—To St. John's Chapter, No. 4, to elect and install officers, they having failed to hold election at the proper time.

## DECISIONS.

Can a Chapter open with the constitutional number of Royal Arch Masons, some of whom are not members of such Chapter?

Can any but members be counted in ascertaining the presence of a constitutional number?

I answer. For all purposes except opening, closing and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum.

Can the M. M., P. M. or M. E. M. degrees be conferred without first opening the Chapter and then in the desired degree? If they can, then can they be conferred without the presence of nine Royal Arch Masons?

I answer. If at a regular convocation, and the Chapter has been opened, then to open and confer the degrees in the Lodges mentioned, there must be present nine Royal Arch Masons. Special Lodges of M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. may be opened and the degrees conferred without first opening in the Chapter. Such Lodges having the constitutional number present, viz., M. M. five,

P. M. three, and M. E. M. two. See decision of the General Grand Chapter 1891, page 286, and Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1891 and 1892.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I have appointed Grand Representatives of our Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters as follows:

Delaware—George W. Beatty, Wilmington.

Tennessee—Companion J. C. Smith, Jr., Jackson, in place of Companion R. B. Harris, deceased.

## VISITATIONS.

I have been unable to make any official visitations during my term of office, but from the reports of the various Chapters am gratified at the evident increased interest in the work. There is a steady growth which is very commendable, manifesting zeal among the companions, which betokens prosperity and that love for the fraternity which should ever actuate all true Royal Arch Masons.

## RITUAL.

There are some clouds which mar the brightness of our sky, retarding somewhat our Masonic growth, the still unsettled question of *uniformity of work*, due, no doubt, to the fact that we have been waiting action upon the part of the General Grand Chapter to prepare and promulgate a ritual. Our Committee on Work, at our last Annual Grand Convocation, was directed to prepare a uniform code for use at the opening of this Grand Chapter. The lateness of the hour in which the report of the General Grand Secretary was received has retarded the labors of this committee, but I sincerely trust the evil may be speedily remedied and the dark spots that now blur our vision may forever disappear.

And now, before surrendering the authority invested in me one year ago, permit me to extend to you my heartfelt thanks for the honor bestowed; to the officers and members of this Grand Chapter for their uniform kindness, and especially to our Grand Secretary for his valuable assistance.

May the same cordial greeting, loyalty and brotherly



love you have bestowed on me be extended to him whom you shall elect to succeed me.

IRVING E. WEBSTER,  
Grand High Priest.

On motion of Companion Endel the address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects. The Deputy Grand High Priest announced as such committee, the following named companions to-wit: W. M. McIntosh, J. H. Stephens, O. S. Wright.

#### REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, as follows:

##### *To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

The Grand Secretary, Companion D. C. Dawkins, as is well known was prostrated by a stroke of paralysis a few days after the last annual convocation, and after that time was unable to discharge any of the duties of the office. On July 11, 1892, by direction of the Grand High Priest, I took charge of the office as Assistant Grand Secretary, and among other things, prepared, caused to be printed and distributed, the proceedings of the annual convocation.

After the death of Companion Dawkins on October 5th, the Grand High Priest appointed me as Grand Secretary for the unexpired term, and as such it now devolves upon me to present such matters as are required to be reported to the Grand Chapter.

Monroe Chapter, U. D., located at Sanford and Plant City, Chapter U. D., located at Plant City, apply for charters at the present Grand Annual Convocation, all the papers connected therewith are in the hands of the Grand Secretary and ready to be delivered to the appropriate committee.

Annual returns have been received from chapters bearing the following numbers:

1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22 and 24, and all of

them except two have paid dues in full, one of these paid in part and will pay balance in a short time.

The amount collected from all sources, for and on account of the Grand Chapter is the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) as appears by the annual account of the Grand Secretary herewith presented for your consideration, which said amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipts for the same are herewith submitted.

Island Chapter No. 21, located at Key West failed to make returns last year, but has now sent returns and paid annual dues for two years, 1891-'92.

W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

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|           |                                                  |  |           |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| 1893      |                                                  |  | \$ 24 00  |
| April 18. | To dues from Florida Chapter No. 1 . . . .       |  | 37 00     |
| April 27. | To dues from Gainesville Chapter No. 2 . . . .   |  | 16 00     |
| April 29. | To dues from Eureka Chapter No. 7 . . . .        |  | 39 00     |
| April 29. | To dues from Tampa Chapter No. 3 . . . .         |  | 41 00     |
| April 29. | To dues from Island Chapter No. 21 . . . .       |  | 50 00     |
| April 29. | To dues from Island Chapter No. 21 . . . .       |  | 86 00     |
| April 29. | To Charter fee Plant City Chapter U. D. . . .    |  | 24 00     |
| April 29. | To Dues from Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 . . . . |  | 36 00     |
| May 4.    | To dues from St. Johns Chapter No. 4 . . . .     |  | 41 00     |
| May 8.    | To dues from Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 24 . . . .   |  | 50 00     |
| May 9.    | To dues from Ocala Chapter No. 13 . . . .        |  | 43 00     |
| May 9.    | To Charter Fee—Monroe Chapter U. D. . . .        |  | 45 00     |
| May 9.    | To dues from Madison Chapter No. 8 . . . .       |  | 27 00     |
| May 9.    | To dues from Putnam Chapter No. 9 . . . .        |  | 8 00      |
| May 9.    | To dues from Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22 . . . . |  | —\$600 00 |
| May 9.    | To dues from Eureka Chapter No. 7 . . . .        |  |           |

DR.

|        |                                               |  |           |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| 1893.  |                                               |  | \$477 00  |
| May 9. | By paid Henry S. Ely, Grand Treasurer . . . . |  | 115 00    |
| May 9. | By paid Henry S. Ely, Grand Treasurer . . . . |  | 8 00      |
| May 9. | By paid Henry S. Ely, Grand Treasurer . . . . |  | —\$600 00 |

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.



## Proceedings of the

## REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report as follows:

## REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER, GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

Henry S. Ely, *Grand Treasurer.*

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|         |                                |          |            |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1892.   |                                |          |            |
| May 11. | Balance cash on hand . . . . . | \$628 44 |            |
| 1893.   |                                |          |            |
| May 9.  | From Grand Secretary . . . . . | 477 00   |            |
| " "     | " " " " " " " " " " " "        | 115 00   |            |
| " "     | " " " " " " " " " " " "        | 8 00     |            |
|         | Chapter . . . . .              |          | \$1,228 44 |
|         |                                |          | 603 21     |
| " "     | Balance on hand . . . . .      |          | \$603 21   |

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|           |                                               |          |            |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1892.     |                                               |          |            |
| May 10.   | Paid mileage and per diem . . . . .           | \$164 40 |            |
| " 13.     | Paid Grand Tyler . . . . .                    | 15 00    |            |
| " "       | Salary Grand Secretary and Rent . . . . .     | 210 00   |            |
| Sept. 12. | " " " " " " " " " " " "                       | 50 00    |            |
| " "       | " " " " " " " " " " " "                       | 55 65    |            |
| Oct. 10.  | Printing . . . . .                            | 11 93    |            |
| " 31.     | Insurance . . . . .                           | 8 25     |            |
| Nov. 30.  | DaCosta bill . . . . .                        | 100 00   |            |
| Dec. 6.   | Paid Mrs. Dawkins . . . . .                   | 10 00    |            |
| 1893.     |                                               |          |            |
| May 9.    | Paid Grand Chaplain . . . . .                 | 603 21   | \$1,228 44 |
| " 10.     | Balance on hand . . . . .                     |          | 595 21     |
|           |                                               |          | 8 00       |
| " 10.     | Paid Warren Tyler, Grand Treasurer, . . . . . |          | \$603 21   |
| " 20.     | " " " " " " " " " " " "                       |          |            |

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY S. ELY,  
Grand Treasurer.

On motion, the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

EVENING SESSION, May 9, 1893.

The Grand Chapter was duly called from refreshment to labor at the appointed time, with appropriate ceremonies, and officers as at the opening session, with

the addition of Companion Silas B. Wright, who was unavoidably absent at the opening session, now appeared and occupied his station as Deputy Grand High Priest.

Minutes of morning session were read and confirmed.

## RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Committee on Returns and Credentials present the following report for the consideration of the Grand Chapter:

We have carefully examined all the returns in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and find that thirteen Chapters have made returns for the year ending December 27, A. D. 1892, and all of these, with the exception of two, have paid dues in full.

We find some errors and omissions in a few of the returns, but as these can be very easily corrected with the assistance of the Grand Secretary, we believe that no benefit would result from a detailed report of the same. We, therefore, recommend that said matter be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary for such corrections as may be requisite.

Providence Chapter No. 20 has not paid annual dues for 1892, but as the amount is small, it is presumed that the same will be paid. Ocala Chapter No. 13 paid \$41, leaving a balance of \$30 still due, which amount, according to a communication from the Secretary of that Chapter to the Grand Secretary, we are assured will be paid at an early date.

We recommend that the Secretaries of particular Chapters prepare their annual returns as early as practicable after the 27th of December in each and every year, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary, together with their annual dues, without unnecessary delay. This will certainly be an improvement upon the present practice of withholding the returns and dues (as is the case now, in some instances,) until the day of the Annual Con-



vocation. By adopting the suggestion of the committee ample time will be afforded for correcting errors and supplying deficiencies, should any exist, and enable the Grand Secretary to have his reports and accounts ready for presentation at the opening of the Annual Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. McLEAN,  
J. H. STEPHENS,  
J. W. BOYD,  
Committee.

#### DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws present the following report:

We have examined the proceedings and By-Laws of Monroe Chapter, U. D., located at Sanford; also the proceedings and By-Laws of Plant City Chapter, U. D., located at Plant City, and find the same to be in accordance with Masonic usage, and recommend that charters be granted to said Chapters, and that the numbers to be assigned to said Chapters be left to the discretion of the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

D. MACLACHLAN,  
ANGUS PATERSON,  
CHARLES J. HAYES,  
Committee.

On motion of Companion Stephens, the special order of business for 10:30 a. m. to-morrow will be the election of Grand Officers.

#### GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The Special Committee on Grand High Priest's Address, presented the following report, which, on motion, was duly received and adopted:

The committee to which was referred the address of

the Grand High Priest for distribution of subjects submits the following report:

It is recommended that such portion of the address as relates to the demise of prominent Royal Arch Masons in Florida and elsewhere, be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Such portion as relates to appointment of Grand Secretary, establishment of new Chapters, special dispensations, decisions and Grand Representatives, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

WM. M. McINTOSH,  
JOHN H. STEPHENS,  
OLIN S. WRIGHT.  
Committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Companion McLean, of the Committee on Work, made a verbal report for the committee, which report was received and adopted.

The Grand Secretary made a verbal report regarding the General Grand Chapter Ritual, and, on motion of Companion John H. Stephens, the said Ritual was adopted, and, on motion, duly adopted. The Grand High Priest appointed a committee of three, consisting of Companions Stephens, Endel and Ely, to assist the Grand Secretary in disseminating the work.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

May 10, 1893, 9 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, with appropriate ceremonies, at the appointed time; M. E. Irving E. Webster, Grand High Priest, and others as at the evening session.

The minutes of the evening session were read and confirmed.

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## Proceedings of the

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, and the same, on motion, was duly received and adopted:

JACKSONVILLE, May 10, 1893.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that nothing has been presented for our consideration during the present Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter.

E. A. RICHARDS,  
N. T. ELLIOTT,  
C. J. HAYES,  
Committee.

## MEMORIALS.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report, and the same was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

The Committee on Memorials present the following report for your consideration:

As we review the past and contemplate the future, we cannot escape the conviction that the duties and responsibilities devolving upon your committee are of the most weighty and important character, as year after year this Grand Chapter is impressively reminded of the solemn fact "that in the midst of life we are in death."

The Grand Chapter of Florida has been oppressed with the burden of a great sorrow during the past year, in the loss by death of Companion DeWitt C. Dawkins, for more than twenty years Grand Secretary, besides holding many other important official positions, all of which he filled with dignity and great efficiency, and as a result of his inflexible fidelity to the sacred trusts reposed in him during an active and useful life, his memory is invested with honors so exalted as to claim at our hands the commendation that his zeal in the cause of Masonry so richly deserves. No man was better known and more highly esteemed than was Companion Dawkins. To him the burdened heart could pour out its sorrows, and dis-

gress prefer its suit with confident assurance of a tender, sympathetic response—not by words of sympathy only, but in deeds of substantial comfort and consolation. Those who enjoyed the distinguished privilege of a personal acquaintance with him will join with us in the sentiment here expressed, that one of our most brilliant lights has been extinguished.

Several others—good men and true—of our own jurisdiction have passed the mysterious veils of death since our last Convocation, and by the sadness and sorrow incident to such solemn events we should be more forcibly reminded than ever before of our own frailties, and realize that the time will come, and even the wisest know not how soon, when we shall be called upon to lay down the working tools of our profession.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States of America mourns the loss of the General Grand High Priest, Joseph Potts Hornor. Known and loved and honored; he lived respected and died regretted.

Some of our sister jurisdictions have suffered irreparable loss by the death of prominent and useful members; to all of these we extend fraternal sympathy, and while we weep with those that weep we join with them in mourning departed worth.

Fraternally submitted,

OLIN S. WRIGHT,

WILLIAM H. JEWELL,

WILBER P. WEBSTER,

Committee.

## FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

The Grand Secretary presented fraternal greetings from P. G. H. P. Enos Wasgate, and by unanimous vote the Grand Secretary was requested to assure Companion Wasgate of the high esteem in which he is held by this Grand Chapter.

## FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, and the same was duly received and adopted:



To the M. E. Grand Chapter :

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report as follows :

We have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer presented to the present convocation and find them correct, and recommend their approval.

We also recommend that the following appropriations be made, to-wit :

|                                                               |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, for services to date . . .  | \$100 00 |
| To J. F. Clark, Grand Guard . . . . .                         | 15 50    |
| For printing proceedings of present Convocation . . . . .     | 60 00    |
| For stationery, printing and postage, for 1892-1893 . . . . . | 60 00    |

We recommend that the officers and members of the Grand Chapter be allowed mileage and per diem according to the schedule prepared by the committee and hereto annexed.

Fraternally submitted,  
 J. W. BOYD,  
 W. M. McINTOSH,  
 B. H. CHADWICK,  
 Committee.

PAY ROLL OF GRAND CHAPTER FOR THE YEAR 1892.

|                   |     |          |                    |
|-------------------|-----|----------|--------------------|
| 1 Tallahassee     | 166 | \$ 12 30 | D. MacLachlan.     |
| 2 Gainesville     | 69  | 7 45     | Marcus Endel.      |
| 3 Tampa           | 212 |          |                    |
| 4 DeLand          | 107 |          |                    |
| 7 Orlando         | 147 | 11 35    | W. H. Jewell.      |
| 8 Madison         | 110 | 9 50     | T. J. Smith.       |
| 9 Palatka         | 56  | 6 80     | C. J. Hayes.       |
| 12 Jacksonville   |     | 4 00     | B. H. Chadwick.    |
| 13 Ocala          | 100 |          |                    |
| 20 Providence     | 60  |          |                    |
| 21 Key West       | 512 |          |                    |
| 22 Bartow         | 210 | 14 50    | Warren Tyler.      |
| 24 Pensacola      | 367 |          |                    |
| Sanford           | 123 | 10 15    | A. C. Martin.      |
| Plant City        | 215 | 14 75    | Olin S. Wright.    |
| Grand High Priest |     | 7 45     | Irving E. Webster. |
| Deputy G. H. P.   |     | 4 70     | Silas B. Wright.   |
| Grand King        |     | 12 30    | W. M. McIntosh.    |
| Grand Scribe      |     | 4 00     | John H. Stephens.  |
| Grand P. S.       |     | 11 35    | E. A. Richards.    |
|                   |     | \$130 60 |                    |

TRANSPORTATION.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, D. G. H. P., a committee consisting of Companions Boyd, Stephens and Elliott was appointed by the Grand High Priest to confer with the various transportation lines in the matter of reduced rates to members and others attending the present annual convocation.

CHARTERS.

The charters granted at the present convocation were duly signed by the Grand Officers, the numbers assigned to the newly chartered chapters being as follows: To Monroe Chapter No. 15, and to Plant City Chapter No. 16.

INSTALLATION.

Companion Olin S. Wright, named in the charter of Plant City Chapter as High Priest, and Companion Alexander C. Martin, named in the charter of Monroe Chapter as King, being present, on motion, duly adopted, the Grand High Priest appointed Companion P. G. H. P. Angus Paterson to install the said Companions Wright and Martin into their respective offices, and his report thereon was duly received and adopted.

MAY, 10, 1893.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

I would respectfully report that I have duly installed Companion Olin S. Wright as High Priest of Plant City Chapter, and Companion Alexander C. Martin as King of Monroe Chapter, to which said Chapters charters have been granted at the present annual convocation.

Fraternally submitted,  
 ANGUS PATERSON.

On motion of Companion Stephens, a committee was appointed, consisting of Companions Stephens, Paterson and Ely, to confer with the proper authorities of the Grand



Lodge F. & A. M. of Florida, with a view to suitable arrangements for the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter. This committee is authorized and empowered to act for the Grand Chapter in said matter.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

M. E. Silas B. Wright was duly elected Grand High Priest.

R. E. William M. McIntosh was duly elected Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E. John H. Stephens was duly elected Grand King.

R. E. Henry S. Ely was duly elected Grand Scribe.

R. E. Warren Tyler was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer.

R. E. Wm. A. McLean was unanimously elected Grand Secretary.

R. E. Irving E. Webster was unanimously elected Grand Chaplain.

## INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The foregoing officers, excepting the Grand Scribe and Grand Chaplain elect, were duly installed into their respective offices by the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion B. H. Chadwick, acting as Grand Marshal.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

## APPOINTED OFFICERS.

EDGAR A. RICHARDS—Grand Captain of the Host.  
DOUGALD McLACHLAN—Grand Principal Sojourner.  
CHARLES J. HAYES—Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
WILBER P. WEBSTER—Grand Master 3d Vail.  
OLIN S. WRIGHT—Grand Master 2d Vail.  
WM. H. JEWELL—Grand Master 1st Vail.  
JAMES F. CLARK—Grand Guard.

All the newly appointed Grand Officers, except the Grand Guard—reappointed, were duly installed into their respective offices by M. E. Irving E. Webster, Past Grand High Priest, after which the Grand High Priest duly installed Companion Irving E. Webster into the office of Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Companion Stephens, the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 p. m.

MAY 10, 1893, 3 P. M.

## PRESENT:

All the newly installed Grand Officers occupied their respective stations. The Grand Chapter was called to labor with appropriate ceremonies.

## INSTALLATION OF GRAND SCRIBE.

Companion Henry S. Ely, Grand Scribe elect, being unavoidably absent at the time of installation of Grand Officers at the morning session, the Grand High Priest duly installed him into the said office.

## JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report which was duly received and adopted:

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 10, 1893.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your committee on Masonic Jurisprudence having carefully considered the various matters referred, present the following report:

The decisions rendered by the M. E. Grand High Priest being in harmony with the prevailing regulations in this jurisdiction are approved.

We recommend the approval of the action of the Grand High Priest in appointing Companion Henry Robinson as Assistant Grand Secretary, and subsequently the appointment of Companion W. A. McLean as Assist-



ant Grand Secretary, the said action being necessitated in consequence of the disability of the then Grand Secretary to discharge any of the duties of the office; also the appointment of Companion McLean as Grand Secretary to fill the unexpired term occasioned by the death of Companion D. C. Dawkins.

We recommend that the appointments of Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Florida near other Grand Chapters, as reported by the Grand High Priest, be confirmed and that the special dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest, referred to in his annual address, be approved.

Fraternally submitted,  
W. A. McLEAN,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
Committee.

#### TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

Companion Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida be held at the city of Jacksonville at H. 12 on the second Tuesday in May, A. D. 1894.

#### COURTESIES.

The following resolution by Companion Irving E. Webster, P. G. H. P., was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and hereby tendered to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, Solomon Lodge No. 20, Duval Lodge No. 18, Damascus Commandery No. 2, and Temple Lodge No. 23, and the various transportation lines, for courtesies extended to the members of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances presented the following report, which was duly received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances take pleasure in reporting that nothing has been presented for consideration, and we congratulate the Royal Craft on the

fact that the most perfect harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,  
ANGUS PATERSON,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
WARREN TYLER,  
Committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following named Companions as a Committee on Work:

Wm. A. McLean,  
John H. Stephens,  
Marcus Endel.

The Grand High Priest also appointed the following committees:

#### ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Wm. A. McLean,  
Marcus Endel,  
Angus Paterson.

#### ON PRINTING.

Wm. A. McLean,  
Henry S. Ely,  
John H. Stephens.

#### CRYPTIC MASONRY.

The committee appointed two years ago on the status of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction, having failed to make a report to the Grand Chapter, and there appearing to be no good reason why this Grand Chapter should investigate or inquire into the matter of Cryptic Masonry, on motion of Companion Boyd, the committee was discharged.

The Committee on Work being authorized and requested at the last annual convocation to prepare a ritual for opening and closing the ceremonies of the Grand Chapter, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that they had imparted the same to the Grand



## Proceedings of the

High Priest for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Grand Chapter. The report was received and adopted.

## CLOSING PROCEEDINGS.

No further business appearing, the Forty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.

Approved.

SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
Grand High Priest.

## TO THE ROYAL CRAFT.

As is known to very many, it devolved upon this scribe, under peculiar circumstances, to prepare and distribute the proceedings of the Annual Convocation last year and also of the Grand Lodge for 1892, and in each instance it became necessary to offer an apology and make explanation regarding the absence of a report on correspondence, and now, again, in the course of Masonic events, it has fallen to my lot to prepare and distribute the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, but just how to explain and apologize for the non-appearance of a report is a little difficult under existing circumstances, not that the facts and circumstances are devoid of merit by any means, but our difficulty is in the fact that we may be misunderstood, and thereby fall under the imputation of being indifferent.

We would be glad to send out a report now, and if this scribe had known that it would be necessary for him to continue to discharge the duties of Grand Secretary, a report, however brief, would have been prepared and sent out with the proceedings at this time, but it is too late to undertake the work, and so we must again, though reluctantly, ask the Royal Craft to bear with us until such time as it may be possible for us to reciprocate the many and great benefits of which we have been the highly favored recipients. We have perused with interest and profit the proceedings of the various jurisdictions in fraternal intercourse with our Grand Chapter, and note with no small degree of pleasure the interest manifested in us, and the sympathy so impressively expressed for us in our affliction occasioned by the death of our Grand



Secretary, who was also for many years Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Our Grand Chapter depended solely upon him, because of his superior ability, in the preparation of all matters necessary and proper to be sent out from this jurisdiction, and it was quite natural for us to be impressed with the idea that the void created by his death, while exceedingly difficult to measure, must be far more difficult to fill. We may, and should understand, however, one great and important truth, that though the workmen fall, and cease at once to live and to labor, the glorious work designed for the inculcation of a better, purer, higher life among men need not abate in its power and efficiency, but continue to abide and prosper. That an interchange of views and opinions through the medium of correspondence is a very effective means of dispensing Masonic light, does not admit of a doubt, as a careful reading of these reports, emanating as many of them do, from well filled treasuries of superior knowledge, is well calculated in its nature and tendency to impress upon the mind wise and serious lessons, at the same time, no argument is required to demonstrate the fact that few, very few men possess the requisite qualifications so essentially necessary to the successful prosecution of this important service.

Thanking the members of the Royal Craft for courtesies extended in the past, we can only say that with our next proceedings an effort will be made to commune with our companions by reviewing briefly the proceedings of jurisdictions in fraternal intercourse with us.

Fraternally,  
W. A. McLEAN.

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*In Memoriam.*



THIS PAGE IS INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY OF

**Companion DeWitt Clinton Dawkins**

BORN IN JASPER COUNTY, GEORGIA, APRIL 30, 1829.  
DIED IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, OCTOBER 5, 1892.

Grand Master of Masons in Florida, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1866,  
1868. Grand High Priest, and subsequently Grand  
Secretary of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch  
Masons of Florida, and for twenty-three  
years Grand Secretary of the  
Grand Lodge.

By his death a void has been created—difficult indeed to measure,  
but far more difficult to fill.

“Hope looks beyond the bounds of time,  
When what we now deplore,  
Shall rise in full immortal prime,  
To bloom and fade no more.”



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## Joseph Potts Hornor

BORN IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, MARCH 18, 1837.  
DIED AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, JANUARY 24, 1893.

General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter  
of the United States of America.

He lived respected and died regretted.

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## TO THE MEMORY OF THE COMPANIONS

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FROM THE CHAPTERS IN  
FLORIDA IN THE MASONIC YEAR 1892.

- DAVID M. GWYNN, DEC. 12—FLORIDA NO. 1.  
JOHN DARLING, SEPT. 11—TAMPA NO. 3.  
SAMUEL LOWERY, SEPT. 24—ST. JOHNS NO. 4.  
BENJAMIN B. CAMPBELL—EUREKA NO. 7.  
M. H. MOTTE—JACKSONVILLE NO. 12.  
DEWITT C. DAWKINS, OCT. 5—JACKSONVILLE NO. 12.  
JOHN CORDERO, MARCH 10—OCALA NO. 13.  
SYLVANUS PINDER, JAN. 28—ISLAND NO. 21.  
SAMUEL WOLF, FEB. 22—ISLAND NO. 21.





STATISTICS.

| CHAPTERS.          | No. | Members last year. | Exalted. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Total. | Deaths. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present Membership. |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Florida .....      | 1   | 27                 | ...      | ...         | ...         | 27     | 1       | 1         | ...        | ...       | 23                  |
| Gainesville .....  | 2   | 32                 | 6        | ...         | ...         | 38     | ...     | 2         | ...        | ...       | 33                  |
| Tampa .....        | 3   | 18                 | ...      | ...         | ...         | 18     | 1       | ...       | ...        | ...       | 17                  |
| St. John's .....   | 4   | 31                 | ...      | ...         | ...         | 31     | 1       | ...       | ...        | ...       | 30                  |
| Eureka .....       | 7   | 40                 | ...      | 1           | 1           | 42     | 1       | 2         | 13         | ...       | 28                  |
| Madison .....      | 8   | 42                 | 6        | 2           | ...         | 50     | ...     | 1         | ...        | ...       | 46                  |
| Putnam .....       | 9   | 45                 | 1        | ...         | ...         | 46     | ...     | ...       | ...        | ...       | 45                  |
| Jacksonville ..... | 12  | 62                 | 9        | 4           | ...         | 82     | 2       | 2         | ...        | ...       | 72                  |
| Ocala .....        | 13  | 56                 | 8        | ...         | ...         | 64     | 1       | 1         | ...        | ...       | 62                  |
| Providence .....   | 20  | 29                 | ...      | ...         | ...         | 41     | 2       | ...       | ...        | ...       | 39                  |
| Island .....       | 21  | 40                 | 1        | ...         | ...         | 30     | ...     | 1         | ...        | ...       | 29                  |
| Thomas Brown ..... | 22  | 29                 | 1        | ...         | ...         | 40     | ...     | 1         | ...        | ...       | 39                  |
| Mt. Moriah .....   | 24  | 37                 | 3        | ...         | ...         | 40     | ...     | ...       | ...        | ...       | 37                  |
| Total .....        | 495 | 35                 | 7        | 1           | 463         | 9      | 17      | 16        | ...        | ...       | 496                 |

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CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTER.          | No. | HIGH PRIEST.      | KING.             | SCRIBE.            | TREASURER.        | SECRETARY.        | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | D MacLachlan...   | Wm P Denham...    | Charles Munroe...  | Robert Gamble ... | Wm M McIntosh..   | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | A M Cushman.....  | George W Hyde...  | Syd L Carter.....  | Wm K Bartleson..  | Irving E Webster. | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | M D Cushing.....  | William Irwin.... | John T Gunn.....   | H B Thomas.....   | John C White..... | Tampa.         |
| St Johns.....     | 4   | R O Knowles.....  | W M Dunn.....     | J S May.....       | L E Spencer.....  | J H Hubbard.....  | DeLand.        |
| Eureka.....       | 7   | Wm H Jewell....   | Charles Lord..... | Charles O Myers..  | Mahlon Gore.....  | Benj F Bowen..... | Orlando.       |
| Madison.....      | 8   | Thomas J Smith    | John W Williams.  | Nathan' T Elliott  | H J Parramore.... | James E Pound...  | Madison.       |
| Putnam.....       | 9   | Charles J Hayes.. | Wm H Cyrus.....   | John D Runals....  | Moritz Kohl.....  | Wm P Anderson..   | Palatka.       |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | B H Chadwick....  | Wilber P Webster  | Irving E Baird.... | Otis L Keene..... | Thomas Davis....  | Jacksonville.  |
| Ocala.....        | 13  | J H Whitfield.... | S D Zacharias.... | J W Steves.....    | William Fox.....  | S H Richmond ...  | Ocala.         |
| Providence.....   | 20  | Joseph M Tolbert. | Wm H English....  | Wm J Feagles..     | R C Martin.....   | A C Odom.....     | Providence.    |
| Island.....       | 21  | John J Delaney... | Wm McClintock..   | Benj Albury.....   | Samuel Filer..... | R A Montsalvatge. | Key West.      |
| Thomas Brown...   | 22  | Warren Tyler....  | James Harden....  | Geo A K Stevens..  | D W Stanley ..... | James W Boyd....  | Bartow.        |
| Mt Moriah.....    | 24  | Alfred L Williams | C McK Oerting.... | J M Hilliard.....  | W H Northrup....  | L C Bennett.....  | Pensacola.     |

Chapter Directory.

DIRECTORY OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.            | GRAND SECRETARIES.        | P. O. ADDRESS.           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alabama.....               | Henry Clay Armstrong.     | Montgomery.              |
| Arizona.....               | John M. Ormsby.....       | Tucson.                  |
| Arkansas.....              | James A. Henry.....       | Little Rock.             |
| California.....            | Thomas H. Caswell.....    | San Francisco.           |
| Canada.....                | Thomas Sargent.....       | Toronto.                 |
| Colorado.....              | Ed. C. Parmelle.....      | Denver.                  |
| Connecticut.....           | Joseph K. Wheeler.....    | Hartford.                |
| Delaware.....              | James H. Price.....       | Wilmington.              |
| District of Columbia.....  | Lewis G. Stephens.....    | Washington.              |
| England.....               | Christopher G. Fox.....   | Buffalo, N. Y.           |
| General Grand Chapter..... | A. M. Wollin.....         | Macon.                   |
| Georgia.....               | Gilbert W. Barnard.....   | Chicago.                 |
| Illinois.....              | Wm. H. Smythe.....        | Indianapolis.            |
| Indiana.....               | Joseph S. Marrow.....     | Atoka.                   |
| Indian Territory.....      | Alfred Wingate.....       | Des Moines.              |
| Iowa.....                  | Archibald St. George..... | Dublin (Freeman's Hall). |
| land.....                  | John H. Brown.....        | Kansas City.             |
| Kansas.....                | Henry B. Grant.....       | Louisville.              |
| Kentucky.....              | Richard Lambert.....      | New Orleans.             |
| Louisiana.....             | Cornelius Hedges.....     | Helena.                  |
| Maine.....                 | Stephen Berry.....        | Portland.                |
| Maryland.....              | George J. McCahan.....    | Baltimore.               |
| Massachusetts.....         | Serranus Bowen.....       | Boston.                  |
| Michigan.....              | Wm. P. Innes.....         | Grand Rapids.            |
| Minnesota.....             | Thomas Montgomery.....    | St. Paul.                |
| Missouri.....              | William H. Mayo.....      | St. Louis.               |
| Mississippi.....           | J. L. Power.....          | Jackson.                 |
| Nebraska.....              | Wm. R. Bowen.....         | Omnaha.                  |
| Nevada.....                | Chauncey N. Noteman.....  | Carson City.             |
| New Brunswick.....         | William A. Ewing.....     | St. John.                |
| New Hampshire.....         | George P. Cleaves.....    | Concord.                 |
| New Jersey.....            | Geo. B. Edwards.....      | Jersey City.             |
| New York.....              | Christopher G. Fox.....   | Buffalo.                 |
| North Carolina.....        | Horace H. Wilder.....     | Wilmington.              |
| North Dakota.....          | Thomas J. Ross.....       | Casselton.               |
| Oregon.....                | Alexander Ross.....       | Halifax.                 |
| Ohio.....                  | Charles C. Kiefer.....    | Urbana.                  |
| Oregon.....                | James F. Robinson.....    | Eugene.                  |
| Pennsylvania.....          | Charles E. Meyer.....     | Masonic Temple, Phila.   |
| Prince Edward Island.....  | Will H. Whyte.....        | Montreal.                |
| Quebec.....                | William R. Greene.....    | Providence.              |
| Rhode Island.....          | Robert S. Brown.....      | Edinburgh.               |
| Scotland.....              | J. E. Burke.....          | Charleston.              |
| South Carolina.....        | George A. Pettifrew.....  | Charleston.              |
| South Dakota.....          | W. A. Clendenen.....      | Randevau.                |
| Tennessee.....             | Robert Brewster.....      | Nashville.               |
| Texas.....                 | Warren G. Reynolds.....   | Houston.                 |
| Vermont.....               | Wm. B. Isaacs.....        | Burlington.              |
| Virginia.....              | Yancey C. Blalock.....    | Richmond.                |
| Washington.....            | Odel Squire Lonn.....     | Walla Walla.             |
| West Virginia.....         | John V. Laflen.....       | Charleston.              |
| Wisconsin.....             |                           | Milwaukee.               |



**PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS**  
OF THE  
**GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.**

|      | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND KINGS.       | GRAND SCRIBES.     | GRAND TREASURERS. | GRAND SECRETARIES. | GRAND CHAPLAINS. |
|------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1847 | Thos Douglas*       | John P Duval*              | Henry R Taylor*    | Geo W McRae*       | Edwin D Nash*     | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1848 | John P Duval*       | Isaac B Bronson*           | Geo W McRae*       | D S Graham*        | Thomas Brown*     | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1849 | Isaac H Bronson*    | Harry R Taylor*            | D S Graham*        | R A Shine*         | Thos Haywood*     | John B Taylor*     | Charles E Dyke*  |
| 1850 | Harry R Taylor*     | D S Graham*                | R A Shine*         | Gad Humphreys*     | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1851 | Thomas Brown*       | Gad Humphreys*             | Alfred A Fisher*   | Benj Sawyer*       | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Geo M M'Donald   |
| 1852 | R A Shine*          | Sam'l B Stephens*          | Sam'l Boardman*    | Dan'l O McLean*    | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Charles E Dyke*  |
| 1853 | Sam'l Boardman*     | J M W Davidson*            | C A M Mitchell*    | James S Rust*      | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | A O Ogar         |
| 1854 | J Wayles Baker*     | Thomas Y Henry*            | James Ellenwood*   | John L McKinnon*   | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Homer Hender     |
| 1855 | J Wayles Baker*     | Edward R Ives*             | Joseph S May*      | .....              | David C Wilson*   | John B Taylor*     | Homer Hender     |
| 1856 | Thos Haywood*       | Edward R Ives*             | John L McKinnon*   | James Ellenwood*   | R A Shine*        | John B Taylor*     | Charles E Dyke*  |
| 1857 | Thos Haywood*       | James Ellenwood*           | John L McKinnon*   | David S Walker*    | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | J R Plummer      |
| 1858 | Gad Humphreys*      | James Ellenwood*           | D P Holland*       | Charles E Dyke*    | John T Bonds*     | John B Taylor*     | John Penny*      |
| 1859 | D P Holland*        | .....                      | George F Baltzell* | Calvin Davis*      | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | John Penny*      |
| 1860 | Thos Y Henry*       | Geo F Baltzell*            | Geo D Fisher*      | Josiah Paine*      | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | John Penny*      |
| 1861 | Geo F Baltzell*     | James Ellenwood*           | Franklin Branch*   | Charles Slager*    | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1862 | Geo F Baltzell*     | James Ellenwood*           | Charles Slager*    | D C Dawkins*       | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1863 | Geo F Baltzell*     | James Ellenwood*           | Green H Hunter*    | Wm H Arendell*     | Thos Hayward*     | John B Taylor*     | Thos A Carruth   |
| 1864 | Geo F Baltzell*     | James Ellenwood*           | Thos K Leonard*    | Wm H Arendell*     | Thos Hayward*     | Hugh A Corley*     | Columb's Smith*  |
| 1865 | David Jones*        | D C Dawkins*               | BS Fuller*         | Elias Earle*       | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley*     | Columb's Smith*  |
| 1866 | David Jones*        | D C Dawkins*               | Elias Earle*       | J A Lea*           | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley*     | Columb's Smith*  |
| 1867 | David Jones*        | Wm Morrill*                | Charles Slager*    | Chas K Sparhawk*   | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley*     | Samuel C Craft   |
| 1868 | James Ellenwood*    | Wm Morrill*                | Charles Slager*    | M M T Hutchingson* | T Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A Corley*     | Wm A McLean      |
| 1869 | D C Dawkins*        | M M T Hutchingson*         | H H Berry*         | Michael Bowes*     | T Preston Tatum*  | Edw Bradford, Jr*  | Thos A Carruth   |
| 1870 | D C Dawkins*        | Charles Slager*            | Charles Munde*     | Samuel Pasco*      | T Preston Tatum*  | Edw Bradford, Jr*  | Thos A Carruth   |
| 1871 | D C Dawkins*        | James Ellenwood*           | Wm Morrill*        | Theodore Ball*     | T Preston Tatum*  | W M McIntosh*      | Edwin L T Blake  |
| 1872 | Wm Morrill*         | Hugh A Corley*             | John C Ley*        | James L Taylor*    | T Preston Tatum*  | W M McIntosh*      | Thos A Carruth   |
| 1873 | Michael Bowes*      | Samuel Pasco*              | John S Driggs*     | Benj J Alderman*   | .....             | DeWitt C Dawkins*  | John Penny*      |
| 1874 | Michael Bowes*      | John S Driggs*             | John G Alderman*   | .....              | Wm A Young*       | DeWitt C Dawkins*  | John Penny*      |
| 1875 | Henry W Long*       | Edward P Jordan*           | Wm T Weeks*        | W W Tucker*        | .....             | DeWitt C Dawkins*  | John Penny*      |
| 1876 | John S Driggs*      | Charles J Allred*          | W W Tucker*        | John T Miller*     | .....             | DeWitt C Dawkins*  | John Penny*      |
| 1877 | John S Driggs*      | George R Jones*            | W W Tucker*        | John T Miller*     | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins*  | John Penny*      |
| 1878 | Enos Wasgate*       | Robert J Perry*            | G R Wentworth*     | Geo S Hallmark*    | L McConihe*       | DeWitt C Dawkins*  | John Penny*      |

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|------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1879 | Robert J Perry*   | G E Wentworth*   | Geo S Hallmark*  | Hugh A Corley*    | L McConihe*      | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*    |
| 1880 | Robert J Perry*   | Geo S Hallmark*  | Wm E Anderson*   | Wm A McLean*      | L McConihe*      | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*    |
| 1881 | W A McLean*       | Wm E Anderson*   | Warren F Scott*  | John G Ellis*     | L McConihe*      | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*    |
| 1882 | W A McLean*       | Wm E Anderson*   | Warren F Scott*  | G S Hallmark*     | L McConihe*      | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*    |
| 1883 | Geo S Hallmark*   | Wm E Anderson*   | Warren F Scott*  | J W V R Plummer*  | .....            | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*    |
| 1884 | Wm E Anderson*    | Warren F Scott*  | J W V R Plummer* | Angus Paterson*   | T S Wilmarth*    | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John Penny*    |
| 1885 | Wm E Anderson*    | J W V R Plummer* | Angus Paterson*  | Marcus Endel*     | T S Wilmarth*    | DeWitt C Dawkins* | Wm A McLean    |
| 1886 | Angus Paterson*   | Marcus Endel*    | F S Goodrich*    | John G Ellis*     | T S Wilmarth*    | DeWitt C Dawkins* | Wm A McLean    |
| 1887 | Angus Paterson*   | Marcus Endel*    | F S Goodrich*    | R A Montsalvatge* | T S Wilmarth*    | DeWitt C Dawkins* | John S Wharton |
| 1888 | Marcus Endel*     | Fred S Goodrich* | Wm M McIntosh*   | Charles H Munger* | T S Wilmarth*    | DeWitt C Dawkins* | Wm A McLean    |
| 1889 | Marcus Endel*     | Fred S Goodrich* | James W Boyd*    | Charles H Munger* | T S Wilmarth*    | DeWitt C Dawkins* | Wm A McLean    |
| 1890 | J W Boyd*         | T S Wilmarth*    | S B Wright*      | F P Mersereau*    | John H Stephens* | DeWitt C Dawkins* | Wm A McLean    |
| 1891 | T S Wilmarth*     | F P Mersereau*   | I E Webster*     | J H Stephens*     | Henry S Ely*     | DeWitt C Dawkins* | Wm A McLean    |
| 1892 | Irving E Webster* | Silas B Wright*  | Wm M McIntosh*   | J H Stephens*     | Henry S Ely*     | D C Dawkins*      | Wm A McLean    |
|      |                   |                  |                  |                   |                  | W A McLean*       |                |

\* Dead.



GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | GRAND CHAPTERS.   | OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA. |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| B. B. Pope, Gadsden.....                 | Alabama .....     | Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| W. H. Gee, Dardmell.....                 | Arkansas .....    | Wm. B. Barnett, Jacksonville.            |
| James Moffatt, London, Ontario           | Canada .....      | Robt. J. Perry, Key West.                |
| R. W. Woodbury, Denver.....              | Colorado .....    | Wm. A. McLean, Jacksonville.             |
| J. H. Stidham, New Britain.....          | Connecticut ..    | Warren Tyler, Bartow.                    |
| W. A. Davis, Macon .....                 | Georgia .....     | Herman Glogowski, Tampa.                 |
| W. L. Orr, Carrolton.....                | Illinois .....    | R. B. Shepherd, Milton.                  |
| Elmer Crocket, South Bend .....          | Indiana .....     | Silas B. Wright, DeLand.                 |
| Caleb Lamb, Newton.....                  | Iowa .....        | James W. Boyd, Bartow.                   |
| E. D. Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls         | Kansas .....      | Wm. A. McLean, Jacksonville.             |
| J. W. Stason, Brooksville.....           | Kentucky.....     | Herman Glogowski, Tampa.                 |
| Dr. J. C. Batchelor, New Orleans         | Louisiana .....   | Wm. W. Tucker, Jacksonville.             |
| Henry E. Taylor, Machias.....            | Maine .....       | Wm. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.            |
| Nathan Leyman .....                      | Maryland .....    | Samuel Paseo, Monticello.                |
| Alexander K. Bryer .....                 | Massachusetts     | James W. Boyd, Bartow.                   |
| John F. Benozet, St. Paul.....           | Minnesota .....   | R. McClellan, Gainesville.               |
| J. L. Power, Jackson.....                | Mississippi ..... | E. A. Richards, Orlando.                 |
| Rev. C. C. Wood, Kansas City..           | Missouri .....    | Robert J. Perry, Key West.               |
| John J. Monnell, Omaha.....              | Nebraska.....     | Irving E. Webster, Gainesville.          |
| W. H. B. Sadler, St. Johns.....          | New Brunswick     | Marcus Endel, Gainesville.               |
| E. L. Tillow, Elizabeth.....             | New Jersey.....   | Wm. A. McLean, Jacksonville.             |
| R. G. Williams, Utica.....               | New York .....    | Wm. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.            |
| Michael Bowes, Raleigh.....              | North Carolina    | Wm. M. Wilmarth, Jacksonville.           |
| John W. Scott, Valley City.....          | North Dakota..    | Thos. S. Perry, Key West.                |
| John M. Lawson, Yarmouth.....            | Nova Scotia...    | Robert J. Perry, Gainesville.            |
| Wm. E. Evans, Chillicothe.....           | Ohio .....        | Julius Stark, Pensacola.                 |
| Thomas G. Reams.....                     | Oregon .....      | Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| R. G. Adams.....                         | Quebec.....       | Marcus Endel, Gainesville.               |
| Charles R. Cutler, Warren.....           | Rhode Island ..   | Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| George Fisher, Edinburgh.....            | Scotland .....    | Angus Paterson, Madison.                 |
| A. T. Smythe, Charleston.....            | South Carolina    | C. W. K. Oerting, Pensacola.             |
| John F. Schrader, Rapid City ..          | South Dakota..    | Wm. E. Anderson, Pensacola.              |
| J. C. Smith, Jr., Jackson .....          | Tennessee .....   | Silas B. Wright, DeLand.                 |
| Hy Scherfflers, Houston .....            | Texas.....        | Wm. E. Anderson, Pensacola.              |
| E. E. Houghton, N. Bennington            | Vermont .....     | Silas B. Wright, DeLand.                 |
| James L. Avis.....                       | Virginia.....     | Henry W. Long, Martel.                   |
| Thomas M. Reed, Olympia .....            | Washington ..     | R. B. Thomas, Tampa.                     |
| Jere A. Miller, Wheeling .....           | West Virginia.    |                                          |
| Fred Ring, Jr., Lacrosse.....            | Wisconsin.....    |                                          |

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

| CHAPTER.           | No. | LOCATION.       | TIME OF MEETING.             |
|--------------------|-----|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Florida.....       | 1   | Tallahassee...  | Second and fourth Monday.    |
| Gamesville .....   | 2   | Gainesville...  | First Monday.                |
| Tampa.....         | 3   | Tampa .....     | Second and fourth Friday.    |
| St Johns .....     | 4   | DeLand .....    | Second Monday.               |
| Eureka .. .....    | 5   | Orlando .....   | First and third Tuesday.     |
| Madison .....      | 6   | Madison .....   | First and third Monday.      |
| Putnam .....       | 9   | Palatka.....    | Second and fourth Monday.    |
| Jacksonville ..... | 12  | Jacksonville .. | Fourth Thursday.             |
| Ocala .....        | 13  | Ocala .....     | First Monday.                |
| Providence .....   | 20  | Providence ..   | Second Thursday.             |
| Island .....       | 21  | Key West .....  | Second and fourth Wednesday. |
| Thomas Brown ..... | 22  | Bartow .....    | Second Friday.               |
| Mt. Moriah .....   | 24  | Pensacola ..... | Second and fourth Friday.    |



## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida assembled at Masonic Temple in the city of Jacksonville at the hour of 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, May 10, A. D. 1893.

### PRESENT.

M. E. Angus Paterson, President.  
M. E. Irving E. Webster, Vice-President.  
M. E. William A. McLean, Chaplain.  
M. E. Wm. A. McLean, Secretary and Treasurer.  
M. E. Wm. M. McIntosh, Master of Ceremonies.  
M. E. Silas B. Wright, Conductor.  
M. E. James W. Boyd, Herald.  
M. E. Charles J. Hayes, Steward,  
M. E. James F. Clark, Guard.

And Companions Endel, Sinclair, Tyler, Stephens and McLachlan.

The Grand Council, with appropriate ceremonies was duly opened in ample form.

### MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Grand Council having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was, by order of the President, dispensed with.

### PETITIONS.

Applications for the order of High Priesthood were received from the following named Companions:

Olin S. Wright, Plant City Chapter No. 16.

Alexander C. Martin, Monroe Chapter No. 15.

Bingham H. Chadwick, Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

And it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they



are eligible, they were severally introduced and regularly consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

M. E. Wm. A. McLean, Secretary and Treasurer, presented the following report, which was adopted:  
*To the Grand Council:*

On November 14, 1892, the President of the Grand Council appointed me as Secretary and Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, and on the 16th of November I issued certificates of membership to the companions who had not received the same.

Companion James H. Whitfield, consecrated and anointed at a special meeting of the council on May 12, 1892, received a certificate from the former Secretary, but no record was made of said meeting, consequently his name was not registered, but will now be inserted in proper order.

At a special meeting of the Grand Council called by the President and held at Gainesville on November 12, 1892, Companion Alonzo M. Cushman was regularly consecrated and anointed High Priest and his name will also be inserted in its proper place.

As Secretary and Treasurer I have received from all sources for and on account of the Grand Council the sum of fifteen dollars and the same is subject to direction of the Council.

Fraternally submitted,  
W. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Companion Wm. A. McLean proposed amendments to the Constitution—viz.: That the office of Treasurer be separate and distinct from the office of Secretary; also, that the fee for membership shall be three dollars.  
Pending the adoption thereof, Companion Endel proposed to add thereto the following: One dollar of said

amount shall be paid to the Secretary for issuing the certificate. The amendments were unanimously adopted, and the Constitution as amended will be published with the proceedings.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Council proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of—

M. E. Angus Paterson, President.

M. E. James W. Boyd, Vice-President.

M. E. Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.

M. E. Warren Tyler, Treasurer.

M. E. William A. McLean, Secretary.

M. E. William M. McIntosh, Master of Ceremonies.

M. E. John H. Stephens, Conductor.

M. E. Charles J. Hayes, Herald.

M. E. John D. Sinclair, Steward.

M. E. James F. Clark, Guard.

On motion of Companion Endel, the Secretary was requested to convey the thanks of Grand Council to Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter No. 12 for use of their hall.

M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS.

The present convocation of the Grand Council is saddened by the absence of our beloved Companion DeWitt Clinton Dawkins, heretofore the most prominent member of this Grand Council, but his commanding presence will no more impress our assemblies; the attentive ear fails now to hear the instructive utterances which, in time past, so gently and cheerfully greeted us on occasions of our annual reunion; and as we now, in the character of our anointed High Priests, offer up to his memory the last tribute of our affection, demonstrating the sincerity of our past esteem for him, and our steady attachment to the principles of our order, we will exercise the privilege af-



forded us of bestowing upon his memory the commendation that his virtues claim at our hands.

Companion Endel presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The annual account of Companion D. C. Dawkins, as Secretary and Treasurer, for the year ending May 11, A. D. 1892, shows that the sum of fifteen dollars and twenty-five cents, funds of the Grand Council, was in his hands, and as he had served faithfully without compensation,

Resolved, That his account be balanced by donating said amount to the family of our said Companion.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council, with appropriate ceremonies, was closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

### MEETINGS.

The annual convocations shall be held in the city of Jacksonville, immediately after or during the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, and the President may call special convocations when, in his judgment, it will be for the best interests of the order to do so, and may be held at such place as he may designate.

### DUTIES AND POWERS.

The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside, and in their absence any member of the Grand Council may be selected as President *pro tem*.

### OFFICERS.

The officers of this Grand Council shall be a Presi-

dent, Vice-President, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Master of Ceremonies, Conductor, Herald, Steward and Guard, who shall be elected annually.

### FEEES.

The fee for membership shall be three dollars, and must accompany the application, one dollar of which shall be paid to the Secretary for his services for issuing the certificate.

The Secretary and Guard shall receive for their services such compensation as may be provided by the Grand Council. Provision may be made by the Grand Council for dues and assessments.

### MEMBERSHIP.

It is the duty of every High Priest and Past High Priest to be enrolled as members of the Grand Council.

### AMENDMENT.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Grand Council by a majority vote of those present.

On motion of Companion Marcus Endel, the foregoing was approved and adopted as the Constitution of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida.



REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

| NAME.                             |             | DATE.            |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| John F. Benezet . . . . .         | Consecrated | January 12, 1865 |
| Angus Paterson . . . . .          | "           | " 19, 1888       |
| Henry W. Long . . . . .           | "           | " "              |
| William A. McLean . . . . .       | "           | " "              |
| D. Warwick Stanley . . . . .      | "           | " "              |
| Charles H. Munger . . . . .       | "           | " "              |
| Fred S. Goodrich . . . . .        | "           | " "              |
| William A. Griffeth . . . . .     | "           | " "              |
| James F. Clark . . . . .          | "           | " "              |
| William M. Somerville . . . . .   | "           | " "              |
| Marcus Endel . . . . .            | "           | " "              |
| William W. Tucker . . . . .       | "           | " "              |
| William E. Anderson . . . . .     | "           | " "              |
| William M. McIntosh, Sr . . . . . | "           | " "              |
| George S. Hallmark . . . . .      | Affiliated  | " "              |
| James W. Boyd . . . . .           | "           | " "              |
| Samuel Pasco . . . . .            | Consecrated | January 16, 1889 |
| Julius Stark . . . . .            | "           | " 18, 1889       |
| Herman Glogowski . . . . .        | "           | " "              |
| Robert McClellan . . . . .        | "           | " "              |
| J. W. V. R. Plummer . . . . .     | "           | " 7, 1890        |
| John H. Stephens . . . . .        | "           | May "            |
| Thomas S. Wilmarth . . . . .      | "           | " "              |
| R. Alfred Montsalvatge . . . . .  | "           | " "              |
| Frank P. Mersereau . . . . .      | "           | " "              |
| Silas B. Wright . . . . .         | "           | " "              |
| Samuel A. Wauchope . . . . .      | Affiliated  | " "              |
| Henry S. Ely . . . . .            | Consecrated | May 13, 1891     |
| Irving E. Webster . . . . .       | "           | " "              |
| Edgar A. Richards . . . . .       | "           | " "              |
| Warren Tyler . . . . .            | "           | " 11, 1892       |
| William H. Jewell . . . . .       | "           | " "              |
| William S. Jordan . . . . .       | "           | " "              |
| John D. Sinclair . . . . .        | "           | " "              |
| Elijah H. Bunker . . . . .        | "           | " "              |
| Charles J. Hayes . . . . .        | "           | " "              |

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|-------------------------------|-------------|------|----------|
| Dougald McLachlan . . . . .   | Consecrated | May  | 11, 1892 |
| James H. Whitfield . . . . .  | "           | "    | 12, 1892 |
| Alonzo M. Cushman . . . . .   | "           | Nov. | 12, 1892 |
| Olin S. Wright . . . . .      | "           | May  | 10, 1893 |
| Alexander C. Martin . . . . . | "           | "    | "        |
| Bingham H. Chadwick . . . . . | "           | "    | "        |



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER  
OF  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
OF THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA.

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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD AT THE  
CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

MAY 8-9, A. D. 1894, A. I. 2424.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,  
FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

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The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida met in Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of H. 12, on Tuesday, the 8th day of May, A. D. 1894, A. I. 2424.

PRESENT—GRAND OFFICERS.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| SILAS B. WRIGHT . . . . .   | Grand High Priest        |
| WM. M. MCINTOSH . . . . .   | Deputy Grand High Priest |
| JOHN H. STEPHENS . . . . .  | Grand King               |
| ELMER E. HASKELL . . . . .  | as Grand Scribe          |
| WARREN TYLER . . . . .      | Grand Treasurer          |
| WM. A. MCLEAN . . . . .     | Grand Secretary          |
| IRVING E. WEBSTER . . . . . | Grand Chaplain           |
| JAMES W. BOYD . . . . .     | Grand C. of H.           |
| DONALD MACLACHLAN . . . . . | Grand P. S.              |
| CHARLES J. HAYES . . . . .  | Grand R. A. C.           |
| W. P. WEBSTER . . . . .     | Grand Master 3d Vail     |
| OLIN S. WRIGHT . . . . .    | Grand Master 2d Vail     |
| MARCUS ENDEL . . . . .      | Grand Master 1st Vail    |
| JAMES F. CLARK . . . . .    | Grand Guard              |



## Past Grand High Priests:

W. A. McLEAN,  
 ANGUS PATERSON,  
 MARCUS ENDEL,  
 JAMES W. BOYD,  
 IRVING E. WEBSTER.

## Past Grand Scribe:

R. A. MONSALVATGE.

The following Grand Chapters were duly represented:  
 Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana,  
 Massachusetts, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nova  
 Scotia, Texas, Washington and District of Columbia.

And Constituent Chapters represented as follows:

*Florida Chapter No. 1:*

D. MACLACHLAN, H. P.

*Gainesville Chapter No. 2:*

MARCUS ENDEL, proxy for Officers.

*St. Johns Chapter No. 4:*

W. M. DUNN, H. P.

*Eureka Chapter No. 7:*

WM. H. JEWELL, H. P.

*Madison Chapter No. 8:*

NATHANIEL T. ELLIOTT, H. P.  
 JOSEPH TOWNSEND, King.  
 L. F. FRINK, Scribe.

*Putnam Chapter No. 9:*

C. J. HAYES, proxy for Officers.

*Jacksonville Chapter No. 12:*

W. P. WEBSTER, H. P.

*Monroe Chapter No. 15:*

E. F. BARNES, H. P.

*Plant City Chapter No. 16:*

OLIN S. WRIGHT, H. P.

*Providence Chapter No. 20:*

J. W. PERRY, proxy for Officers.

*Island Chapter No. 21:*

R. A. MONSALVATGE, proxy for K. and S.

*Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22:*

JAS. W. BOYD, H. P.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form with appropriate ceremonies conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

## ORGANIZATION.

The Grand High Priest appointed a Committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of Companions W. A. McLean, C. J. Hayes and W. M. McIntosh—which said committee reported verbally that the foregoing list of Grand Officers and members is correct, and that said Officers and members are entitled to be present and participate in the proceedings of the annual convocation.

## MINUTES.

On motion of Companion John H. Stephens, the reading of minutes of last annual convocation was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees:

*Returns and Credentials—*

W. A. McLean,  
 C. J. Hayes,  
 W. M. McIntosh.

*Unfinished Business—*

Irving E. Webster,  
 E. F. Barnes,  
 W. M. Dunn.







was laid to rest by the Grand Lodge, escorted by the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandry.

NEVADA.—Past Grand High Priest George R. Walker, died at Winnemucca on the 23d of November, 1893. He was made a Mason in Massachusetts in 1845. In 1886 he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada. He had received the degrees of A. A. S. R. to and including the 32d., and at the time of his death was a member of the Masonic Veterans Association of the Pacific Coast.

Charles A. Bragg, Grand Treasurer, died at Reno, August 16th, 1893. He was made a Mason in Maine in 1859. He was exalted in Reno Chapter in 1883. At the time of his death he was serving his seventh term as Grand Treasurer.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—John E. Bennett, Right Excellent Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter, died at Pierre, December 31st, 1893. He had passed through all of the honorary distinctions of Capitular Masonry up to and including that of Grand Scribe, which position he held at the time of his death. He was a member of Watertown Commandry and of El Riad Shrine, A. A. O. N. M. S. He was twice elected a member of Supreme Court of South Dakota which position he held at the time of his death.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Augustas R. Hall, Past Grand High Priest died at Philadelphia, October 7th, 1893. His administration as Grand High Priest was eminently successful, and he retired therefrom with the esteem and confidence of his fellow Officers and of the Grand Chapter.

#### NEW CHAPTERS.

The two new Chapters chartered at our last Annual Grand Convocation, have been regularly constituted and are at work. I constituted and installed the Officers of Monroe Chapter No. 15 in May last and during the same month I issued my commission to Past High Priest Olin S. Wright, to perform the same duty for Plant City Chapter No. 16. He reports having done so and that the Chapter is at work.

#### DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW CHAPTERS.

On July 20th I signed a dispensation for a new Chapter at Jasper, and in August, at the request of the same Companions, I issued to Past Grand High Priest Angus Paterson an appointment as Special Deputy with the request that he should visit them at Jasper, and assist in organizing the Chapter, and also issued a special dispensation for them to ballot upon petitions and to confer the degrees short of time for the purpose of the exemplification of the same. Paterson reports hav-

ing met with the Companions at Jasper on the 31st of August and after completing the organization of the Chapter, several candidates were elected and the work in all of the degrees was exemplified in due form.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

On January 5th, 1894, a special dispensation was issued to Madison Chapter, No. 8, to elect and install Officers, and to ballot on petitions and confer the degrees short of time on well known candidates whose petitions had been presented, but which had not been acted upon because of failure to have a quorum.

On January 17th, a dispensation was issued to Ocala Chapter, No. 13, to ballot on the petition of William Gray short of time, the candidate being well known and was about to leave the State.

On March 26th, a dispensation was issued to Florida Chapter, No. 1, to ballot on the petitions of several well known candidates, the Chapter having failed to have a quorum and the candidates living at a long distance from the Chapter, and for other good reasons.

#### DECISIONS.

A number of letters have been received asking rulings on various subjects. In a large number of cases the query has been answered in full by a reference to the regulations without any further words. Of these references I have made no note. The only questions submitted which have been worthy of record are the following:

Query by the High Priest of Monroe Chapter No. 15. A regular lodge in this jurisdiction, suspends a Brother for non-payment of dues; the matter is brought to the attention of the High Priest in Open Chapter. What action, if any, should be taken?

Ans. Regulation No. 51 says "none." But I think that the High Priest should say to the Chapter at the time that his attention is called to the matter that "pursuant to Regulation No. 51, the Companion stands suspended as a Royal Arch Mason until restored to his membership in the Lodge." This should be entered on the minutes by the Secretary and the record would then be complete. The rule itself works a suspension, but at the same time there should be some record of the fact.

Query by the High Priest of Eureka Chapter No. 7. In the matter of the jurisdiction between Chapters, does distance in a direct line, or by usual modes of conveyance, govern?



Ans. The jurisdiction of Chapters extends half way to the nearest Chapter in a direct line.

On the 16th of June, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of Monroe Chapter, No. 15, changing the time of their meeting to the second and fourth Tuesdays.

On July 18th, I approved the By-Laws of Tampa Chapter, No. 3, excepting that part of Article 3, which provided that when voting for officers, that no Companion in arrears for dues for two years or more, should be entitled to vote. This was disapproved because under Section 23, of our Constitution, every member in good standing is entitled to a vote, and all Companions are in good standing, though they may be in arrears for dues, until they have been regularly suspended.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Commissions have been issued to the following Companions as Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters, they having been recommended by the Grand High Priest of that Jurisdiction: District of Columbia, John Lockie, Past Grand High Priest; South Dakota, John F. Schraeder; Louisiana, Henry Hamburger, Past High Priest.

The following Companions have been recommended for appointment as Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter, and I have no doubt that they have received their commissions: For Georgia, John H. Stephens, of Jacksonville; for Massachusetts, Irving E. Webster, of Jacksonville; for Minnesota, Henry S. Ely, of Jacksonville; for South Carolina, William M. McIntosh, of Tallahassee; for South Dakota, William H. Jewell, of Orlando.

In March last, I received a letter suggesting that a vacancy existed in the matter of Grand Representative of the District of Columbia, near this Grand Chapter, and requesting that a Companion be recommended. I wrote to our Grand Secretary, asking him to send in the name of some Companion and advise me as to who it was. Some weeks after, I was surprised to receive a commission for myself for that place and a letter from our Grand Secretary replying to mine, asking who he had recommended, saying "Thou art the man." While I seriously doubt the correctness of the conclusions of our Grand Secretary as to the propriety of this appointment, he announces his desire to take any blame therefor, and declares that he will defend the same before your Grand Body in the same manner in which our ancient brethren served their masters, with freedom, fervency and zeal. I therefore leave him and the appointment in your hands.

I have received notice that Henry S. Ely has been "indefinitely suspended" from the benefits and privileges of Masonry, by his Lodge. According to our constitution, this also works a suspension in the Chapter. As he holds the position of Grand Scribe of this Grand Chapter and of Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota near this Grand Chapter, it seems necessary that some action should be taken that the facts may be made a part of the record.

In June last I received an invitation to attend the celebration of St. Johns Day, the 24th, by the Lodge in Tampa, and accompanied by a request from Tampa Chapter, No. 7, to visit them at that time and to install their officers while there. Finding that business engagements would prevent my attendance, and learning that our Past Grand High Priest, W. A. McLean, was to be present, I issued to him an appointment as special deputy to make the visit and install the officers for me. He reports that pursuant to the request, he visited Tampa Chapter and installed Companion M. D. Cushing as High Priest, and Companion Cushing reports having installed the rest of their officers and that the Chapter is again "at labor."

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

A careful examination of our Constitution and Regulations convinces me that they should be revised and made to more nearly conform to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter, and to the practices and customs of Masonic Bodies in this Jurisdiction.

In this connection I beg to ask your attention to the requirement of the General Grand Chapter, changing the titles of officers in the Chapters. As our Grand Chapter has adopted the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, it would seem that some action will be necessary. Either to change the work so as to conform to our Constitution, or to change the Constitution so as to conform to the ritual. A few of the Grand Chapters who have adopted the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, have done so with the exception of that part changing the titles of the officers, but more of them have adopted the work and then changed their laws so as to conform thereto.

I beg to call your attention to the negligence of the Companions in choosing and having properly recorded, their "mark." This seems to me to be an essential point, and some rule should be adopted requiring that it should be done before the candidate receives the Royal Arch degree.

Regulation No. 5, which seems to permit the re-opening of a dark ballot, is not in accordance with the rule and practice in



other Grand Bodies, and I recommend that it be repealed and that the rule of the Grand Lodge of Florida, in such cases, be adopted.

Regulation No. 24, says that a dispensation may be granted to confer the degrees short of time on certain emergency stated, while regulation No. 27 says: "No emergency should ever be brought to the consideration of a Chapter, and no degree shall be conferred on an applicant until he has satisfied the Examining Committee of his proficiency." These two regulations seem to conflict, and mention is made of an "Examining Committee," of which I can find no mention elsewhere, nor has this custom or rule prevailed in any of the Chapters which I have visited in this jurisdiction. I therefore recommend that these regulations be amended so as to avoid this apparent conflict.

I am unable to find any record of the repeal of Regulation No. 29, which requires the printing of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence during recess, but for some years no report has been printed, owing to our financial condition. This matter should be looked to, and no Regulation be allowed to remain on our books which is not fully and completely complied with.

Regulation No. 38, recommends "Mackey's Book of the Chapter" for use in the Chapter, but as we have now adopted the General Grand Chapter Ritual, and as Mackey's Book of the Chapter is not arranged in conformity therewith, I recommend that Gould's Guide to the Royal Arch Chapter be adopted instead, it being better adapted to our use.

## RITUAL.

At the last Annual Grand Convocation the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was adopted as the authorized work in this jurisdiction, and a committee appointed to arrange a plan for its dissemination and to assist the Grand Secretary in that work. Various causes have prevented any action by that Committee, which is to be regretted, for the sooner we can procure uniformity in these matters the better it will be. To say that I am deeply interested in its promulgation is but partially expressing my feelings, and I trust such action may be taken at this session as will accomplish the desired end. I am advised by those who are familiar with it, that it more fully and faithfully carries out the symbolism of the degrees than any other work in use, and much more so than that used in some of our country Chapters. Its strongest recommendation is that it is more generally used by other jurisdictions than any other. The High Priests of the Chapters should be impressed with the neces-

sity of becoming thoroughly familiar with its details, that they at once impart their knowledge to their officers and members.

The Library and papers of our Grand Secretary's office are scattered and unarranged because no cases have been provided for their reception. This is a matter that should receive your attention, and arrangements should be made at once for proper and suitable furniture for the use of our Grand Secretary, and for the preservation of our rapidly increasing library. At the same time some arrangement should be made for an office for the Grand Secretary suited to the dignity of this Grand Body.

And now, Companions, the brief record of the year is before you, and I commit to your care the interests of our Royal Craft in our jurisdiction. I tender to you, my Companions, officers and members of the Grand Chapter, and of the Royal Craft generally, my thanks for the kind and fraternal courtesies extended to me at all times, and to our Grand Secretary for the efficient aid rendered me during the past year. May heaven illuminate our pathway through life's journey, and at the end may the opening of the veils admit us all to the realms of eternal joy.

SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
Grand High Priest.

On motion of Companion Marcus Endel, the address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects. The Deputy Grand High Priest announced as such committee, the following named Companions, to wit: Marcus Endel, J. W. Boyd and H. J. Stewart.

## VISITORS.

On motion of Companion Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., all Companion Royal Arch Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Companion Angus Paterson, duly adopted, that when the Grand Chapter call off it be to 3:30 this afternoon.

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. E. Warren Tyler, Grand Treasurer, presented the following report, which was received and referred to Committee on Finance:



REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER OF GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA, MAY 8TH, 1894.

Warren Tyler, *Grand Treasurer.*  
Cr.

|                 |                                                  |          |            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1893.           |                                                  |          |            |
| May 10.         | By H. S. Ely, retiring Grand Treas.              | \$595 21 |            |
| 20.             | " " " " " "                                      | 8 00     |            |
| Dec. 1.         | " So. Sav's & Trust Co., Int. on deposit         | 4 54     |            |
| 1894.           |                                                  |          |            |
| May 8.          | W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary                    | 565 00   | \$1,172 75 |
| Dr.             |                                                  |          |            |
| 1893.           |                                                  |          |            |
| May 10.         | To mileage and per diem                          | \$130 60 |            |
| " 10.           | " Grand Guard J. F. Clark                        | 15 50    |            |
| " 10.           | " W. A. McLean, Gr. Sec'y, salary                | 100 00   |            |
| " 10.           | " " " " printing                                 | 60 00    |            |
| " 10.           | " " " " proceedings                              | 60 00    |            |
| " 10.           | " W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, stationery, etc | 60 00    | \$375 60   |
| Sept. 20.       | " Crosby Dawkins, Insurance                      | 9 50     |            |
|                 |                                                  |          | <hr/>      |
| Balance on hand |                                                  |          | \$797 15   |

Fraternally submitted,

• WARREN TYLER,  
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, which was received and referred to Committee on Finance:

The annual report of the Grand Secretary will be brief, as there is but little to communicate. Three hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of last Grand Annual Convocation were printed and distributed, the first of these having been mailed on the twentieth day after the close of the session.

One dispensation for a new Chapter was granted by the Grand High Priest during the year—Jasper Chapter, U. D. The reports received from this new Chapter are very encouraging, and a charter will be applied for at the present annual convocation, the application therefor, together with accompanying papers and records, are ready for delivery to the appropriate committee when appointed.

On account of the continued financial pressure, the expected and fondly hoped for increase in the number of new Chapters and members has not been realized, though there seems to be no good reason why some of the dormant Chapters should not have been revived. At the time of selecting members for new charters last year, it was expected that at least two of these Chapters would resume labor, therefore the members borne by them were not assigned, and it is earnestly desired that they will at an early day resume labor, and thus add to the number of working Chapters in this jurisdiction.

Your Grand Secretary has received from all sources the sum of \$565. This amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt therefor is herewith presented for your inspection and consideration.

Chapters bearing the following numbers have made returns and paid dues, viz: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22.

The Grand Secretary has been placed under obligations to the members of the Royal Craft in our own as well as of sister jurisdictions, and for uniform courtesies extended to, and favors bestowed upon this Scribe in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him. He cannot fail to realize his obligations to the M. E. Grand High Priest, who has at all times been ready, willing and anxious to render assistance when necessary to do so.

Fourteen of the fifteen chartered Chapters have made returns and thirteen of this number have paid annual dues and are entitled to representation in the Grand Chapter.

It is matter of regret that one Chapter, located in one of the most prosperous cities of the State, failed to make returns. No cause has been assigned for this failure, but from the well known zeal of some of the members of that Chapter, it is safe to conclude that the failure in this particular cannot be attributed to indifference, and we confidently believe that their returns and dues will be forthcoming at an early date.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.

W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida. Amount received from all sources for the year 1893:

|                                        |                           |          |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Dues from Florida                      | Chapter, No. 1, for 1893, | \$27 00  |
| " Gainesville                          | " " 2, "                  | 29 00    |
| " Tampa                                | " " 3, "                  | 15 00    |
| " St. Johns                            | " " 4, "                  | 37 00    |
| " Eureka                               | " " 7, "                  | 24 00    |
| " Madison                              | " " 8, "                  | 39 00    |
| " Putnam                               | " " 9, "                  | 55 00    |
| " Jacksonville                         | " " 12, "                 | 84 00    |
| " Monroe                               | " " 15, "                 | 32 00    |
| " Plant City                           | " " 16, "                 | 32 00    |
| " Providence                           | " " 20, "                 | 25 00    |
| " Island                               | " " 21, "                 | 39 00    |
| " Thomas Brown                         | " " 22, "                 | 26 00    |
| " Ocala                                | " " 13, for 1892,         | 30 00    |
| " Providence                           | " " 20, "                 | 21 00    |
| Charter fee from Jasper Chapter, U. D. |                           | 50 00    |
|                                        |                           | <hr/>    |
|                                        |                           | \$565 00 |

May 8, 1894, Paid Warren Tyler, *Grand Treasurer.* \$565 00  
Fraternally submitted,  
W. A. McLEAN, Grand Secretary.



The Committee on Grand High Priest's address, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 8, 1894.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Special Committee to which was referred the address of the Grand High Priest for distribution of subjects, beg leave to report that we have had same under careful consideration, and recommend,

That so much thereof as relates to our Fraternal Dead and the demise of distinguished Companions of sister Grand Jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Memorials;

That so much of the address as refers to Dispensations for New Chapters, and Special Dispensations Granted, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws;

That all matters pertaining to decisions and laws be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the appointment of Grand Representatives as reported be confirmed by the Grand Chapter;

We commend and approve the recommendations of the Grand High Priest that refers to the revision of the Constitution and Regulations, and recommend that the same be referred to a special Committee to report at the next Grand Convocation a revised code of Regulations and a Constitution to conform to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter.

We recommend that all matters relating to the Ritual be referred to the Committee on Work.

We recommend, in conformity with the suggestions of the Grand High Priest, regarding the necessity for providing suitable furniture for Grand Secretary's office, that a special Committee be appointed to procure and purchase such furniture and conveniences as may be required, and that an appropriation of funds for payments of same be made.

Fraternally submitted,  
 MARCUS ENDEL,  
 J. W. BOYD,  
 H. J. STEWART,  
 Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 3:30 this afternoon.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

May 9, 1894.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3:30 p. m., with officers as at the morning session.

Minutes of morning session were read and confirmed.

### RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Committee on Returns and Credentials present the following report for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

We have carefully examined all the returns in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and find that fourteen Chapters have made returns for the year ending Dec. 27th, A. D. 1893, and all of these, with the exception of one, have paid their dues.—Ocala, No. 13.

Providence Chapter No. 20, paid \$26.00, when the returns show that they were due \$29.00.

We recommend that the Secretaries of particular Chapters prepare their annual returns as early as practicable after the 27th of December in each and every year, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary together with their annual dues, without unnecessary delay. By adopting the suggestions of the Committee, ample time will be afforded for correcting errors and supplying deficiencies, should any exist, and enable the Grand Secretary to have his reports and accounts ready for presentation at the opening of the Annual Convocation

Fraternally submitted,  
 W. A. McLEAN,  
 C. J. HAYES,  
 W. M. McINTOSH,  
 Committee.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, and the same was received and adopted:

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 8, 1894.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the proceedings of the previous Grand Convocations, and find no unfinished business to report, with this exception: We find that the work of the Committee for disseminating the General Grand Chapter work and of the Committee to procure a suitable place for the annual convocations of this Grand Chapter, has not been completed, but presume, as these committees are yet to report, these matters will receive consideration at this convocation.

I. E. WEBSTER,  
E. F. BARNES,  
W. M. DUNN,  
Committee.

On motion of Companion John H. Stephens, so much of the report of the Committee on Annual Address of the Grand High Priest relating to furniture and supplies for the Grand Secretary's office, instead of reference thereof to a special committee, the same was referred to the Committee on Finance, for such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed proper in the premises.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, the hour of eight o'clock was fixed as the time of meeting for the evening session of the Grand Chapter.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

On motion of Companion John H. Stephens, the special order of business for 8:30 at the evening session, will be the annual election of Grand Officers.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

M. E. G. H. P.: Your Committee on By-Laws and Dispensations report as follows: We have examined the copy of the records of Jasper Royal Arch Chapter, U. D., of Jasper, Fla.,

and find them correct, and their by-laws are in accordance with the constitution and rulings of this Grand Chapter, and we recommend that a charter be granted them.

Respectfully submitted.

O. S. WRIGHT,  
W. H. JEWELL,  
D. MACLACHLAN,  
Committee.

RITUAL.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report relating to the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, which was received and adopted.

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

By reference to the printed proceedings of the annual convocation of this Grand Chapter in 1893, a committee was appointed to assist the Grand Secretary in disseminating the work recommended by the General Grand Chapter of the United States as contained in the Ritual adopted by this Grand Chapter last year; That committee for good and sufficient reasons failed to meet, even for consultation, but the Grand Secretary is prepared to present the work to this Grand Chapter, and will take pleasure in doing so at such time as may be desired.

Fraternally,  
W. A. MCLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.

RITUAL.

On motion of Companion R. A. Monsalvatge, the Grand Secretary was requested to present the work as contained in the Ritual, for the benefit of the Grand Chapter, and in accordance with said request, the work will be presented at the evening session.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following paper, which, on motion was referred to the committee on finance for such suggestions and report thereon as may be deemed for the best interests of the Grand Chapter.

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally represent that for years past this Grand Chapter has not been able



to indulge in the luxury of a report on correspondence, and though it is a well known fact that the Grand Chapter is in better condition financially than heretofore, at the same time your committee cannot assume the responsibility of incurring the expense required in the matter of printing such a report, and we therefore request that such action be taken in the premises as may be deemed for the best interests of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,  
W. A. McLEAN,  
Chairman.

#### JASPER CHAPTER.

The charter granted to the Chapter heretofore working under dispensation, and known as Jasper Chapter U. D., located at Jasper, in Hamilton County, Florida, was signed by the Grand Officers; said Chapter will be known as Jasper Chapter, No. 10, with officers as follows: Henry J. Stewart, High Priest; Eli C. Horne, King; and Frank Adams, Scribe.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, Companion Henry J. Stewart, named in the Charter to be High Priest of said Chapter, was duly installed. Companion Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., by request of M. E. Grand High Priest, performed the installation service.

Companion Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., presented the following resolution, which, on motion was duly adopted:

*Resolved*, That in consequence of the notification by Temple Lodge No. 23, F. & A. M., of the indefinite suspension of Companion Henry S. Ely, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota near this Grand Chapter, and the consequent suspension of said Companion in Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, and also in the Grand Chapter of Florida; That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the Grand Chapter of Minnesota of said action, and request the appointment of another Grand Representative to be nominated by the Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

#### EUREKA CHAPTER No. 7.

Companion William H. Jewell, High Priest of Eureka Chapter No. 7, presented an application from that Chapter for a duplicate charter, as the one issued to that Chapter January 19, 1886, having been damaged to such extent that it cannot now

answer the purpose for which it was intended. Companion Marcus Endel presented the following which was duly adopted, to-wit:

*Whereas*, Application having been made by Eureka Chapter No. 7, for the issuance of a new, or duplicate charter to replace the one so damaged as to be scarcely legible, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to issue such duplicate charter, attaching thereto a copy of this resolution over his own signature and the seal of the Grand Chapter.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee appointed last year to confer with the proper authorities of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. of Florida, with a view to suitable arrangements for the annual convocations of the Grand Chapter, presented the following report, and the same was adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Special Committee, appointed at the last annual convocation to consult with the proper representatives of the Grand Lodge of Florida for the purpose of securing suitable quarters for this assembly, beg leave to report.

The Board of Trustees having charge of the Grand Lodge hall, has cordially tendered its use without charge, the only condition being that this Grand Body shall pay for gas consumed and clean the hall after adjournment, this courtesy to continue so long as the building shall remain in the custody of the present Board of Trustees.

Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, having exclusive control of the fourth floor and having tendered the same courtesies, your committee desires to convey the information that we are now the guests of said Chapter, and would recommend that a suitable appropriation be made to cover the cost of gas used while occupying the apartments of this body.

ANGUS PATERSON,  
JOHN H. STEPHENS,  
Special Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until eight o'clock this evening.



## EVENING SESSION.

May 8, 1894, 8 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Present—M. E. Silas B. Wright, Grand High Priest, and others, as at afternoon session.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

## FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

Companion W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, presented fraternal greetings on behalf of Companion Enos Wasgate, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. On motion of Companion Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., the Grand Secretary was directed to respond in fitting terms.

## ANNUAL ELECTION.

The order of business at the hour of 8:30 being the election of Grand Officers, the election was held, and resulted as follows, Companion Marcus Endel, by appointment of the Grand High Priest, acting as teller:

Companion William M. McIntosh, of Tallahassee, was unanimously elected Grand High Priest; Companion John H. Stephens, of Jacksonville, was unanimously elected Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion William H. Jewell, of Orlando, was unanimously elected Grand King; Companion Warren Tyler, of Bartow, was unanimously elected Grand Scribe; Companion Wilber P. Webster, of Jacksonville, was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer; Companion William A. McLean, of Jacksonville, was unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary; Companion Irving E. Webster, of Gainesville, was unanimously re-elected Grand Chaplain.

In accordance with the request of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary presented the work as prescribed by the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

## COMMITTEE ON REVISION.

The Grand High Priest appointed Companions W. A. McLean, Marcus Endel and John H. Stephens as a Committee on Revision of Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, to report at next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Companion Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., duly adopted, that the time of meeting to-morrow be the hour of ten o'clock, A. M., and that the newly elected and appointed officers be installed at the hour of H 12.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



## MORNING SESSION.

May 9, 1894, 10 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor, M. E. Silas B. Wright, Grand High Priest, and others as at the evening session.

Minutes of evening session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received, and on motion, adopted :

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida :*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence having duly considered the various rulings and decisions reported by the M. E. G. H. P., beg to report that finding the same to be in harmony with the laws and usage that prevail in this jurisdiction, are approved. Your Committee has also had under consideration the recommendations of the M. E. G. H. P. relating to the revision of the Regulations and the adoption of a Constitution to accord with the requirements of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and recognizing the necessity for such revision and harmonizing of our laws, commend the action of the Grand Chapter in appointing a special committee to accomplish this desired purpose. This action having been taken by the Grand Chapter, we do not feel any necessity of further comment thereon. We find, upon examination of the proceedings of former Grand Convocations that various amendments and regulations changing the laws have been adopted, therefore, in considering questions of jurisprudence, the printed proceedings subsequent to the year 1889 must all be examined and considered in connection with the code as published in that year.

Fraternally submitted

MARCUS ENDEL,  
ANGUS PATERSON,  
J. W. BOYD,  
Committee.

The Finance Committee presented the following report, and the same was adopted :

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter :*

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report :

We have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct recommending approval of same.

We further recommend the following appropriations : To W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, salary, \$150 ; to W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, printing proceedings, \$75 ; to W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, postage and stationery, \$60 ; to J. F. Clark, Grand Guard, \$15. Also, that the officers of the Grand Chapter and one representative from each particular chapter be allowed a per diem of two dollars for two days each and mileage at the rate of five cents per mile one way, computed by the shortest line, as per schedule attached.

We recommend that an appropriation of three dollars be made to cover cost of ice and gas used during this convocation.

We further recommend that an appropriation of one hundred and twenty dollars be made to procure a suitable office for the Grand Secretary and for the preservation of the library and records of this Grand Body.

That the Grand Secretary be authorized to use necessary funds to carry out the resolution requiring the purchase of rituals, same to be refunded by the particular Chapters, as rituals are delivered.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure such office furniture as may be absolutely necessary in the care of records and library.

We have carefully considered the communication and request of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as to the advisability of formulating and sending out a report at the present time, and fraternally submit that, while recognizing the benefits resulting from an interchange of views and opinions upon important questions arising in the various jurisdictions, we are admonished that the state of our finances will not justify us in the expenditure of such amount as would be required to defray the expense of printing a report of such magnitude as would reflect credit upon ourselves and do justice to sister jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN H. STEPHENS,  
JAMES W. BOYD,  
WILBER P. WEBSTER,  
Committee.



## GRAND CHAPTER R. A. M. PAYROLL FOR MAY, 1894.

| Names.              | No. | Chapter.         | Miles. | Mile-<br>age. | Per<br>Diem. | Total.    |
|---------------------|-----|------------------|--------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Silas B. Wright...  |     | G. H. P.....     | 107    | 5 35          | 4 00         | 9 35      |
| Wm. M. McIntosh     |     | D. G. H. P.....  | 166    | 8 30          | 4 00         | 12 30     |
| Jno. H. Stephens.   |     | G. K.....        |        |               | 4 09         | 4 00      |
| Warren Tyler.....   |     | G. Treas.....    | 210    | 10 50         | 4 00         | 14 50     |
| Chas. J. Hayes..... |     | G. R. A. C.....  | 56     | 2 80          | 4 00         | 6 80      |
| D. MacLachlan....   | 1   | Tallahassee..... | 166    | 8 30          | 4 00         | 12 30     |
| M. Endel.....       | 2   | Gainesville..... | 69     | 3 45          | 4 00         | 7 45      |
| W. M. Dunn.....     | 4   | DeLand.....      | 107    | 5 35          | 4 00         | 9 35      |
| W. H. Jewell.....   | 7   | Eureka.....      | 147    | 7 35          | 4 00         | 11 35     |
| N. T. Elliott.....  | 8   | Madison.....     | 110    | 5 50          | 4 00         | 9 50      |
| E. E. Haskell.....  | 9   | Putnam.....      | 56     | 2 80          | 4 00         | 6 80      |
| W. P. Webster.....  | 12  | Jacksonville.... |        |               | 4 00         | 4 00      |
| E. F. Barnes.....   | 15  | Monroe.....      | 125    | 6 25          | 4 00         | 10 25     |
| O. S. Wright.....   | 16  | Plant City.....  | 192    | 9 60          | 4 00         | 13 60     |
| R. A. Monsalvatge   | 21  | Island.....      | 512    | 25 60         | 4 00         | 29 60     |
| J. W. Boyd.....     | 22  | ThomasBrown      | 210    | 10 50         | 4 00         | 14 50     |
| I. E. Webster.....  |     | G. Chaplain...   | 69     | 3 45          | 4 00         | 7 45      |
| H. J. Stewart.....  | 10  | Jasper.....      | 91     | 4 55          | 4 00         | 8 55      |
| J. W. Perry.....    | 20  | Providence.....  | 60     | 3 00          | 4 00         | 7 00      |
| Total,              |     |                  |        |               |              | \$ 195 65 |

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida :*

The Committee on Memorials present but a slight report as the data that comes to us shows that the hand of Death has fallen lightly upon this jurisdiction during the past year.

The great lesson of mortality has but once been brought to our notice in the calling from earthly labor to eternal refreshment our beloved Companion Hugh A. Corley, Past High Priest of Jackson Chapter No. 1, who was laid to rest by his Companions, on April 28th last.

He was a man of inflexible fidelity, serving this Grand Chapter for several years as Grand Secretary, fulfilling the duties of that office faithfully and well.

While his death comes as a surprise to us our hearts go out in sympathy to the loved who mourn the loss, and extend to them our fraternal sympathy and condolence.

We notice with profound sorrow the loss sustained by our sister jurisdictions in the death of prominent and influential members of the Craft. Some of the ablest and most zealous workers having thrown aside their mantles, finished their course and entered into rest. The names of which will appear in our

printed proceedings. To those jurisdictions who have thus suffered would we express our deepest sympathy and condolence, commending them to Him who ruleth all things for our best good, trusting that the influence of the lives of these men may stimulate us to greater zeal that when the summons shall come we may triumphantly enter the portals of King's Temple.

I. E. WEBSTER,  
E. E. HASKELL,  
WM. H. JEWELL,

Committee.

NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The following resolution was presented by Companion R. A. Monsalvatge, which was received and unanimously adopted :

*Resolved:* That the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter be held at Jacksonville at the hour of 4:30 P. M., on the second Tuesday in May, A.D., 1895.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the M. E. High Priest and Grand Chapter of Florida :*

It is with pleasure that your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, begs to report that no matter has been presented that required attention.

This is the second year that said committee has been relieved from arduous work. It must be a source of congratulation to the Royal Craft to note the harmony and pleasant relations which exist amongst same, and which, it is to be hoped will so continue.

Fraternally submitted,

R. A. MONSALVATGE,  
N. T. ELLIOTT,  
WARREN TYLER,

Committee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Secretary, W. A. McLean, presented the following paper relating to Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Florida, and the action of this Grand Chapter thereon at the annual convocation of 1891.

*Whereas:* At the annual convocation of this Grand Chapter in May, A. D. 1892, the committee on residue of the annual address of the Grand High Priest, made the following recommendation :



"We further advise that as far as practicable the Grand High Priest select for recommendation to other Grand Chapters as representatives near this Grand Chapter, Companions who do not already represent other Grand Chapters, and who are regular attendants on this Grand Chapter, and failure of any Grand Representative to attend three consecutive Grand Annual Conventions shall cause the office to be declared vacant, and new representatives shall be recommended for appointment."

And the same having been adopted, it is now the law of this Grand Chapter.

*And Whereas:* The said action has the appearance of a disposition on the part of this Grand Chapter to legislate for other Grand Chapters regarding the term of office of Grand Representatives appointed and commissioned by Grand Chapters in fraternal intercourse with the Grand Chapter of Florida;

*Therefore Resolved:* That the aforesaid action of this Grand Chapter be, and is hereby rescinded, and that the matter of recommendations for appointment of Grand Representatives near this Grand Chapter be left to the sound discretion of the Grand High Priest.

On motion of Companion Endel the same was received and adopted.

#### INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The following named Companions having been duly elected at the evening session as Grand Officers for the ensuing year, were severally installed into their respective offices, by Companion Irving E. Webster, Past Grand High Priest, Companion Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., acting as Grand Marshal:

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH..... | Grand High Priest        |
| JOHN H. STEPHENS.....    | Deputy Grand High Priest |
| WILLIAM H. JEWELL.....   | Grand King               |
| WARREN TYLER.....        | Grand Scribe             |
| WILBER P. WEBSTER.....   | Grand Treasurer          |

The Grand High Priest made the following appointments, and the said Companions were duly installed by Companion Irving E. Webster, P. G. H. P.:

DOUGALD MACLACHLAN—Grand Captain of the Host.  
CHARLES J. HAYES—Grand Principal Sojourner.

OLIN S. WRIGHT—Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
EVERARD F. BARNES—Grand Master 3d Vail.  
ELMER E. HASKELL—Grand Master 2d Vail.  
R. ALFRED MONSALVATGE—Grand Master 1st Vail.

The Grand High Priest re-appointed Companion James F. Clark, Grand Guard for the ensuing year.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain having been re-elected, and the Grand Guard re-appointed, installation of these officers was not necessary.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following named Companions as a Committee on Work:

Wm. A. McLean,  
John H. Stephens,  
Marcus Endel.

The Grand High Priest also appointed the following committees:

#### *On Foreign Correspondence—*

Wm. A. McLean,  
Marcus Endel,  
Angus Paterson.

#### *On Printing—*

Wm. A. McLean,  
Wilber P. Webster,  
John H. Stephens.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following named Companions presented commissions as Grand Representatives from other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Florida, viz:

Wm. H. Jewell, South Dakota.  
Silas B. Wright, District of Columbia.  
Wm. M. McIntosh, South Carolina.  
John H. Stephens, Georgia.  
Irving E. Webster, Massachusetts.



On motion of Companion Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., the said Companions were duly received with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, and each of the said Grand Representatives responded thereto in appropriate terms.

Companions Tyler and Boyd made eloquent and appropriate remarks on behalf of the Grand Chapters represented by them—Connecticut and Kentucky.

## COURTESIES.

A vote of thanks was tendered to transportation lines and hotels for courtesies extended to the members of the Grand Chapter.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

On motion of Companion Marcus Endel, the presentation of the work by the Grand Secretary at the evening session, was adopted as a report of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

## MINUTES.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter, with appropriate ceremonies was closed in ample form.

WM. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.

WM. M. McINTOSH,  
Grand High Priest.

For the information and encouragement of the Royal Craft in Florida, it is proper to state that after the close of the annual convocation a dispensation was granted by the Grand High Priest for a new Chapter at Apalachicola, under the name of Magnolia Chapter U. D., and we are informed that two other new Chapters will be formed during the year.

The Grand Secretary, deeming this as information of importance, takes great pleasure in communicating it for the benefit of all concerned.



## TO THE MEMORY OF THE COMPANIONS

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FROM THE CHAPTERS  
IN FLORIDA IN THE MASONIC YEAR A. D., 1893.

| NAME.              | CHAPTER.           | DATE.     |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| JOHN C. KEMPER,    | Florida No. 1,     | June 30.  |
| MATHEW LIVELY,     | Florida No. 1,     | Aug. 26.  |
| M. F. McCOOK,      | Gainesville No. 2, | Feb'y 15. |
| J. H. L. SLAYTON,  | St. Johns No. 4,   | Aug. —    |
| ANDREW A. BARNETT  | Madison No. 8,     | Jan'y 22. |
| JOHN F. DUNN,      | Ocala No. 13,      | Feb'y 12. |
| ROBERT DERBY, Jr., | Monroe No. 15,     | Aug. 30.  |





STATISTICS.

| CHAPTERS.    | Number. | Members Last Year. | Exalted. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Total. | Deaths. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present Membership. |
|--------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Florida      | 1       | 25                 | 3        |             |             | 28     | 2       |           |            |           | 25                  |
| Gainesville  | 2       | 33                 | 1        | 1           |             | 35     | 1       | 1         |            |           | 33                  |
| Tampa        | 3       | 17                 |          |             | 1           | 18     |         | 1         |            |           | 17                  |
| St. Johns    | 4       | 30                 | 7        |             |             | 37     | 1       |           |            |           | 35                  |
| Eureka       | 7       | 28                 |          |             | 1           | 29     |         | 3         | 2          |           | 22                  |
| Madison      | 8       | 48                 | 1        |             |             | 50     | 1       |           |            |           | 48                  |
| Putnam       | 9       | 46                 | 5        | 1           |             | 52     |         | 3         | 5          |           | 44                  |
| Jacksonville | 12      | 72                 | 7        | 1           | 1           | 81     |         | 1         | 5          |           | 77                  |
| Ocala        | 13      | 62                 | 1        | 2           |             | 65     | 1       | 1         | 5          |           | 58                  |
| Monroe       | 15      |                    | 6        | 1           |             | 27     | 1       |           | 1          |           | 24                  |
| Plant City   | 16      |                    |          |             |             | 27     |         | 3         |            |           | 23                  |
| Providence   | 20      | 29                 | 3        |             | 1           | 33     |         |           |            |           | 29                  |
| Island       | 21      | 30                 |          |             |             |        |         |           |            |           | 30                  |
| Thomas Brown | 22      | 29                 |          | 1           |             | 30     |         |           |            |           | 29                  |
| *Mt. Moriah  | 24      | 33                 |          |             |             |        |         |           |            |           | 33                  |
| Jasper       | 10      | 496                | 43       | 8           | 4           | 511    | 7       | 15        | 18         |           | 549                 |
|              |         | Chartered          | May      | 8,          | 1894.       |        |         |           |            |           | 15                  |

\*Return of 1892.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

| CHAPTER.     | No. | LOCATION.    | TIME OF MEETING.                 |
|--------------|-----|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Florida      | 1   | Tallahassee  | Second and fourth Monday.        |
| Gainesville  | 2   | Gainesville  | First Monday.                    |
| Tampa        | 3   | Tampa        | Second and fourth Friday.        |
| St. Johns    | 4   | DeLand       | Second Monday.                   |
| Eureka       | 7   | Orlando      | First and third Tuesday.         |
| Madison      | 8   | Madison      | First and third Monday.          |
| Putnam       | 9   | Palatka      | Second and fourth Monday.        |
| Jasper       | 10  | Jasper       | First Thursday.                  |
| Jacksonville | 12  | Jacksonville | Fourth Thursday.                 |
| Ocala        | 13  | Ocala        | First Monday.                    |
| Monroe       | 15  | Sanford      | First and third Tuesday.         |
| Plant City   | 16  | Plant City   | Friday before 1st and 3d Sunday. |
| Providence   | 20  | Providence   | Second Thursday.                 |
| Island       | 21  | Key West     | Second and fourth Wednesday.     |
| Thomas Brown | 22  | Bartow       | Second Friday.                   |
| Mt. Moriah   | 24  | Pensacola    | Second and fourth Friday.        |

JASPER CHAPTER, NO. 10, JASPER, FLA., CHARTERED MAY 8, A. D. 1894.

Members—Henry J Stewart, H. P.; Eli C. Horne, K.; Frank Adams, S.; Joseph D. Tuten, Treas.; J. M. Guilliams, Sec.; John E. Hanna, C. B. Tompkins, C. J. McGehee, D. B. Johnson, O. M. Gordon, F. L. Rees, John M. Caldwell, L. E. Roberson, E. P. Smith.



CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTER.           | No. | HIGH PRIEST.            | KING.                 | SCRIBE.              | TREASURER.           | SECRETARY.             | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Florida.....       | 1   | D. MacLachlan.....      | Charles Munroe.....   | W. M. McIntosh, Jr   | Robert Gamble .....  | Wm. M. McIntosh.       | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville.....   | 2   | Syd. L. Carter.....     | A. T. Sharpe.....     | Evans Haile.....     | John R. Eddins.....  | Irving E. Webster..    | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa.....         | 3   | M. D. Cushing .....     | William Irwin.....    | John T. Gunn .....   | R. B. Thomas.....    | John C. White.....     | Tampa.         |
| St. Johns .....    | 4   | Wm. M. Dunn.....        | L. E. Spencer.....    | W. B. Fudger.....    | J. B. Jordan.....    | J. H. Hibbard.....     | DeLand.        |
| Eureka .....       | 7   | Wm. H. Jewell.....      | J. N. Bradshaw .....  | B. F. Bowen .....    | Mahlon Gore.....     | Charles Lord.....      | Orlando.       |
| Madison .....      | 8   | N. T. Elliott.....      | Joseph Townsend.....  | Lucien F. Frink..... | H. J. Parramore..... | James E. Pound.....    | Madison.       |
| Putnam .....       | 9   | Wm. H. Cyrus.....       | Elmer E. Haskell..... | Wm. G. Tilghman..... | Moritz Kohl.....     | Wm. P. Anderson.....   | Palatka.       |
| Jasper.....        | 10  | Henry J. Stewart.....   | Eli C. Horne.....     | Frank Adams.....     | Joseph D. Tuten..... | John M. Williams.....  | Jasper.        |
| Jacksonville ..... | 12  | Wilber P. Webster.....  | Irving E. Baird.....  | R. V. Rogero.....    | Otis L. Keene.....   | Thomas Davis .....     | Jacksonville.  |
| Ocala .....        | 13  | James H. Whitfield..... | S. D. Zacharias.....  | S. H. Richmond ..... | William Fox.....     | Simon Benjamin.....    | Ocala.         |
| Monroe .....       | 15  | E. F. Barnes.....       | D. L. Way.....        | T. E. Criggal .....  | M. E. Bishop .....   | Ira T. Lohr.....       | Sanford.       |
| Plant City.....    | 16  | Olin S. Wright.....     | J. L. Young .....     | Wm. Collins.....     | Jasper Evers.....    | S. E. Mays, Jr.....    | Plant City.    |
| Providence.....    | 20  | J. M. Tolbert.....      | Wm. J. Feagles.....   | L. M. Koon.....      | R. C. Martin.....    | Archibald C. Odom..... | Providence.    |
| Island .....       | 21  | Wm. McClintock .....    | Benj. Albury .....    | Joseph A. Day.....   | Samuel Filer.....    | R. A. Monsalvatge..... | Key West.      |
| Thomas Brown ..... | 22  | James W. Boyd.....      | Henry Payne .....     | Wm. H. Johnson ..... | D. W. Stanley.....   | Warren Tyler.....      | Bartow.        |
| Mt. Moriah.....    | 24  | A. L. Williams.....     | C. McK. Oerting.....  | J. M. Hilliard.....  | W. H. Northrup.....  | L. C. Bennett.....     | Pensacola.     |

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| GRAND CHAPTERS.            | GRAND SECRETARIES.        | P. O. ADDRESS.                      |
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| Delaware.....              | James H. Price.....       | Wilmington.                         |
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| Kentucky.....              | H. B. Grant.....          | Louisville.                         |
| Louisiana.....             | Richard Lambert.....      | New Orleans.                        |
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| Michigan.....              | Serranus Bowen.....       | Coldwater.                          |
| Minnesota.....             | Jefferson S. Conover..... | St. Paul.                           |
| Missouri.....              | Thomas Montgomery.....    | St. Louis.                          |
| Mississippi.....           | William H. Mayo.....      | Jackson.                            |
| Nebraska.....              | J. L. Power.....          | Omaha.                              |
| Nevada.....                | William R. Bowen.....     | Carson City.                        |
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| New Hampshire.....         | William A. Ewing.....     | Concord.                            |
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| North Carolina.....        | Christopher G. Fox.....   | Wilmington.                         |
| North Dakota.....          | Horace H. Manson.....     | Casselton.                          |
| Ohio.....                  | Thomas J. Wilder.....     | Hatlix.                             |
| Oregon.....                | Alexander Ross.....       | Urbana.                             |
| Pennsylvania.....          | Charles C. Keifer.....    | Eugene.                             |
| Rhode Island.....          | James F. Robinson.....    | Masonic Temple, Phil <sup>a</sup> . |
| Scandinavia.....           | Charles E. Meyer.....     |                                     |
| Scotch Island.....         | Will. H. White.....       | P. O. 177 Montreal.                 |
| Scotland.....              | William R. Greene.....    | Providence.                         |
| South Carolina.....        | William R. Brown.....     | Edinburgh.                          |
| South Dakota.....          | Kobert S. Brown.....      | Charleston.                         |
| Tennessee.....             | J. E. Burke.....          | Memphis.                            |
| Texas.....                 | George A. Pettigrew.....  | Plainsville.                        |
| Vermont.....               | W. A. Glendinning.....    | Windsor.                            |
| Virginia.....              | George Lopez, Jr.....     | Burlington.                         |
| Washington.....            | Warren G. Reynolds.....   | Richmond.                           |
| West Virginia.....         | William B. Isaacs.....    | Walla Walla.                        |
| Wisconsin.....             | Yancey C. Blalock.....    | Chesham.                            |
| Wisconsin.....             | Odell S. Loong.....       | Milwaukee.                          |
| Wisconsin.....             | John W. Lallin.....       |                                     |



PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

Table with 6 columns: GRAND PRIESTS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND KINGS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND CHAPLAINS. Lists names from 1847 to 1878.

Table with 6 columns: GRAND PRIESTS, DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, GRAND KINGS, GRAND SCRIBES, GRAND TREASURERS, GRAND SECRETARIES, GRAND CHAPLAINS. Lists names from 1879 to 1893.

\*Dead.



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS | GRAND CHAPTERS      | OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA. |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|
| B B Pope, Gadsden.....                  | Alabama .....       | Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola                |
| W H Gee, Dardenell.....                 | Arkansas .....      | Wm B Barnett, Jacksonville               |
| James Moffat, London, Ontario.....      | Canada .....        | Robert J Perry, Key West                 |
| Roger W Woodbury, Denver.....           | Colorado.....       | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville                |
| J H Stidham, New Britain.....           | Connecticut.....    | Warren Tyler, Bartow                     |
| George W Beatty, Wilmington.....        | Delaware .....      |                                          |
| John Lockie, Washington, D C.....       | Dist Columbia.....  | Silas B Wright, DeLand                   |
| W A Davis, Macon.....                   | Georgia.....        | John H Stephens, Jacksonville            |
| W L Orr, Carrollton.....                | Illinois .....      | Hermon Glogowski, Tampa                  |
| Elmer Crockett, South Bend.....         | Indiana .....       | R B Shepherd, Milton                     |
| Caleb Lamb, Newton.....                 | Iowa .....          | Silas B Wright, DeLand                   |
| E D Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls.....     | Kansas.....         |                                          |
| J W Staten, Brooksville.....            | Kentucky.....       | James W Boyd, Bartow                     |
| Henry Hamburger, New Orleans.....       | Louisiana.....      | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville                |
| Henry R Taylor, Machias.....            | Maine .....         | Hermon Glogowski, Tampa                  |
| Nathan Leyman.....                      | Maryland.....       | Wm W Tucker, Jacksonville                |
| Alexander K Bryer.....                  | Massachusetts.....  | Irving E Webster, Gainesville            |
| John F Benezet, St Paul.....            | Minnesota.....      |                                          |
| J L Power, Jackson.....                 | Mississippi.....    | Samuel Pasco, Monticello                 |
| C C Wood, Kansas City.....              | Missouri.....       | James W Boyd, Bartow                     |
| J J Monnell, Omaha.....                 | Nebraska.....       | R McClellan, Gainesville                 |
| W H B Sadler, St Johns.....             | New Brunswick.....  | Edgar A Richards, Orlando                |
| E L Tillow, Elizabeth.....              | New Jersey.....     | Robert J Perry, Key West                 |
| R G Williams, Utica.....                | New York.....       |                                          |
| Michael Bowes, Raleigh.....             | North Carolina..... | Irving E Webster, Gainesville            |
| John W Scott, Valley City.....          | North Dakota.....   | Marcus Endel, Jacksonville               |
| John M Lawson, Yarmouth.....            | Nova Scotia.....    | Wm A McLean, Jacksonville                |
| Wm E Evans, Chillicothe.....            | Ohio.....           | Wm M McIntosh, Tallahassee               |
| Thomas G Reams.....                     | Oregon.....         | Thomas S Wilmarth, Jacksonville          |
| R G Adams.....                          | Quebec.....         | Robert J Perry, Key West                 |
| Charles R Cutler, Warren.....           | Rhode Island.....   |                                          |
| George Fisher, Edenburgh.....           | Scotland.....       | George S Hallmark, Pensacola             |
| A T Smythe, Charleston.....             | South Carolina..... | Wm M McIntosh, Tallahassee               |
| John F Schraeder, Rapid City.....       | South Dakota.....   | William H Jewell, Orlando                |
| J C Smith, Jr, Jackson.....             | Tennessee.....      | George S Hallmark, Pensacola             |
| Hy Scherffius, Houston.....             | Texas.....          | Angus Paterson, Madison                  |
| E E Houghton, North Bennington.....     | Vermont.....        | C McK Oerting                            |
| James L Avis.....                       | Virginia.....       | Wm E Anderson, Pensacola                 |
| Thomas M Reed, Olympia.....             | Washington.....     | Silas B Wright, DeLand                   |
| Jere A Miller, Wheeling.....            | West Virginia.....  | Henry W Long, Martel                     |
| Fred Ring, Jr, Lacrosse.....            | Wisconsin.....      | R B Thomas, Tampa                        |

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A special convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, Florida, on the 18th day of January, A. D., 1894, the following officers and other members being present and participating:

M. E. Angus Paterson, President.  
M. E. Henry W. Long, *as* Vice-President.  
M. E. James H. Whitfield, *as* Chaplain.  
M. E. Olin S. Wright, *as* Treasurer.  
M. E. W. A. McLean, Secretary.  
M. E. Elijah H. Bunker, *as* Master of Ceremonies.  
M. E. Silas B. Wright, *as* Conductor.  
M. E. James W. Boyd, *as* Herald.  
M. E. James F. Clark, Guard.

The Grand Council with appropriate ceremonies was duly opened in ample form.

## PETITIONS.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from the following named Companions:

Nathaniel T. Elliott, High Priest of Madison Chapter No. 8, Wilber P. Webster, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, and Everard F. Barnes, High Priest of Monroe Chapter No. 15; and the said Companions being eligible, they were severally introduced and regularly consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form.

Companion Milton A. Fuller, a member of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, made application for affiliation with this Grand Council, and presenting satisfactory evidence of having been



anointed and consecrated a High Priest in due and ancient form, he was duly admitted to membership in this Grand Council.

There being no further business, the Grand Council, with appropriate ceremonies, was closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary.

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### Order of High Priesthood.

M. E. Angus Paterson, President of the Grand Council of Florida, called a special convention of the Grand Council at Madison, on the fifth day of March, A. D., 1894, for the purpose of conferring the Order of High Priesthood upon Companion Thomas J. Smith, Past High Priest of Madison Chapter No. 8, and a sufficient number of Companions—anointed High Priests—being present to form the convention, and the said Companion, Thomas J. Smith, being eligible, he was consecrated and anointed a High Priest in due and ancient form.

The Council was then closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary.

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### Special Convocation.

A special convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held at Gainesville on March 16, A. D., 1894, by order of M. E. Angus Paterson, President, for the purpose of conferring the Order upon Companion Syd. L. Carter, High Priest of Gainesville Royal Arch Chapter No. 2, and Com-

panion William K. Bartleson, Past High Priest of the same Chapter, and there being present the requisite number of members the said Companions were severally introduced and regularly consecrated and anointed in due and ancient form.

The Grand Council was then closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary.



### Order of High Priesthood.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, of the State of Florida, assembled at Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3:30 p. m., on Wednesday, May 9, A. D., 1894, in annual convocation:

#### PRESENT.

M. E. Angus Paterson, President.  
 M. E. James W. Boyd, Vice-President.  
 M. E. Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.  
 M. E. Warren Tyler, Treasurer.  
 M. E. Wm. A. McLean, Secretary.  
 M. E. Wm. M. McIntosh, Master of Ceremonies,  
 M. E. Silas B. Wright, *as* Conductor.  
 M. E. Charles J. Hayes, Herald.  
 M. E. R. Alfred Monsalvatge, *as* Steward.  
 M. E. James F. Clark, Guard.

Also the following named Companions:

Wilber P. Webster, Marcus Endel, Olin S. Wright, Wm. M. Somerville, Nathaniel T. Elliott, Dougald MacLachlan, and E. R. Richardson of Keystone Chapter No. 2, Nebraska; and Phineas G. C. Hunt, of Indianapolis Chapter No. 5, Indiana.

The Grand Council, with appropriate ceremonies, was duly opened in ample form.

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of the last Grand Council having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was, by order of the President, dispensed with.

#### PETITIONS.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from Companion William M. Dunn, High Priest of St Johns

Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, and from Companion Henry J. Stewart, High Priest of Jasper Chapter, No. 10.

On motion of Companion Wm. A. McLean, duly adopted, the fee of three dollars, in the case of Companion Henry J. Stewart, for good and satisfactory reasons, was remitted.

The said applicants being eligible, were severally introduced and regularly consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form.

On motion of Companion Irving E. Webster, the Treasurer was directed to pay ten dollars to the Secretary and five dollars to the Guard for services rendered.

The Treasurer presented the following annual report, and the same was received and adopted:

#### REPORT OF WARREN TYLER, TREASURER OF GRAND COUNCIL, ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

|              |                                                        |                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1893.        |                                                        |                |
| May 10.      | Received from W. A. McLean, Secretary.....             | \$12 00        |
| May 10.      | Paid James F. Clark, Guard.....                        | 2 50           |
|              |                                                        | <u>\$ 9 50</u> |
|              | Balance on hand.....                                   | 14 00          |
| 1894.        |                                                        |                |
| May 9.       | Received from W. A. McLean, Secretary.....             | \$23 00        |
| May 9, 1894. | Paid W. A. McLean, Secretary, by order of Council..... | \$10 00        |
| May 9, 1894. | Paid James F. Clark, Guard, by order of Council.....   | 5 00—          |
|              |                                                        | <u>\$ 8 50</u> |
|              | Balance on hand.....                                   |                |

The Secretary presented the following annual report, which was received and adopted:

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|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| WM. A. MCLEAN, SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND COUNCIL. |                |
| Received for fees from Companions—                       | \$ 3 00        |
| Everard F. Barnes.....                                   | 3 00           |
| Wilber P. Webster.....                                   | 3 00           |
| Nathaniel T. Elliott.....                                | 3 00           |
| Thomas J. Smith.....                                     | 3 00           |
| Syd. L. Carter.....                                      | 3 00           |
| William K. Bartleson.....                                | 3 00           |
| William M. Dunn.....                                     | <u>\$21 00</u> |

|              |                                        |                |
|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| May 9, 1894. | CR. Paid Warren, Tyler, Treasurer..... | \$14 00        |
| May 9, 1894. | Paid for seven certificates.....       | 7 00—          |
|              |                                        | <u>\$21 00</u> |



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Council proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and the following named Companions were duly elected:

- M. E. Angus Paterson, President.  
 " James W. Boyd, Vice-President.  
 " Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.  
 " Warren Tyler, Treasurer.  
 " Wm. A. McLean, Secretary.  
 " Wm. M. McIntosh, Master of Ceremonies.  
 " Silas B. Wright, Conductor.  
 " Charles J. Hayes, Herald.  
 " R. Alfred Montsalvatge, Steward.  
 " James F. Clark, Guard.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, a vote of thanks was tendered to Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, for use of hall, and M. E. Wilber P. Webster, High Priest, was requested to present same on behalf of the Grand Council.

The foregoing minutes, as also minutes of the several special convocations, were read and confirmed.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council, with appropriate ceremonies, was closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary.

## REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

| NAME.                        | DATE.                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DeWitt C. Dawkins*.....      | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| John F. Benezet.....         | " " "                        |
| David S. Walker*.....        | " " 19, 1888                 |
| Angus Paterson .....         | " " "                        |
| Henry W. Long .....          | " " "                        |
| William A. McLean .....      | " " "                        |
| D. Warwick Stanley.....      | " " "                        |
| Charles H. Munger.....       | " " "                        |
| Fred S. Goodrich.....        | " " "                        |
| William A. Griffeth.....     | " " "                        |
| James F. Clark .....         | " " "                        |
| William M. Somerville.....   | " " "                        |
| Marcus Endel .....           | " " "                        |
| William W. Tucker .....      | " " "                        |
| William E. Anderson.....     | " " "                        |
| William M. McIntosh, Sr..... | " " "                        |
| George S. Hallmark .....     | Affiliated " "               |
| James W. Boyd.....           | Consecrated January 16, 1889 |
| Samuel Pasco .....           | " " "                        |
| Julius Stark* .....          | " " 18, 1889                 |
| Herman Glogowski.....        | " " "                        |
| Robert McClellan .....       | " " "                        |
| J. W. V. R. Plummer.....     | " May 7, 1890                |
| John H. Stephens .....       | " " "                        |
| Thomas S. Wilmarth.....      | " " "                        |
| R. Alfred Monsalvatge .....  | " " "                        |
| Frank P. Mersereau .....     | " " "                        |
| Silas B. Wright.....         | " " "                        |
| Samuel A. Wauchope.....      | Affiliated May 13, 1891      |
| Irving E. Webster.....       | Consecrated " "              |
| Edgar A. Richards .....      | " " "                        |
| Warren Tyler.....            | " " 11, 1892                 |
| William H. Jewell.....       | " " "                        |
| William S. Jordan.....       | " " "                        |
| John D. Sinclair .....       | " " "                        |
| Elijah H. Bunker .....       | " " "                        |
| Charles J. Hayes.....        | " " "                        |



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|---------------------------|-------------|-------|----------|
| Dougald McLachlan.....    | Consecrated | May   | 11, 1892 |
| James H. Whitfield .....  | "           | "     | 12, 1892 |
| Alonzo M. Cushman .....   | "           | Nov.  | 12, 1892 |
| Olin S. Wright.....       | "           | May   | 10, 1893 |
| Alexander C. Martin ..... | "           | "     | "        |
| Bingham H. Chadwick.....  | "           | "     | "        |
| Nathaniel T. Elliott..... | "           | Jan.  | 18, 1894 |
| Wilber P. Webster .....   | "           | "     | "        |
| Everard F. Barnes.....    | "           | "     | "        |
| Milton A. Fuller.....     | Affiliated  | "     | "        |
| Thomas J. Smith .....     | Consecrated | March | 5, "     |
| Syd. L. Carter .....      | "           | "     | 16, "    |
| William K. Bartleson..... | "           | "     | 16, "    |
| Henry J. Stewart .....    | "           | May   | 9, "     |
| William M. Dunn .....     | "           | "     | 9, "     |

(\*Dead.)

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

We are fully aware of the fact that a report, however brief, will be expected at this time, and we must admit that such expectation is based upon good and sufficient reasons, and we are, in some measure, responsible for it, or, to say the least, what we have said about the matter heretofore, in our efforts to render excuses and make apologies for the absence of reports, will, no doubt, be regarded in the light of promises and pledges for the forthcoming of a very elaborate report at this time, but while it is true that one man, or a limited number of men may propose what may seem to be great things, Grand Chapters usually reserve to themselves the right of disposal, especially as regards finances; and in this connection an honest confession is very much in order, even though it should, to some extent, be impressed with the appearance of humiliation, while honest, unavoidable poverty is by no means disgraceful in its nature and tendencies, it is at all times very inconvenient and burdensome. The members of our obedience would be in favor of a full report on correspondence at the present time if the finances at command would justify it, but the fondly hoped for increase in the number of Chapters and members has not been realized, consequently, we find it necessary to economize as rigidly now as for several years past.

The Chairman of this Committee being Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and knowing full well the condition of the treasury, did not feel justified in preparing a report in view of the fact that the expense of printing the same would amount to as much as the cost of printing the Grand Chapter proceedings, the matter was therefore submitted to the Grand Chapter for such action as might be deemed for the best interest—first, of our own jurisdiction, and secondly, the jurisdictions in fraternal intercourse with us, and the result may be seen by reference to the proceedings of the present annual convocation. By reason of this action, (which



is eminently proper), we are restricted to the narrow limits of a mere explanation. It would afford us pleasure to be permitted to commune with the Royal Craft by reviewing the proceedings of the various jurisdictions, and, as far as possible, reciprocate the courtesies extended to us in the past.

Our relations with other jurisdictions are of the most pleasant and satisfactory character, and it is cause for congratulation that during the past year we have been adversely criticised in two instances *only*. The Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Louisiana, through their respective committees, have discovered what they claim to be unpardonable irregularities in certain acts and practices on the part of Florida, but we console ourselves with the reflection that our critics are wrong and we are right. As we are possessed of the usual quantum of human nature, it would hardly be considered human for us to believe otherwise than that our work will certainly pass inspection, adverse criticism to the contrary notwithstanding. We quote from the committee of Pennsylvania, as follows:

"Comp. O. S. Wright, named in the charter of Plant City Chapter as High Priest, and Comp. A. C. Martin, named in the charter of Monroe Chapter as King, being present, on motion duly adopted, the Grand High Priest appointed Comp. P. G. H. P. Angus Paterson to install said Companions W. and M. into respective offices—and his report thereon was duly received and adopted."

When were these Chapters constituted? A High Priest installed without a Chapter? A King installed without a High Priest or a Chapter? Again we note that before any action was taken as to the completion of charter and the constituting of the Chapter that these Chapters and Companions were placed upon the pay roll and had mileage and per diem awarded them. We are sure that if our good Companion, Grand Secretary Dawkins, were alive and present, things would not have been so mixed up as they now appear to be.

And yet, for the information of Pennsylvania, we will say that when our good Companion Dawkins was Grand Secretary, alive and present, the same thing occurred repeatedly, and with his approval, and never for a moment, did he entertain the idea that such a course of procedure mixed up matters in the least.

And again, we quote as follows:

We notice further something we do not understand. Comp. Alexander C. Martin, to whom we referred to above as having been installed as King of Monroe Chapter, No. 15, not then constituted or in existence, made application to the Grand Council for the Order of High Priesthood, was declared eligible, introduced and consecrated and anointed High Priest. Are Kings eligible to the Order of High Priesthood in Florida?

We answer emphatically, yes, Kings *are* eligible to the Order of High Priesthood in Florida, and so is the Scribe, or any other Royal Arch Mason in good standing, provided he has filled the office of High Priest of a Chapter, as was the fact in the case of Companion Martin. We do not retire our High Priests simply because they have had the honor of presiding over a Chapter. We sometimes have occasion to honor them with subordinate positions, and they adorn these positions by discharging the duties in such manner as to inspire confidence and command respect.

We quote from Louisiana as follows:

Two charters were granted to two Chapters, and thereupon the H. P. of one and the K. of the other were installed as such by a single Companion named by the Grand High Priest, and a certificate of such work was immediately thereafter presented to the Grand Chapter. From which we infer that the important work was done in the anteroom. We entirely dissent from such a practice. How did the Grand Chapter know that the Companions of the Chapter were still satisfied with the Companions? How and when were they chosen to office? Certainly they were not, and could not have been so chosen subsequent to the granting of the charter, and before that their Chapters, so-called, were simply recreatures of the Grand High Priest, having such rights as were granted them exclusively from his dispensation.

Suppose it be admitted as matter of fact that the installation was in the anteroom, and by a *single* Companion, the plain inference would be that it was under the authority and by the direction of the Grand Chapter, then in session, and was a part, even though a very small part, of the proceedings of the annual convocation. If there is or can be any good reason why the installation of a Chapter officer by the Grand Chapter when in session is not legal and eminently proper, we are not aware of it, and when convinced of the error of our ways, we will gladly reform.



For the information of Louisiana we will say that Florida does not grant charters unless a petition for that purpose is presented to the Grand Chapter, and it is required under our system of jurisprudence that the petition be signed by such Royal Arch Masons in good standing as desire to be members under the charter; the petitioners select and name the High Priest, King and Scribe to be appointed and commissioned as such by the Grand Chapter, and this petition, being signed by the members of the new Chapter, immediately preceding the annual convocation, the Grand Chapter is fully assured of the fact that the Companions are *still* satisfied with the Companions selected by them for officers.

Hoping that it might be possible for us to make a full report on correspondence, many things had been noted, upon which it was intended that such comments would be made as, in our judgment, might be deemed for the best interests of the fraternity at large, and our own jurisdiction in particular, but under existing circumstances, the very best that we can do is to show a willing mind in this direction, and to assure our Companions that they will lose but little when they make the discovery that our anticipated report must be conspicuous by its absence.

We would like very much to have somewhat to say upon the Grand Representative system—the General Grand Chapter, and other matters claiming more or less attention in these latter days, but, endeavoring to keep within the prescribed boundaries of legal restrictions, will only say that the action of the General Grand Chapter in adopting a system of work, was the right thing in the proper place, and should commend itself to the favorable consideration of every jurisdiction, as now the vexed question of uniformity can be definitely settled by promptly adopting and strictly adhering to this system.

W. A. McLEAN,  
For the Committee.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## GRAND CHAPTER

OF

# ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

## STATE OF FLORIDA.

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FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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PROCEEDINGS  
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The Forty-Ninth Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Florida was opened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, at 4:30 p. m. on Tuesday, May 14, A. D. 1895, A. I. 2425, with the following

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. WILLIAM M. McINTOSH . . . . . Grand High Priest  
R. E. JOHN H. STEPHENS . . . . . Deputy Grand High Priest  
" ALEX C. MARTIN . . . . . as Grand King  
" WARREN TYLER . . . . . Grand Scribe  
" WILBER P. WEBSTER . . . . . Grand Treasurer  
" WILLIAM A. McLEAN . . . . . Grand Secretary  
" IRVING E. WEBSTER . . . . . Grand Chaplain  
E. DOUGALD MacLACHLAN . . . . . Grand Captain of the Host  
" W. P. ANDERSON . . . . . as Grand Royal Arch Captain  
" CHARLES J. HAYES . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner  
" E. F. BARNES . . . . . as Grand Master 3d Vail  
" J. M. TOLBERT . . . . . as Grand Master 2d Vail  
" A. M. CUSHMAN . . . . . as Grand Master 1st Vail  
" JAMES F. CLARK . . . . . Grand Guard



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

## Past Grand High Priests :

W. A. McLEAN.  
 SILAS B. WRIGHT.  
 JAMES W. BOYD.  
 T. S. WILMARTH.

## Past High Priests :

A. M. CUSHMAN.  
 B. H. CHADWICK.

## And constituent Chapters represented as follows :

*Florida Chapter No. 1 :*

D. MACLACHLAN, proxy for High Priest,  
 King and Scribe.

*Gainesville Chapter No. 2 :*

G. W. HYDE, H. P.

*St. Johns Chapter No. 4 :*

ANDREW E. GLEASON, H. P.

*Eureka Chapter No. 7 :*

WM. H. JEWELL, H. P.

*Madison Chapter No. 8 :*

J. E. POUND, H. P.  
 L. C. RUTER, King.  
 A. H. WEST, Scribe.

*Putnam Chapter No. 9 :*

CHARLES J. HAYES, H. P.  
 W. P. ANDERSON, King.

*Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 :*

W. P. WEBSTER, H. P.  
 I. E. BAIRD, King.

*Monroe Chapter No. 15 :*

A. C. MARTIN, H. P.

*Lake Butler Chapter No. 19 :*

F. M. RIVERS, proxy for High Priest,  
 King and Scribe.

*Providence Chapter No. 20 :*

J. M. TOLBERT, H. P.

*Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22 :*

JAMES HARDEN, H. P.  
 J. W. BOYD, proxy for King and Scribe.

*Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 24 :*

THOMAS L. WATSON, proxy for High Priest,  
 King and Scribe.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Chapters were duly represented :  
 Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Iowa,  
 Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, North Carolina,  
 Nova Scotia, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Wash-  
 ington.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form with appro-  
 priate ceremonies conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

## ORGANIZATION.

The Grand High Priest appointed a Committee on Returns  
 and Credentials, consisting of Companions John H. Stephens,  
 W. P. Webster and D. MacLachlan, which said committee re-  
 ported verbally that the foregoing list of Grand Officers and  
 members is correct, and that said officers and members are en-  
 titled to be present and participate in the proceedings of the an-  
 nual convocation.

## MINUTES.

On motion of Companion John H. Stephens, the reading of  
 the minutes of the last annual convocation was dispensed with,  
 the same having been printed and distributed.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following standing  
 committees :

*Returns and Credentials :*

JOHN H. STEPHENS,  
 W. P. WEBSTER,  
 D. MACLACHLAN.

*Unfinished Business :*

C. J. HAYES,  
 A. E. GLEASON,  
 F. M. RIVERS.



*Propositions and Grievances :*

J. M. TOLBERT,  
E. F. BARNES,  
T. L. WATSON.

*Dispensations and By-Laws :*

W. P. WEBSTER,  
W. P. ANDERSON,  
A. M. CUSHMAN.

*Masonic Jurisprudence :*

S. B. WRIGHT,  
J. W. BOYD,  
I. E. WEBSTER.

*Finance and Accounts :*

JOHN H. STEPHENS,  
WARREN TYLER,  
L. C. RUTER.

*Memorials :*

J. E. POUND,  
I. E. WEBSTER,  
WM. H. JEWELL.

**VISITORS.**

On motion of Companion Warren Tyler, all Companion Royal Arch Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Grand Chapter.

**ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.**

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address to the Grand Chapter, as follows :

COMPANIONS :—As your Grand High Priest, I cordially welcome you to this, our Forty-ninth Annual Grand Convocation, to renew around our sacred altar the vows of fraternal love and affection, to rekindle that fervency and zeal in the performance of duty, which is so eminently characteristic of Royal

Arch Masons, and to legislate for the best interest of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

At the close of each capitular year it is right and proper that those who have been intrusted by you with the guidance and direction of the Craft for that period should render an account of their stewardship, to the end that if their work when properly presented shall meet the required tests, and be pronounced "good work, square work, true work," it may be approved; and if rejected, the deficiencies be kindly pointed out and guarded against in the future.

Companion Thomas A. Carruth, Past Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, died at Tampa, February 27, 1895. He served as Chaplain for the years 1863, 1869, 1870 and 1872.

**ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.**

Through the courtesy of our Grand Secretary I am able to place before you the following list :

DELAWARE—Thomas Davidson, Past Grand High Priest, died at Wilmington, February 6, 1895.

ILLINOIS—Louis Watson, Past Grand High Priest, died at Ellis, Kansas, September 22nd, 1894. He was buried by Bodley Lodge No. 1, at Quincy, Illinois, his former home.

INDIANA—Joseph A. Manning, Grand High Priest, died at Grand Rapids October 26th, 1894, having been installed Grand High Priest October 18th, 1894.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Thomas Nisbet Robertson, Grand High Priest, died in Saint John, April 25th, 1894, after an illness of three months.

OREGON—Stephen F. Chadwick, Past Grand King, died very suddenly whilst sitting at the dinner table with his family in Salem, January 15th, 1895.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Collins D. Pratt, Past Grand High Priest died suddenly from a stroke of apoplexy, at Flandreau, August 2nd, 1894.

TENNESSEE—John W. Hughes, Past Grand High Priest, died at Clifton, April 19th, 1894.

**DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW CHAPTERS.**

May 9th, 1894—Immediately after the Grand Chapter adjourned, I granted a dispensation to several petitioners for a new



Chapter at Apalachicola, in the county of Franklin, to be called Magnolia Chapter, U. D. Companion August Hoppe was recommended for High Priest, John E. Grady, King, and James R. Pickett, Scribe. This petition was recommended by Florida, Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, and in proper form.

October 24th, 1894, a dispensation was granted to several petitioners for a new Chapter at Daytona, in the county of Volusia, to be called Halifax Chapter, U. D. Companion W. E. Ballough was recommended for High Priest, James Carnell, King, and James P. Belden, Scribe. This petition was recommended by St. Johns Chapter No. 4, and in proper form.

December 24th, 1894, a dispensation was granted to several petitioners for a new Chapter at Live Oak, in the county of Suwannee, to be called Live Oak Chapter, U. D. Companion Nathaniel T. Elliott was recommended for High Priest, Franklin L. Rees, King, and William H. Sessions, Scribe. This petition was recommended by Jasper Chapter No. 10, and in proper form. It is presumed that these Chapters will apply for charters at the present annual convocation.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

May 9th, 1894, a special dispensation was granted to Monroe Chapter No. 15, to ballot for and confer the degrees of the Chapter, on May 15th, on a candidate short of time, for satisfactory reasons.

July 18th, 1894, a dispensation to Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22 to elect a candidate short of time.

November 12th, 1894, a dispensation was granted to Madison Chapter No. 8 to elect a High Priest, *vice* N. T. Elliott, demitted, and to fill all vacancies occasioned thereby; also, to same Chapter to spread the ballot and elect candidates at a called meeting on the 26th instant, or when called for that purpose.

November 23rd, 1894, a dispensation to Plant City Chapter No. 16 to hold their meetings at the High School building at Plant City, in place of Masonic Hall, which building was reported as unsafe.

December 6th, 1894, a dispensation to Jasper Chapter No. 10 to ballot for a candidate short of time, the emergency therefor being fully justified.

December 24th, 1894, to Tampa Chapter No. 3 to hold an election for officers whenever they can get a sufficient number present at a regular meeting of said Chapter, they having failed to elect officers at the proper time.

December 28th, 1894, to Monroe Chapter No. 15 to elect and install officers for the ensuing Masonic year on January 8th, 1895, having failed to elect at the proper time.

January 19th, 1895, to Live Oak Chapter, U. D., to ballot for candidates and confer degrees out of time on well known candidates, for the purpose of furnishing work for the Chapter.

February 18th, 1895, to Live Oak Chapter, U. D., to ballot for and confer the degrees of the Chapter on a worthy Brother Master Mason of Barrett Lodge No. 43 short of time on the 19th of January, 1895.

March 30th, 1895, to Live Oak Chapter, U. D., to ballot for and confer Chapter degrees on a member of Barrett Lodge No. 43, for good reasons, out of time.

#### DECISIONS.

March 1st, 1895, Live Oak Chapter, U. D., asked the following question: A candidate was balloted and rejected; can the Chapter ballot again for this candidate before the six months expire, as required by Section 42 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter? I answered that they could not.

March 12th, 1895, I received a letter from Companion W. E. Anderson, Secretary of Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 24 of Pensacola, propounding the following question: "Is it proper in conferring the Royal Arch Degree to use substitutes to make up the requisite number where only one or two candidates present themselves?"

*Answer:*

On January 14th, 1875, the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Chapter made the following report: "Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the question as to whether or not the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree is in accordance with the laws and usages of Capitular Masonry, report affirmatively thereon." This, having been received and adopted, became the law, and is the law now, and a regulation (No. 50) of this Grand Chapter.



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

A commission has been issued to the following Companion as Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter, near to another Grand Chapter, he having been recommended by the Grand High Priest of that jurisdiction: Iowa, George R. Turner.

The following Companions have been recommended for appointment as Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions, near to this Grand Chapter, and I have no doubt that they have received their commissions: For Delaware, Wilber P. Webster, of Jacksonville; For Iowa, Silas B. Wright, of DeLand; For Kansas, Olin S. Wright, of Plant City; For Maine, Herman Glogowski, of Tampa; For Minnesota, Henry J. Stewart, of Jasper; For New York, Marcus Endel, of Jacksonville; For Rhode Island, Dougald MacLachlan, of Tallahassee; For Vermont, R. A. Monsalvatge, of Key West.

October 29th, 1894, I received a notice from Companion McLean, Grand Secretary, that Companion W. W. Tucker had received a commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, near to the Grand Chapter of Florida.

As Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, my commission having expired by limitation, a reappointment was made and a new commission issued by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest of that jurisdiction by request of our Grand Secretary.

A constitutional number of Royal Arch Masons, former members of Lake Butler Chapter No. 19, being desirous of reviving the Chapter, petitioned for a restoration of the Charter, and believing that it would be for the best interests of the fraternity that the request be granted, the Charter was accordingly restored to the petitioners, and they were authorized by dispensation to elect and install officers and reorganize the Chapter.

From information received through the Grand Secretary's office, there can be no doubt but that the action of the Grand High Priest in the premises was eminently proper, as these Companions are zealous in the cause and the Chapter gives promise of usefulness and prosperity.

I feel very much indebted to our M. E. Companion W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, who has at all times rendered me valuable assistance in the discharge of my duties.

And now, Companions, into your hands I commit the interest of the Grand Chapter. May all our business at this Convocation be conducted in such a manner as will promote the interest of the Royal Craft and redound to the honor and glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Fraternally,

W. M. McINTOSH,

Grand High Priest.

On motion of Companion Warren Tyler, the foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects. The Deputy Grand High Priest announced as such committee the following named Companions, to-wit: T. S. Wilmarth, N. T. Elliott, and J. W. Boyd.

## REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary presented the following annual report which was received and referred to the Committee on Grand High Priest's address:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Within thirty days after the close of the last annual convocation four hundred copies of the proceedings were printed and distributed, and since that time, as directed by the action of the Grand Chapter, a sufficient number of rituals were obtained to supply each of our Chapters, and in due time these were properly distributed.

As authorized by the Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary secured a suitable room in which to arrange and preserve the Grand Chapter Library. The lowest rental that could be arranged for at the time was one hundred and twenty dollars for the year, but after this arrangement had been made, and the library collected together, finding that there was not as much of it as had been reasonably expected, and believing that the Grand Chapter, under the present financial depression, would not be justified in paying that amount for an indefinite time, an arrangement has now been made whereby the rent has been reduced one-half the former amount, so that the amount required on rent account for the coming year will be sixty dollars, instead of one hundred and twenty as heretofore. While the present arrangement will operate to the disadvantage of the Grand Secretary, he



is willing to be subjected to the inconvenience thus necessitated, for the benefit of the Grand Chapter, for the time being, and until such time as some other and better arrangement can be effected.

Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 24, applies by petition for a change of name and number, for reasons stated in a communication accompanying the petition. They desire that No. 6 be assigned to them, and this number being vacant, there will be no difficulty in complying with this part of their request, should the Grand Chapter deem it proper to make the desired change.

While it is my privilege and pleasure to state that my associations and communications with the various Chapters and members must be regarded as of the most pleasant character, Secretaries in particular and High Priests in general, in consideration of the facts in the case, will certainly pardon me for saying that the same difficulty so long existing in this Grand Chapter regarding returns and dues has been experienced in large measure during the past year.

It was fully four months after the close of the Masonic year of 1894, and after a large amount of correspondence on the subject, before the annual returns were fully received. These things ought not so to be, as it is no small matter for the Grand Secretary to prepare the proceedings for the printer, and if the annual returns could be received in due time, much of the work could be done in advance of the annual convocation and thereby facilitate the printing and distribution of the proceedings. There is a standing regulation of this Grand Chapter requiring that the annual returns and dues shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before the first of January. The Committee on Revision did not know of any reason why this should be changed, believing that annual returns should be forwarded as early as practicable after the close of the Masonic year, even though it might not be entirely convenient to forward annual dues until a later period. Four Chapters only, sent in their returns as early as during the month of January.

One of the Chapters, Magnolia U. D., at Apalachicola, working under dispensation during the year, requests that the dispensation be continued and that a change be made in the

matter of officers, as follows: E. B. Smith, High Priest; A. Hoppe, King, and J. E. Grady, Scribe.

Live Oak Chapter U. D., at Live Oak, and Halifax Chapter U. D., at Daytona, have exhibited proper specimens of their skill in the Royal Art, and now ask that charters be granted to them. The records and other documents are in readiness to be submitted and referred to the appropriate committee.

As will be seen by the financial report of the Grand Secretary, hereto annexed, the amount received from all sources during the year, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, is the sum of \$780, which said amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer as evidenced by his receipt therefor, and now submitted for your consideration.

Each and every Chapter has made returns, and all, except two, have paid dues, and no doubt most of them will be represented at the annual convocation.

It is not only a privilege afforded the Grand Secretary, but a pleasure as well to acknowledge obligations due to the Grand High Priest for courtesies extended during the past year.

In the absence of a Committee on Transportation, Companion John H. Stephens, D. G. H. P., was requested to arrange for reduced rates with the various transportation lines, and his report will be presented in due time.

Fraternally submitted,  
W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.



FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida. Amount received from all sources for the year 1894 :

|                       |             |             |         |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Dues from Florida     | Chapter No. | 1, for 1894 | \$40.00 |
| " Gainesville         | " "         | 2, "        | 54.00   |
| " Tampa               | " "         | 3, "        | 14.00   |
| " St. Johns           | " "         | 4, "        | 34.00   |
| " Eureka              | " "         | 7, "        | 24.00   |
| " Madison             | " "         | 8, "        | 55.00   |
| " Putnam              | " "         | 9, "        | 46.00   |
| " Jasper              | " "         | 10, "       | 23.00   |
| " Jacksonville        | " "         | 12, "       | 77.00   |
| " Monroe              | " "         | 15, "       | 30.00   |
| " Providence          | " "         | 20, "       | 39.00   |
| " Island              | " "         | 21, "       | 38.00   |
| " Thos. Brown         | " "         | 22, "       | 32.00   |
| " Mt. Moriah          | " "         | 24, "       | 50.00   |
| " "                   | " "         | 24, 1893    | 33.00   |
| " Ocala               | " "         | 13, "       | 66.00   |
| Am't from Lake Butler | " "         | 19, "       | 25.00   |
| " " Live Oak, U.D.    | " " " "     | " " " "     | 50.00   |
| " " Halifax           | " " " "     | " " " "     | 50.00   |

\$780.00

By amount paid W. P. Webster, G. Treasurer . . . \$780.00  
 W. A. McLEAN,  
 Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following annual report, which was received and referred to Committee on Finance:  
 To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Grand Treasurer begs to present the following report for 1894:

W. P. Webster, Grand Treasurer,  
 In account with  
 The M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida.

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| 1894.   | DR.                                                    |                  |
| May 9   | To recd. from Warren Tyler, retiring G. Treas. . . . . | \$797 15         |
| Dec. 1, | To interest on deposit, So. Sav. and T. Co. . . . .    | 3 20             |
| 1895.   |                                                        |                  |
| May 14, | To recd. from W. A. McLean, G. Secy. . . . .           | 780 00—\$1580 35 |

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| 1894.    | CR.                                                               |                  |
| May 9,   | By paid mileage and per diem . . .                                | 198 65           |
| " 10,    | By paid W. A. McLean, G. Sec. salary . . . . .                    | \$150 00         |
| " 10,    | By paid W. A. McLean, printing Proceedings . . .                  | 75 00            |
| " 10,    | By paid W. A. McLean, postage and stationery, . . .               | 60 00            |
| " 10,    | By paid W. A. McLean, office rent . . . . .                       | 120 00—405 00    |
| " 10,    | By paid J. F. Clark, G. Tyler . . .                               | 15 00            |
| " 10,    | By paid Jacksonville Chapter, gas and ice . . . . .               | 3 00             |
| " 26,    | By paid W. A. McLean, Gen. G. C. dues for 1891, '92 and '93 . . . | 14 99            |
| Dec. 10, | By paid C. Dawkins, insurance . . .                               | 9 90             |
|          | Balance on hand . . . . .                                         | 933 81 — 1580 35 |

Balance on hand . . . . . \$933 81  
 W. P. WEBSTER,  
 Grand Treasurer.

TRANSPORTATION.

Companion J. H. Stephens, as Committee on Transportation, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and on motion, a vote of thanks was extended to Companion Stephens for his action in the matter:

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 14, 1895.

To the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Transportation begs leave to report that arrangements have been made with all lines in Florida to transpoat members of the Grand Chapter to and from Jacksonville for one and one-quarter, regular fare, for the round trip under such regulations as each line may adopt; generally on certificate of the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jno. H. STEPHENS,  
 Committee.

GRAND KING.

Companion Wm. H. Jewell entered and assumed his appropriate station in the Grand Chapter.  
 On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P.,



the Grand Secretary was authorized and requested to refer all matters in his hands to appropriate committees.

#### FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

The Grand Secretary presented and read a communication from Companion Enos Wasgate, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, which said communication was, on motion of P. G. H. P. Silas B. Wright, ordered to be inserted in the minutes, and that the Grand Secretary respond thereto in appropriate terms on behalf of this Grand Chapter:

311 MERIDIAN STREET,  
EAST BOSTON, MASS., May 6, 1895.

*Dear Brother McLean:*

I am reminded that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida convenes in Jacksonville a week from tomorrow, 14th instant.

It is with much satisfaction that I remember my first entrance into the Grand Chapter in 1875, and the pleasant associations I had with them during the following ten years. It also gives me great pleasure to notice the steady advance and healthy improvement in the Order since I have been able to meet with you.

Please convey to the Companions kind remembrances and fraternal greetings in my behalf.

Hoping that you will have a pleasant and profitable session, and that at some future time I may again have the pleasure of meeting with you in annual convocation,

I remain very truly and fraternally yours,  
ENOS WASGATE.

I am hoping to meet the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Maine in Portland tomorrow.

The Grand Secretary also presented a letter from Companion Wasgate conveying fraternal greetings to this Grand Chapter from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maine, in session within the last few days at Portland, at which Companion Wasgate was present and received a most cordial greeting by our companions of that jurisdiction, and made special request that fraternal greetings be extended to the Grand Chapter of Florida, which was duly received by unanimous action,

and the Grand Secretary was instructed to respond thereto in appropriate terms through Companion Wasgate.

On motion of Companion J. H. Stephens, D. G. H. P., the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 8 o'clock this evening.

#### EVENING SESSION.

May 14, 1895, 8 p. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Present: M. E. Wm. M. McIntosh, Grand High Priest, and others as at afternoon session.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Grand High Priest's Address presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 14, 1895.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your committee to whom was referred the M. E. Grand High Priest's address for distribution, beg leave to report:

That all matters pertaining to the fraternal dead, be referred to the Committee on Memorials. That all matters pertaining to dispensations and charters, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws. That decisions and rulings, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,

T. S. WILMARTH,

N. T. ELLIOTT,

J. W. BOYD,

Committee.

#### RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter State of Florida:*

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials begs leave to make the following report:

Returns have been received from every Chapter in the State and some show gratifying activity in the matter of work.

Quite a large number have been suspended, presumably for



non-payment of dues, and we confidently hope that most of these suspended companions will be ultimately restored, as the financial pressure is *now* greater than it will again be in many years.

The returns made by Particular Chapters are without exception correct in form and matter, and we congratulate those having this matter in charge, commending their care and accuracy in tabulation. Dues have been paid in full by all Chapters except Ocala No. 13 and Plant City No. 16.

The Companions of Ocala Chapter represent that they are unable just at this time, to meet this obligation, as the money, after having been collected and deposited in bank, was lost by the failure of the bank. They further represent that payment shall be made at the earliest possible date, and in consideration of all the facts, we recommend that representation be not denied to this Chapter.

We find the following properly accredited to representation and recommend that they be enrolled as members of this grand body:

- Florida No. 1—D. McLachlan, proxy for officers.  
 Gainesville No. 2—Geo. W. Hyde, H. P.  
 St. Johns No. 4—A. E. Gleason, H. P.  
 Eureka No. 7—Wm. H. Jewell, H. P.  
 Madison No. 8—J. E. Pound, H. P.; L. C. Ruter, K.; A. H. West, S.  
 Putnam No. 9—C. J. Hayes, H. P.; Wm. P. Anderson, K.  
 Jacksonville No. 12—W. P. Webster, H. P.; I. E. Baird, K.  
 Monroe No. 15—A. C. Martin, H. P.  
 Lake Butler No. 19—F. M. Rivers, proxy for K. and S.  
 Providence No. 20—J. M. Tolbert, H. P.  
 Thomas Brown No. 22—James Harden, H. P.; J. W. Boyd, proxy for K. and S.  
 Mt. Moriah No. 24—Thos. L. Watson, proxy for H. P., K. and S.

The roll of members, other than representatives of Particular or individual Chapters, as made up by the Grand Secretary, we find to be correct, such members being entitled to all the

privileges enjoyed by any member of this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. H. STEPHENS,  
 W. P. WEBSTER,  
 D. MACLACHAN,

Committee.

#### ANNUAL ELECTION.

On motion of Companion S. B. Wright, the special order of business for ten o'clock at the morning session tomorrow will be the annual election of Grand officers.

On motion of Companion J. H. Stephens, the Grand Secretary was requested to furnish the Finance Committee with estimates of amounts required for printing and other amounts necessary to be appropriated for expenses during the ensuing year.

#### COMMITTEE ON WORK.

On motion of Companion Wm. H. Jewell, the Committee on Work shall hereafter consist of seven members instead of three as heretofore, and that the work be exemplified by the committee at the next Grand Annual Convocation.

#### LIVE OAK AND HALIFAX CHAPTERS, U. D.

Companion Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P., presented the following resolution, which was duly received and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the representatives of Live Oak Chapter, U. D., and Halifax Chapter, U. D., who are in attendance, and who have applied for charters at this convocation, be paid per diem and mileage at the same rate as representatives of chartered Chapters.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, when the Grand Chapter is called to refreshment this evening, the time for meeting shall be 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Commissions having been issued during the year by sister jurisdictions to Companions in Florida, as Grand Representatives near this Grand Chapter, the same were received with the Grand Honors, viz: Wilber P. Webster for Delaware; Silas B. Wright for Iowa; Wm. M. McIntosh for South Carolina; Douglas MacLachlan for Rhode Island.



The following named Companions having received commissions, and not being present at the annual convocation; these were also duly accredited by the Grand Chapter, viz: Henry J. Stewart for Minnesota; Olin S. Wright for Kansas; Marcus Endel for New York; Hermon Glogowski for Maine; Wm. W. Tucker for Maryland, and R. Alfred Monsalvatge for Vermont.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies of reception of Grand Representatives, several of the Companions, viz: S. B. Wright, Wm. H. Jewell, J. H. Stephens, Irving E. Webster, Wm. M. McIntosh, Warren Tyler and W. A. McLean, on behalf of the Grand Chapters represented by them, respectively, made brief addresses.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Regulations, appointed last year, presented the following report, which was duly received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Regulations, appointed last year, with instructions to report at the present annual convocation, respectfully represent, that, though several amendments have been made during several years past, there has been no revision of either the constitution or regulations: and we find that some of the regulations have become obsolete, while others are inconsistent and conflicting. The entire code has received careful consideration; many of the regulations have been stricken out, and a few have been added, and the work, such as it is—very far from being perfect—is now presented for your consideration and approval or rejection, as in the exercise of your discretion may be deemed for the best interests of the fraternity.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. MCLEAN,

For the Committee.

The Revised Code, as presented by the Committee, was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for examination, and to propose such changes therein as may be deemed proper.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

#### MORNING SESSION.

May 15, 1895, 10 a. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. Present, M. E. Wm. M. McIntosh, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and others as at the evening session.

Minutes of evening session read and confirmed.

The regular order of business being the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the time therefor was extended for one hour in consequence of the absence of several members, they being engaged in committee work; other business was proceeded with as follows:

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which on motion, was duly received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report and recommendations:

Having examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, we find same correct, and recommend approval.

We recommend the following appropriations: To W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, salary, \$200.00; for printing, \$80.00 for postage and stationary, \$60.00; office rent, \$120.00; for furniture, authorized by last Grand Chapter, \$70.00; to J. F. Clark, Grand Guard, \$15.00.

Also, that the officers of the Grand Chapter and one representative from each Particular Chapter be allowed a *per diem* of two dollars per day for two days each, and mileage at the rate of five cents per mile one way, computed via the shortest line as per schedule hereto annexed.

As to the recommendation for office rent to be the same as last year, we have duly considered the suggestion of the Grand Secretary as contained in his report, regarding a reduction of rent, and find that the Grand Chapter is abundantly able to continue the arrangement heretofore existing, and that to do so will be for the best interests of the Grand Chapter.

J. H. STEPHENS,  
WARREN TYLER,  
L. C. RUTER.



| NAMES.           | No. | Chapter        | Miles | Mile- | Per             | Total |
|------------------|-----|----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|
|                  |     |                | age.  | age.  | Diem            |       |
| Wm. M. McIntosh  | 166 | G. H. P.       | 8 30  | 4 00  | \$ 12 30        |       |
| John H. Stephens | 147 | D. G. H. P.    | 7 35  | 4 00  | 11 35           |       |
| Wm. H. Jewell    | 210 | G. K.          | 10 30 | 4 00  | 14 30           |       |
| Warren Tyler     |     | G. S.          |       | 4 00  | 4 00            |       |
| W. P. Webster    |     | G. T.          |       | 4 00  | 200 00          |       |
| W. A. Melan      |     | Secretary      |       | 4 00  | 7 45            |       |
| I. E. Webster    |     | Chaplain       |       | 4 00  | 12 30           |       |
| D. MacLachlan    |     | G. C. H.       |       | 4 00  | 6 30            |       |
| C. J. Hayes      |     | G. P. S.       |       | 4 00  | 10 25           |       |
| E. F. Barnes     |     | G. M. S. V.    |       | 4 00  | 19 00           |       |
| John Clark       |     | G. Guard       |       | 4 00  | 7 45            |       |
| Geo. W. Hyde     |     | 2 Gainesville  |       | 4 00  | 9 55            |       |
| A. E. Glendon    |     | 4 St. Johns    |       | 4 00  | 9 50            |       |
| J. E. Pound      |     | 8 Madison      |       | 4 00  | 10 25           |       |
| A. C. Martin     |     | 15 Monroe      |       | 4 00  | 7 00            |       |
| F. M. Rivers     |     | 19 Lake Butler |       | 4 00  | 8 00            |       |
| J. M. Tolbert    |     | 20 Providence  |       | 4 00  | 14 50           |       |
| Jas. Harden      |     | 22 Thos. Brown |       | 4 00  | 25 60           |       |
| Thos. L. Watson  |     | 24 Mt. Moriah  |       | 4 00  | 9 10            |       |
| W. E. Ballough   |     | UD Halifax     |       | 4 00  | 8 10            |       |
| N. T. Etholt     |     | UD Live Oak    |       | 4 10  |                 |       |
|                  |     |                |       |       | Total \$ 401 90 |       |

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 15, 1895.  
To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida—Most Excellent Companions:

It affords your Committee on Propositions and Grievances much pleasure to report that nothing has been submitted to them during the present session in the nature of a proposition or grievance, which goes to show that the Craft generally are united in the bonds of friendship, and that peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. M. TOIBERT, Chairman.  
E. F. BARNES,  
T. L. WATSON.

MEMORIALS.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report and the same was received and adopted:

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 15, 1885.  
To the Grand Chapter of Florida:  
Your Committee on Memorials finds its duty this year a

sortrowful one in having to report more than the usual number of deaths among the Royal Craft of this jurisdiction.

Many illustrious Companions of sister jurisdictions, have been called from labor to refreshment, whose names, rank and services will find appropriate mention in our printed proceedings, and we extend our fraternal sympathy to those jurisdictions which have been called thus to mourn. The necrology of the past year, in our own jurisdiction, embraces the names of eleven Companions whose labors with us in this early tabernacle have ceased, and who have entered into that tabernacle—that house—not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

Among our subordinate jurisdictions which have suffered from the encroachment of death are the following: Florida No. 1, Hugh A. Corley, whose death was reported at our last annual convocation; Gainesville No. 2, Stephen P. Beville; Madison No. 8, I. C. Johnson; Putnam No. 9, J. G. Mangold and I. A. Webb; Monroe No. 15, A. W. Montgomery; Plant City No. 16, Wm. Collins and James Casey; Providence No. 20, John G. Taylor; Island No. 21, William McClintock; Thomas Brown No. 22, Martin J. Miller; and in the Annual Address of the M. E. G. H. P. at this convocation, we find mention of the recent death of P. G. Chaplain Thomas A. Carruth at Tampa.

Your committee does not undertake to commemorate the virtues, integrity and fidelity of each of these beloved Companions. It is enough to say now that they were bound to us by the ties of a sacred brotherhood and for this cause, if for no other, the Companions of our Royal Craft will all join in wishing them a loving, though sad, farewell!

And, too, this roll of our dead will be to us of the living, like the "memento mori" of the ancients, for it must remind us of the inevitable hour when the summons shall come to each of us and thus warn us that we see to it that we go—

"Not like the quarry slave at night  
Scourged to his dungeon; but sustained  
And soothed by an unfaltering trust, approach  
Thee—thee, O Death—thy plumed helmet  
And lie down to pleasant dreams."  
Fraternally submitted,  
Wm. H. JEWELL,  
Jas. E. POUND,  
IRVING E. WEBSTER.



## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, and the same was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that upon careful examination we find no matter of business requiring our attention.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES J. HAYES,  
A. E. GLEASON,  
F. M. RIVERS.

## ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election for Grand Officers was announced by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as being the next order of business. Companion Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P., and Companion James W. Boyd, P. G. H. P., were appointed tellers. The election resulted as follows:

Companion John H. Stephens, of Jacksonville, was unanimously elected Grand High Priest; Companion William H. Jewell, of Orlando, was unanimously elected Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion Warren Tyler, of Bartow, was unanimously elected Grand King; Companion Wilber P. Webster, of Jacksonville, was elected Grand Scribe; Companion Irving E. Webster, of Gainesville, was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer; Companion William A. McLean, of Jacksonville, was unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary; Companion William M. McIntosh, of Tallahassee, was unanimously elected Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, and the same was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 24, requesting that the name and number of that Chapter be changed, report that they have examined into the matter, and find that the reasons for the request to be good and sufficient, and we recommend that the name of the Chapter

be changed to Mt. Horeb Chapter, and that No. 6 be assigned to it, as requested by the members of Mt. Moriah Chapter, and that a new charter be issued in accordance herewith.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
JAMES W. BOYD,  
IRVING E. WEBSTER.  
Committee.

## DISPENSATION AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By Laws presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws begs to present the following report:

We recommend the approval by the Grand Chapter of the action of the Grand H. P., in granting dispensations to Magnolia Chapter at Apalachicola, Halifax Chapter at Daytona, and Live Oak Chapter at Live Oak.

We would also recommend the approval of the action of the G. H. P., in restoring the charter to Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19.

Your committee would also recommend that the application of Magnolia Chapter U. D., located at Apalachicola, that their dispensation be continued another year with officers as asked for, to-wit: E. B. Smith, H. P., A. Hoppe, King, and J. E. Grady, Scribe, be granted.

We have examined the papers accompanying the application of Halifax Chapter U. D., at Daytona, for a charter, and find them in proper shape with the exception that they have not returned their dispensation. We would recommend that the charter be granted and the Grand Secretary be instructed to see that the dispensation be returned.

We have examined the papers accompanying the application of Live Oak Chapter U. D., located at Live Oak, for a charter, and find them properly drawn up and in good shape, but we find it necessary to revise their by-laws in a few particulars, as follows:

Article III, section 1, and Article IV, section 2, should be



changed to read St. John the Evangelist instead of St. John the Baptist. Article V, section 3, reads, "the fees for the several degrees conferred in this Chapter shall be twenty dollars. In every case one half of this fee shall be paid to the secretary before this petition shall be entertained by the Chapter, and one-half balance before any degree shall be conferred." To conform with our constitution this should be changed so that the last sentence should read "and balance before any degree shall be conferred."

Article VI, section 1, we recommend that the following words be stricken out: "Provided, that in case of emergency, the Chapter may dispense with the requirements as to time."

With these changes in the by-laws we would recommend that the charter be granted.

W. P. WEBSTER,  
W. P. ANDERSON,  
A. M. CUSHMAN.

Adopted.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, that when the Grand Chapter is called to refreshment, time for meeting shall be 3:30 p. m., and that Grand Officers be installed during the afternoon convocation.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

May 15, 1895, 3:30 p. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3:30 p. m.

Present—Most Excellent Wm. M. McIntosh, Grand High Priest, with other officers and members, as at the morning session. Minutes of morning session read and confirmed.

#### JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, and the same was received and adopted.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 15, 1895.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:  
Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have carefully considered the matters referred to them and report as follows:  
The decisions of the Grand High Priest being in harmony

with the Constitution and Regulations are approved. The special dispensations issued by him being in accordance with precedent are also approved though we find no regulation which would make necessary a dispensation to ballot on petitions "short of time." We are unable to find any constitutional provision or regulation which will prevent the receiving of the petition of a well known candidate, who is duly qualified, at any regular meeting of the Chapter, except in a few instances when the By-Laws have some provision to that effect.

We have carefully considered the report of the Special Committee on Revision of the standing regulations and recommend that they be adopted as amended and presented herewith.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
IRVING E. WEBSTER,  
JAMES W. BOYD.

Committee.

#### CHARTERS.

The charters granted at the present annual convocation were signed by the Grand Officers, and the same were delivered by the Grand Secretary to the following named Companions, representing the respective Chapters: Halifax No. 5, W. E. Ballough; Mt. Horeb No. 6, T. L. Watson; Live Oak No. 11, Nathaniel T. Elliott.

On motion of Companion S. B. Wright, Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6 is authorized to retain possession of the former charters of Santa Rosa Chapter No. 6, Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 11, and Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 24, as the present membership of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, located at Pensacola, Florida, includes the former members of the three Chapters.

#### SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Companion Irving E. Webster, presented the following resolution, which was received and adopted:  
*Resolved*, That as the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, occurring in 1896, completes the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the order in the State of Florida, a committee be appointed to prepare suitable ceremonies, and make all neces-



sary arrangements for the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida.

The Grand High Priest appointed as a committee, provided for by the foregoing resolution, Companions Irving E. Webster, Silas B. Wright and Wm. A. McLean.

Companion Marcus Endel, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapters of North Dakota and New York, entered and participated in the proceedings for the first time during the session, he having been prevented by sickness from attending at an earlier date.

#### INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The following named Companions having been duly elected at the morning session as Grand Officers for the ensuing year were severally installed into their respective offices by Companion Marcus Endel, Past Grand High Priest, Companion Silas B. Wright, Past Grand High Priest, acting as Marshal:

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| JOHN H. STEPHENS    | Grand High Priest.        |
| WILLIAM H. JEWELL   | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| WARREN TYLER        | Grand King.               |
| WILBER P. WEBSTER   | Grand Scribe.             |
| IRVING E. WEBSTER   | Grand Treasurer.          |
| WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH | Grand Chaplain.           |

The Grand High Priest made the following appointments, and the said companions were duly installed by Companion Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., with the exception of the Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Master of Third Vail and Grand Guard. They having been reappointed, installation of these officers was not necessary.

The Grand High Priest, when installed into office, was saluted with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, and at the conclusion of the installation ceremonies all the grand officers were saluted and acknowledged in like manner.

#### NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

Companion Silas B. Wright presented the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter be held at Jacksonville, on the second Tuesday in May, A. D. 1896, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m.

#### COMPANION MILTON J. HULL, P. G. H. P.

The Grand Secretary presented the following, which was duly received and adopted:

WHEREAS, Companion Milton J. Hull, a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, having become a citizen of the State of Florida, and a member by affiliation of Eureka Chapter No. 7, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter,

*Resolved*, That said Companion be, and he is admitted to membership in the Grand Chapter of Florida in accordance with the provisions of a regulation adopted at the present annual convocation.

#### COMMITTEES.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed the following committees as provided for by the constitution and regulations:

#### COMMITTEE ON WORK.

W. A. McLean,  
Marcus Endel,  
W. H. Jewell,  
Warren Tyler,  
W. P. Webster,  
S. B. Wright,  
C. J. Hayes.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

W. A. McLean,  
Marcus Endel,  
Angus Paterson.

#### ON PRINTING.

W. A. McLean,  
W. P. Webster,  
B. H. Chadwick.

#### COURTESIES.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 for the use of their hall and other courtesies extended to the Grand Chapter during the annual convocation.

#### MINUTES.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed, and no further business appearing, the Grand Chapter, with appropriate ceremonies, was closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.

JOHN H. STEPHENS,  
Grand High Priest.



[REDACTED]

## TO THE MEMORY

OF THE  
**COMPANIONS**

Who Departed this Life in the Masonic Year, A. D. 1894.




| NAME.             | CHAPTER     | NO. | DATE     |
|-------------------|-------------|-----|----------|
| HUGH A. CORLEY    | FLORIDA     | 1   | APRIL 18 |
| STEPHEN P. BEVILL | GAINESVILLE | 2   | APRIL 29 |
| I. C. JOHNSON     | MADISON     | 8   | APRIL 14 |
| J. G. MANGOLD     | PUTNAM      | 9   | FEB. 7   |
| I. A. WEBB        | PUTNAM      | 9   | JAN. 17  |
| A. W. MONTGOMERY  | MONROE      | 15  | MAY 25   |
| WILLIAM COLLINS   | PLANT CITY  | 16  | NOV. 18  |
| JAMES CASEY       | PLANT CITY  | 16  | DEC. 20  |
| JOHN G. TAYLOR    | PROVIDENCE  | 20  | AUGUST   |
| WM. M'CLINTOCK    | ISLAND      | 21  | SEPT. 21 |
| MARTIN J. MILLER  | THOS. BROWN | 22  | OCT. 3   |

[REDACTED]

On Memorial page, last year, appeared the name of Robert Derby, Jr., a member of Monroe Chapter No. 15, as having died April 30. It so appears in the Chapter returns, but the Grand Secretary is reliably informed that this was a mistake, and should have been Robert Derby, Sr.

[REDACTED]





STATISTICS.

| CHAPTER.          | Number. | Members Last Year. | Exalted. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Total. | Deaths. | Demitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present Membership. |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Florida.....      | 1       | 25                 | 9        | 1           | 1           | 36     | 1       | .....     | 1          | .....     | 34                  |
| Gainesville.....  | 2       | 33                 | 14       | .....       | .....       | 47     | 1       | .....     | .....      | .....     | 46                  |
| Tampa.....        | 3       | 17                 | .....    | .....       | .....       | 17     | .....   | .....     | 1          | .....     | 16                  |
| St. Johns.....    | 4       | 35                 | 3        | .....       | .....       | 38     | .....   | 1         | .....      | .....     | 31                  |
| Eureka.....       | 5       | 22                 | .....    | 2           | 1           | 23     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 26                  |
| Madison.....      | 6       | 48                 | .....    | .....       | .....       | 57     | 1       | 15        | .....      | .....     | 41                  |
| Putnam.....       | 7       | 44                 | .....    | .....       | .....       | 46     | .....   | .....     | 4          | .....     | 38                  |
| Jasper.....       | 8       | .....              | .....    | .....       | .....       | 19     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 17                  |
| Jacksonville..... | 9       | .....              | .....    | .....       | .....       | 80     | .....   | .....     | 9          | .....     | 68                  |
| Ocala.....        | 10      | 77                 | 3        | .....       | .....       | 66     | .....   | .....     | 13         | .....     | 50                  |
| Monroe.....       | 11      | 58                 | 7        | .....       | 1           | 66     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 57                  |
| Plant City.....   | 12      | 25                 | 3        | .....       | .....       | 28     | 1       | .....     | .....      | .....     | 27                  |
| Providence.....   | 13      | 34                 | .....    | 1           | .....       | 46     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 44                  |
| Island.....       | 14      | 33                 | 8        | .....       | .....       | 41     | 1       | .....     | .....      | .....     | 40                  |
| Thomas Brown..... | 15      | 39                 | .....    | .....       | .....       | 39     | 1       | .....     | .....      | .....     | 38                  |
| Mt. Moriah.....   | 16      | 30                 | 4        | 1           | .....       | 35     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 29                  |
| .....             | 17      | 36                 | 9        | 3           | 1           | 49     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 49                  |
| .....             | 18      | .....              | .....    | .....       | .....       | .....  | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | .....               |
| .....             | 19      | 556                | 85       | 8           | 4           | 672    | 11      | 35        | 32         | .....     | 594                 |

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

| CHAPTER.          | No. | LOCATION.    | TIME OF MEETING.                       |
|-------------------|-----|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | Tallahassee  | Second and fourth Monday.              |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | Gainesville  | First Monday.                          |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | Tampa        | Second and fourth Friday.              |
| St. Johns.....    | 4   | DeLand       | Third Monday.                          |
| Halifax.....      | 5   | Daytona      | .....                                  |
| Mt. Horeb.....    | 6   | Pensacola    | .....                                  |
| Eureka.....       | 7   | Orlando      | First and third Tuesday.               |
| Madison.....      | 8   | Madison      | First and third Monday.                |
| Putnam.....       | 9   | Palatka      | Second and fourth Monday.              |
| Jasper.....       | 10  | Jasper       | First Thursday.                        |
| Live Oak.....     | 11  | Live Oak     | .....                                  |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | Jacksonville | Fourth Thursday.                       |
| Ocala.....        | 13  | Ocala        | First Monday.                          |
| Monroe.....       | 14  | Sanford      | Second and fourth Tuesday.             |
| Plant City.....   | 15  | Plant City   | Friday before 1st and 3d Sun-<br>[day] |
| Lake Butler.....  | 16  | Lake Butler  | First Thursday.                        |
| Providence.....   | 17  | Providence   | Second Thursday.                       |
| Island.....       | 18  | Key West     | Second and 4th Wednesday.              |
| Thomas Brown..... | 19  | Bartow       | Second Friday.                         |



CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTER.          | No. | HIGH PRIEST.       | KING.               | SCRIBE.             | TREASURER.         | SECRETARY.         | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | L. B. Wombwell..   | Clarence B. Collins | Saml. C. Caldwell.  | Robert Gamble...   | Wm. M. McIntosh.   | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | Geo. W. Hyde ....  | Evans Haile.....    | Joseph Manasse ..   | John R. Eddins...  | Robt. McClellan... | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa .....       | 3   | M. D. Cushing .... | William Irwin ...   | John T. Gunn.....   | R. B. Thomas ....  | John C. White....  | Tampa.         |
| St. Johns.....    | 4   | A. E. Gleason..... | O. F. Fish.....     | T. R. Webb .....    | J. B. Jordan ..... | J. H. Hibbard..... | DeLand.        |
| Halifax.....      | 5   | Wm. E. Ballough.   | Jas. Carnell.....   | Jas. P. Belden....  | .....              | .....              | Daytona.       |
| Mt. Horeb.....    | 6   | A. L. Williams.... | J. M. Hilliard....  | W. H. Northrup ..   | C. McK. O'Erting.  | Wm. E. Anderson.   | Pensacola.     |
| Eureka.....       | 7   | Wm. H. Jewell ...  | John N. Bradshaw    | Benj. F. Bowen...   | Mahlon Gore.....   | Charles Lord.....  | Orlando.       |
| Madison.....      | 8   | James E. Pound..   | Lewell C. Ruter...  | Abraham H. West     | Joseph Townsend.   | Thomas J. Smith .. | Madison.       |
| Putnam .....      | 9   | Chas. J. Hayes.... | Wm. P. Anderson.    | Chas. J. Joseph...  | Moritz Kohl.....   | Thos. B. Anderson  | Palatka.       |
| Jasper.....       | 10  | Henry J. Stewart.  | Eli C. Horne.....   | Frank Adams.....    | Joseph D. Tuten..  | J. M. Guilliams... | Jasper.        |
| Live Oak .....    | 11  | Henry F. Airth.... | Wilson H. Sessions  | Thos. J. Philips... | Geo. E. Porter.... | W. P. Moseley .... | Live Oak.      |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | Wilber P. Webster  | Irving E. Baird...  | Roque. V. Rogero.   | Otis L. Keene....  | Thomas B. Davis..  | Jacksonville.  |
| Ocala.....        | 13  | Jas. H. Whitfield. | Sig. D. Zacharias.  | John W. Stevens..   | William Fox.....   | Gordon S. Scott .. | Ocala.         |
| Monroe.....       | 15  | A. C. Martin.....  | H. E. Munson.....   | Robert Derby.....   | M. E. Bishop.....  | J. W. Sineath..... | Sanford.       |
| Plant City.....   | 16  | Olin S. Wright.... | James L. Young..    | E. B. Trask.....    | Jasper Evers....   | S. E. Mays, Jr.... | Plant City.    |
| Lake Butler.....  | 19  | M. L. McKinney..   | F. M. Byrd.....     | T. E. Dekle.....    | J. R. Richard..... | F. M. Rivers.....  | Lake Butler.   |
| Providence.....   | 20  | J. M. Tolbert..... | J. W. Dowling....   | W. C. Keree.....    | Noah Taylor.....   | A. C. Odom.....    | Providence.    |
| Island.....       | 21  | Robert J. Perry... | Benjamin Albury.    | William R. Kerr...  | Peter A. Williams. | R. A. Monsalvatge. | Key West.      |
| Thomas Brown....  | 22  | James Harden....   | Henry Payne.....    | J. T. Hancock, Jr.  | D. W. Stanley....  | James W. Boyd...   | Bartow.        |

DIRECTORY OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.       | GRAND SECRETARIES.     | P. O. ADDRESS.         |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Alabama.....          | H. Clay Armstrong      | Montgomery.            |
| Arizona.....          | John M. Ormsby         | Tucson.                |
| Arkansas.....         | James A. Henry         | Little Rock.           |
| California.....       | Thos. Hubbard Caswell. | San Francisco.         |
| Canada.....           | Thos. Sargent          | Toronto.               |
| Colorado.....         | Ed. C. Farnelice       | Georgetown.            |
| Connecticut.....      | James McCormick.       | Hartford.              |
| Delaware.....         | James H. Price         | Washington.            |
| District of Columbia. | Lewis G. Stevens       | Washington.            |
| Florida.....          | Christopher G. Fox     | Bartow, N. Y.          |
| General Grand Chapter | A. M. Wolhin           | Macon.                 |
| Georgia.....          | Gil W. Barnard         | Chicago.               |
| Illinois.....         | W. H. Smythe           | Indianapolis.          |
| Indiana.....          | Joseph S. Murrow       | Atoka.                 |
| Indian Territory      | All Wingate            | Des Moines.            |
| Iowa.....             | Jacob DeWitt           | Salena.                |
| Ireland.....          | Henry B. Grant         | Louisville.            |
| Kansas.....           | Richard Lambert        | New Orleans.           |
| Kentucky.....         | Connelius Helges       | Helena.                |
| Louisiana.....        | Stephen Perry          | Portland.              |
| Montana.....          | George L. McCallan.    | Baltimore.             |
| Maine.....            | Seranus Bowen          | Boston (28 School St.) |
| Maryland.....         | Jefferson S. Conover   | Goldwater.             |
| Massachusetts.....    | Thomas Montgomery      | St. Louis.             |
| Michigan.....         | William H. Mayo        | Jackson.               |
| Minnesota.....        | J. L. Fowler           | Omaha.                 |
| Missouri.....         | William H. Bowen       | Carson City.           |
| Mississippi.....      | Channey N. Noteware.   | St. John.              |
| Nebraska.....         | William A. Deane       | Concord.               |
| Nevada.....           | George P. Edwards      | Jersey City.           |
| New Brunswick.....    | Christopher G. Fox     | Buffalo.               |
| New Hampshire.....    | Horace H. Munson       | Williamington.         |
| New Jersey.....       | Frank J. Thompson.     | Fargo.                 |
| New York.....         | Alexander Joss         | Hullax.                |
| North Carolina.....   | Charles C. Keifer      | Tupana.                |
| North Dakota.....     | James F. Robinson      | Dugene.                |
| Ohio.....             | Charles Cary           | Philadelphia.          |
| Oregon.....           | Will. H. Whyte         | Montreal.              |
| Pennsylvania.....     | William R. Greene      | Providence.            |
| Rhode Island.....     | Robert S. Brown        | Edinburgh.             |
| Scotland.....         | Albert E. Fugle        | Columbia.              |
| South Carolina.....   | George A. Ledigrew     | Plantanau.             |
| South Dakota.....     | W. A. Clendenning      | Nashville.             |
| Texas.....            | George Lopez, Jr.      | Houston.               |
| Vermont.....          | Warren G. Reynolds     | Burlington.            |
| Virginia.....         | William B. Isaacs      | Richmond.              |
| Washington.....       | Yancy C. Blalock       | Walla Walla.           |
| West Virginia.....    | Ouel S. Long           | Charleston.            |
| Wisconsin.....        | John W. Tarlin         | Milwaukee.             |







GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | GRAND CHAPTERS.   | OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA. |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| B. B. Pope, Gadsden.....                 | Alabama.....      | Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola              |
| W. H. Gee, Dardenell..                   | Arkansas... ..    | Wm. B. Barnett, Jacksonville             |
| James Moffatt, London, Ontario           | Canada... ..      | Robert J. Perry, Key West.               |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver..              | Colorado... ..    | Wm. A. McLean, Jacksonville.             |
| J. H. Stidham, New Britain....           | Connecticut..     | Warren Tyler, Bartow.                    |
| George W. Beatty, Wilmington.            | Delaware.....     | W. P. Webster, Jacksonville.             |
| John Lockie, Washington, D. C.           | Dist Columbia     | Silas B. Wright, DeLand.                 |
| W. A. Davis, Macon.....                  | Georgia.....      | Jno. H. Stephens, Jacksonville           |
| W. L. Orr, Carrollton.....               | Illinois.....     | Herman Glogowski, Tampa                  |
| Elmer Crockett, South Bend....           | Indiana.....      | R. B. Shepherd, Milton                   |
| George R. Turner, Waterloo....           | Iowa.....         | Silas B. Wright, DeLand.                 |
| E. D. Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls         | Kansas.....       | Olth S. Wright, Bartow.                  |
| J. W. Staten, Brooksville.....           | Kentucky....      | James W. Boyd, Jacksonville.             |
| Henry Hamburger, New Orleans             | Louisiana....     | Wm. A. McLean, Tampa.                    |
| Henry R. Taylor, Machias.....            | Maine.....        | Herman Glogowski, Jacksonville.          |
| Nathan Leyman.....                       | Maryland....      | Wm. W. Tucker, Gainesville.              |
| Alexander K. Bryer.....                  | Massachus'tts     | Irving E. Webster, Jasper.               |
| John F. Benezet, St. Paul.....           | Minnesota... ..   | Henry J. Stewart, Monticello.            |
| J. L. Power, Jackson.....                | Mississippi... .. | Samuel Pasco, Monticello.                |
| C. C. Wood, Kansas City.....             | Missouri... ..    | James W. Boyd, Bartow.                   |
| J. J. Monnell, Omaha.....                | Nebraska....      | Robert McClellan, Orlando.               |
| W. H. B. Sadler, St. John.....           | New Brunsw'k      | Edgar A. Richards, Key West.             |
| E. L. Tillow, Elizabeth.....             | New Jersey... ..  | Robert J. Perry, Key West.               |
| R. G. Williams, Utica.....               | New York....      | Marcus Endel, Gainesville.               |
| Michael Bowes, Raleigh.....              | Nor. Carolina.    | Irving E. Webster, Gainesville.          |
| John W. Scott, Valley City....           | North Dakota      | Marcus Endel, Gainesville.               |
| John M. Lawson, Yarmouth....             | Nova Scotia..     | Wm. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.            |
| Wm. E. Evans, Chillicothe.....           | Ohio.....         | Wm. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.            |
| Thomas G. Reams.....                     | Oregon.....       | Thos. S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville.         |
| R. G. Adams.....                         | Quebec.....       | Robert J. Perry, Key West.               |
| Charles R. Cutler, Warren.....           | Rhode Island.     | Doug. McLachlan, Tallahassee.            |
| George Fisher, Edinburgh.....            | Scotland.....     | Geo. S. Hallmark, Tallahassee.           |
| A. T. Smythe, Charleston.....            | Sou. Carolina.    | Wm. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.            |
| John F. Schraeder, Rapid City..          | South Dakota.     | William H. Jewell, Orlando.              |
| J. C. Smith, Jr., Jackson.....           | Tennessee... ..   | Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| Hy Scherffins, Houston.....              | Texas.....        | Geo. S. Hallmark, Madison.               |
| E. E. Houghton, N. Bennington            | Vermont.....      | Angus Paterson, Key West.                |
| James L. Avis.....                       | Virginia.....     | R. A. Monsalvatge, Key West.             |
| Thomas M. Reed, Olympia.....             | Washington..      | Wm. E. Anderson, Pensacola.              |
| Jere. A. Miller, Wheeling.....           | West Virginia     | Silas B. Wright, DeLand.                 |
| Fred Ring, Jr., Lacrosse.....            | Wisconsin... ..   | Henry W. Long, Martel.                   |
|                                          |                   | R. B. Thomas, Tampa.                     |

HALIFAX CHAPTER No. 5, DAYTONA, FLA.,

CHARTERED MAY 15, 1895.

Members—Wm. E. Ballough, H. P.; James Carnell, K.; James P. Belden, S.; Chas. L. Smith, G. P. Ballough, G. G. Boyer, Wm. P. Ross, W. P. Austin, E. F. Mansfield, S. H. Gove, J. E. Anderson, Albert A. Taylor, S. W. Bartlett, L. T. Daniel, Chas. H. Stewart, Frank H. Fee, Harlem D. Brown, Charles McNary, E. M. Penfield, Wm. Walson, C. A. Ballough, F. T. Peck.

LIVE OAK CHAPTER No. 11, LIVE OAK, FLA.,

CHARTERED MAY 15, 1895.

Members—Henry F. Airth, H. P.; Wilson H. Sessions, K.; Thomas J. Philips, S.; N. T. Elliott, Jno. W. Price, Jr., Geo. Wolfe, Jno. H. McKinnon, M. E. Broome, B. W. Helvenston, C. J. McGehee, W. P. Moseley, W. A. Parker, J. R. Newlan, Geo. E. Porter, R. L. Goodbred, Franklin L. Rees, A. D. Hemming, T. S. Anderson, William H. Strickland.

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER U. D., APALACHICOLA, FLA.,

DISPENSATION CONTINUED MAY 15, 1895.

Members—E. B. Smith, H. P.; August Hoppe, K.; J. E. Grady S.; S. N. Kimball, T. W. Mezener, Walter B. Pryor, J. R. Pickett, A. L. Wing, L. Huber, L. L. Yent.

Wm. W. Long, Martel.  
 Wm. W. Long, Martel.



## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A special convocation of the Grand Council was held at Madison, on January 7, 1895, by order of M. E. Angus Paterson, President.

Present—M. E. Angus Paterson, together with the requisite number of officers and members.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form. Companions James E. Pound, High Priest of Madison Chapter No. 8, and Joseph Townsend, Past High Priest of said Chapter made application for the Order of High Priesthood, and being duly elected, they were anointed and consecrated High Priests in due and ancient form.

The Council was then closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary.

## ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD.

A special convocation of the Grand Council was held at Jacksonville, by order of the President, on January 18th, A. D., 1895.

Present—M. E. Angus Paterson, President, together with the requisite number of members, when the Grand Council was duly opened in ample form.

Companion George W. Hyde, Past High Priest of Gainesville Chapter No. 2, having applied for the Order of High Priesthood, and being duly elected to receive the same, was anointed and consecrated a High Priest in due and ancient form.

The Grand Council was then closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary.

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida convened at Masonic Temple in the city of Jacksonville, on Wednesday afternoon, May 15, A. D. 1895, in annual convocation, and in the absence of the President, M. E. James W. Boyd, Vice-President, presided. The other officers and members present were as follows:

M. E. Irving E. Webster *as* Vice-President.

“ Warren Tyler, Treasurer.

“ W. A. McLean, Secretary.

“ W. M. McIntosh, Master of Ceremonies.

“ S. B. Wright, Conductor.

“ C. J. Hayes, Herald.

“ J. F. Clark, Guard.

E. F. Barnes, W. H. Jewell, D. MacLachlan, N. T. Elliott, G. W. Hyde, A. C. Martin.

By request of M. E. James W. Boyd, Vice-President, M. E. Irving E. Webster conducted the various ceremonies in the opening of the Grand Council, conferring the orders, and closing the convocation.

The Grand Council, with appropriate ceremonies was opened in due form.

## MINUTES.

The minutes of the last Grand Council having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with by order of the Grand Council.

## PETITIONS.

Applications for the order of High Priesthood were received from Companions Joseph M. Tolbert, High Priest of Providence Chapter No. 20; James Harden, High Priest of Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22, and Andrew E. Gleason, High Priest of St. Johns Chapter No. 4. The said applicants, being eligible, were duly elected, and were severally introduced and regularly anointed and consecrated High Priests in due and ancient form.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS.

The Secretary reported the sum of twelve dollars as having been paid to the Treasurer since last convocation of the Grand Council.



The Treasurer reported the sum of twelve dollars received from the Secretary, which with eight dollars and fifty cents, amounting to twenty dollars and fifty cents, is now in his hands.

The said reports were received and approved.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

Three dollars and thirty-five cents was ordered paid to the Guard for his services and expenditures on behalf of the Grand Council, and ten dollars to the Secretary, leaving a balance of seven dollars and fifteen cents in the treasury.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

The Grand Council proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and the following named Companions were duly elected:

- M. E. Angus Paterson, President.
- “ James W. Boyd, Vice President.
- “ Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.
- “ Warren Tyler, Treasurer.
- “ Wm. A. McLean, Secretary.
- “ Wm. M. McIntosh, Master of Ceremonies.
- “ Silas B. Wright, Conductor.
- “ Charles J. Hayes, Herald.
- “ R. Alfred Monsalvatge, Steward.
- “ James F. Clarke, Guard.

The absence of M. E. Angus Paterson, President of the Grand Council, was a disappointment and matter of sincere regret, this being the first instance of a record of his failure to be present at our assemblies during his connection with the Royal Craft, and there can be no doubt but that his absence at this time is due to circumstances beyond his power to control. The Grand Council was also deprived of the presence and counsels of a number of Companions beloved,—veterans in the cause. They were affectionately remembered, as evidenced by kind words spoken of them.

The foregoing minutes, as also minutes of the several convocations, were read and confirmed.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council, with appropriate ceremonies, was closed in due form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary.

**REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.**

| NAME.                            | DATE.                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DeWitt C. Dawkins* . . . . .     | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| John F. Benezet . . . . .        | “ “ “                        |
| David S. Walker* . . . . .       | “ “ “                        |
| Angus Paterson . . . . .         | “ “ 19, 1888                 |
| Henry W. Long . . . . .          | “ “ “                        |
| William A McLean . . . . .       | “ “ “                        |
| D. Warwick Stanley . . . . .     | “ “ “                        |
| Charles H. Munger . . . . .      | “ “ “                        |
| Fred S. Goodrich . . . . .       | “ “ “                        |
| William A. Griffeth . . . . .    | “ “ “                        |
| James F. Clark . . . . .         | “ “ “                        |
| William M. Somerville . . . . .  | “ “ “                        |
| Marcus Endel . . . . .           | “ “ “                        |
| William W. Tucker . . . . .      | “ “ “                        |
| William E. Anderson . . . . .    | “ “ “                        |
| William M. McIntosh, Sr. . . . . | Affiliated “ “               |
| George S. Hallmark . . . . .     | “ “ “                        |
| James W. Boyd . . . . .          | Consecrated January 16, 1889 |
| Samuel Pasco . . . . .           | “ “ “                        |
| Julius Stark* . . . . .          | “ “ 18, 1889                 |
| Herman Glogowski . . . . .       | “ “ “                        |
| Robert McClellan . . . . .       | “ “ “                        |
| J. W. V. R. Plummer . . . . .    | “ May 7, 1890                |
| John H. Stephens . . . . .       | “ “ “                        |
| Thomas S. Wilmarth . . . . .     | “ “ “                        |
| R. Alfred Monsalvatge . . . . .  | “ “ “                        |
| Frank P. Mersereau . . . . .     | “ “ “                        |
| Silas B. Wright . . . . .        | “ “ “                        |
| Samuel A. Wauchope . . . . .     | Affiliated “ “               |



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|----------------------|-------------|-------|----------|
| Irving E. Webster    | Consecrated | May   | 13, 1891 |
| Edgar A. Richards    | "           | "     | "        |
| Warren Tyler         | "           | "     | "        |
| William H. Jewell    | "           | "     | 11, 1892 |
| William S. Jordan    | "           | "     | "        |
| John D. Sinclair     | "           | "     | "        |
| Elijah H. Bunker     | "           | "     | "        |
| Charles J. Hayes     | "           | "     | "        |
| Dougal MacLachlan    | Consecrated | May   | 11, 1892 |
| James H. Whitfield   | "           | "     | 12, 1892 |
| Alonzo M. Cushman    | "           | Nov.  | 12, 1892 |
| Olin S. Wright       | "           | May   | 10, 1893 |
| Alexander C. Martin  | "           | "     | "        |
| Bingham H. Chadwick  | "           | "     | "        |
| Nathaniel T. Elliott | "           | Jan.  | 18, 1894 |
| Wilber P. Webster    | "           | "     | "        |
| Everard F. Barnes    | "           | "     | "        |
| Milton A. Fuller     | Affiliated  | "     | "        |
| Thomas J. Smith      | Consecrated | March | 5, 1894  |
| Syd. L. Carter       | "           | "     | 16, "    |
| William K. Bartleson | "           | "     | 16, "    |
| Henry J. Stewart     | "           | May   | 9, "     |
| William M. Dunn      | "           | "     | 9, 1895  |
| James E. Pound       | "           | Jan.  | 7, "     |
| Joseph Townsend      | "           | "     | 7, "     |
| George W. Hyde       | "           | "     | 18, "    |

<sup>1</sup>Dead.

## REGULATIONS

OF THE

## GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

## ADVANCEMENT.

1. The golden rule for advancement in Masonry is suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees, of which the Chapter should be fully satisfied.

## APRON.

2. The Royal Arch apron is white, with scarlet border.

## BALLOTING.

3. All balloting takes place in the Royal Arch Degree, and all degrees conferred in a Chapter are balloted for at one and the same time.

## BUSINESS.

4. No business shall be transacted at a special or called convocation other than that for which the meeting was called; the only exception to that rule would be in a case where every member of the Chapter was present at the meeting and no objection made to the transacting such other business.

## CHAPTERS.

5. The organization of a newly chartered Chapter terminates the connection of its members with their former Chapter or Chapters respectively, hence the necessity of a certificate from the Secretary of the Chapter or Chapters to which the petitioner or petitioners belong, that such petitioners are clear upon the records, or else a dimit must accompany the application for a charter. See *Chapters U. D.*



## CHAPTERS U. D.

*See Constitution, Section 19.*

6. A Chapter under dispensation is a creation of the Grand High Priest, by virtue of a constitutional provision, Article 2, Section 18. It possesses no power or authority except such as is expressly granted in the dispensation. Its existence extends only to the first Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to which its authority, records and documents must be surrendered.

7. If a dispensation or charter be applied for, or a continuation of its dispensation, satisfactory evidence must appear that the petitioners are not in arrears for fees or dues to the chartered Chapters of which they are respectively members, otherwise their application will be refused.

8. The records of a Chapter U. D. should exhibit a fair specimen of that intelligence and regularity of proceedings which are characteristic of a well regulated Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, before a charter be granted, and there should be evidence of fraternal prosperity.

9. Installations of Officers of a Chapter Under Dispensation is neither necessary nor proper.

10. Officers of a Chapter U. D. work under the immediate supervision and control of the Grand High Priest; and such official honors as continuously appertain to duly elected and installed High Priests do not accrue to them.

## CHARTERS.

11. The Grand Secretary is instructed to record the charter or warrant heretofore issued to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction upon the request of the Chapter, on being furnished with such warrant or charter, or a copy thereof, certified under seal of the Chapter.

12. All warrants or charters hereafter issued from this Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be recorded by the Grand Secretary in a book to be procured and kept by him for that purpose.

## CONVOICATIONS.

13. At each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter

the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each consisting of not less than three members:

1. On Credentials and Returns.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-Laws.
5. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. On Finance and Accounts.
7. On Memorials.
8. On Foreign Correspondence, to sit during the recess of the Grand Chapter.
9. On Printing.
10. On Work.

14. It is improper for Convocations of Chapters to be called to refreshment from time to time with unlimited discretion, but should be regularly closed when the business of the meeting is finished. If, from any unavoidable cause, it becomes necessary for the interest of the Chapter to postpone for a few days only the consideration of any specific subject, the Chapter may be called off to some prudently designated period for the purpose; in which event any omitted business of the Chapter may be transacted, after which the Chapter should invariably be closed.

## CEREMONIES.

15. Each Lodge must be opened and closed with its own peculiar ceremonies, as also the Chapter.

## COMMITTEES.

16. The Committee on Work shall be composed of seven members, and shall exemplify the work in the several degrees at each annual convocation, unless the Grand Chapter shall order otherwise.

## DISPENSATIONS.

17. For exemplification of work, the presence of the G. H. P. is a sufficient basis for dispensation to ballot on a well-known candidate. A dispensation may issue authorizing a Chapter U. D. to meet and confer the degrees at a called meeting.



## INSTALLATIONS.

18. Installation of officers of a Chapter U. D. is neither necessary nor proper.

19. Installation cannot be denied on the ground that the officer-elect is in arrears for dues. The Chapter has the power to suspend a member for non-payment of dues, but, until such action is taken by the Chapter, the Masonic standing of the Companion is not affected by the fact of his dues not having been paid.

## JURISDICTION.

20. When a candidate applying to any subordinate Chapter under this Jurisdiction for the Chapter degrees, and his petition is received, and a part of said degrees conferred on him by such Chapter, if, after which, he absents himself from said Chapter for a term of years before receiving all of said degrees, he shall not be permitted to petition or receive in any other Chapter the remaining degrees without the consent of the Chapter in which he received a part of said degrees.

21. When an applicant shows satisfactorily that he has taken one or more of the Chapter degrees in a regular Chapter that has since become dormant or defunct, the Chapter to which he applies may confer the remaining degrees.

## MEMBERSHIP.

22. While it is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some Lodge, the fact of his holding a dimit does not affect his standing in the Chapter for at least twelve months; and we are of the opinion that even after that time, if he continues to be of good moral character, he should still be regarded in good standing in the Chapter, provided his failure to affiliate with a Lodge is not wilful, but should be the result of circumstances over which he has no control.

23. When a Companion Royal Arch Mason, hailing from another Grand Jurisdiction, affiliates with a constituent Chapter in this State, if such companion shall have had conferred upon him, by the sister jurisdiction, such honors, rights and privileges as are of a generally acknowledged Masonic character, the said companion may be admitted to membership in this Grand Chapter, and in that event, such honors, rights and privileges

shall be acknowledged, recognized and respected by this Grand Chapter as fully as though the same had been conferred upon him in this jurisdiction.

## NAMES TO BE PRINTED, EEC.

24. The names of the elective officers of the Chapters, and the P. O. address of secretaries thereof, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, are required to be printed with the annual proceedings.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

25. The Grand Secretary is required to annex to the Proceedings a list of all Past Grand Officers entitled to vote in the Grand Chapter.

## PAST MASTERS' DEGREE.

26. The degree of Past Master, as conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter, is not cognizable in a Blue Lodge.

27. The Chapters under this Jurisdiction are required, in conferring the Past Masters' Degree, to abridge the ceremonies within the narrowest constitutional limits, and to use those prescribed in the Ritual.

28. A Past Master by degree, who has never been a Master of a Symbolic Lodge, cannot be present at conferring the Past Masters' Degree upon Masters of Symbolic Lodges.

29. The degree of Past Master is conferred in a Chapter only for the purpose of qualifying the applicant to take the degree of Royal Arch.

## PETITIONS.

30. No Chapter within this Jurisdiction shall receive the petition of a Master Mason for advancement in the Chapter degrees who is not a regular member of some Lodge, and in good standing, and who has paid all dues against him, and made due proficiency in the symbolic degrees, of which he shall produce satisfactory evidence from the Secretary of the Lodge of which he is a member before he is balloted for.

31. A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular convocation of the Chapter, and if received shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Chapter for investigation and must lie over at least one month before any action thereon by the Chapter.



## PLACE OF MEETING.

32. Under ordinary circumstances the officers of a Chapter cannot remove to another place and hold a meeting. All meetings of the Chapter should be held at the regular place of meeting.

## QUORUM.

33. For all purposes except opening, closing and conferring degrees, nine members of *the* Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum. *Provided*, that the High Priest may call meetings of the Lodges respectively, to confer the Lodge degrees upon duly elected candidates, and do the work with the working quorums, Mark Master's Lodge 5, Past Master's Lodge 3, and Most Excellent Master's Lodge 2, and all of whom are not necessarily required to be Royal Arch Masons; and for such purpose, the Chapter, is always open, and must always be expressly recognized in the records of meetings.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

34. The Grand High Priest is requested to appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter near the several sister Grand Chapters which have appointed representatives near our own, and to as many others as in his judgment he may think proper.

35. A list of Grand Representatives must be published annually with the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

## RETURNS.

36. Annual returns of Chapters are required to be prepared immediately after the close of each Masonic year, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before the first of January thereafter; annual dues should also be forwarded at the same time.

## SUSPENSION.

37. When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Chapter of which such brother shall be a member, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to it, the Chapter shall cause the same to be made a matter of record in the minutes, and an entry thereof in the Book of Suspensions and Expulsions; and a member suspended can be reinstated only by action of the Chapter.

## SUBSTITUTES.

38. The use of substitutes in conferring the Degree of Royal Arch is in accordance with the laws and usages of capitular Masonry.



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

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The Fiftieth Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, was opened in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Tuesday, May 12, A. D. 1896, A. I. 2426, with the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN H. STEPHENS . . . . .  | Grand High Priest.            |
| WM. H. JEWELL . . . . .     | Deputy Grand High Priest.     |
| WARREN TYLER . . . . .      | Grand King.                   |
| WILBER P. WEBSTER . . . . . | Grand Scribe.                 |
| IRVING E. WEBSTER . . . . . | Grand Treasurer.              |
| W. A. MCLEAN . . . . .      | Grand Secretary.              |
| WM. M. MCINTOSH . . . . .   | Grand Chaplain.               |
| D. MACLACHLAN . . . . .     | Grand Captain of the Host.    |
| W. P. ANDERSON . . . . .    | as Grand Royal Arch Captain.  |
| CHARLES J. HAYES . . . . .  | as Grand Principal Sojourner. |
| OLIN S. WRIGHT . . . . .    | as Grand Master 3d Vail.      |
| E. A. RICHARDS . . . . .    | as Grand Master 2d Vail.      |
| SILAS B. WRIGHT . . . . .   | as Grand Master 1st Vail.     |
| JAMES F. CLARK . . . . .    | Grand Guard.                  |



## Past Grand High Priests :

W. A. McLEAN.  
 IRVING E. WEBSTER.  
 JAMES W. BOYD.  
 SILAS B. WRIGHT.  
 WM. M. McINTOSH.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Chapters were duly represented :  
 Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia,  
 Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts,  
 Missouri, New Brunswick, North Carolina, Nevada, Nova Scotia,  
 Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas,  
 Washington.

Constituent Chapters were represented as follows :

*Florida No. 1 :* H. N. SWEETING, proxy for King and Scribe.

*Gainesville No. 2 :* I. E. WEBSTER, proxy for H. P.

*Tampa No. 3 :* M. D. CUSHING, H. P.

*St. Johns No. 4 :* J. R. WETHERELL, H. P.

*Halifax No. 5 :* JAMES CARNELL, H. P.

*Mt. Horeb No. 6 :* C. R. OGLESBY, H. P.

*Eureka No. 7 :* J. N. BRADSHAW, H. P.  
 E. A. RICHARDS, proxy for K.

*Madison No. 8 :* ANGUS PATERSON, proxy for King.

*Putnam No. 9 :* W. P. ANDERSON, H. P.  
 E. E. HASKELL, proxy for K. and S.

*Jasper No. 10 :*

JOHN M. CALDWELL, Scribe and proxy for  
 H. P. and K.

*Live Oak No. 11 :*

T. J. PHILIPS, King.  
 H. F. AIRTH, proxy for S.

*Jacksonville No. 12 :*

I. E. BAIRD, H. P.

*Ocala No. 13 :*

J. H. WHITFIELD, H. P.

*Monroe No. 15 :*

A. C. MARTIN, proxy for H. P.

*Plant City No. 16 :*

J. L. YOUNG, H. P.  
 O. S. WRIGHT, proxy for S.

*Lake Butler No. 19 :*

F. M. RIVERS, proxy for H. P.

*Providence No. 20 :*

Not represented.

*Island No. 21 :*

No returns.

*Thomas Brown No. 22 :*

HENRY PAYNE, H. P.

## ORGANIZATION.

The Grand High Priest appointed a committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of Companions W. P. Webster, Warren Tyler and E. E. Haskell.

The said committee reported verbally that the foregoing list of Grand Officers and members is correct, and that said officers and members are entitled to be present and participate in the proceedings of the annual convocation.

## MINUTES.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, the reading of the minutes of the last annual convocation was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed.



## VISITORS.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, all Companion Royal Arch Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Grand Chapter.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees:

*Returns and Credentials:*

W. P. WEBSTER,  
WARREN TYLER,  
E. E. HASKELL.

*Unfinished Business:*

C. J. HAYES,  
O. S. WRIGHT,  
JOHN M. CALDWELL,  
JAMES H. WHITFIELD.

*Propositions and Grievances:*

W. P. ANDERSON,  
E. A. RICHARDS,  
J. N. BRADSHAW.

*Dispensations and By-Laws:*

I. E. WEBSTER,  
JAMES CARNELL,  
H. N. SWEETING.

*Masonic Jurisprudence:*

J. W. BOYD,  
S. B. WRIGHT,  
WM. M. MCINTOSH.

*Finance and Accounts:*

W. P. WEBSTER,  
S. B. WRIGHT,  
E. E. HASKELL.

*Memorials:*

WM. H. JEWELL,  
I. E. WEBSTER,  
A. C. MARTIN.

## ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address to the Grand Chapter as follows:

*Companions of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida.*

We again meet to consider those things essential to the welfare and prosperity of Royal Arch Masons and to review the course of Masonry during the past year. Let us invoke the blessing of the Great I am, upon our present convocation and return thanks for the blessings granted since we last met.

Capitular Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction during the past year has not progressed as we hoped to have it, although gratifying reports have been received from various parts of this Grand Jurisdiction and at the close of the Masonic year. I am called upon to render an account of my stewardship, and I do so, and surrendering the gavel of authority, with the same spirit of humility in which it was taken up, trusting that no official act of mine shall otherwise affect Royal Arch Masonry, than to advance it and preserve the landmarks.

As we are about to enter upon a new year let feeling of fraternal unity actuate us and may we vie with each other in doing those things which will most fully exemplify the true Masonic spirit.

Let us remember that a Masonic badge is a temple of peace, where harmony and brotherly love should ever prevail, and where lessons of love and charity should be learned, so that in passing over the tassellated pavement of this fleeting existence let us not be unmindful of the merciful end of our creation. That we may be prepared as living stones for that spiritual temple, eternal in the heavens.

## OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Death with the all devouring scythe of time has entered the temples of our jurisdiction and removed some of our loved and useful companions, whom it is proper that we should pause and honor, for it is through the gates of death that we reach our final reward.



Among our companions who have been called from labor to refreshment I first mention companion the Rev. Thomas A. Carruth of Tampa No. 3, who was called from labor February 26, 1895. Companion Carruth was during the years 1863, 1869, 1870 and 1872, Grand Chaplain of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Rev. J. J. Scott of Mt. Horeb No. 6, died November 21, 1895.

Charles O. Myers of Eureka No. 7, died October 5, 1895.

James O. Bradshaw of Madison No. 8, died January 21, 1895.

James Ellenwood of Madison No. 8, died November 1, 1895. Companion Ellenwood was Grand Scribe in 1856, Grand King in 1854, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1857, 1858, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1871 and Grand High Priest in 1868.

Zimri H. Loudermilk of Jasper No. 10, died November 12, 1895.

David G. Love of Jacksonville No. 12, died November, 1895.

Horace L. Weller of Ocala No. 13, died November, 1895.

Rest to their ashes and eternal peace to their souls.

Our Sister Jurisdictions have lost many prominent members among whom are the following:

VIRGINIA—June 9, 1895, Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary; June 19, 1895, "*Companion Lynn*," Grand Lecturer.

MONTANA—July, 1895, Richard O. Hickman, Past Grand High Priest.

NORTH CAROLINA—November 29, 1895, Geo. W. Blount, P. G. H. P.

MARYLAND—December 8, 1895, Charles Van S. Levy, P. G. H. P.

MICHIGAN—November 10, 1895, Michael Schomaker, P. G. H. P.

TEXAS—November 25, 1895, Z. Ellis Coomless, P. G. H. P.

NEW YORK—December 23, 1895, Rees. Gibbon Williams, P. G. H. P. and for many years Grand Representative of this

Grand Chapter near Grand Chapter of New York.

WASHINGTON—June, 1895, J. R. Bellinger, P. G. H. P.

The reaper has truly gathered a harvest, among which are some of the brightest jewels in the galaxy of capitular Masonry. Let us in our hearts do them humble reverence.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Commissions have been issued to the following Grand Representatives of this Jurisdiction near other Grand Chapters:

Kansas—Aaron H. Cornett, July 15, 1895.

Maryland—L. James M. Boyd, November 6, 1895.

Texas—J. T. Burgher, November 6, 1895.

New York—Geo. W. Anderson, March 21, 1896.

Nevada—Wm. Dunn, April 9, 1896.

Recommended as the Grand Representative of Nevada in Florida, Companion J. H. Whitfield.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

As evidence of the greater care in Chapter work and the more general knowledge and observance of the requirements few dispensations have been asked for.

Among those requested and granted was July 15, 1895, to Jasper No. 10 to elect and install officers.

September 7, 1895, to Live Oak No. 11 to elect and install King to fill vacancy caused by death of Companion W. H. Sessions.

During the month of June, 1895, the following Chapters were duly constituted:

Daytona, Halifax, No. 5.

Live Oak No. 11.

Greater interest than ever before has been manifested in Chapter work and it is confidently predicted, that with proper exemplification by our committee on work there will soon be perfect uniformity throughout this jurisdiction. An end devoutly hoped for.



No decisions have been required on the part of the Grand High Priest as every question has been answered by citation to proper regulation. And now Companions this closes my official work and I have only to request, that over my errors and omissions you will spread the broad mantle of charity and continue ever to give me the warm pressure of the fraternal hand.

JOHN H. STEPHENS,  
G. H. P.

On motion of Companion James W. Boyd, the foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects, the Deputy Grand High Priest announced as such committee the following-named companions, to-wit: James W. Boyd, Wilber P. Webster and Silas B. Wright.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

May 12, 1896, 4 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.  
Present: M. E. John, H. Stephens, Grand High Priest and others as at the morning session.

Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

#### SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

The special committee appointed at last Grand Annual Convocation to prepare suitable ceremonies and make all necessary arrangements for the celebration of the semi-centennial of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida, reported through Companion Irving E. Webster, the chairman of said committee, that Companion William H. Jewell, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, had been requested to deliver an address suitable to the occasion, which said report was received and adopted.

By request of the Grand High Priest, Companion Irving E. Webster, chairman of the committee, in well chosen, eloquent words, introduced Companion Jewell, who proved himself in every respect equal to the occasion, the address was well received and highly appreciated.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, a vote of thanks was tendered to Companion Jewell for his eloquent address, and by unanimous vote of the Grand Chapter, he was requested to furnish a copy for publication in the printed proceedings. The said request having been complied with, the address is here inserted as follows:

#### *Royal Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

At the last annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, a resolution was adopted to commemorate at this convocation the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of this body, and a committee was appointed for that purpose.

That committee determined to observe that auspicious event by an address appropriate to the occasion, and to my astonishment, selected me to make that address.

I need not tell you, Companions, how greatly I appreciate the honor done me in this regard, but when my mind recalls the names of so many members of this Grand Body, whose fitness for this service so far exceeds my poor ability, I marvel at the selection and shrink under the responsibility thus laid upon me. And as if to cause me to feel yet more keenly this great responsibility, your committee have united in informing me of what grand things will be expected from me on this occasion. As for myself, I am reminded of the proverb, "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as him that putteth it off." And as for you, dear Companions, permit met to quote another saying, "Blessed is he that expecteth nothing for he shall not be disappointed." Bonaparte, pointing to the pyramids of Egypt, said to his army: "Soldiers, fifty centuries look down upon you." Whatever of courage and patience the great conqueror hoped to inspire in his soldiers by this apostrophe of



these ancient monuments; surely we, Royal Arch Masons of to-day, should be inspired with patience and courage as we look back upon the past fifty years of faithful labor done for Royal Arch Masonry in Florida.

Fifty years! So long a time, and yet so short! So long a time if we consider the mighty changes in the world which have taken place during that period; but so brief a span when measured with that magnificent Amazon of Masonic history whose broad current has flowed down through the centuries and compared with which our history of fifty years seems almost insignificant. And yet fifty years of organized Masonic life is no small thing in a State so sparse in population and so secluded from the great currents of commercial and political life, as has been Florida until the past two or three decades.

I for one am proud to think that Royal Arch Masonry can count fifty years of organized and consecutive work in Florida.

I am proud, as a Mason, to know that we must go back still further, to the year 1830, to find when the Grand Lodge of Free Masons was organized in this State. And that Free Masonry in Florida still antedates that period by many years, for the first lodge of Free Masons was instituted at St. Augustine as long ago as 1768 under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Thus it is that Masonry took an early hold upon the people of this State, and in spite of wars and hardships and isolation, Masonry has kept its hold upon the hearts of the people of this State until there are few if any States, with our population, and our disadvantages, which can show a nobler record in building upon the grand basal principles of our order than can Florida.

I repeat, then, that it is with pride that I to-day point to the fifty years that crown the life of our Grand Chapter. It should spur us on to fresh and nobler endeavor. I confess that I love to remember that Masonry is a time-honored institution. I love to trace its history and traditions away back into the mists of most ancient times. Masonry seems to me like some grand mountain whose foundations are in the mists of the vales of

antiquity, upon whose breast the clouds and storms have broken, but whose noble head has risen into the clear sunlight of peace and prosperity. Or as Goldsmith poetically says:

“Like some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,  
Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm.  
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,  
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.”

There is much in Masonry—capitular Masonry—that carries us back to most ancient times. The robe of the High Priest, with its ephod and girdle, its breastplate of judgment, with its Urim and Thummin, his forehead bound about with the inscription “holiness to the Lord,” these things are to me like a connecting link with those ancient times when God seemed so very near to his people. Whether it is tradition or history, I prefer to believe that I, too, have sat in that “oriental chair” once so ably filled by our illustrious Grand Master, Solomon, King of Israel. The names of Jeshua, Zerrubbabel and Haggai—not Joshua, the son of Nun and successor of Moses, who lived nearly 1500 B. C.—but Jeshua, the son of Jozedech, who lived about 536 B. C., who returned from Babylonian captivity with Zerrubbabel and Haggai to rebuild the city and temple at Jerusalem; of Moses, that colossal figure of ancient history, to whom the Lord appeared in the burning bush on Mt. Horeb; of Aholiab and Bezaleel, those two skilful artificers and builders of the first tabernacle and of the ark of the testimony. And further back yet into almost the very dawn of humanity, back to the time of Shem, Ham and Japhet, those putative progenitors of the nations who long after peopled Europe, Asia and Africa. Oh, how these names carry us back into remotest ages and seem to bridge over, as it were, the thousands of years that have rolled between their days and ours!

Yea, Royal Arch Masonry carries us back to the great first cause, God himself, the “I am” of ancient Israel, who is the foundation stone of all true Masonry and whose Word is our Great Light!

To some this love, yea, this reverence, for the historic and



traditional past may seem too much like pure sentiment, but it does not seem so to me. It should be an inspiration to us in this Nineteenth Century, that the noble principles of Masonry to-day are the truths that animated the breasts of those ancient worthies thousands of years ago.

It is an inspiration to believe that Masonry can be traced away back into almost prehistoric ages, and to know that it has stood the test of so many hundreds of years, and so far as we can see to-day, seems destined to go on while time lasts.

It certainly should be taken as proof that there is something in Masonry which seemingly makes it indestructible.

In all the past years of Masonic history the map of the world has been greatly changed many times. Nations have risen and fallen. Great kings and conquerors have come and gone, and mighty have been the mutations which time has wrought in the world's history. But Masonry has not only survived, but it has grown until its followers may be found all over the habitable globe. It has taught the prince and the peasant to meet "on the level" as brothers, the proud Caucasian and the dark browed Arab, the scholar and the unlearned, the rich and the poor, Masonry has brought them all together within its borders, to acknowledge the same grand principals, the same great virtues, Faith, Hope, Love, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. No other human institution can compare with Masonry either in age, in strength or in its far reaching influence, and only the Christian Church overshadows its sublime history.

But I must return from this realm of the poetic, as it were, to that of prose and fact. But before I touch upon the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida, I desire to recall one or two features that may be of interest to you, Companions of the Royal Craft.

Where and when the Royal Arch degree had its origin no one seems as yet, quite able to say, positively. Our historians usually give the date of its origin about the middle of the last century, 1740, in England. But we are told that there is good reason to

believe that the degree of Mark Master, at least antedates this period by more than two hundred years. I have heard expert Masons tell of the Masonic evidences they had seen on the foundation stones of Solomon's temple at Jerusalem, and among these of the "marks" of the workmen then upon the massive foundation stones which have lain there for nearly three thousand years.

When the Past Master's degree originated or when it was adopted into the Royal Arch system is not clear. The records so far known which tell us of virtual or honorary past masters instead of actual past masters, being eligible for the Royal Arch degree, carry us back about 150 years.

The origin of the M. E. M. degree is equally obscure. It was known prior to 1797 as the Super Excellent degree. Of the Royal Arch degree the actual records do not carry us back of 1740. But there is strong probability that the history of this degree goes back considerably anterior to this date. The four degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. M. were worked in Royal Arch "Lodges" until about 1768, when "Chapter," instead of "Lodge," came into use.

The term "Companion" came to be used instead of "Brother" about ten years after, that is, 1778.

The history of Capitular Masonry in the United States begins some time before the present century. We read of Royal Arch Lodges several years before the revolution.

The "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North America" now known as the "General Grand Chapter of the United States," appears to have been organized at Hartford, Conn., in 1798. At its organization there were present six Grand Chapters. To-day forty-three Grand Chapters acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, and its membership represents nearly 200,000 Royal Arch Masons, not including Pennsylvania and Virginia.

And now something of the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida. I regret that what I shall say is not only scant but imperfect. You all know, Companions, that this Grand Chapter







have they for our Grand Chapter? What a different world this is to-day from that one our Companions knew when this Grand Body was organized fifty years ago! Human slavery abolished throughout this land, this nation baptized in blood and risen to new life, the earth transformed by steam and electricity. There are no more seas nor vast continents, for space is annihilated. London, New York and San Francisco are now within speaking distance, and the world is a whispering gallery. What changes shall confront those who may commemorate the centennial of this Grand Body fifty years hence? Who can tell? And yet Masonry changes not. The same sublime principles which were taught fifty years ago, yea, an hundred, two hundred years, and how much longer ago who can tell? are the principles which animate us to-day, and which we have every reason to believe will inspire our successors at the end of another semi-centennial, and yet another and another.

May I say it, for I say it with all due reverence, as it was said of Him who was and is the brightness of the Father's glory—Masonry is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever." In Companions, our lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. In this glorious land of sunshine, flowers and fruits, where the soft susurrus of the pines chants love songs to the orange and the magnolia, where the tenebrous shades of night are shot through and through with the splendid effulgence of a southern moon, where the mocking bird pours out its soul ecstasy of song, and where a balmy and caressing air woos the invalid and aged to our genial clime. In this favored land our lot is cast, here it is, dear Companions, our work is to be done. Shall not the past and the hopeful outlook for the future inspire us to a more solemn consecration of ourselves to our noble work? The world is drawing together, the ends of the earth are coming nearer and nearer. Steam and electricity are the factors in this annihilation of space. Let us, Capitular Free Masons, come nearer together. There is a bond which should draw us nearer and nearer. It is the bond of Brotherhood, the brotherhood of man; the basal principle in Masonry. This is our golden text, our central thought, our key, and our motive. But with this

comes the still greater truth of the Fatherhood of God. The first lesson taught us as Masons is, "trust in God," the second is, "holiness to the Lord," and through all is the lesson of fraternal love and helpfulness. Brotherhood and Fatherhood! With these two golden links to bind us, the one to our fellows, the other to the great "I am," we need fear no future.

For the most of us, Companions, the time of labor is drawing to a close. What we would do we must do quickly. Soon we shall be called to receive our "wages" from the Grand Senior Warden, Him who sitteth at the right hand of God; and when we present our "tokens," may it be said that our work here was well done, "good work, true work, square work," such work as was fit for the building of the temple of a noble life.

May our Arch of Life, which spans the Present and the Future and whose foundations are Time and Eternity, be bound together with the Keystone of Faith. And when at last we shall stand in the presence of the Grand Council above, may we be in possession of that Grand Omnific Word, which shall admit us into that temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

Companion Olin S. Wright propounded the following question:

Section 11 of our constitution says that each and every member of this Grand Chapter present is entitled to one vote, section 3 says, the Past officers of the Grand Chapter, and the Past High Priests of subordinate chapters are members of the Grand Chapter, now, are these Past officers and Past High Priests entitled to vote or only the present officers and representatives?

The same was referred to the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for consideration and report thereon.

On motion of Companion Eimer E. Haskell, it was ordered that when the Grand Chapter call off, it to be to 7:30 this evening.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 this evening.



## EVENING SESSION.

May 12, 1896, 7:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Present: M. E. John, H. Stephens, Grand High Priest, and others as at the afternoon session.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

## REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

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

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Within ten days after the close of the last annual convocation, four hundred copies of the proceedings were printed and distributed.

As will be seen by the financial report of the Grand Secretary, hereto annexed, the amount received from all sources during the year, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, is the sum of \$716.70, which said amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as evidenced by his receipt therefor, and now submitted for your consideration.

The dispensation heretofore granted to Magnolia Chapter, U. D. at Apalachicola, has been returned, with the information that the companions there, being so very few in number, are unable to continue the dispensation, or apply for charter.

In the absence of a committee of arrangements, and owing to my long continued severe illness, I requested Companion W. P. Webster, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter, to arrange with the various transportation companies and hotels for reduced rates in the interest and for the benefit of those attending the present annual convocation, and the prompt and efficient manner in which that service was performed by him, has placed me under lasting obligations.

All the chapters, except one, have made annual returns, and, as will be seen by report of the committee on returns and credentials, two have failed to pay dues As is well known, re-

turns should be made and annual dues paid immediately after the close of the Masonic year, but as the Grand Secretary heretofore has pleaded as eloquently as possible with secretaries to perform this service at the proper time, and thereby discharge a Masonic obligation devolving upon them, and as so little benefit has been secured as a result of such *eloquent pleading*, the Grand Secretary must be excused from pursuing the subject further in this report. It is not to be understood, however, that all of the chapters are remiss in this important particular, as some of them are never delinquent in the matter of returns and dues.

I wish to make acknowledgment of courtesies and kindnesses extended by the Grand High Priest during his official administration, and also to say in this connection that my association and official transactions with the officers and members of the various chapters throughout the jurisdiction, has been of the most pleasant character.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida, for the year 1895.

|                   |                         |          |
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| Dues from Florida | Chapter No. 1, for 1895 | \$ 29.00 |
| " Gainesville     | " " 2, "                | 49.00    |
| " Tampa           | " " 3, "                | 16.00    |
| " St. Johns       | " " 4, "                | 34.00    |
| " Halifax         | " " 5, "                | 52.00    |
| " Mt. Horeb       | " " 6, "                | 58.00    |
| " Eureka          | " " 7, "                | 30.00    |
| " Madison         | " " 8, "                | 29.70    |
| " Putnam          | " " 9, "                | 37.00    |
| " Jasper          | " " 10, "               | 22.00    |
| " Live Oak        | " " 11, "               | 17.00    |
| " Jacksonville    | " " 12, "               | 73.00    |
| " Ocala           | " " 13, "               | 105.00   |
| " Monroe          | " " 15, "               | 32.00    |
| " Plant City      | " " 16, "               | 30.00    |
| " Lake Butler     | " " 19, "               | 42.00    |
| " Providence      | " " 20, "               | .        |
| " Island          | " " 21, "               | .        |
| " Thos. Brown     | " " 22, "               | 21.00    |
| " Plant City      | " " 16, for 1894        | 40.00    |
|                   |                         | \$716.70 |

Paid Irving E. Webster, Grand Treasurer, \$716.70  
W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.



COMMITTEE ON RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The committee on Returns and credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida :

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials begs leave to submit the following report :

Returns have been received from every Chapter in the State except No. 21.

We find the returns received correct, except—

Madison, No. 8, which owes a balance of \$5.30: Ocala, No. 13, which owes a balance of \$42.00, and has omitted the Chapter seal from the report; Providence, No. 20, no dues received, and report is incorrect.

With the assurances received, and the Companions representing the above Chapters that the above omissions will be speedily supplied, your committee would recommend that representation and pay be allowed them.

We report that the list of representatives and officers of the Grand Chapter, as made by the Grand Secretary at roll-call, is correct.

Fraternally submitted,  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
E. E. HASKELL,  
WARREN TYLER.

May 12. 1896.

On motion of Companion Haskell, that the first order of business at the morning session tomorrow shall be the annual election of officers, the same was adopted.

The committee on Grand High Priest's address, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida :

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest for distribution, would respectfully report that so much of said address as refers to the fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Memorials, and that relating to dispensations to the Committee on Dispensations and By-

Laws. All matters involving questions of Masonic law to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

J. W. BOYD,  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
Committee.

May 12, 1896.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

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

I. E. Webster, Grand Treasurer, In account with  
The Grand Chapter, R. A. M.

|           |                                                           |          |                                    |
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| 1895.     |                                                           |          |                                    |
| May 15,   | To bal. from W. P. Webster, G. T.                         | \$933.81 |                                    |
|           | By pay roll Grand Chapter, 1895.                          |          | \$404.90                           |
|           | By W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary . . . . .                |          | 250.00                             |
| June 4.   | By DaCosta Printing Co., Printing Proceedings . . . . .   |          | 65.85                              |
|           | To interest on deposit at So. Sav- and Trust Co . . . . . | 3.06     |                                    |
| Sept. 16, | By So. Ins. Co., insurance on office furniture . . . . .  |          | 9.50                               |
| Dec. 1,   | To interest on deposit S. S. & T. Co . . . . .            | 4.12     |                                    |
| 1896.     |                                                           |          |                                    |
| May 1,    | To interest on deposit acct. S. S. & T. Co . . . . .      | 2.80     |                                    |
| May 12,   | By bal. on hand . . . . .                                 |          | 213.54                             |
|           |                                                           | \$943.79 | \$943.79                           |
| 1896.     |                                                           |          |                                    |
| May 12,   | To bal. on hand . . . . .                                 | \$213.54 |                                    |
|           | To amt. from Grand Secretary .                            | 716.70   |                                    |
|           |                                                           |          | I. E. WEBSTER,<br>Grand Treasurer. |



## RESOLUTION BY E. E. HASKILL.

Companion Elmer E. Haskell offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

May 12, 1896.

"Resolved, that this Grand Chapter furnish to subordinate Chapters no blanks other than the usual annual return blanks." The Grand Chapter work in the several degrees of M. M., P. M., and M. E. M., was exemplified by the committee on work, which was very instructive and highly appreciated by all present.

The Grand Chapter, with appropriate ceremonies, was called from labor to refreshment until 10:30 a. m. tomorrow.

## MORNING SESSION.

May 13, 1896, 10:30 a. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. Present, M. E. John H. Stephens, Grand High Priest, and others as at evening session, with the addition of Past Grand High Priest Angus Paterson, who presented a proxy from King of Madison Chapter No. 8.

Minutes of evening session were read and confirmed.

## DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The committee on dispensations and by-laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:*  
Your committee on Dispensation and By-Laws begs to present the following report :

We recommend the approval by the Grand Chapter of the action of the Grand H. P., in granting dispensations to Live Oak, No. 11, at Live Oak, and Jasper, No. 10, at Jasper.

There being no other business before us, we respectfully submit this, our report.

I. E. WEBSTER,  
JAS. CARNELL,  
H. N. SWEETING.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The following report was presented by the committee on unfinished business, which was received and adopted :

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your committee on Unfinished Business report that upon careful examination we find no matter of business requiring our attention.

Fraternally submitted,

C. J. HAYES,  
O. S. WRIGHT,  
J. H. WHITFIELD.

## MEMORIALS.

The committee on memorials presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 13, 1896.

Your Committee on Memorials has the sad duty to chronicle the death of several Companions in this Grand Jurisdiction and in the Grand Jurisdictions of other States, which have been reported since our last annual Grand Convocation. Out of this jurisdiction have been called to rest eight beloved Companions, who were members of subordinate Chapters in Florida. They are as follows :

Rev. Thomas A. Carruth, of Tampa Chapter, No. 3, who died February 26th, 1895, and who was Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter in the years 1863, 1869, 1870 and 1872. Rev. J. J. Scott, of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, who died November 21st, 1895. Charles O. Myers, Past High Priest of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, who died October 5th, 1895. Rev. James N. Bradshaw, of Madison Chapter, No. 8, who died January 21st, 1895, and James Ellenwood, of the same Chapter, who died November 1st, 1895, who was Grand Scribe of this Grand Chapter in 1856, Grand King in 1854, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1857, 1858, 1861 to 1864, inclusive; Grand High Priest in 1868, and who again served as Deputy Grand High Priest in 1871. Zimri H. Loudermilk, of Jasper Chapter, No. 10, who died November



12, 1895. David G. Love, of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, who died \_\_\_\_\_, 1895, and Horace L. Weller, of Ocala Chapter, No. 13, who died \_\_\_\_\_, 1895.

The deaths reported from other Grand Jurisdictions include the names of Companions who were distinguished members of our Royal Craft.

In Virginia, William B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary of that Grand Jurisdiction, died June 9th, 1895, and on June 19th, 1895, was called hence William H. H. Lynn, Past Grand High Priest of that Grand Body.

The deaths of the following Grand High Priests are reported: In Montana, Richard Owen Hickman, July 20th, 1895; in North Carolina, George W. Blount, November 29th, 1895; in Maryland, Charles Van Swearingen Levy, December 8th, 1895; in Michigan, Michael Shoemaker, November 10th, 1895; in Texas, Z. Ellis Coombes, November 29th, 1895; in New York, Rees Gibbon Williams, December 23d, 1895, who was for several years the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of New York; and finally, in Washington, Jacob R. Bellinger, May 19th, 1895.

To the Subordinate Chapters in our own jurisdiction which have suffered affliction in the death of the Companions named, and as well to the families and friends of these honored dead, your committee extends the cordial, fraternal sympathy of this Grand Chapter. To our sister Grand Jurisdictions, whose membership has been depleted by death, we offer our heartfelt condolences.

Your committee will attempt no eulogy of those beloved Companions of our own jurisdiction who have been called from labor to refreshment. They had wrought in the quarries of life, and we will believe that they had exhibited to the Divine Master Overseer suitable specimens of their skill and proficiency; that they have received the "wages" of eternal life and peace. The sun of life has gone down for them, but to rise on a brighter shore. May we, dear Companions, by their death be reminded of the uncertainty of life, and that soon, when our Companions

shall assemble to labor, our stations will also be vacant forever. May we all at last find our appropriate stations in heaven.

WM. H. JEWELL,  
A. C. MARTIN,  
I. E. WEBSTER.  
Committee.

#### PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

The committee on propositions and grievances presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 13, 1896.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievance, with much pleasure, beg to report that nothing having been submitted to them during the present session in the nature of a proposition or grievance shows that peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

W. P. ANDERSON,  
E. A. RICHARDS,  
J. N. BRADSHAW,  
Committee.

#### MAGNOLIA CHAPTER U. D.

On motion of Companion Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., the dispensation to Magnolia Chapter was continued until the next annual convocation, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to return the dispensation and request the members to make another effort to sustain the chapter.

#### ANNUAL ELECTION.

The regular order of business being the annual election of officers, the Grand High Priest appointed Companions E. E. Haskell and I. E. Baird as tellers.

The election resulted as follows:

Companion William H. Jewell, of Orlando, was unanimously elected Grand High Priest; Companion Warren Tyler, of Bartow, was unanimously elected Deputy Grand High Priest;



Companion Wilber P. Webster, of Jacksonville, was unanimously elected Grand King; Companion Olin S. Wright, of Plant City, was unanimously elected Grand Scribe; Companion Irving E. Webster, of Gainesville, was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer; Companion William A. McLean, of Jacksonville, was unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary; Companion William M. McIntosh, of Tallahassee, was unanimously re-elected Grand Chaplain.

#### NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

Companion Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter be held at Jacksonville, on the second Tuesday in May, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m.

#### FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from P. G. H. P. Enos Wasgate, containing impressive sentiments of fraternal regard to this Grand Chapter, and each individual member. The Grand Secretary was instructed to respond thereto in appropriate terms, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, and to assure Companion Wasgate of our sincere regrets that he was unable to remain in Florida on his recent visit so as to be present and participate in the deliberations of the present annual convocation.

#### INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand High Priest appointed Companion Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P., as Grand Marshal. Companion William H. Jewell, Grand High Priest elect, was duly installed into the said office by Grand High Priest John H. Stephens. The Grand Chapter recognized and acknowledged the newly installed Grand High Priest with the grand honors of Royal Arch Masonry. Past Grand High Priest John H. Stephens, by request of the Grand High Priest, duly installed the other Grand Officers as follows: Warren Tyler, Deputy Grand High Priest; Wilber P. Webster, Grand King; Olin S. Wright, Grand Scribe.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain having been re-elected are not required to be re-installed.

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year and they were duly installed by P. G. H. P. John H. Stephens, except those re-appointed:

CHARLES J. HAYES . . . . . Grand Captain of the Host.  
WM. P. ANDERSON . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner.  
JAMES CARNELL . . . . . Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
JAMES H. WHITFIELD . . . . . Grand Master 3d Vail.  
A. M. CUSHMAN (re-appointed) . . . . . Grand Master 2d Vail.  
A. C. MARTIN . . . . . Grand Master 1st Vail.  
JAMES F. CLARK (re appointed) . . . . . Grand Guard.

#### COMMITTEES.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed the following committees, as provided for by the constitution and regulations:

#### COMMITTEE ON WORK.

W. A. McLean,  
O. S. Wright,  
J. R. Wetherell,  
Warren Tyler,  
W. P. Webster,  
S. B. Wright,  
C. J. Hayes.

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

W. A. McLean,  
J. W. Boyd,  
Angus Paterson.

#### COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

W. A. McLean,  
I. E. Baird,  
B. H. Chadwick.



GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Companion James H. Whitfield, recently appointed and commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nevada, near the Grand Chapter of Florida, was received and cordially welcomed with the Grand Honors. Companion Whitfield made a very appropriate response, which was well received and highly appreciated. Each of the Grand Representatives present extended fraternal greetings on behalf of the respective Grand Chapters represented by them.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment, it will be until 7:30 this evening.

The Grand Chapter, with appropriate ceremonies, was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

MAY 13, 1896—7:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 7:30 this evening. Minutes of morning session read and approved. Present:

- M. E. WILLIAM H. JEWELL . . . . . Grand High Priest.
- R. E. WARREN TYLER . . . . . Deputy Grand High Priest.
- “ WILBER P. WEBSTER . . . . . Grand King.
- “ OLIN S. WRIGHT . . . . . Grand Treasurer.
- “ IRVING E. WEBSTER . . . . . Grand Secretary.
- “ WM. A. MCLEAN . . . . . Grand Chaplin.
- “ WM. M. MCINTOSH . . . . . Grand Captain of the Host.
- CHARLES J. HAYES . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner.
- WM. P. ANDERSON . . . . . Grand Royal Arch Captain.
- JAMES CARNELL . . . . . Grand Master 3d Vail.
- JAMES H. WHITFIELD . . . . . as Grand Master 2d Vail.
- OLIN S. WRIGHT . . . . . Grand Master 1st Vail.
- A. C. MARTIN . . . . . Grand Guard.
- JAMES F. CLARK . . . . .

*The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. Minutes of morning session were read and approved.*

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 13, 1896.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; find them to be correct, and recommend their approval.

We recommend that a per diem of two dollars for each day in attendance, and mileage five cents per mile one way, by the shortest practical route, be allowed the officers of this Grand Chapter, and to one representative from the several particular Chapters represented at this convocation as per pay-roll hereto attached.

We recommend that hereafter, in lieu of mileage of five cents per mile one way, the actual cost of transportation of officers and representatives be allowed and paid.

We have placed upon the pay-roll of the present session members of the Committee on Work and Past Grand High Priests here in attendance in no other capacity, and recommend that hereafter they be remunerated as other officers.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

|                                               |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| For rent, office of Grand Secretary . . . . . | \$120.00 |
| For printing annual proceedings . . . . .     | 75.00    |
| For stationary, postage, etc. . . . .         | 60.00    |
| For Grand Chapter, incidentals . . . . .      | 10.00    |

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,  
E. E. HASKELL,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT.



## JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 13, 1896.

*To the M. W. Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida:*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report in reply to the query propounded by Ex. P. H. P. O. S. Wright. They report that all of the members of the Grand Chapter as enumerated in Section 3 of the Constitution are entitled to vote on all matters before the Grand Chapter.

Your committee recommend that Regulation No. 31 of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter as printed on page 49 of the Proceedings of 1895 be amended by striking out all after the word "and" in the next line to the last, and inserting the following: "May be acted upon at the same meeting, at the discretion of the Chapter." The Regulation, as amended, will then read as follows:

31. A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular convocation of the Chapter, and if received shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Chapter for investigation, and may be acted upon at the same meeting, at the discretion of the Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. BOYD,  
W. M. MCINTOSH,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
Committee.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P., a vote of thanks was extended to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for the use of their hall, and for courtesies extended to the members of the Grand Chapter; and also a vote of thanks to the various transportation lines and hotels for reduced rates of fare, and for courtesies generally extended to the representatives of the Grand Chapter.

Labor was dispensed with, and the Grand Chapter visited

Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and witnessed the conferring the Royal Arch Degree by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work. The committee called to its assistance several of the members of the Grand Chapter, who are known to be quite proficient in the ritual. The work was accomplished in a satisfactory manner, and was highly appreciated by the members present, as was evidenced by the complimentary comments made with reference to the committee and assistants.

Labor was resumed.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed, and no further business appearing, the Grand Chapter, with appropriate ceremonies, was closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.

WM. H. JEWELL,  
Grand High Priest.



[REDACTED]

**TO THE MEMORY**  
OF THE  
**COMPANIONS**

Who Departed this Life in the Masonic Year A. D. 1895



| NAME.             | CHAPTER.     | NO. | DATE.   |
|-------------------|--------------|-----|---------|
| THOMAS A. CARRUTH | TAMPA        | 3   | FEB. 26 |
| J. J. SCOTT       | MT. HOREB    | 6   | NOV. 21 |
| CHARLES O. MYERS  | EUREKA       | 7   | OCT. 5  |
| JAMES N. BRADSHAW | MADISON      | 8   | JAN. 21 |
| JAMES ELLENWOOD   | MADISON      | 8   | NOV. 1  |
| Z. H. LOUDERMILK  | JASPER       | 10  | NOV. 12 |
| DAVID G. LOVE     | JACKSONVILLE | 12  |         |
| HORACE L. WELLER  | OCALA        | 13  |         |

[REDACTED]



STATISTICS.

| CHAPTER.          | Number. | Members Last Year. | Exalted. | Affiliated. | Re-instated. | Total. | Deaths. | Demitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present Membership |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Florida.....      | 1       | 34                 | .....    | .....       | .....        | 34     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 34                 |
| Gainesville.....  | 2       | 46                 | 4        | 1           | .....        | 51     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 47                 |
| Tampa.....        | 3       | 16                 | 1        | 1           | .....        | 18     | 1       | 1         | .....      | .....     | 16                 |
| St. Johns.....    | 4       | 31                 | 5        | .....       | .....        | 36     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 32                 |
| Halifax.....      | 5       | 22                 | 15       | .....       | .....        | 37     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 35                 |
| Mt. Horeb.....    | 6       | 49                 | 8        | 1           | .....        | 58     | 1       | .....     | .....      | .....     | 55                 |
| Eureka.....       | 7       | 24                 | 3        | .....       | .....        | 31     | 1       | .....     | .....      | .....     | 27                 |
| Madison.....      | 8       | 41                 | 3        | 1           | .....        | 45     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 45                 |
| Putnam.....       | 9       | 38                 | .....    | .....       | 1            | 39     | .....   | 1         | 6          | .....     | 32                 |
| Jasper.....       | 10      | 17                 | 3        | .....       | .....        | 20     | 1       | .....     | .....      | .....     | 17                 |
| Live Oak.....     | 11      | 19                 | .....    | .....       | .....        | 19     | 1       | .....     | .....      | .....     | 19                 |
| Jacksonville..... | 12      | 68                 | 3        | 1           | .....        | 74     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 64                 |
| Ocala.....        | 13      | 50                 | 13       | .....       | .....        | 64     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 55                 |
| Monroe.....       | 15      | 37                 | 3        | .....       | .....        | 40     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 37                 |
| Plant City.....   | 16      | 34                 | 1        | .....       | .....        | 35     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 33                 |
| Lake Butler.....  | 19      | 15                 | 12       | .....       | .....        | 27     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 23                 |
| Providence.....   | 20      | 39                 | 5        | .....       | .....        | 44     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 38                 |
| *Island.....      | 21      | 38                 | .....    | .....       | .....        | 38     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 38                 |
| Thomas Brown..... | 22      | 29                 | .....    | .....       | .....        | 29     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 29                 |
|                   |         | 639                | 79       | 20          | 4            | 742    | 8       | 25        | 35         | .....     | 675                |

\*Return of last year.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

| CHAPTER.          | No. | LOCATION.         | TIME OF MEETING.                       |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | Tallahassee.....  | Second and fourth Monday.              |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | Gainesville.....  | First Friday.                          |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | Tampa.....        | Second and fourth Friday.              |
| St. Johns.....    | 4   | LeLand.....       | Third Monday.                          |
| Halifax.....      | 5   | Daytona.....      | Second Thursday.                       |
| Mt. Horeb.....    | 6   | Pensacola.....    | Second and fourth Friday.              |
| Eureka.....       | 7   | Orlando.....      | Second and third Tuesday.              |
| Madison.....      | 8   | Madison.....      | First and third Monday.                |
| Putnam.....       | 9   | Palatka.....      | First and fourth Monday.               |
| Jasper.....       | 10  | Jasper.....       | Second and fourth Tuesday.             |
| Live Oak.....     | 11  | Live Oak.....     | First Thursday.                        |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | Jacksonville..... | Fourth Thursday.                       |
| Ocala.....        | 13  | Ocala.....        | First Monday.                          |
| Monroe.....       | 15  | Sanford.....      | Second and fourth Tuesday.             |
| Plant City.....   | 16  | Plant City.....   | Eriday before 1st and 3d Sun-<br>[day. |
| Lake Butler.....  | 19  | Lake Butler.....  | First Thursday.                        |
| Providence.....   | 20  | Providence.....   | Second Thursday.                       |
| Island.....       | 21  | Key West.....     | Second and 4th Wednesday.              |
| Thomas Brown..... | 22  | Bartow.....       | Second Friday.                         |



CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTER.          | No. | HIGH PRIEST.       | KING.             | SCRIBE.           | TREASURER.        | SECRETARY.         | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | L. B. Wombwell.    | S. C. Caldwell.   | S. A. Wanchope.   | Robert Gamble.    | Wm. M. McIntosh.   | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | Geo. W. Hyde.      | Jno. R. Eddins.   | Evans Haile.      | M. B. Saunders.   | Robt. McClellan.   | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | M. D. Cushing.     | John T. Gunn.     | Abe Maas.         | Isaac Maas.       | John C. White.     | Tampa.         |
| St. Johns.....    | 4   | J. R. Wetherill.   | O. F. Fish.       | E. L. Powe.       | J. B. Jordan.     | J. H. Hibbard.     | DeLand.        |
| Halifax.....      | 5   | James Carnell.     | James P. Belden.  | Geo. P. Ballaugh. | Charles D. Smith. | S. W. Bartlett.    | Daytona.       |
| Mt. Horeb.....    | 6   | C. R. Oglesby.     | James M. Flinn.   | M. J. Fauria.     | C. McK. Oerting.  | Wm. E. Anderson.   | Pensacola.     |
| Eureka.....       | 7   | John N. Bradshaw.  | Benj. F. Brown.   | Louis C. Massey.  | Mahlon Gore.      | Charles Lord.      | Orlando.       |
| Madison.....      | 8   | Lewell C. Ruter.   | Abraham H. West.  | Eugene P. Mickel. | Joseph Townsend.  | Thomas J. Smith.   | Madison.       |
| Putnam.....       | 9   | Wm. P. Anderson.   | F. C. Cochran.    | Wm. G. Tilghman.  | Moritz Kole.      | T. B. Anderson.    | Palatka.       |
| Jasper.....       | 10  | Eli C. Horne.      | John E. Hanna.    | J. M. Caldwell.   | Joseph D. Tuten.  | J. M. Guilliams.   | Jasper.        |
| Live Oak.....     | 11  | F. L. Reese.       | T. J. Phillips.   | C. H. McGeehee.   | George Wolfe.     | J. H. McKinnon.    | Live Oak.      |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | Irving E. Baird.   | R. V. Rogero.     | T. G. Hutchinson. | Otis L. Keene.    | Thomas B. Davis.   | Jacksonville.  |
| Ocala.....        | 13  | Jas. H. Whitfield. | Herman Moses.     | Gordon S. Scott.  | William Fox.      | John J. Earle.     | Ocala.         |
| Monroe.....       | 15  | E. F. Barnes.      | Robert Derby.     | C. E. Waite.      | J. C. Ensminger.  | J. W. Sincath.     | Sanford.       |
| Plant City.....   | 16  | James L. Young.    | Charles S. Lowry. | H. B. Wordehoff.  | Eben B. Trask.    | Olin S. Wright.    | Plant City.    |
| Lake Butler.....  | 19  | M. L. McKinney.    | F. M. Byrd.       | T. E. Deke.       | E. L. Odum.       | F. M. Rivers.      | Lake Butler.   |
| Providence.....   | 20  | J. M. Tolbert.     | J. L. Mathews.    | J. W. Osteen.     | Robert C. Martin. | A. C. Odum.        | Providence.    |
| Island.....       | 21  | R. J. Perry.       | Benj. Albury.     | Wm. R. Kerr.      | F. A. Williams.   | R. A. Monsalvatge. | Key West.      |
| Thomas Brown..... | 22  | Henry Payne.       | James T. Hancock. | John M. Reed.     | D. W. Stanley.    | James Hardin.      | Bartow.        |

LIST OF GRAND SECRETARIES AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.        | GRAND SECRETARY.      | ADDRESSES.     |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Alabama.....           | Henry C. Armstrong.   | Montgomery.    |
| Arizona.....           | George J. Roskrige.   | Tucson.        |
| Arkansas.....          | J. A. Renry.          | Little Rock.   |
| California.....        | Thomas H. Caswell.    | San Francisco. |
| Canada.....            | T. Sargent.           | Toronto.       |
| Colorado.....          | Edward C. Parmelee.   | Denver.        |
| Connecticut.....       | James McCormick.      | Hartford.      |
| Delaware.....          | James H. Price.       | Wilmington.    |
| Dist. of Columbia..... | Lewis G. Stephens.    | Washington.    |
| Georgia.....           | A. M. Wolihin.        | Macon.         |
| Illinois.....          | Barnard G. W.         | Chicago.       |
| Indiana.....           | Wm. H. Smythe.        | Indianapolis.  |
| Indian Territory.....  | Joseph S. Morrow.     | Atoka.         |
| Iowa.....              | All Wingate.          | Des Moines.    |
| Kansas.....            | Jabob DeWitt.         | Salina.        |
| Kentucky.....          | Henry B. Grant.       | Louisville.    |
| Louisiana.....         | Richard Lambert.      | New Orleans.   |
| Maine.....             | Stephen Berry.        | Portland.      |
| Maryland.....          | Geo. L. McCahan.      | Baltimore.     |
| Massachusetts.....     | Seranus Bowen.        | Boston.        |
| Michigan.....          | J. S. Conover.        | Coldwater.     |
| Minnesota.....         | Thomas Montgomery.    | St. Paul.      |
| Mississippi.....       | J. L. Power.          | Jackson.       |
| Missouri.....          | Wm. H. Mayo.          | St. Louis.     |
| Montana.....           | Cornelius Hedges.     | Helena.        |
| Nebraska.....          | Wm. R. Bowen.         | Omaha.         |
| Nevada.....            | Chauncey N. Noteware. | Carson.        |
| New Brunswick.....     | Wm. A. Ewing.         | St. John.      |
| New Hampshire.....     | George P. Cleaves.    | Concord.       |
| New Jersey.....        | George B. Edwards.    | Jersey City.   |
| New York.....          | Christopher G. Fox.   | Buffalo.       |
| North Carolina.....    | Horace H. Munson.     | Wilmington.    |
| North Dakota.....      | Frank J. Thompson.    | Fargo.         |
| Nova Scotia.....       | Alex Ross.            | Halifax.       |
| Ohio.....              | Charles C. Keifer.    | Urbana.        |
| Oregon.....            | James F. Robinson.    | Eugene.        |
| Pennsylvania.....      | Charles Cary.         | Philadelphia.  |
| Quebec.....            | Will H. Whyte.        | Montreal.      |
| Rhode Island.....      | Wm. R. Green.         | Providence.    |
| South Carolina.....    | Albert E. Fugle.      | Columbia.      |
| South Dakota.....      | George A. Pettigrew.  | Flandrana.     |
| Tennessee.....         | W. A. Clendening.     | Nashville.     |
| Texas.....             | Geo. Lopas, Jr.       | Houston.       |
| Vermont.....           | Warren G. Reynolds.   | Burlington.    |
| Virginia.....          | James B. Blanks.      | Petersburg.    |
| Washington.....        | Yancey C. Blaloch.    | Walla Walla.   |
| West Virginia.....     | Odell S. Long.        | Charleston.    |
| Wisconsin.....         | John W. Lallin.       | Milwaukee.     |
| G. Grand Chapter.....  | Christopher G. Fox.   | Buffalo.       |
| Scotland.....          | Robert S. Brown.      | Edinburgh.     |







### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER<br>GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | GRAND<br>CHAPTERS. | OF OTHER GRAND<br>JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA. |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| B. B. Pope, Gadsden.....                    | Alabama.....       | Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.                |
| W. H. Gee, Dardenell.....                   | Arkansas.....      | Wm. B. Burnett, Jacksonville                |
| James Moffatt, London, Ontario              | Canada.....        | Robert J. Perry, Key West                   |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver..                 | Colorado.....      | Wm. A. McLean, Jacksonville                 |
| J. H. Stidham, New Britain..                | Connecticut..      | Warren Tyler, Bartow.                       |
| George W. Beatty, Wilmington                | Delaware.....      | W. P. Webster, Jacksonville                 |
| John Lockie, Washington, D.C.               | Dist of Col'mb     | W. P. Webster, DeLand.                      |
| W. A. Davis, Macon.....                     | Georgia.....       | Silas B. Wright, Tampa.                     |
| W. L. Orr, Carrollton.....                  | Illinois.....      | John H. Stephens.                           |
| Elmer Crockett, South Bend..                | Indiana.....       | Herman Glogowski, Milton.                   |
| George R. Turner, Waterloo....              | Iowa.....          | R. B. Shepherd, DeLand.                     |
| Aaron H. Cornett, Great Bend.               | Kansas.....        | Olin S. Wright, Plant City                  |
| J. W. Staten, Brooksville.....              | Kentucky.....      | Silas B. Wright, Bartow                     |
| Henry Hamburger, New Orleans                | Louisiana.....     | Olin S. Wright, Jacksonville                |
| Henry R. Taylor, Machias.....               | Maine.....         | James W. Boyd, Tampa                        |
| L. James M. Boyd.....                       | Maryland.....      | Wm. A. McLean, Tampa                        |
| Alexander K. Boyer.....                     | Massachuset's      | Herman Glogowski, Jacksonville              |
| John F. Benzet, St. Paul.....               | Minnesota.....     | Wm. W. Tucker, Gainesville                  |
| J. L. Power, Jackson.....                   | Mississippi...     | I. E. Webster, Jasper.                      |
| C. C. Wood, Kansas City.....                | Missouri.....      | Henry J. Stewart, Monticello.               |
| William Dunn, Virginia City...              | Nevada.....        | Samuel Pasco, Monticello.                   |
| J. J. Monnell, Omaha.....                   | Nebraska.....      | James W. Boyd, Bartow.                      |
| W. H. B. Sadler, St. John.....              | New Br'nswk        | James H. Whitfield, Ocala.                  |
| E. L. Tillow, Elizabeth.....                | New Jersey..       | Robt. McClellan, Gainesville.               |
| George W. Anderson.....                     | New York....       | Edgar A. Richards, Key West.                |
| Michael Bowes, Raleigh.....                 | N Carolina...      | Robert J. Perry, Gainesville.               |
| John W. Scott, Valley City.....             | North Dakota       | Marcus Endel, Gainesville                   |
| John M. Lawson, Yarmouth.....               | Nova Scotia..      | I. E. Webster, Tallahassee                  |
| William E. Evans, Chillicothe..             | Ohio.....          | W. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee                 |
| Thomas G. Reams.....                        | Oregon.....        | W. M. McIntosh, Jacksonville.               |
| R. G. Adams.....                            | Quebec.....        | T. S. Wilmarth, Key West.                   |
| George Fisher, Edinburgh.....               | Rhode Island.      | Robert J. Perry, Jacksonville.              |
| A. T. Smythe, Charleston.....               | Scotland.....      | D. MacLachlan, Tallahassee.                 |
| John F. Schraeder, Rapid City.              | S Carolina...      | Geo. S. Hallmark, Tallahassee.              |
| J. C. Smith, Jr., Jackson.....              | South Dakota       | W. M. McIntosh, Orlando.                    |
| E. E. Houghton, N Bennington                | Tennessee....      | William H. Jewell, Pensacola.               |
| James L. Avis.....                          | Texas.....         | Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.                |
| Thomas M. Reed, Olympia.....                | Vermont.....       | Angus Peterson, Key West                    |
| Jere A. Miller, Wheeling.....               | Virginia.....      | R. A. Monsalvatgo, Pensacola                |
| Fred Ring, Jr., Lacrosse.....               | Washington..       | Wm E. Anderson, DeLand.                     |
|                                             | West Virginia      | Silas B. Wright, DeLand.                    |
|                                             | Wisconsin          | Henry W. Long, Martel.                      |
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MAY 13, 1896.

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| I. E. Webster.....    | ..... | G. T.....       | 69    | 3 45          | 4 00        | 7 45    |
| W. A. McLean.....     | ..... | G. Secretary... | ..... | .....         | 4 00        | 200 00  |
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| C. J. Hayes.....      | ..... | G. C. H.....    | 166   | 8 30          | 4 00        | 12 30   |
| James F. Clark.....   | ..... | G. P. S.....    | 147   | 7 35          | 4 00        | 11 35   |
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| H. W. Sweeting.....   | 1     | Florida.....    | 107   | 5 35          | 4 00        | 9 35    |
| M. D. Cushing.....    | 3     | Tampa.....      | 166   | 8 30          | 4 00        | 12 30   |
| J. R. Wetherell.....  | 4     | St. Johns.....  | 212   | 10 60         | 4 00        | 14 60   |
| James Carnell.....    | 5     | Halifax.....    | 107   | 5 35          | 4 00        | 9 35    |
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| T. J. Phillips.....   | 10    | Live Oak.....   | 56    | 2 80          | 4 00        | 6 80    |
| I. E. Baird.....      | 11    | Jacksonville... | 82    | 4 10          | 4 00        | 8 45    |
| A. C. Martin.....     | 12    | Ocala.....      | ..... | .....         | 4 00        | 8 10    |
| J. L. Young.....      | 13    | Monroe.....     | 101   | 5 05          | 4 00        | 4 00    |
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**REGULATION NO. 31 AS AMENDED.**

A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular convocation of the Chapter, and if received, shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Chapter for investigation, and may be acted upon at the same meeting, at the discretion of the Chapter.



Chapter of Florida, and was anointed and consecrated in 1876. When the present Grand Council was organized he was absent from the State, and his name was omitted from the register, but is now inserted by order of the Grand Council; also a certificate of membership, under the seal of the Grand Council ordered to be issued to said companion.

There being no further business the Grand Council was closed in due form.

WM. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary.

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A special convocation of the Grand Council was held at Jacksonville, January 24, A. D. 1896, by order of M. E. Angus Paterson, President.

M. E. Angus Paterson, President.  
 " W. E. Anderson, Vice-President.  
 " Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.  
 " Warren Tyler, Treasurer.  
 " Wm. A. McLean, Secretary.  
 " George W. Hyde, Master of Ceremonies.  
 " Nathaniel T. Elliott, Conductor.  
 " James W. Boyd, Herald.  
 " Enos Wasgate, Steward.  
 " James F. Clark, Guard.

The following named members were also present: W. S. Jordan, E. H. Bunker, Thomas J. Smith, J. E. Pound and Jos. Townsend.

Applications for the order of High Priesthood were received from Companions Henry F. Airth, High Priest of Live Oak Chapter, No. 11, and William P. Anderson, High Priest of Cornam Chapter, No. 9, and being eligible, they were duly elected and were severally introduced and regularly anointed and consecrated in due form.

By unanimous vote of the Grand Council, Companion Enos Wasgate was duly affiliated.

Companion Wasgate is Past High Priest of the Grand Chapter, No. 12, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of the order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida convened at Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, at 9:30 a. m. on Wednesday, May 13, A. D. 1896. The President, M. E. Angus Paterson, presiding. The other officers and members present were as follows:

M. E. James W. Boyd, Vice-President.  
 " I. E. Webster, Chaplain.  
 " Warren Tyler, Treasurer.  
 " W. A. McLean, Secretary.  
 " S. B. Wright, Conductor.  
 " C. J. Hayes, Herald.  
 " W. M. McIntosh, Steward.  
 " J. F. Clark, Guard.

A. C. Martin, J. D. Sinclair, Wm. H. Jewell, J. H. Whitfield, D. MacLachlan, E. A. Richards, Olin S. Wright.

The Grand Council with appropriate ceremonies was opened in ample form.

The minutes of last convocation of the Grand Council having been printed and distributed, the reading of same was dispensed with.

The Secretary presented his financial report, showing that the amount received from all sources during the year is the sum



of \$18.00, which said sum has been paid to the Treasurer, as evidenced by his receipts therefor.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, as follows:

| TREASURER'S REPORT, MAY 13, 1896.            |         |
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| Cash on hand May 15, 1895 . . . . .          | \$ 7.15 |
| " from Secretary, January 24, 1896 . . . . . | 4.00    |
| " " " May 13, 1896 . . . . .                 | 14.00   |
| Total . . . . .                              | \$25.15 |
| Paid Guard, by order Grand Council . . . . . | \$ 3.85 |
| " Secretary " " " . . . . .                  | 10.00   |
| " Expenses Printing Proceedings . . . . .    | 5.00    |
|                                              | 18.85   |
| Balance in Treasury . . . . .                | \$ 6.30 |

WARREN TYLER,  
Treasurer.

The said reports were received and approved.

**PETITIONS.**

Applications for the order of High Priesthood were received from the following named Companions, and all of them being eligible, they were duly elected:

- James Carnell, H. P., Halifax Chapter, No. 5, Daytona.
- Monroe D. Cushing, H. P., Tampa Chapter, No. 3, Tampa.
- Henry Payne, H. P., Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 22, Bartow.
- Irving E. Baird, H. P., Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, Jacksonville.
- John R. Wetherell, H. P., St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, DeLand.
- Charles R. Oglesby, H. P., Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Pensacola.
- John N. Bradshaw, H. P., Eureka Chapter, No. 7, Orlando.

These Companions were severally introduced, and regularly anointed and consecrated High Priests in due and ancient form.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

The Grand Council proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and the following named Companions were duly elected:

- M. E. Angus Paterson, re-elected, President.
- " James W. Boyd, re-elected, Vice President.
- " Irving E. Webster, re-elected, Chaplain.
- " Warren Tyler, re-elected, Treasurer.
- " William A. McLean, re-elected, Secretary.
- " William M. McIntosh, re-elected, Master of Ceremonies.
- " Silas B. Wright, re-elected, Conductor.
- " Charles J. Hayes, re-elected, Herald.
- " Olin S. Wright, Steward.
- " James F. Clark, re-elected, Guard.

The foregoing minutes, as also minutes of special convocation, were read and confirmed.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council, with appropriate ceremonies, was closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Secretary.

**REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.**

| NAME.                             | DATE.                        |
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| DeWitt C. Dawkins* . . . . .      | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| John F. Benezet . . . . .         | " " "                        |
| David S. Walker* . . . . .        | " " 19, 1888                 |
| Angus Paterson . . . . .          | " " "                        |
| Henry W. Long . . . . .           | " " "                        |
| William A. McLean . . . . .       | " " "                        |
| D. Warwick Stanley . . . . .      | " " "                        |
| Charles H. Munger . . . . .       | " " "                        |
| Fred S. Goodrich . . . . .        | " " "                        |
| William A. Griffeth . . . . .     | " " "                        |
| James F. Clark . . . . .          | " " "                        |
| William M. Somerville . . . . .   | " " "                        |
| Marcus Endel . . . . .            | " " "                        |
| William W. Tucker . . . . .       | " " "                        |
| William E. Anderson . . . . .     | " " "                        |
| William M. McIntosh, Sr . . . . . | Affiliated                   |
| George S. Hallmark . . . . .      | " "                          |
| James W. Boyd . . . . .           | " "                          |



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| Samuel Pasco . . . . .          | Consecrated | January 16, 1889 |
| Julius Stark* . . . . .         | "           | " " " "          |
| Herman Glogowski . . . . .      | "           | " " 18, 1889     |
| Robert McClellan . . . . .      | "           | " " " "          |
| J. W. V. R. Plummer . . . . .   | "           | " " " "          |
| John H. Stephens . . . . .      | "           | May 7, 1890      |
| Thomas S. Wilmarth . . . . .    | "           | " " " "          |
| R. Alfred Monsalvatge . . . . . | "           | " " " "          |
| Frank P. Mersereau . . . . .    | "           | " " " "          |
| Silas B. Wright . . . . .       | "           | " " " "          |
| Samuel A. Wauchope . . . . .    | Affiliated  | " " " "          |
| Irving E. Webster . . . . .     | Consecrated | May 13, 1891     |
| Edgar A. Richards . . . . .     | "           | " " " "          |
| Warren Tyler . . . . .          | "           | " " 11, 1892     |
| William H. Jewell . . . . .     | "           | " " " "          |
| William S. Jordan . . . . .     | "           | " " " "          |
| John D. Sinclair . . . . .      | "           | " " " "          |
| Elijah H. Bunker . . . . .      | "           | " " " "          |
| Charles J. Hayes . . . . .      | "           | " " " "          |
| Dougald MacLachlan . . . . .    | "           | " " 12, 1892     |
| James H. Whitfield . . . . .    | "           | " " 12, 1892     |
| Alonzo M. Cushman . . . . .     | "           | Nov. 10, 1893    |
| Olin S. Wright . . . . .        | "           | May " " "        |
| Alexander C. Martin . . . . .   | "           | " " " "          |
| Bingham H. Chadwick . . . . .   | "           | Jan. 18, 1894    |
| Nathaniel T. Elliott . . . . .  | "           | " " " "          |
| Wilber P. Webster . . . . .     | "           | " " " "          |
| Everard F. Barnes . . . . .     | "           | " " " "          |
| Milton A. Fuller . . . . .      | Affiliated  | March 5, 1894    |
| Thomas J. Smith . . . . .       | Consecrated | " " 16, " "      |
| Syd. L. Carter . . . . .        | "           | " " 15, " "      |
| William K. Bortleson . . . . .  | "           | " " 9, " "       |
| Henry J. Stewart . . . . .      | "           | May 9, " "       |
| William M. Dunn . . . . .       | "           | " 7, 1895        |
| James E. Pound . . . . .        | "           | Jan. 7, " "      |
| Joseph Townsend . . . . .       | "           | " " 7, " "       |
| Lowell C. Ruer . . . . .        | "           | " " " "          |

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| George W. Hyde . . . . .      | "           | "         | 18, "    |
| Henry F. Airth . . . . .      | "           | "         | 24, 1896 |
| William P. Anderson . . . . . | "           | "         | " "      |
| Enos Wasgate . . . . .        | Affiliated  | "         | " "      |
| James Carnell . . . . .       | Consecrated | May 13, " | " "      |
| Monroe D. Cushing . . . . .   | "           | "         | " "      |
| Henry Payne . . . . .         | "           | "         | " "      |
| Irving E. Baird . . . . .     | "           | "         | " "      |
| John R. Wetherell . . . . .   | "           | "         | " "      |
| Charles R. Oglesby . . . . .  | "           | "         | " "      |
| John N. Bradshaw . . . . .    | "           | "         | " "      |

\*Dead.



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

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The Fifty-First Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Florida, was opened in Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, at 10 o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, May 11, A. D., 1897; A. L., 2427, with the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| William H. Jewell..... | Grand High Priest         |
| Warren Tyler.....      | Deputy Grand High Priest  |
| Wilbur P. Webster..... | Grand King                |
| Silas B. Wright.....   | Grand Scribe              |
| Irving E. Webster..... | Grand Treasurer           |
| Marcus Endel.....      | as Grand Secretary        |
| W. M. McIntosh.....    | Grand Chaplain            |
| Charles J. Hayes.....  | Grand Captain of the Host |
| Wm. P. Anderson.....   | Grand Royal Arch Captain  |
| James Carnell.....     | Grand Principal Sojourner |
| Edgar A. Richards..... | as Grand Master, 3d Vail  |
| Alonza M. Cushman..... | Grand Master, 2d Vail     |
| Alex C. Martin.....    | as Grand Master, 1st Vail |
| James F. Clark.....    | Grand Guard               |



## Past Grand High Priests

MARCUS ENDEL.  
 JAMES W. BOYD.  
 IRVING E. WEBSTER.  
 SILAS B. WRIGHT.  
 WM. M. MCINTOSH.  
 ANGUS PATERSON.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Chapters were duly represented:  
 Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Missouri, New Brunswick, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, Texas.

Constituent Chapters were represented as follows:

*Florida No. 1.*

D. McLACHLAN, H. P.

*Gainesville No. 2:*

MARCUS ENDEL, proxy for H. P.

*Tampa No. 3:*

M. D. CUSHING, H. P.

*St. Johns No. 4:*

J. R. WETHERELL, H. P.

*Halifax No. 5:*

GEO. P. BALLOUGH, H. P.

*Mt. Horeb No. 6:*

W. H. NORTHRUP, Scribe.

*Eureka No. 7:*

L. C. MASSEY, H. P.  
 E. A. RICHARDS, proxy for K. and S.

*Putnam No. 9:*

ELMER E. HASKELL, H. P.  
 W. P. ANDERSON, proxy for K. and S.

*Jasper No. 10:*

J. E. HANNA, H. P.

*Jacksonville No. 12:*

R. V. ROGERO, H. P.  
 T. G. HUTCHINSON, K.

*Monroe No. 15:*

C. E. WAITE, H. P.

*Lake Butler No 19:*

F. M. RIVERS, proxy for H. P.  
 E. A. TODD, proxy for K.  
 M. L. LOADHOLD, proxy for S.

*Thomas Brown No. 22:*

JAMES T. HANCOCK, H. P.  
 J. W. BOYD, proxy for K. and S.

*Jacksonville Chapter No. 12:*

IRVING E. BAIRD, Past High Priest.

## RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Grand High Priest appointed a committee on Returns and Credentials consisting of companions Warren, Tyler, W. P. Webster and J. R. Wetherell.

The said committee reported verbally that the foregoing list of Grand Officers and members is correct, and that said officers and members are entitled to be present and participate in the proceedings of the annual convocation.

## MINUTES.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, the reading of the minutes of the last annual convocation was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed.

## VISITORS.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, all Companion Royal Arch Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Grand Chapter.



## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees :

*Returns and Credentials :*

WARREN TYLER,  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
J. R. WETHERELL.

*Unfinished Business :*

IRVING E. WEBSTER,  
D. McLACHLAN,  
C. E. WAITE.

*Propositions and Grievances :*

JAMES CARNELL,  
C. J. HAYES,  
W. P. ANDERSON.

*Dispensations and By-Laws :*

J. W. BOYD,  
JNO. E. HANNA,  
WM. M. McINTOSH.

*Masonic Jurisprudence :*

IRVING E. WEBSTER,  
L. C. MASSEY,  
MARCUS ENDEL.

*Finance and Accounts :*

S. B. WRIGHT,  
A. M. CUSHMAN,  
J. D. SINCLAIR.

*Memorials :*

WM. M. McINTOSH,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
M. D. CUSHING.

## ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address to the Grand Chapter as follows :

*Officers and Companions of the M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter of Florida:*

Another year has gone by since our last Grand Convocation and we are "a day's march nearer home."

With this convocation we enter upon the second half of the centennial of this Grand Chapter and it is fitting that we reverently invoke the blessing and guidance of the great I Am upon us, praying that He shall continue to us in the future that harmony and prosperity which has blessed us in the past. The past year, though it may be called uneventful, yet has had its sunshine and its shadows.

Among the latter is the departure from us for the better life of several beloved companions whose absence from the several chapters of which they were members will be noted with sorrow.

Among those who have been called from labor to rest in our own jurisdiction are the following :

Louis Huber, Florida No. 1, February 21, 1897.  
C. F. A. Bielby, St. Johns No. 4, July 9, 1896.  
Harley H. Mosely, Madison No. 8, in December.  
W. H. Speck, Putnam No. 9.  
Julius Slager, January 18, 1896; Eugene McBride, November 18, 1896, Jacksonville No. 12.  
Seth French, Monroe Chapter No. 15, January 29, 1896.  
P. R. McCrary, Plant City No. 16, in February.  
P. S. Crews, and Joseph Crawshaw, Sr., of Lake Butler No. 19 September 12.  
Phillip Dzialynski, of Thomas Brown No. 22, on——  
N. R. Mills and W. H. Geiger, Gainesville No. 2, in 1896.



Farewell, dear companions, God hath called you Home and we shall miss you, but we will comfort ourselves in our faith in that Life which is Beyond.

"There is no death. The stars go down  
To rise upon some fairer shore;  
And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown  
They shine forever more."

From our sister jurisdictions come the same sad note of sorrow for their departed ones:

ARKANSAS—Frederick Kramer, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter; September 8, 1896.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Abner Townsley Longley, Past Grand High Priest, February 23, 1896; Lewis Guillian Stephens, Grand Secretary, May 17, 1896.

GEORGIA—Andrew Martin Wolihin, the Grand Secretary of that Grand Chapter and a Past Grand High Priest thereof; February 22, 1897.

IOWA—Theodore Schriener, Grand Guard of that Grand Chapter; April 14, 1897.

KANSAS—Owen Abbott Bassett, Past Grand High Priest.

LOUISIANA—Henry Hamburger, Grand Representative of Florida Grand Chapter near Grand Chapter of Louisiana; July 1, 1896.

MARYLAND—Herman Lewis Emmons, Jr., Past Grand High Priest.

MICHIGAN—Alexander McGregor, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter, August 2, 1896.

PENNSYLVANIA—Michael Nisbet, Past Grand High Priest, May 7, 1896.

QUEBEC—Angus Grant, Past Grand second Principal H, August 15, 1896.

We condole with our sister grand chapters who have thus suffered the loss of dear companions and extend to each of them our profound sympathy.

### DISPENSATIONS.

During my year of official service I have granted the following dispensations:

May 23rd 1896, to J. M. Young, Wm. K. Jackson, A. A. Armstrong, Samuel M. Wilson, A. A. Wilson, Augustus G. Friederitce, Wm. C. Zimmerman, Wm. J. Parker and Walter S. Turner to organize a R. A. Chapter at Inverness, in Citrus county, to be known as "Inverness Chapter." U. D. and Wm. K. Jackson was designated as High Priest, Samuel M. Wilson as King and Augustus G. Friederitce as Scribe.

It is expected that a charter will be asked for by this chapter at this convocation.

On August 4th, 1896, I granted a dispensation to L. Harrison, J. W. Perry, J. Potsdamer, R. H. Cox, J. D. Taylor, L. F. Frink, J. A. Barnes, B. H. Palmer, W. C. Langston and Richard Jordan to organize Columbia Chapter, U. D.; at Lake City, Columbia county, with L. Harrison as High Priest, R. H. Cox as King and J. W. Perry as Scribe.

I have granted dispensations to elect and install officers after the regular time as follows:

Halifax No. 5, of Daytona.

Eureka No. 7, of Orlando.

Lake Butler No. 19, at Lake Buler.

Island City No. 21, at Key West.

Thomas Brown No. 22, at Bartow.

In July last I granted to Plant City, No. 16, a dispensation to move from the school building then occupied, to the masonic hall bought and owned by the masonic fraternity.

I will take this opportunity of calling your attention to the fact that in the proceedings of 1892 of this Grand Chapter an amendment to Section 22 was favorably reported upon which provides that in case an election and installation of the officers of a chapter are not effected at the proper time, it may be done "as soon thereafter as practicable." This action has never since



come before this body for final action and should, it seems, be taken up as unfinished business.

On March 29th 1897, I granted a dispensation to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, to elect and confer the degrees out of time upon Brother Walter G. Coleman of Solomon Lodge, No. 20, F. & A. M., the circumstances seeming to justify such action.

I had previously been fraternally requested by the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York to waive jurisdiction over this Brother in favor of Constitution Chapter No. 230 of New York City, but believing I had no such power, I was compelled to decline to comply with the request and refer him to Jacksonville Chapter.

#### VISITATIONS.

Being firmly convinced that visitations of Subordinate Chapters by the Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter would be conducive to the best interests of capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, I have, therefore, attempted to do something in this line.

On December 23rd last, I visited Tampa Chapter No. 3, and witnessed work on three candidates in the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees. As this Chapter has for several years labored under serious difficulties, and is just now putting on new life, I do not feel that I should speak critically of the work. Its membership is fast increasing, and the prospect is excellent for a strong Chapter at Tampa. I enjoyed the refreshing hospitality of the companions there, and shall confidently look for them to faithfully redeem their pledges of so perfecting their work that it shall be in every way "good work, true work and square work."

I made pleasant visits to Plant City Chapter, to Monroe Chapter and to Eureka Chapter, and assisted in work in the two former. Each of them use the work designated by this Grand Chapter, but with some of them there is serious need of a more

thorough and closer knowledge of the work and less dependence upon the adventitious aid and un-masonic use of cipher manuals.

Grand Scribe, Olin S. Wright, kindly went to Bartow at my request, to visit Thomas Brown Chapter, but by unavoidable accident, the Chapter failed of a quorum.

Past Grand High Priest, Angus Paterson, in compliance with my request, kindly endeavored to assist me in the work of visitation, but was unfortunate in not being able to be present at the designated Chapters at times when there was a convocation and a quorum. But prior to the time of my request and within recent periods, he had visited Madison, Florida, Jasper and Live Oak Chapters, and reports capitular Masonry generally in an encouraging condition in those Chapters.

I feel it a duty to urge upon this Grand Chapter the great importance of a closer connection with the Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction by personal visitations to them from time to time, either by the Grand High Priest himself or assisted by other Grand Officers.

If an appropriation could be made for traveling expenses, I am sure the Chapters visited, would cheerfully provide for the entertainment of the Grand Visitor. An appropriation of \$50 or even less would go some ways in effecting this good work, and while the whole State could not well be covered in a year, and yet by visiting the Chapters in one portion one year and in another section another year, the whole would receive the benefit of this kindly personal contact with our Grand Chapter.

A commission as Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter has been issued to Companion Edward Driebholz near the Grand Chapter of Louisiana in place of Companion Henry Hamburger who has departed this life.

The commission of Past Grand High Priest, T. S. Wilmarth, as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, near this Grand Chapter, having expired, a request to renew the same was sent to that Grand Body.

Companion Homer Thrasher was also commissioned as



Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

I take great pleasure in calling attention to the coming convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States to be held at Baltimore, October 12, 1897, as it is the centennial convocation of that august body.

I have not been called upon to make any decisions and have nothing, therefore, in this line to submit to you.

You will all be pleased to learn, as I am, from a communication from the office of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, that the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island has become a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter.

The serious illness of our Grand Secretary, our beloved Companion McLean, whose genial and helpful presence we pray that the great I AM will soon restore to us, has of necessity somewhat delayed and embarrassed the work of preparation for the present convocation of this Chapter; but Companion W. P. Webster kindly consented to act as assistant Grand Secretary and has well fulfilled the duties of the office.

Thanking you profoundly for the high honor you have bestowed upon me, I have endeavored to show my appreciation thereof, by striving to serve you and the interests of this Grand Chapter as faithfully as my ability would permit. May the Great I AM have us all in HIS care and keeping and guide us into more truth and more light.

Fraternally submitted,  
WM. H. JEWELL,  
Grand High Priest.

On motion of Companion W. P. Webster, the foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects, the Deputy Grand High Priest announced as such committee the following named companions, to-wit: Wilber P. Webster, Silas B. Wright and James W. Boyd.

R. E., W. A. MCLEAN, GRAND SECRETARY.

On motion of Companion Endel, a committee was appointed to express, by resolution, or otherwise, the sympathy of this Grand Chapter on behalf of Companion McLean in his continued critical illness, and to assure him of our continued love and esteem for him. The Grand High Priest appointed as such committee, Companions Endel, McIntosh and Boyd.

The Committee on Grand High Priest's address, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*M. E. G. Chapter R. A. M., Florida,*

*Companions:*—Your special committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. G. H. P. for distribution of subjects, beg leave to report that they recommend that so much of the address as refers to decisions and Masonic law be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; that so much as refers to dispensations and application for new charters be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-laws.

That so much as refers to the amendment to the Constitution offered in 1892, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. That so much as refers to the fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Memorials. That so much as refers to official visitations be referred to the Finance Committee.

W. P. WEBSTER,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
J. W. BOYD,

Committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The committee made a verbal report, which was accepted, and the committee was directed to present the substance of the report to the Grand Chapter at the evening session for further action. Companion James Carnell was appointed a member of the Committee on Work.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF NEBRASKA.

On motion of Companion Endel, the thanks of the Grand Chapter are due and hereby tendered to Companion J. J. Monell,



our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, for his active, zealous and intelligent representation of the interests of Florida in that jurisdiction.

#### DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The report of Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws was presented and adopted.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Florida :*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-laws reports as follows :

We recommend the approval of the action of the Grand High Priest in granting dispensations to Inverness and Columbia Chapters, U. D., and special dispensations.

We further recommend the granting of a charter to Inverness Chapter, U. D., under the name of Inverness Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, and that Wm. K. Jackson be the first H. P., Augustus G. Friederitce as the first King, and James F. Miller as the first Scribe thereof.

We further recommend the approval of the by-laws submitted by said Inverness Chapter.

J. W. BOYD,  
W. M. MCINTOSH,  
JNO. E. HANNA,  
Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION.

May 11, 1897.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. Present: M. E. Wm. H. Jewell, Grand High Priest and other officers and members, as at the morning session. Minutes of the morning session read and confirmed. Report of Committee on resolutions of sympathy for Com-

panion McLean, presented and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

*Whereas*, The absence of our beloved companion, W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, from his station at this Grand Convocation, being occasioned by serious illness, and being desirous of expressing the sympathy and affection of this Grand Chapter for him during this ordeal ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter fervently commends our companion to the favor and care of our Heavenly Father, and earnestly professing for him our continued love and esteem. We invoke the blessing of his speedy recovery to health and strength ; that very soon he may return to us and resume his usual invaluable services to the Masonic Fraternity in general and this Grand Chapter in particular.

MARCUS ENDEL,  
W. M. MCINTOSH,  
J. W. BOYD,  
Committee.

#### RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which was duly adopted :

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida :*

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials beg leave to submit the following report :

Correct returns have been received from every Chapter in the State except Nos. 8, 11, 13, 20 and 21, and with these exceptions are entitled to representation.

We find from the returns received that Madison No. 8, owes \$29.00 for the past year, in addition to \$5.30 reported as balance unpaid on 1895 dues.

Ocala No. 13, owes a balance of \$42.00 for 1895 dues, and \$63.00 for 1896 dues. There is also an error in making out the report which we would recommend be referred to the Grand Secretary for investigation and correction.



Lake Butler No. 19, Representative will explain.

Live Oak No. 11, Providence No. 20, and Island No. 21, have sent neither returns nor dues for 1896, and Providence No. 20 is delinquent for dues for 1895 besides having sent incorrect returns.

We further report that the list of representatives and officers of the Grand Chapter, as made by the Grand Secretary at roll-call is correct.

WARREN TYLER,  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
J. R. WETHERELL,  
Committee.

May 11, 1897.

#### DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, and the same was adopted:

MT. HOREB R. A. C. No. 6,  
PENSACOLA, FLA., May 7, 1897. }

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary:

DEAR BROTHER WEBSTER:—Our Chapter will probably not be represented next week in Grand Chapter. I enclose copy of revised by-laws which has been approved by our Chapter, and which please submit to the Grand High Priest, or the Grand Chapter for approval, and return to me.

Yours fraternally,  
W. E. ANDERSON,  
Secretary.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:  
Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, to whom was referred the by-laws of Mount Horeb R. A. Chapter No. 6,

beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their approval by the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. BOYD,  
JOHN E. HANNA,  
W. M. MCINTOSH,  
Committee.

#### MEMORIALS.

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

*M. E. High Priest and Companions:*

Your Committee on Memorials has the sad duty to record the names of those called from labor to rest by the order of our Grand Master Overseer above. The number called this year is larger both in our own and sister jurisdiction. The list is as follows:

Florida No. 1, Lewis Huber; Gainesville No. 2, N. R. Mills and W. H. Geiger; St. Johns No. 4, C. F. A. Bielby; Madison No. 8, Harley H. Mosely; Putnam No. 9, W. H. Speck; Jacksonville No. 12, Julius Slager and Eugene McBride; Monroe No. 15, Seth French; Plant City No. 16, P. R. McCrary; Lake Butler No. 19, P. S. Crews and Joseph Crawshaw, Sr.; Thomas Brown No. 22, Phillip Dzialynski.

Among our sister jurisdictions: Arkansas reports the death of Past Grand Treasurer Frederick Kramer; District of Columbia, Past Grand High Priest Abner Townley Longley and Grand Secretary Lewis Guillian Stephens; Georgia, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Andrew Martin Wolihin; Iowa, Grand Guard Theodore Schreiner; Kansas, Past Grand High Priest Owen Abbott Bassett; Louisiana, Grand Representative of Florida Henry Hamburger; Maryland, Past Grand High Priest Herman Louis Emmons, Jr.; Michigan, Grand Sentinel Alexander McGregor; Pennsylvania, Past Grand High Priest Michael Nisbet; Quebec, Past Grand Second Principal H. Angus Grant.



We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing families and friends, reminding them that our Grand Master Overseer can discern qualities in the work presented for inspection, and does not hastily reject but places it in the proper place in the arches not built by mortal hands, and they shall receive their wages in eternal rest and a life of peace.

W. M. McINTOSH,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
M. D. CUSHING.

#### REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

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

#### REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Owing to the severe and long continued illness of the Grand Secretary, this report must, of necessity, be brief, and more or less incomplete.

The dispensation which was continued to Magnolia Chapter, U. D., at Apalachicola, has been returned with the information that it was useless for them to try and get a Chapter started at that place.

The dispensation granted to Inverness Chapter, U. D., at Inverness, during the past year, has been returned with the necessary papers, for a charter, which will be submitted to the proper committee at this Grand Convocation.

Columbia Chapter, U. D., at Lake City, has not yet sent in a report though they have been fully instructed by mail as to what it would be necessary for them to do.

I would also report that a communication has been received from companions at Fort Myers, asking for information as to

method of procedure to obtain a dispensation, all of which has been furnished and I trust they will soon send in the necessary application for the dispensation.

All of the Chapters except Live Oak No. 11, Providence No. 20, and Island No. 21, have sent in returns, but not all of them have paid their dues as will be found by reference to the financial statement hereto attached.

Fraternally submitted,  
W. A. McLEAN, G. Sec.,  
by W. P. WEBSTER, Ass't. G. Sec.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida.

|                                              |                       |   |      |         |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|------|---------|
| To dues from Florida Chapter No 1, for 1896, |                       |   |      | \$34.00 |
| "                                            | Gainesville           | " | " 2, | " 47.00 |
| "                                            | Tampa                 | " | " 3, | " 39.00 |
| "                                            | St. Johns             | " | " 4  | " 36.00 |
| "                                            | Halifax               | " | " 5  | " 56.00 |
| "                                            | Mt. Horeb             | " | " 6  | " 56.00 |
| "                                            | Eureka                | " | " 7  | " 30.00 |
| "                                            | Putnam                | " | " 9  | " 36.00 |
| "                                            | Jasper                | " | " 10 | " 23.00 |
| "                                            | Jacksonville          | " | " 12 | " 68.00 |
| "                                            | Monroe                | " | " 15 | " 27.00 |
| "                                            | Plant City            | " | " 16 | " 27.00 |
| "                                            | Lake Butler           | " | " 19 | " 48.00 |
| "                                            | Thomas Brown          | " | " 22 | " 19.00 |
| "                                            | Charter fee Inverness |   |      | .50     |

\$596.00

Paid Irving E. Webster, Grand Treas. \$468.00

" " " " " 128.00

\$596.00

Receipts attached.

W. A. McLEAN, G. Sec.  
by W. P. WEBSTER, Ass't. G. Sec.







## MORNING SESSION.

May 12, 1897.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Present: M. E. Wm. H. Jewell, Grand High Priest, and others, as at the evening session, with the addition of P. G. H. P., Angus Paterson, and W. H. Northrup, Scribe of Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, and Elmer E. Haskell, High Priest of Putnam Chapter No. 9.

## ANNUAL ELECTION.

The Grand High Priest announced the first order of business to be the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Companions Boyd and Anderson were appointed tellers.

The election resulted as follows:

|                                          |                          |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Warren Tyler . . . . .                   | Grand High Priest        |
| Wilber P. Webster . . . . .              | Deputy Grand High Priest |
| James Carnell . . . . .                  | Grand King               |
| Elmer E. Haskell . . . . .               | Grand Scribe             |
| Irving E. Webster . . . . . (re-elected) | Grand Treasurer          |
| Wm. A. McLean . . . . .                  | Grand Secretary          |
| Wm. M. McIntosh . . . . .                | Grand Chaplain           |

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Proposition and Grievances, beg to report that nothing having been submitted to them during the present session in the nature of a proposition or grievance, shows that peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Signed:

JAS. CARNELL,  
W. P. ANDERSON,  
C. J. HAYES,  
Committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that we find no business requiring our attention at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

I. E. WEBSTER,  
D. MACLACHLIN,  
C. E. WAITE,

Committee.

## JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, and the same was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence congratulates the royal craft of this jurisdiction upon the fact that during the past year our M. E. Grand High Priest was not called upon to render any decision or give any interpretation of the law. This evidences the fact that our companions are well versed in jurisprudence, and that the laws of this Grand Chapter are being administered in an intelligent and comprehensive manner. It also proves to us that complete harmony exists; that our companions are at peace with each other and that brotherly love prevails.

The suggestion of the M. E. Grand High Priest relative to the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution recommended by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence at the session of 1892, which by resolution was referred to the committee, has received our careful consideration. We recommend that inasmuch as the amendment was not prominently displayed in the proceedings of that year, in accordance with the usual custom, and it having been overlooked as unfinished business, and concluding that the subject has not received attention by our Chapters during the year, and that the craft may have ample



notice, that this matter is again under consideration, that the Grand Secretary be directed to print in the proceedings of this year a separate notice of the proposed amendment as follows: That Section 22, G. C. Constitution be amended by inserting the words "or as soon thereafter as practicable" after the words St. John the Evangelist's Day, in order that it may be brought up for final disposition at the next Annual Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,  
 I. E. WEBSTER,  
 MARCUS ENDEL,  
 L. C. MASSEY, Committee.

**FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.**

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

JACKSONVILLE, May 12, 1897.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter:*

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report: We have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; find them to be correct and recommend their approval. We recommend that a per diem of \$2.00 per day and actual cost of transportation be allowed the officers of this Grand Chapter and to our representatives from the several particular chapters represented at this convocation, and the members of the committee on work and the Past Grand High Priests, here in attendance in no other capacity, as per pay roll hereto attached.

We recommend the following appropriation or as much as may be necessary for the ensuing year.

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Salary of Grand Secretary.....        | \$200 00 |
| For rent, office Grand Secretary..... | 120 00   |
| " printing annual proceedings.....    | 65 00    |
| " stationery and postage, etc.....    | 50 00    |
| " pay roll session 1897.....          | 243 40   |
|                                       | <hr/>    |
|                                       | \$678 40 |

Leaving a balance of \$116.79 unappropriated.

Owing to the deficiency in receipts this year, we do not feel authorized to recommend the appropriation of any amount for traveling expenses to exemplify the Grand Chapter work, as recommended by the M. E. G. H. P.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary's salary be paid quarterly, also office rent.

We recommend that a suitable warrant book be procured, the expense of which be paid from the stationery fund, to be used by the Grand Secretary and Grand High Priest in ordering the payment of funds, and that the Grand Treasurer pay no money except on a regular warrant.

Fraternally submitted,  
 SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
 A. M. CUSHMAN,  
 J. D. SINCLAIR, Committee.

On motion of Companion Paterson a special committee was appointed to visit Companion W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, and convey to him the resolutions adopted by the Grand Chapter at its evening session. The Grand High Priest appointed as such committee, Companions Angus Paterson, Marcus Endel and Irving E. Webster.

Companion Irving E. Webster offered the following resolution, to-wit:

*Resolved,* That this Grand Chapter extend fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias now in session in this city. The same was unanimously adopted and the following named Companions were appointed as a committee to communicate the same, to-wit: J. W. Boyd, E. E. Haskell and E. A. Richards.

On motion of Companion Paterson that when the Grand Chapter is called to refreshment, it be to 3 p. m. The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

May 12, 1897.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3 p. m. Present, M. E., W. H. Jewell, G. H. P. and others, as at the morning session.

## COLUMBIA CHAPTER U. D.

On motion of Companion W. P. Webster, the dispensation to said chapter was continued.

The committee heretofore appointed to visit Companion McLean, presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida, May 12, A.D. 1897,  
A. L. 2427.*

The undersigned committee appointed to visit M. E. companion W. A. McLean would report that we performed that duty, by going to his residence, where we learned that he is very critically ill, no one but the nurses being permitted to see him; we told his son the object of our visit, and reported to him the resolutions of the Grand Chapter, a copy of which would be furnished him by the acting secretary.

Fraternally submitted,  
ANGUS PATERSON,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
I. E. WEBSTER.

The committee on resolutions to Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, reported duty performed.

The following communication was received from Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, and on motion the same was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

*The Grand Lodge—Knights of Pythias of the Grand Domain of Florida.*

The Grand Lodge—Knights of Pythias of Florida gratefully acknowledges the Fraternal Greetings extended by the

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida and most heartily reciprocates to them, wishing that the good work which is being accomplished by both orders will continue until the whole world is elevated to a high plane of honor and right conduct.

Grand Lodge—Knights of Pythias of Florida, by  
N. WOODRIDGE, S. R.  
J. H. HODGES, S. R.  
W. H. ELLIS, P. G. C.  
R. J. RILES, P. G. C.  
W. R. O'NEAL, P. G. C.

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida.

On motion of Companion Paterson, Madison Chapter, No. 8 was granted further time for payment of Grand Chapter dues.

The committee on work presented a verbal report, which was duly received, and the Ritual of the R. A. degree as recommended by the committee was adopted.

## INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The following named companions having been duly elected as Grand Officers for the ensuing year were severally installed into their respective offices by Companion Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., Companion Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P., acting as Grand Marshal.

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| WARREN TYLER,.....     | Grand High Priest.        |
| WILBER P. WEBSTER..... | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| JAMES CARNELL.....     | Grand King.               |
| ELMER E. HASKELL.....  | Grand Scribe.             |

The following named officers having been re-elected, installation was not necessary: Irving E. Webster, G. T. ——. W. A. McLean, G. S., and Wm. M. McIntosh, G. C.

## OTHER OFFICERS.

The Grand High Priest made the following appointments,







and the said companions were duly installed by Companion Endel:

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| CHARLES J. HAYES.....  | G. C. H.     |
| WM. P. ANDERSON.....   | G. P. S.     |
| ALONZO M. CUSHMAN..... | G. R. A. C.  |
| JOHN R. WETHERELL..... | G. M. 3d V.  |
| W. P. BALLOUGH.....    | G. M. 2d V.  |
| M. D. CUSHING.....     | G. M. 1st V. |
| JAMES F. CLARK.....    | Grand Guard. |

#### COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following committees as provided by constitution and regulations:

#### COMMITTEE ON WORK.

W. A. McLean.  
S. B. Wright.  
J. R. Wetherell.  
W. P. Webster.  
Olin S. Wright.  
Chas. J. Hayes.  
James Carnell.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

W. A. McLean.  
J. W. Boyd.  
Angus Paterson.

#### PRINTING.

W. A. McLean.  
W. P. Webster.  
Marcus Endel.

#### COURTESIES.

On motion of Companion W. P. Anderson, a vote of thanks was extended to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12 for courtesies shown during the annual convocation.

#### APPROPRIATION.

On motion of Companion Webster, the sum of five dollars was appropriated for incidental expenses.

#### NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

Companion Silas B. Wright presented the following resolution, which was duly adopted:

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter be held at Jacksonville on the second Tuesday in May, A. D. 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m.

#### EXEMPLIFICATION.

On motion of Companion Wm. H. Jewell, the committee on work was directed to exemplify the work in the several degrees at the next Grand Annual Convocation.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed, and no further business appearing, the Grand Chapter, with appropriate ceremonies, was closed in ample form.

MARCUS ENDEL,  
as Grand Secretary.

WARREN TYLER,  
Grand High Priest.

#### To the Companions of Florida:

For the first time in many years this Scribe was not permitted to be present at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter; the reason for this appears by the printed proceedings. Those nearest to me during the severe illness by which I was visited had abundant reason for supposing that it would be impossible for me to recover, and it did seem for several weeks, and even months, that my earthly labors had been brought to a close, and that I would never again enjoy the privilege of communing with my brethren and companions, but by the blessings of a kind Providence, adverse circumstances have been overruled, and seems now to be a prospect of greeting the brethren again as in time past.

The delay in printing the proceedings was unavoidable, and



no one can possibly regret it more than I do, but was unable to prepare the manuscript, or even to superintend the same until the present time.

Words utterly fail to express my high appreciation of the sympathy and kindness extended to me during my severe illness, covering a period of several months.

To Deputy Grand High Priest Wilber P. Webster, I was placed under lasting obligations for valuable services rendered, both prior and subsequent to the Annual Convocation; in the absence of such services, confusion would have been the rule rather than the exception in matters pertaining to the Annual Convocation. As has been the custom of a majority of the secretaries of the chapters in this jurisdiction, very few returns had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary up to the time of the beginning of his critical illness—March 24. If these secretaries had been mindful of the duties devolving upon them respectively, and had forwarded their annual returns immediately after the close of the masonic year, everything would have been prepared for the Annual Convocation by the Grand Secretary in advance of his sickness, and the minutes would have been printed and distributed within a few days after the close of the Annual Convocation, the same as for several years past, but as it is, the Royal Craft must suffer great inconvenience because of the difference of a few secretaries. This matter has been referred to a number of times heretofore, without the least possible good having been accomplished by it, so that, hereafter the Grand Secretary will not burden the secretaries of these delinquent chapters by urging them to forward annual returns, but will merely send them the necessary blanks, and will request the High Priests of such chapters to see to it that returns are forwarded at the proper time.

As will be seen by our statistics, three chapters, representing a membership of ninety-five last year, failed to make returns, this, added to the number tabulated, would give us a membership of seven hundred and twenty-four. It is confidently expected that these chapters will make returns at the next Annual

Convocation and thereby place the Grand Chapter in the position it should properly occupy in the matter of statistics.

My association with the officers and members of the Grand Chapter has been of the most pleasant character, and to each and all I am under obligations for courtesies extended.

To Most Excellent Marcus Endel, Past Grand High Priest, my faithful and well tried friend and companion of the long ago, (if not of early youth) my thanks are due for the manner in which the minutes were kept, enabling the Grand Secretary, without difficulty, to prepare the proceedings for publication, and to those who may read this, it may be taken for granted that this feeble effort is intended as a unanimous vote of thanks to that polished workman in the quarries of Royal Arch Masonry.

Fraternally,

WM. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.



STATISTICS.

| CHAPTER.           | Number. | Members Last Year. | Exalted. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Total. | Deaths. | Demitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present Membership. |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Florida .....      | 1       | 34                 | 3        | .....       | .....       | 37     | 1       | .....     | .....      | .....     | 33                  |
| Gainesville .....  | 2       | 47                 | .....    | 2           | .....       | 51     | 2       | .....     | 4          | 1         | 45                  |
| Tampa .....        | 3       | 16                 | 12       | 1           | .....       | 29     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 28                  |
| St. Johns .....    | 4       | 32                 | 1        | 1           | 1           | 35     | 1       | 2         | .....      | .....     | 34                  |
| Halifax .....      | 5       | 37                 | 9        | 2           | .....       | 48     | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | 47                  |
| Mt. Horeb .....    | 6       | 55                 | 4        | .....       | .....       | 59     | .....   | 1         | .....      | .....     | 58                  |
| Eureka .....       | 7       | 27                 | 3        | 1           | .....       | 41     | .....   | .....     | 1          | .....     | 30                  |
| Madison .....      | 8       | 43                 | .....    | .....       | .....       | 43     | 1       | 2         | 4          | .....     | 36                  |
| Putnam .....       | 9       | 33                 | 2        | .....       | 1           | 35     | 1       | 1         | .....      | .....     | 33                  |
| Jasper .....       | 10      | 17                 | 4        | .....       | .....       | 21     | .....   | 3         | .....      | .....     | 18                  |
| Jacksonville ..... | 11      | 64                 | .....    | .....       | .....       | 68     | 2       | 1         | .....      | .....     | 65                  |
| Ocala .....        | 12      | 59                 | 3        | .....       | .....       | 62     | .....   | 3         | .....      | .....     | 59                  |
| Monroe .....       | 13      | 28                 | .....    | .....       | .....       | 26     | 1       | 3         | 1          | .....     | 23                  |
| Plant City .....   | 15      | 28                 | 3        | .....       | .....       | 31     | 1       | 1         | .....      | .....     | 28                  |
| Lake Butler .....  | 16      | 36                 | 9        | 2           | 3           | 52     | 2       | .....     | .....      | .....     | 50                  |
| Thos. Brown .....  | 19      | 27                 | .....    | .....       | .....       | 27     | 1       | 3         | 1          | .....     | 22                  |
|                    | 23      | .....              | .....    | .....       | .....       | .....  | .....   | .....     | .....      | .....     | .....               |
|                    |         | 584                | 68       | 9           | 11          | 677    | 13      | 20        | 14         | 1         | 629                 |

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

| CHAPTER.           | No. | LOCATION.         | TIME OF MEETING.                       |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Florida .....      | 1   | Tallahassee.....  | Second and Fourth Monday               |
| Gainesville .....  | 2   | Gainesville.....  | First Friday                           |
| Tampa .....        | 3   | Tampa.....        | Second and fourth Friday               |
| St. Johns .....    | 4   | LeLand.....       | Third Monday.                          |
| Halifax .....      | 5   | Daytona.....      | Second Thursday.                       |
| Mt. Horeb .....    | 6   | Peusacola.....    | Second and fourth Friday.              |
| Eureka .....       | 7   | Orlando.....      | First and third Tuesday.               |
| Madison .....      | 8   | Madison .....     | First and third Monday.                |
| Putnam .....       | 9   | Palat a.....      | Second and fourth Monday.              |
| Jasper .....       | 10  | Jasper .....      | First Thursday.                        |
| Live Oak .....     | 11  | Live Oak.....     | Second and fourth Tuesday              |
| Jacksonville ..... | 12  | Jacksonville..... | Fourth Thursday.                       |
| Ocala .....        | 13  | Ocala .....       | First Monday                           |
| Inverness .....    | 14  | Inverness .....   | Thursdays before full moon.            |
| Monroe .....       | 15  | Sanford.....      | Second and fourth Tuesday.             |
| Plant City .....   | 16  | Plant City .....  | Friday before 1st and 3d Sun-<br>(day) |
| Lake Butler .....  | 19  | Lake Butler.....  | First Thursday.                        |
| Providence .....   | 20  | Providence.....   | Second Thursday.                       |
| Island .....       | 21  | Key West.....     | Second and 4th Wednesday.              |
| Thomas Brown ..... | 23  | Bartow .....      | Second Friday.                         |



CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTER.          | NO. | HIGH PRIEST.      | KING.              | SCRIBE.           | TREASURER.         | SECRETARY.        | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Florida .....     | 1   | D. McLachlan....  | H. V. R. Schrader  | G. E. McGriff.... | Robert Gamble..    | Wm. M. McIntosh   | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | Geo. W. Hyde...   | Geo. L. Crom....   | E. C. McMahan..   | M. B. Sanders...   | Robert McClellan  | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | M. D. Cushing.... | John T. Gunn....   | Abe Maas.....     | Isaac Maas..       | John C. White...  | Tampa.         |
| St. Johns. ....   | 4   | J. R. Wetherell.. | O. F. Fish.....    | E. L. Powe.....   | S. B. Wright....   | J. H. Hibbard...  | DeLand         |
| Halifax .....     | 5   | Geo. P. Ballaugh. | Chas. L. Smith...  | L. H. Gore .....  | Faank T. Peck...   | W. L. Seymour..   | Daytona.       |
| Mt. Horeb.....    | 6   | A. L. Williams... | J. M. Hilliard.... | W. H. Northrup.   | C. McK. Oerting    | Wm. E. Anderson   | Pensacola.     |
| Eureka.....       | 7   | Louis C. Massey   | Benj F Bowen..     | Charles Lord....  | Mahlon Gore.....   | T P. Baumgarten   | Orlando.       |
| Madison .....     | 8   | E. P. Mickel. ..  | A. H. West.....    | L. F. Friuk ..    | J. W. Williams..   | T. J. Smith. .... | Madison.       |
| Putnam. ....      | 9   | E. E. Haskell ..  | W. G. Tilghman.    | F. C. Cochrane    | W. H. Cyrus.....   | M. I. Cox .....   | Palatka        |
| Jasper .....      | 10  | John E. Hanna     | L. M. Anderson .   | F. W. Williamson  | J. D. Tuten .....  | J. M. Gulliams..  | Jasper.        |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | R V. Regero ..    | T. G. Hutchinson   | John H. Norton.   | O. L. Keene.....   | A. M. Lennig....  | Jacksonville.  |
| Ocala.....        | 13  |                   |                    |                   |                    |                   |                |
| Monroe .....      | 15  | C. E. Waite.....  | W. J. Buchan....   | A. C. Martin..... | J. W. Sineath....  | H. E. Munson...   | Sanford.       |
| Plant City .....  | 16  | Jas. L. Young. .  | Chas. L. Lowry..   | H. B. Wordehoff.  | Jasper Evers ..... | O. S. Wright....  | Plant City.    |
| Lake Butler ...   | 19  | M. L. McKinney.   | T. E. Dekle.....   | A. J. McKinney    | W. J. Epperson..   | F. M. Bird.....   | Lake Butler.   |
| Thomas Brown...   | 22  | J. T. Hancock ..  | John M. Reed....   | Thos. L. Hughes.  | Warren Tyler....   | James Harden ..   | Bartow.        |

LIST OF GRAND SECRETARIES AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

| GRAND CHAPTERS.       | GRAND SECRETARY.       | ADDRESSES.     |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Alabama.....          | Henry C. Armstrong     | Montgomery.    |
| Arizona.....          | George K. Roskrug      | Tucson.        |
| Arkansas.....         | J. A. Henry.....       | Little Rock.   |
| California.....       | Thomas H. Caswell      | San Francisco. |
| Canada.....           | T. Sargent.....        | Toronto.       |
| Colorado.....         | Edward C. Parmelee     | Denver.        |
| Connecticut.....      | James McCormick        | Hartford.      |
| Delaware.....         | James H. Price....     | Wilmington.    |
| District of Columbia  | A. W. Johnson.....     | Washington.    |
| Florida.....          | W. A. Holthin.....     | Macon.         |
| Georgia.....          | Gill Barnard.....      | Chicago.       |
| Illinois.....         | Wm H. Smythe.....      | Indianapolis.  |
| Indiana.....          | Joseph S. Morrow       | Atoka.         |
| Indian Territory..... | Wm. H. May.....        | Des Moines.    |
| Iowa.....             | Alf. Winkate.....      | Salina.        |
| Kansas.....           | Jacob De Wit.....      | Louisville.    |
| Kentucky.....         | Henry B. Grant.....    | New Orleans.   |
| Louisiana.....        | Richard Lambert...     | Portland.      |
| Maine.....            | Stephen Berry.....     | Baltimore.     |
| Marland.....          | George J. McCahan      | Boston.        |
| Massachusetts.....    | Seamus Brown.....      | Coldwater.     |
| Michigan.....         | I. S. Conover.....     | St. Paul.      |
| Minnesota.....        | Thomas Montgomery      | Jackson.       |
| Missouri.....         | J. L. Power.....       | St. Louis.     |
| Montana.....          | Wm. H. Mayo.....       | Helena.        |
| Nebraska.....         | Cornelius Hedges...    | Omanah.        |
| Nevada.....           | Chanucey N. Notewate   | Carson, City   |
| New Brunswick.....    | Wm. K. Bowen.....      | St. Johns.     |
| New Hampshire.....    | Wm. A. Eyring.....     | Concord.       |
| New Jersey.....       | George P. Cleaves...   | Jersey City.   |
| New York.....         | George B. Edwards...   | Buffalo.       |
| North Carolina.....   | Christopher G. Fox...  | Wilmington.    |
| North Dakota.....     | Horace H. Munson...    | Fargo.         |
| Ohio.....             | Frank J. Thompson...   | Halifax.       |
| Oregon.....           | Alex Ross.....         | Portland.      |
| Pennsylvania.....     | Charles C. Keifer..... | Eugene         |
| Rhode Island.....     | James F. Robinson...   | Philadelphia.  |
| South Carolina.....   | Charles Carr.....      | Montreal.      |
| South Dakota.....     | Wm. H. Whyte.....      | Providence.    |
| Tennessee.....        | Wm. R. Green.....      | Columbia.      |
| Texas.....            | Albert E. Fugle.....   | Flintstone.    |
| Vermont.....          | George A. Pettigrew    | Nashville.     |
| Virginia.....         | W. A. Clendenen, Jr.   | Houston.       |
| Washington.....       | Geo. A. Loppes, Jr.    | Burlington.    |
| West Virginia.....    | Warlen G. Reynolds...  | Petersburg.    |
| Wisconsin.....        | James B. Blanks.....   | Walla Walla.   |
| Wyoming.....          | James C. Blalock...    | Charleston.    |
| Grand Chapter.....    | Odell St. Louis.....   | Milwaukee.     |
| Scotland.....         | John W. Taffin.....    | Buffalo.       |
|                       | Christopher G. Fox     | Edinburgh.     |
|                       | Robert S. Brown.....   |                |



PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

|      | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, | DERUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, | GRAND KINGS,         | GRAND SCRIBES,       | GRAND TREASURERS, | GRAND SECRETARIES, | GRAND CHAPLAINS.   |
|------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1844 | Thos. Douglas*      | John P. Duval*             | Henry R. Taylor*     | Geo. W. McRae*       | Edwin D. Nash*    | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1845 | John P. Duval*      | Isaac B. Bronson*          | Geo. M. McRae*       | D. S. Graham*        | Thomas Brown*     | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1846 | Isaac H. Bronson*   | Harry R. Taylor*           | D. S. Graham*        | R. A. Shine*         | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1847 | Harry A. Taylor*    | D. S. Graham*              | R. A. Shine*         | Gad Humphreys*       | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1848 | Thos. Brown*        | Gad Humphreys*             | Alfred A. Fisher*    | Benj. Sawyer*        | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*    | Geo. M. McDonald*  |
| 1849 | B. A. Shine*        | Samuel Stephens*           | Samuel Boardman*     | Daniel O. McLean*    | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*    | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1850 | Samuel Boardman*    | J. M. W. Davidson*         | James Ellenwood*     | James S. Rust*       | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*    | A. O. Oag*         |
| 1851 | J. M. W. Davidson*  | Thomas Y. Henry*           | James Ellenwood*     | Ino. L. McKinnon*    | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*    | Hommer Hender*     |
| 1852 | Thomas Y. Henry*    | Edward R. Ives*            | Jno. L. McKinnon*    | James Ellenwood*     | R. A. Shine*      | John B. Taylor*    | Hommer Hender*     |
| 1853 | Edward R. Ives*     | Edward R. Ives*            | Jno. L. McKinnon*    | David S. Walker*     | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1854 | Edward R. Ives*     | James Ellenwood*           | D. P. Holland*       | Charles E. Dyke*     | John T. Bonds*    | John B. Taylor*    | R. R. Plummer*     |
| 1855 | James Ellenwood*    | James Ellenwood*           | Geo. D. Fisher*      | Calvin Davis*        | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | J. R. Plummer*     |
| 1856 | Gad Humphreys*      | James Ellenwood*           | Franklin Branch*     | Josiah Payne*        | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | John Penny*        |
| 1857 | D. P. Holland*      | Geo. F. Baltzell*          | James Ellenwood*     | Charles Slager*      | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | John Penny*        |
| 1858 | Thos. Y. Henry*     | James Ellenwood*           | James Ellenwood*     | D. C. Dawkins*       | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1859 | Geo. F. Baltzell*   | James Ellenwood*           | Franklin Branch*     | Wm. H. Arendell*     | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1860 | Geo. F. Baltzell*   | James Ellenwood*           | Green H. Hunter*     | Wm. H. Arendell*     | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1861 | Geo. F. Baltzell*   | James Ellenwood*           | Thos. K. Leonard*    | Wm. H. Arendell*     | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | Thos. A. Carruth*  |
| 1862 | Geo. F. Baltzell*   | James Ellenwood*           | B. S. Fuller*        | Elias Earle*         | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | Thos. A. Carruth*  |
| 1863 | Geo. F. Baltzell*   | James Ellenwood*           | Elias Earle*         | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1864 | David Jones*        | Wm. Morrill*               | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1865 | David Jones*        | Wm. Morrill*               | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1866 | James Ellenwood*    | Wm. Morrill*               | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1867 | James Ellenwood*    | Wm. Morrill*               | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1868 | James Ellenwood*    | Wm. Morrill*               | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1869 | D. C. Dawkins*      | Charles Slager*            | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1870 | D. C. Dawkins*      | Charles Slager*            | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1871 | D. C. Dawkins*      | Charles Slager*            | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1872 | Wm. Morrill*        | Charles Slager*            | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1873 | Michael Bowes*      | Charles Slager*            | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1874 | Michael Bowes*      | Charles Slager*            | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1875 | Henry W. Long*      | Charles Slager*            | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1876 | John S. DeWax*      | Charles Slager*            | Charles Slager*      | J. A. Lea*           | Hugh A. Corley*   | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1877 | John S. Driggs      | George R. Jones*           | W. W. Tucker*        | John T. Miller*      | L. McConlic*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1878 | Enos Wasgate        | Robert J. Perry            | G. E. Wentworth*     | Geo. S. Hallmark*    | L. McConlic*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1879 | Robert J. Perry     | G. E. Wentworth*           | Geo. S. Hallmark*    | Hugh A. Corley*      | L. McConlic*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1880 | Robert J. Perry     | Geo. S. Hallmark*          | Wm. E. Anderson*     | Wm. A. McLean*       | L. McConlic*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1881 | W. A. McLean        | Wm. E. Anderson*           | Warren F. Scott*     | John G. Ellis*       | L. McConlic*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1882 | W. A. McLean        | Wm. E. Anderson*           | Warren F. Scott*     | J. W. V. R. Plummer* | L. McConlic*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1883 | Geo. S. Hallmark    | Wm. E. Anderson*           | Warren F. Scott*     | F. S. Goodrich*      | L. McConlic*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1884 | Wm. E. Anderson     | Warren F. Scott*           | J. W. V. R. Plummer* | Angus Paterson*      | T. S. Wilmarth*   | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1885 | Wm. E. Anderson     | Warren F. Scott*           | J. W. V. R. Plummer* | Angus Paterson*      | T. S. Wilmarth*   | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1886 | Angus Paterson      | Marcus Endel*              | Marcus Endel*        | John G. Ellis*       | T. S. Wilmarth*   | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1887 | Angus Paterson      | Marcus Endel*              | Marcus Endel*        | John G. Ellis*       | T. S. Wilmarth*   | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1888 | Marcus Endel        | Marcus Endel*              | Marcus Endel*        | John G. Ellis*       | T. S. Wilmarth*   | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1889 | Marcus Endel        | Marcus Endel*              | Marcus Endel*        | John G. Ellis*       | T. S. Wilmarth*   | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1890 | J. W. Boyd          | F. P. Mersereau*           | James W. Boyd        | Chas. H. Munger      | T. S. Wilmarth*   | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1891 | T. S. Wilmarth      | F. P. Mersereau*           | F. P. Mersereau*     | F. P. Mersereau*     | John H. Stephens  | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1892 | Irving E. Webster   | Silas B. Wright            | W. M. McIntosh       | J. H. Stephens       | Henry S. Ely      | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1893 | Silas B. Wright     | Wm. M. McIntosh            | John H. Stephens     | J. H. Stephens       | Henry S. Ely      | DeW. C. Dawkins*   | John Penny*        |
| 1894 | Wm. M. McIntosh     | John H. Stephens           | Wm. H. Jewell        | Henry S. Ely         | Warren Tyler      | W. A. McLean       | Irving E. Webster  |
| 1895 | John H. Stephens    | Wm. H. Jewell              | Warren Tyler         | Warren Tyler         | Wilber P. Webster | W. A. McLean       | Irving E. Webster  |
|      | Wm. H. Jewell       | Warren Tyler               | Warren Tyler         | Warren Tyler         | Irving E. Webster | W. A. McLean       | Wm. M. McIntosh    |
|      |                     |                            |                      |                      | Irving E. Webster | W. A. McLean       | Wm. M. McIntosh    |

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| Louis Huber.....         | Florida.....    | 1   | February 21, 1896   |
| C. F. A. Billby.....     | St. Johns.....  | 4   | July 9, 1896.       |
| Harley H. Mosely.....    | Madison.....    | 8   | December -, 1896.   |
| William H. Speer.....    | Putnam.....     | 9   | December 28, 1895.  |
| Julius Slager.....       | Jacksonville..  | 12  | January 18, 1896.   |
| Eugene B. McBride.....   | Jacksonville..  | 12  | November 18, 1896.  |
| Seth French.....         | Monroe.....     | 15  | January 29, 1896.   |
| J. R. McCrary.....       | Plant City..... | 16  | February -, 1896.   |
| P. S. Crews.....         | Lake Butler...  | 19  | September 12, 1896. |
| Joseph Crawshaw, Sr..... | Lake Butler...  | 22  | .....               |
| Philip Dzialynski.....   | Thomas Brown..  | 2   | ....., 1896.        |
| N. R. Mills.....         | Gainesville.... | 2   | ....., 1896.        |
| W. H. Geiger.....        | Gainesville.... | 2   | ....., 1896.        |



### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

As suggested by the Grand High Priest in his annual address, and directed by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, notice is given of proposed amendment of Section 22, Grand Chapter Constitution by inserting the words, "or as soon thereafter as practicable," after the words, "St. John's the Evangelist's day," in line four of said section, so that as amended Section 22 will read as follows:

SECTION 22.—The first five officers named in the last preceding Section shall be elected annually by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast at the regular convocation of the Chapter next preceding St. John's (the Evangelist) day, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest.

The said proposed amendment will be acted upon at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

### INVERNESS CHAPTER NO. 14, INVERNESS, FLORIDA.

CHARTETED MAY 12, 1897.

Members—Wm. K. Jackson, H. P.; Augustus G. Friederitce, King; James F. Miller, Scribe; Augustus T. Priest, Treasurer; Samuel M. Wilson, Secretary; John M. Young, C. H.; George W. de Muro, P. S.; James B. Young, R. A. C.; John E. King, M. of 3rd V.; Thomas J. Northrup, M. of 2nd V.; David B. Kibbler, M. of 1st V.; Wm. J. Parker, Sentinel; Wm. C. Zimmerman, Augustus A. Armington, Walter S. Turner, Winder J. Hillman.

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida, convened at Masonic Temple in the city of Jacksonville, at 3:30 p. m., May 11, A. D., 1897, with the following officers and members:

- M. E. Irving E. Webster, as President.
- " James W. Boyd, Vice President.
- " Warren Tyler, Treasurer.
- " Marcus Endel, as Secretary.
- " S. B. Wright, Conductor.
- " Charles J. Hayes, Herald.
- " William H. Jewell, as Chaplin.
- " William M. McIntosh, Master of Ceremonies.
- " A. C. Martin, as Steward.
- " James F. Clark, Guard.
- E. A. Richards.
- A. M. Cushman.

The Grand Council with appropriate ceremonies was opened in ample form.

### MINUTES.

The minutes of the last convocation of the Grand Council having been printed and distributed, the reading of same was dispensed with.

### PETITIONS.

Applications for the order of High Priesthood were received from the following named companions, and all of them being eligible, were duly elected:

Louis C. Massey, High Priest of Eureka Chapter No. 7.



Roque V. Rogero, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

John E. Hanna, High Priest of Jasper Chapter No. 10. These companions were severally introduced and regularly annointed and consecrated High Priests in due and ancient form.

Companion Wm. K. Jackson, High Priest of Inverness Chapter presented his petition for affiliation, and was duly elected to membership in this Grand Council, he having been annointed and consecrated High Priest in another jurisdiction.

The Grand Council was called to refreshment until 11:30 a. m., to-morrow.

MAY 12, 1897.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor at 11:30, a. m. Present,

M. E. Angus Paterson, President, and others as at former session.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Applications for the order of High Priesthood were received from Companions

E. E. Haskell, High Priest Putnam Chapter No. 9.

W. E. Ballaugh, Past High Priest Halifax Chapter No. 5.

G. P. Ballaugh, Past High Priest Halifax Chapter No. 5.

Charles E. Waite, High Priest Monroe Chapter No. 15.

The said applicants being eligible were duly elected and was severally introduced, and regularly annointed and consecrated High Priests in due and ancient form.

The secretary presented his annual report showing amount received during this session to be \$14.00, which sum has been paid to the treasurer as per his receipt.

The treasurer presented his annual report as follows:

|                                                 |               |         |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
|                                                 | MAY 12, 1897. |         |
| Cash on hand May 13, 1896 . . . . .             |               | \$ 6 30 |
| Received from secretary, May 12, 1897 . . . . . |               | 14 00   |
| Total . . . . .                                 |               | \$20 30 |

|                                                                     |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Appropriations, Grand Guard, incidentals and compensation . . . . . | \$ 3 50 |
| Printing proceedings . . . . .                                      | 5 00    |
| Total . . . . .                                                     | \$ 8 50 |
| B lance in treasury . . . . .                                       | \$11 80 |

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Council proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, the following named companions were duly elected.

- M. E. Angus Paterson, Re-elected President.
- “ James W. Boyd, re-elected Vice-President.
- “ Irving E. Webster, re-elected Chaplin.
- “ Warren Tyler, re-elected Treasurer.
- “ William A. McLean, re-elected Secretary.
- “ William M. McIntosh, re-elected Master of Ceremonies.
- “ Silas B. Wright, re-elected Conductor.
- “ Charles J. Hayes, re-elected Herald.
- “ Dungald McLachlan, elected Seward.
- “ James F. Clark, re-elected Guard.

A communication was received from companion J. W. Chamberlain, President of the General Grand Council was read and discussed; foregoing action thereon was deferred.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council with appropriate ceremonies was closed in ample form.

MARCUS ENDEL,  
Acting Secretary.

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

| NAME.                        | DATE.                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DeWitt C. Dawkins* . . . . . | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| John F. Benezet . . . . .    | “ “ “                        |
| David S. Walker* . . . . .   | “ “ “                        |



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|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------|
| Angus Paterson . . . . .         | "           | "                | 19, 1888 |
| Henry W. Long . . . . .          | "           | "                | "        |
| William A. McLean . . . . .      | "           | "                | "        |
| D. Warwick Stanley . . . . .     | "           | "                | "        |
| Charles H. Munger . . . . .      | "           | "                | "        |
| Fred S. Goodrich . . . . .       | "           | "                | "        |
| William A. Griffith . . . . .    | "           | "                | "        |
| James F. Clark . . . . .         | "           | "                | "        |
| William M. Somerville . . . . .  | "           | "                | "        |
| Marcus Endel . . . . .           | "           | "                | "        |
| William W. Tucker*               | "           | "                | "        |
| William E. Anderson . . . . .    | "           | "                | "        |
| William M. McIntosh, Sr. . . . . | "           | "                | "        |
| George S. Hallmark . . . . .     | Affiliated  | "                | "        |
| James W. Boyd . . . . .          | "           | "                | "        |
| Samuel Pasco . . . . .           | Consecrated | January 16, 1889 | "        |
| Julius Stark* . . . . .          | "           | "                | "        |
| Herman Glogowski . . . . .       | "           | "                | 18, 1889 |
| Robert McClellan . . . . .       | "           | "                | "        |
| J. W. V. R. Plummer . . . . .    | "           | "                | "        |
| John H. Stephens . . . . .       | "           | May              | 7, 1890  |
| Thomas S. Wilmarth . . . . .     | "           | "                | "        |
| R. Alfred Monsalvatge . . . . .  | "           | "                | "        |
| Frank P. Mesereau . . . . .      | "           | "                | "        |
| Silas B. Wright . . . . .        | "           | "                | "        |
| Samuel A. Wauchope . . . . .     | "           | "                | "        |
| Irving E. Webster . . . . .      | Consecrated | May 13, 1891     | "        |
| Edgar A. Richards . . . . .      | "           | "                | "        |
| Warren Tyler . . . . .           | "           | "                | "        |
| William H. Jewell . . . . .      | "           | "                | 11, 1892 |
| William S. Jordan . . . . .      | "           | "                | "        |
| John D. Sinclair . . . . .       | "           | "                | "        |
| Elijah H. Bunker . . . . .       | "           | "                | "        |
| Charles J. Hayes . . . . .       | "           | "                | "        |
| Dougald MacLachlan . . . . .     | "           | "                | "        |
| James H. Whitfield . . . . .     | "           | "                | 12, 1892 |
| Alonzo M. Cushman . . . . .      | "           | Nov.             | 12, 1892 |

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| Olin S. Wright . . . . .       | "           | May   | 10, 1893 |
| Alexander C. Martin . . . . .  | "           | "     | "        |
| Bingham H. Chadwick . . . . .  | "           | "     | "        |
| Nathaniel T. Elliott . . . . . | "           | Jan.  | 18, 1894 |
| Wilber P. Webster . . . . .    | "           | "     | "        |
| Everard F. Barnes . . . . .    | "           | "     | "        |
| Milton A. Fuller . . . . .     | Affiliated  | "     | "        |
| Thomas J. Smith . . . . .      | Consecrated | March | 5, 1894  |
| Syd. L. Carter . . . . .       | "           | "     | 16, "    |
| William K. Bartleson . . . . . | "           | "     | 16, "    |
| Henry J. Stewart . . . . .     | "           | May   | 9, "     |
| William M. Dunn . . . . .      | "           | "     | 9, "     |
| James E. Pound . . . . .       | "           | Jan.  | 7, 1895  |
| Joseph Townsend . . . . .      | "           | "     | 7, "     |
| Lowell C. Ruter . . . . .      | "           | "     | 7, "     |
| George W. Hyde . . . . .       | "           | "     | 18, "    |
| Joseph M. Tolbert . . . . .    | "           | "     | 15, "    |
| James Harden . . . . .         | "           | "     | "        |
| Andrew E. Gleason . . . . .    | "           | "     | 24, 1896 |
| Henry F. Airth . . . . .       | "           | "     | "        |
| William P. Anderson . . . . .  | "           | "     | "        |
| Enos Wasgate . . . . .         | Affiliated  | "     | "        |
| James Carnell . . . . .        | Consecrated | May   | 13, "    |
| Monroe D. Cushing . . . . .    | "           | "     | "        |
| Henry Payne . . . . .          | "           | "     | "        |
| Irving E. Baird . . . . .      | "           | "     | "        |
| John R. Wetherell . . . . .    | "           | "     | "        |
| Charles R. Oglesby . . . . .   | "           | "     | "        |
| John N. Bradshaw . . . . .     | "           | "     | 11, 1897 |
| Louis C. Massey . . . . .      | "           | "     | "        |
| Roque V. Rogero . . . . .      | "           | "     | "        |
| John E. Hanna . . . . .        | "           | "     | 12, "    |
| Elmer E. Haskell . . . . .     | "           | "     | "        |
| Wm. E. Ballough . . . . .      | "           | "     | "        |
| Geo. P. Ballough . . . . .     | "           | "     | "        |
| Charles E. Waite . . . . .     | "           | "     | "        |

\*Dead.



PROCEEDINGS  
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STATE OF FLORIDA.

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FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD AT  
THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE,

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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

The Fifty-Second Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Florida, was opened in Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, at 10 o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, May 10, A. D. 1898; A. I. 2428, with the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

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| WARREN TYLER .....      | Grand High Priest            |
| WILBER P. WEBSTER ..... | Deputy Grand High Priest     |
| JAMES CARNELL .....     | Grand King                   |
| ELMER E. HASKELL .....  | Grand Scribe                 |
| IRVING E. WEBSTER ..... | Grand Treasure               |
| WM. A. MCLEAN .....     | Grand Secretary              |
| WM. M. MCINTOSH .....   | Grand Chaplain               |
| CHARLES J. HAYES .....  | Grand Captain of the Host    |
| A. M. CUSHMAN .....     | Grand Royal Arch Captain     |
| T. G. HUTCHINSON .....  | as Grand Principal Sojourner |
| JOHN R. WETHERELL ..... | Grand Master 3d Vail         |
| W. P. BALLOUGH .....    | Grand Master 2d Vail         |
| M. D. CUSHING .....     | Grand Master 1st Vail        |
| JAMES F. CLARK .....    | Grand Guard                  |

Past Grand High Priests.

- WM. A. MCLEAN
- MARCUS ENDEL
- JAMES W. BOYD
- WM. H. JEWELL
- I. E. WEBSTER
- WM. M. MCINTOSH
- SILAS B. WRIGHT



PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Chapters were duly represented:  
Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Iowa,  
Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New  
Brunswick, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nova Scotia,  
Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington.

Constituent Chapters were represented as follows:

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| <i>Florida, No. 1:</i>       | H. V. R. SCHRAEDER, H. P.                   |
| <i>Gainesville, No. 2:</i>   | G. W. HYDE, H. P.                           |
| <i>Tampa, No. 3:</i>         | M. D. CUSHING, Proxy for H. P.              |
| <i>St. Johns, No. 4:</i>     | J. R. WETHERELL, H. P.                      |
| <i>Halifax, No. 5:</i>       | W. E. BALLOUGH, Proxy for H. P.             |
| <i>Mount Horeb, No. 6:</i>   | J. R. KELLER, Proxy for H. P.               |
| <i>Eureka, No. 7:</i>        | LOUIS C. MASSEY, H. P.                      |
| <i>Putnam, No. 9:</i>        | W. H. CYRUS, H. P.                          |
| <i>Jasper, No. 10:</i>       | J. M. GUILLIAMS, Proxy for H. P.            |
| <i>Jacksonville, No. 12:</i> | T. G. HUTCHINSON, H. P.<br>J. H. NORTON, K. |
| <i>Monroe, No. 15:</i>       | A. C. MARTIN, Proxy for H. P.               |
| <i>Thomas Brown, No. 22:</i> | D. W. STANLEY, Proxy for H. P.              |

OPENING CEREMONIES.

The Grand Chapter, with appropriate ceremonies, conducted  
by the Grand Chaplain, was opened in ample form.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Grand High Priest appointed a Committee on Returns  
and Credentials consisting of Companions W. P. Webster, J. R.  
Wetherell and G. W. Hyde.

The said committee partially reported that the foregoing list  
of Grand Officers and members is correct, and that said officers  
and members are entitled to be present and participate in the pro-  
ceedings of the Annual Convocation.

MINUTES.

On motion of Companion E. E. Haskell, the reading of the  
Minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, the  
same having been printed and distributed.

VISITORS.

On motion of Companion S. B. Wright, all Companion  
Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, are cordially invited to  
attend the sessions of the Grand Chapter.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing  
Committees;

*Returns and Credentials:*

W. P. WEBSTER,  
J. R. WETHERELL,  
G. W. HYDE.

*Unfinished Business:*

E. E. HASKELL,  
A. C. MARTIN,  
L. C. MASSEY.

*Propositions and Grievances:*

C. J. HAYES,  
T. G. HUTCHINSON,  
W. H. CYRUS.

*Dispensations and By-Laws:*

JAMES CARNELL,  
E. A. RICHARDS,  
W. E. BALLOUGH.



*Masonic Jurisprudence :*

W. H. JEWELL,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
J. W. BOYD.

*Finance and Accounts :*

S. B. WRIGHT,  
A. M. CUSHMAN,  
D. W. STANLEY.

*Memorials :*

W. M. MCINTOSH,  
M. D. CUSHING,  
W. H. JEWELL.

## ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address to the Grand Chapter as follows:

*Beloved Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:*

Another capitular year is drawing to its close ; another turn of the hour-glass measuring the span of our lives is about completed, and we are again assembled in our beautiful Temple to renew old friendships, to welcome those who for the first time meet with us to present their credentials as members of this Grand Body, to renew the labors of the year now past and legislate as needed for our guidance in the future.

The Great I AM has especially favored us in preserving our official ranks unbroken, and, to our great joy, has permitted our beloved Grand Secretary's life to be spared and his health so far to improve as to enable him to again meet with us at this Grand Annual Convocation. Let us pause and silently bow our heads in humble thanks to Him "who doeth all things well," for this and many other blessings received at His hands the past twelve months.

And, now, my excellent companions, one and all, let me bid you a hearty and fraternal greeting to this, the fifty-second Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida. I trust that our deliberations at this time may be guided by wisdom, charity and love, and that the good fellowship that has always marked our gatherings may prevail.

Before reciting my various official acts since last we met, let me briefly call attention to those of our own and sister jurisdictions who have gone to their final reward, and, we trust, have received the acceptance of their work from the Grand Master Overseer, with the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

## FRATERNAL DEAD.

Upon our Sister Grand Jurisdictions the heavy hand of Providence has fallen and removed the following distinguished companions from their midst :

INDIAN TERRITORY—M. Ex. Comp. Walter N. Evans, P. G. H. P., May 24, 1897.

INDIANA—M. Ex. Comp. Thomas Newby, P. G. H. P., June 16, 1897 ; M. Ex. Comp. Alex. Thomas, P. G. H. P., July 26, 1897 ; R. Ex. Comp. George S. Jones, Grand Scribe, August 26, 1897.

IOWA—M. Ex. Comp. Zephaniah C. Luse, P. G. H. P., June 21, 1897 ; M. Ex. Comp. Caleb Lamb, P. G. H. P., September 25, 1897.

GEORGIA—R. Ex. Comp. Jacob T. Colcord, Grand Scribe, August 7, 1897.

ILLINOIS—M. Ex. Comp. James W. Hutchinson, P. G. H. P., September 2, 1897.

NORTH CAROLINA—M. Ex. Comp. Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P., September 1, 1887.

LOUISIANA—M. Ex. Comp. John Quincy Adams Fellows, P. G. M., and P. G. H. P. of Louisiana, also P. G. G. Scribe of the G. G. Chapter, and P. G. M. of the Grand Encampment of K. T. of the U. S.

"Fast as the rolling seasons bring  
The hour of fate to those we love,  
Each pearl that leaves the broken string  
Is set in friendship's crown above.

"As narrower grows the earthly chain,  
The circle widens in the sky ;  
These are our treasures that remain,  
But those are stars that beam on high."



With singular good fortune our own Grand Chapter has been compelled, but once, to veil its altar with the habiliments of mourning. Just one month after we closed our last Grand Convocation and parted with cheering words, we were shocked by the announcement of the sudden death, by heart disease, of our esteemed Companion, William W. Tucker, P. G. King, at his home in Jacksonville. He was with us last year in his usual good health, and up to an hour before his death, was apparently as well as ever, hence the sad news came as a greater surprise. The estimate given of him by his comrades of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 58, U. C. V., to whom he was intimately known, is so appropriate, that I repeat it here. "He was ever faithful to duty and never absent from his command, except when physically disabled."

He was Grand Scribe in 1875, and Grand King of this Grand Chapter in 1876 and 1877. He was a 32<sup>o</sup> A. & A. S. R. Mason and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland at the time of his death.

Four of our subordinate Chapters have sustained losses by death as follows:

- Gainesville, No. 2—Florence Miaskosky, June, 1897.
- Mt. Horeb, No. 6—John Carlovitz, December 4, 1897, and George G. Pattison, October 11, 1897.
- Eureka, No. 7—George C. Chittenden, August 9, 1897.
- Jacksonville, No. 12—W. W. Tucker, P. G. K., June 17, 1897.
- Ocala, No. 13—William Fox, March 19, 1897, and W. W. Lindsey, October 2, 1897.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

During the past year I have, for what seemed good and sufficient reasons, granted the following dispensations:

- May 18, 1897, to Halifax R. A. C., No. 5, to receive and ballot upon the petitions of several well-known Master Masons, at a special convocation, May 21, 1897, they living at a great distance from the Chapter and unable to attend at any other time. I will refer to this again later.
- July 20, 1897, to Thomas Brown R. A. C., No. 22, to receive

and ballot upon the petition of a well known Master Mason, at a special convocation on that date, in order to complete a team for the exemplification of work on the occasion of a visitation of Grand Officers, his petition having been accidentally delayed at a previous regular convocation.

August 28, 1897, to Live Oak R. A. C., No. 11, to elect and install Chapter Officers at next regular convocation, August 31, they having failed to have a quorum at the regular election in December.

November 11, 1897, to Jacksonville R. A. C., No. 12, to hold their regular convocation of November 25 on the following evening, all the members having due notice, and to transact at that time any business proper to have come before the regular convocation, because the 25th, being Thanksgiving, the Companions desired to be with their families at home.

December 23, 1897, to Monroe R. A. C., No. 15, to elect a High Priest and to fill any other vacancies caused thereby, and publicly install their officers December 27, 1897, as the High Priest regularly elected was not qualified under the Constitution.

December 27, 1897, to Halifax R. A. C., No. 5, to publicly install officers elect on that day, being St. Johns' Day.

December 31, 1897, to Madison R. A. C., No. 8, to elect officers at the regular convocation in January, having failed to have a quorum at the regular election in December.

January 4, 1898, to St. Johns R. A. C., No. 4, to hold a special convocation on January 10, to elect and install their officers, they having failed to have a quorum at the regular election in December.

January 6, 1898, to Monroe R. A. C., No. 15, to elect and install a High Priest at their regular convocation January 11, and to fill any vacancies caused thereby, as the High Priest elect had declined to be installed.

February 17, 1898, to Putnam R. A. C., No. 9, to elect and install officers at the regular convocation of February 28, as they failed to have a quorum at the regular election in December.

April 25, 1898, to Jacksonville R. A. C., No. 12, to receive



and ballot at its next regular convocation upon three petitions from well known Master Masons, in order to furnish material for the exemplification of Chapter degrees by the Committee on Work during the coming Grand Annual Convocation.

April 26, 1898, to Thomas Brown R. A. C., No. 22, to elect and install officers, sickness of several companions having prevented a quorum earlier in the year, and to ballot upon petitions for affiliation from three well known companions, thus insuring a quorum, at least, for future convocations.

#### GRAND VISITATIONS.

Owing to various causes which, at the time, seemed conclusive. I have been unable to make the number of visitations I had planned a year ago. However, I have made the following visits:

June 10, 1897, I went to Inverness, and, in accordance with the action of this Grand Chapter, at its last Grand Annual Convocation, with the assistance of Companion Syd. L. Carter, P. H. P., Gainesville R. A. C., No. 2, who acted as D. G. H. Priest, duly constituted Inverness R. A. C., No. 14, and installed its officers. We found the companions had provided themselves with an excellent outfit for the Chapter work, and from the enthusiasm exhibited on that occasion by the officers and companions, we shall be greatly disappointed if excellent reports are not received from them.

July 20 and 21, 1897, the companions of Thomas Brown, R. A. C., No. 22, held an extended convocation and conferred all the Chapter degrees upon three candidates who lived at a considerable distance and could not well be present at any other time. Companion O. S. Wright, P. G. Scribe, was present and assisted the companions in conferring the Royal Arch degree, acting as High Priest during the ceremonies.

November 19, 1897, I accepted an invitation from Plant City R. A. C., No. 16, to attend the exaltation of two candidates. With Companion O. S. Wright as a leader, I naturally looked for a good degree of efficiency in the interpretation and conference of the degree, and on this occasion was not disappointed.

February 22, 1898, Monroe R. A. C., conferred the Mark Master's degree upon one candidate and it was my pleasure to be present and assist them in the work. They have the materials for doing excellent work, a well furnished Lodge room and a treasury in good condition, and from the reports of work received since then, I feel sure that Capitular Masonry has received a decided impulse at Sanford.

April 27, 1898, I visited Tampa R. A. C., No. 3, when it was expected there would be work in one or more degrees, but was disappointed in not obtaining a Chapter quorum, though we had a large attendance of visiting companions from the United States troops temporarily quartered in the city. Several of the Tampa companions were either sick or detained by their military duties, yet we had a most profitable discussion of various points in the Standard Chapter work by the representatives of the several Grand Jurisdictions who happened to be present. After the meeting an adjournment was taken to a most liberal banquet provided by the Tampa Chapter, which proved a happy ending to a most delightful evening.

There being a Masonic Convention arranged to be held at Daytona, May 21, 1897, for which I granted a special dispensation to Halifax R. A. C., No. 5, as above, I requested R. Ex. Companion Carnell, Grand King, to make an official report of the same, which he did as follows:

"It was the means of adding eight members to our Chapter, which, with the one Mark Master we already had, gave us three full teams for the R. A. We conferred all the degrees, beginning at 2:30 p. m., and I heard no complaints on the part of the candidates that they did not receive the full value of their money. I confidently look for the establishment of a new Chapter somewhere south of us in the near future. We had a most profitable meeting of the Blue lodges of this district, which, taken in connection with the Chapter work, marks a red letter week in Masonic history in this section."

It being inconvenient for me to visit Putnam R. A. C., No. 9, and Jacksonville R. A. C., No. 12, on the dates appointed, I



again requested R. Ex. Companion Carnell, G. K., to act as my proxy in visiting the former, which he kindly accepted and has sent me a flattering report of progress already achieved by those companions, and an earnest desire to perfect themselves in the Standard Ritual, and a thorough appreciation of the benefits to be derived from such visits.

R. Ex. Companion W. P. Webster, D. G. H. P., very obligingly took my place in officially inspecting Jacksonville R. A. C., No. 12, and his favorable report was duly received, showing our companions of the Metropolis not only number more skilled workers than any other Chapter, but seem to appreciate their good fortune and are not slow to avail themselves of their advantages.

Gainesville R. A. C., No. 2, was assigned to R. Ex. Companion Haskell, G. Scribe, for visitation as my proxy, and on the 2d inst., he made an official visitation upon that Chapter. His report shows those companions are well versed in the ritual and its requirements and have done a good amount of work the past year, as their reports will show. He also reports that Chapter, as well as his own, Putnam R. A. C., No. 9, has a Mark Book in regular use, as required by the Standard Ritual, and both Chapters are in a "healthy and prosperous condition."

Being in hearty accord with the suggestions of my predecessor about official visitations, I wish to again call your attention to this matter. I am decidedly of the opinion each Chapter should be visited at least once each year. It would place the subordinate Chapters in closer sympathy with the Grand Chapter, and impress upon us all a deeper interest in the common welfare of Capitular Masonry in our midst. It would give opportunity for advice and correction and stimulate that noble contention, or rather emulation of who best can work and best agree. I trust my successors will continue the work of visitations already begun till every Chapter can receive an official visit from some one of the Grand Council at least once every year.

#### COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Agreeable to the resolution of the last Grand Annual Convocation, your Committee on Work held a meeting during the session

of the Grand Lodge in January and decided upon plans for exemplifying the degrees at this time. The various parts were assigned to members of the committee and other skilled workers have been pressed into service, so that we confidently expect an exemplification that will be both entertaining and instructive.

As promised last year, I have annotated several copies of Rituals that were sent me by companions to correspond with the authorized copy of the report presented by the Committee on Work. This report was not, as some of the companions of sister jurisdictions regarded it from reading the proceedings of last year, a "tinkering of the Ritual," but merely explanatory notes showing the interpretation of the Committee on Work of some passages, and directions for work that might be subject to various and widely differing constructions. The interest manifested by the companions in endeavoring to obtain the standard work is very pleasing and will, no doubt, be greatly augmented during this convocation. This enables us to look forward with confidence to the near future when Rituals in any form will be more conspicuous by their absence in many of our Chapters than at present. Beyond a certain point, Rituals are a hindrance rather than a help, and too often the possession of one is a serious temptation to use it rather than exert oneself to memorize the work and be independent of the Ritual.

#### DECISIONS.

Very few requests for decisions have been submitted. Generally, a reference to a standing regulation or constitutional provision has been sufficient, indicating that our companions are, as a rule, well posted on capitular law and practice.

(1) Two points only needed an extended answer. In reply to a question from our R. Ex. D. G. H. P. as to length of residence in this State before petitioning for the Chapter degrees, I answered: "No specified time is required. If the petitioner has affiliated with a Blue Lodge and taken other steps showing he has adopted that locality as his permanent residence, he is proper material for the Chapter without a waiver of jurisdiction. See also Reg. No. 30, G. Ch."

(2) Thomas Brown R. A. C., No. 22, elected a candidate for



the Chapter degrees, but before he presented himself, asked to have his fee returned, and at the same time, two companions notified the High Priest that they would object to the candidate's advancement for good and sufficient reasons, which objection the High Priest ordered to be entered on the Chapter minutes. What should be done? And should the fee be returned? I answered by quoting the following regulation of the Grand Lodge, as we had no Chapter rule that seemed to cover the point at issue, substituting "High Priest" for "Master." "When, after a candidate has been duly elected, a valid objection arises against conferring the degree upon him, the High Priest cannot set aside the ballot, but his order that the progress of the candidate is arrested spread upon the minutes, disposes of the case; and if the objection be not withdrawn or removed within a reasonable time, the applicant shall be considered rejected, and his money must be returned to him."

## MARKS.

From the facts ascertained by visitations, as well as from reports received from other sources, I regret I am forced to the opinion that in many of our Chapters the custom of requiring the candidate to select and record his Mark shortly after his advancement, has fallen into disuse.

A regulation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky requires a Mark to be selected and recorded in the Lodge Book of Marks before the candidate can receive the R. A. degree.

The Grand Chapter of Texas requires a candidate to select and record his Mark within twelve months after his advancement, or be deemed guilty of a Masonic offense.

Last year the Grand Chapter of Ohio adopted the following resolution: "That it is the duty of each Chapter to maintain a suitable Mark Book, and insist upon every candidate, upon advancement, and so far as may be practicable, every member now on the rolls of said Chapter, selecting and recording a suitable Mark therein."

I recommend the adoption of this or a similar regulation as a reminder to our companions to revive this important, but now greatly neglected requirement of the Mark degree.

## AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

If it is your desire to continue, as for several years past, the custom of allowing mileage and per diem to P. G. H. Ps., who are present in no other capacity, I would recommend that Section 12, of the Constitution, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 12. All Past Grand High Priests and each officer of this Grand Chapter and one representative of each Chapter attending the Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be entitled to receive from its funds such compensation as may be appropriated from time to time by the Grand Chapter; provided, that no one shall be paid in more than one capacity."

Otherwise I do not see what authority we have for adopting a recommendation of the Finance Committee to pay P. G. H. Ps. as such, anything from the Grand Chapter funds.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have recommended the appointment of the following companions as Grand Representatives near our own Grand Chapter of the Grand Chapters designated below, and at the proper time they will be formally received by this Grand Chapter, if present.

*Vermont*—R. Alfred Monsalvatge, P. G. Scribe, reappointed November 24, 1897.

*Maryland*—James Carnell, G. K., September 6, 1897, vice W. W. Tucker, deceased.

*Tennessee*—George S. Hallmark, P. G. H. P., reappointed March 8, 1897.

*Maine*—Elmer E. Haskell, G. S., March 8, 1897, vice Companion Glogowski, whose commission had expired, and also represented Illinois.

*Iowa*—Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P., March 8, 1897, reappointed.

## OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

March 19, 1898, on the recommendation of the G. H. P. of Tennessee, I renewed the commission of Companion J. C. Smith, Jr., as our Grand Representative near that Grand Chapter.

January 12, 1898, on the recommendation of the G. H. P.



of Colorado, I commissioned Companion George W. Roe, P. G. M. and present G. S., as our Representative near that Grand Chapter, the commission of our former Representative having expired in 1888 and he having long since removed from the State.

In acknowledging the receipt of Companion Roe's commission, G. H. P. Wm. H. Pierce, of Colorado, says: "I am making a change in our Grand Representatives for the reason that many do not attend our Grand Convocations, and if they do not take an interest in the Royal Craft they cannot have the honors, especially when we have so many good, capable and earnest workers on whom these honors should be bestowed for their zeal and constant attendance."

Those are my sentiments, and I recommend them to your careful consideration. I have made a memorandum of several changes that ought to be made in this line and have handed them to the Grand Secretary for such action as may be best suited to each case.

SIGNET OF R. A. M.

Last year G. H. P. Jewell alluded to the "Signet of Royal Arch Masonry," published by the Central Masonic Publishing Co., of Cincinnati, O., and edited by Companions Hendricks and Speed, but from the short opportunity he had had to examine it, did not feel justified in recommending its adoption. During the past year I have carefully examined and compared it with the Standard Ritual of the G. G. Chapter and from the discussions and comments heard at the G. G. Chapter in Baltimore both of the estimate of the book and of the high character of the authors, whom I had the pleasure of meeting there, I am satisfied this Grand Chapter would make no mistake in acquiescing in the general verdict, "that the Signet is the most complete Chapter Monitor extant and the only one in strict conformity to the G. G. C. Standard Work." I therefore recommend its official adoption by this Grand Chapter.

G. G. CHAPTER OF R. A. M. OF U. S.

Armed with proxies from all the Council Officers of our Grand Chapter, who were unavoidably detained at home, I attended the Centennial Celebration and 30th Triennial Convocation of the G.

G. R. A. Chapter of U. S. A., which met at Baltimore, October 12, 1897. Thus our Grand Chapter had a complete representation and was honored by the appointment of your G. H. P. to active duty as a member of the G. G. Chapter Committee on Correspondence.

My youth and innate modesty was almost overwhelmed at the thought of attending that august body of grey-haired Royal Craftsmen, among whom I could count but one familiar face. But I soon found I was not among strangers. A letter from our R. Ex. Grand Secretary to G. G. Secretary Fox had preceded me, and presently I was making friends and acquaintances as readily as those of maturer years and longer attendance. The routine business of reports and elections consumed most of the time during the sessions, and nothing of special note was done except the welcoming of Rhode Island's return to a renewed allegiance to the G. G. Chapter.

The delegates were the guests of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and it seemed almost the individual guests of the citizens of Baltimore, so very hospitable and cordial was our reception. We were royally entertained with lunches each day at the Temple, theatre parties for our ladies, and with carriage, trolley and steam-boat rides, oyster roasts and state banquets, till it seemed one grand struggle between duty and accepting enough invitations to keep our hosts and hostesses from feeling slighted.

Though we had been entertained most lavishly during our stay, we welcomed the rest at the end of the week, but could not leave without yielding the palm to our Baltimore companions and friends for unequalled hospitality, and to Baltimore herself, the distinction of being an ideal convention city.

Bronze souvenir medals, commemorating the Centennial of this largest Grand Body of Masons in the world, were struck and presented to each delegate and his lady, receipting for them, and one for each P. G. H. P. of each Subordinate Grand Chapter. I presume all entitled to them have received them, as requisition for our P. G. H. Ps. was made by me during the convocation to save unnecessary delay.



Cincinnati was selected as the place and September as the month for holding the next Triennial Convocation.

## CONCLUSION.

And now, Companions, in returning to you the symbols of authority so generously placed in my care and keeping one year ago, allow me to express my highest appreciation of the honors then bestowed upon me. Ever since my first appearance in this Grand Chapter in 1891, you have seen fit to honor me by appointment and election to various positions, which I have tried to fill with credit to myself and honor to the Craft.

If you find anything worthy of your approbation in my administration the past year, I shall be satisfied; if anything to disapprove, I shall charge it to my lack of wisdom, arising from my being the youngest companion, but one, who ever filled the office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

I cannot close without extending to my associate Council Officers, and our R. Ex. Grand Secretary, especially, most cordial thanks for the valuable assistance and timely advice so willingly rendered me in lightening the labors and the responsibilities of my office. My work is now before you, and I trust you may permit it to pass your inspection upon my assurance that it represents a zealous effort, at least, to advance the interests of Capitular Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction.

"Life holds not an hour that is better to live in: the past  
is a tale that is told,  
The future a sun flecked shadow, alive and asleep,  
with a blessing in store."

Most truly yours,

WARREN TYLER,

Grand High Priest.

On motion of Companion I. E. Webster, the foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects. The Deputy Grand High Priest announced as such committee the following named Companions, to-wit: W. H. Jewell, S. B. Wright and W. H. Cyrus.

## REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary presented the following annual report:  
*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

As soon as it was possible for me to do so after the last Annual Convocation, I prepared and had printed four hundred copies of the proceedings, and distributed the same as usual.

Arrangements were made with the various transportation lines for reduced rates to those attending the present annual convocation, and the various members and Chapters were duly notified thereof.

The usual difficulty in the matter of delayed returns and dues has been experienced by the Grand Secretary, the delinquency in this regard rendering it utterly impossible to have the proceedings printed and distributed within the time so earnestly desired.

The amount received from all sources during the year is the sum of \$531, which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt therefor accompanies this report, as will be seen by reference to the financial report of the Grand Secretary, hereto annexed and made a part hereof.

For the information of the appropriate committees in formulating their reports, it is proper to state that some of the Chapters are in arrears in the matter of annual dues for some time past, as follows: Island Chapter, No. 21, has not paid dues or made returns for the years 1895, 1896, 1897. Ocala Chapter, No. 13, has not paid dues for two years past, the amounts being \$63.00 for 1896, and \$62.00 for 1897, and also \$42.00 balance on dues of 1895. Madison Chapter, No. 8, is indebted for dues of 1896, \$29.00, and a balance of \$5.30 on dues of 1895. Providence Chapter, No. 20, has not made returns for 1896 and 1897, and the indications are that it will not make returns in the future under present existing circumstances. I think it was understood that Columbia Chapter, U. D., was desirous of having Providence Chapter removed to Lake City, but as none of my numerous letters to the Secretary and High Priest of Providence Chapter have been responded to, even to the extent of an acknowledgment, I am without information as to the course intended to be pursued by the



members of that Chapter. I would therefore suggest that the matter be left with the Grand High Priest for such action in the premises as he may deem to be for the best interest of all concerned.

Columbia Chapter, U. D., will not apply for a charter at the present convocation, and desires that the dispensation be continued. I am informed that the members of this Chapter will affiliate with Providence Chapter, No. 20, if the location of the latter should be changed to Lake City. I would suggest that, in any event, the dispensation to the U. D. Chapter be continued.

The following Chapters have made returns and paid dues, and are entitled to representation, viz:

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 22.

Whether or not these Chapters have paid in full, will be determined by the report of the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Some of the Secretaries, and I apprehend that a few of the High Priests as well, in the matter of annual returns, still adhere to the idea that whatever can and should be attended to promptly, had just as well be postponed to some future time, as is evidenced by the delay in forwarding returns to this office. The last return received was on May 6th, and the date shows that it was not prepared and signed by the officers until May 5th—more than four months after the close of the Masonic year. As it requires not more than one hour to prepare the annual returns and mail it to the Grand Secretary, it is hard to understand why there should be so much delay in the matter. If the annual returns were forwarded to the Grand Secretary at the proper time, the Grand Chapter proceedings would be printed and distributed within ten days after the close of the annual convocation, but under existing circumstances, there must of necessity, be some delay in this matter. I think it would be very much in order for the Grand Chapter, by resolution or otherwise, to define the duties of Secretaries and High Priests of constituent chapters in the matter of annual returns, requiring that these returns shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary not later than January 10 in each and every year, and

this would become one of the standing regulations of the Grand Chapter. Possibly in this way the irregularity would be remedied.

As regards Ocala Chapter, No. 13, it is proper to state in this connection that this Chapter has been running on hard lines for the past two or three years, having sustained heavy losses by failure of banks and otherwise, and is certainly entitled to the sympathy and kindly consideration of the Grand Chapter. I have reason to believe that the present indebtedness will be cancelled as soon as possible, and it seems to be for the best interests of all concerned to grant an extension of time in this case.

I have been placed under obligations to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and other officers and members of the Grand Chapter for courtesies extended and assistance rendered during the past year.

By reference to the proceedings of last year it will be seen that the Grand Secretary was directed to procure additional aprons for the use of the Grand Chapter. This duty and responsibility was turned over to R. E. Companion Wilber P. Webster, Deputy Grand High Priest, who is always ready and willing to engage in any laudable undertaking for the benefit of the fraternity, and he will make appropriate report in the premises.

Since preparing this report, a letter has been received from P. G. H. P. Angus Paterson, a member of Madison Chapter, No. 8, from which it is learned that the Chapter has not been able to hold a meeting for several months owing to the absence of a quorum, but confidently expect to attend to this matter at an early date—under a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, elect officers and forward returns, but it is exceedingly doubtful as to being able to pay dues at the present time, and in that event, request that a further extension of time be granted in which to pay dues for the past year and former indebtedness. This, of course, is a matter for the Grand Chapter to consider and act upon. Companion Paterson is of the opinion, and in fact, seems to be quite confident that the Chapter will pay all back dues in the not very distant future.

Fraternally,  
W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.



The report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

W. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida.

|                      |            |              |         |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|---------|
| To dues from Florida | Chapter No | 1, for 1898, | \$30.00 |
| " Gainesville        | " No. 2,   | "            | 54.00   |
| " Tampa              | " No. 3,   | "            | 42.00   |
| " St. Johns          | " No. 4,   | "            | 25.00   |
| " Halifax            | " No. 5,   | "            | 64.00   |
| " Mt. Horeb          | " No. 6,   | "            | 52.00   |
| " Eureka             | " No. 7,   | "            | 28.00   |
| " Putnam             | " No. 9,   | "            | 31.00   |
| " Jasper             | " No. 10,  | "            | 26.00   |
| " Jacksonville       | " No. 12,  | "            | 80.00   |
| " Inverness          | " No. 14,  | "            | 18.00   |
| " Monroe             | " No. 15,  | "            | 36.00   |
| " Plant City         | " No. 16,  | "            | 24.00   |
| " Thos. Brown        | " No. 22,  | "            | 21.00   |

\$531.00

May 10, '98, paid Grand Treasurer, as per receipt, \$531.00  
Fraternally submitted.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report:

Jacksonville, Fla., May 10, 1898.

I. E. Webster, Grand Treasurer, in account with  
Grand Chapter R. A. M.

|          |                                                                                 |            |            |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1897.    |                                                                                 |            |            |
| May 11,  | To balance on hand per last report.....                                         | \$ 795.19  |            |
|          | To amount from Convention of High Priests for printing proceedings of same..... | 5.00       | \$256.90   |
| Oct. 9,  | By Pay Roll for 1897.....                                                       |            | 60.00      |
|          | By Office Rent G.S. 2 quarters                                                  |            | 100.00     |
|          | By Salary of G. Sec., "                                                         |            | 18.98      |
| Oct. 23, | By General G. Chapter dues.....                                                 |            | 50.00      |
|          | By Printing Proceedings 1897,                                                   |            | 1.50       |
| Dec. 21, | By Envelopes for Proceedings,                                                   |            | 1.50       |
| Dec. 31, | By Cash Book for Treasurer.....                                                 |            | 2.50       |
|          | By Grand Chapter Incidentals,                                                   |            |            |
|          | By Insurance on Library and Fixtures.....                                       |            | 7.25       |
| 1898.    |                                                                                 |            |            |
| Jan. 6,  | By Office Rent and Salary G. Secretary.....                                     |            | 160.00     |
| May 2,   | To amount refunded by Grand Secretary on Stationery.....                        | 3.00       |            |
|          | By G. Sec. for Stationery, etc, January 1, 1898.....                            |            | 48.50      |
| May 10,  | To am't received from G. Sec. By balance to G. Chapter.....                     | 531.00     | 627.06     |
|          |                                                                                 | \$1,334.19 | \$1,334.19 |

Of the above balance there remains in the various appropriations the following amount.

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Stationery and Postage.....          | 1.50            |
| Grand Chapter Incidentals.....       | 2.50            |
| Printing.....                        | 15.00           |
| General Fund for Appropriations..... | 608.06          |
|                                      | <u>\$627.06</u> |



I respectfully call the attention of the Grand Chapter to the difference between the amount appropriated by the Finance Committee for Pay Roll of 1897 as reported, and the amount paid by your Grand Treasurer. In the amount appropriated, \$243.40, the amount due Inverness Chapter was inadvertently omitted and afterward added to the Pay Roll while in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, making the amount paid out \$256.90, and the amount unappropriated \$108.29, less the amount for Grand Chapter Incidental.

Fraternally submitted,

I. E. WEBSTER,  
Grand Treasurer.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Secretary presented a letter from P. G. H. P. Angus Paterson, offering regrets for absence at this Grand Convocation by reason of illness.

On motion of Companion Endel, it was resolved, that the Grand Chapter attend Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, this evening at 7:30, for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the work by the Committee on Work.

On motion of Companion Wright, that when the Grand Chapter is called to refreshment, it be until 3:30 this afternoon.

The Committee on Distribution presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and R. E. Grand Secretary, beg leave to report that we recommend that the matters referred to in the address of the Grand High Priest, be referred as follows:

So much as refers to the fraternal dead, be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

So much as refers to Dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

So much as refers to Decisions, to Amendments to Consti-

tution, and to the matter of regulation requiring the recording of Marks, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

So much as refers to adoption of the "Signet" as the standard monitor, be referred to Committee on Work.

We recommend that the report of the Grand Secretary be referred as follows:

So much as refers to Finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

So much as refers to Dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

So much as relates to the Annual Returns, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

So much as refers to recommendations regarding Providence Chapter and Columbia Chapter, U. D., be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. H. JEWELL,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
W. H. CYRUS.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3:30. Present: M. E. Warren Tyler, Grand High Priest, and other officers and members, as at morning session.

Minutes of the morning session read and confirmed.

Companion Kellar, proxy for the High Priest of Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6, reported, and was enrolled.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that we find as unfinished business from the year 1897, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, to-wit: Amendment to Sec. 22,



Grand Chapter Constitution by inserting the words, "or as soon thereafter as practicable," after the words, "St. Johns the Evangelist's day," in line four of said section, so that as amended, Section 22 will read as follows: Section 22. The first five officers named in the last preceding Section shall be elected annually by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast at the regular convocation of the Chapter next preceding St. Johns the Evangelist's Day, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest, requiring final action of this Grand Chapter at its present convocation.

E. E. HASKELL,  
LOUIS C. MASSEY,  
A. C. MARTIN.

Amendment to Section 22, as proposed at Annual Convocation 1897, was taken up, and on motion, was adopted.

#### PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances report that nothing has been submitted for our consideration, for which we congratulate the Grand Chapter and the fraternity in general, and sincerely trust that the labors of this committee may continue to be as light as at the present convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

C. J. HAYES,  
W. H. CYRUS,  
T. G. HUTCHINSON.

#### MEMORIALS.

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

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions:*

Your Committee on Memorials has the sad duty to chronicle the death of several Companions in this Grand Jurisdiction, and in

the Grand Jurisdictions of other States, which has been reported since our last Grand Convocation. Of this number, this Grand Jurisdiction has been called upon to mourn the loss of seven Companions, as follows: Gainesville, No. 2, Florence Miaskosky; Mt. Horeb, No. 6, John Carlovitz and George G. Pattison; Jacksonville, No. 12, W. W. Tucker, P. G. K., and Ocala, No. 13, William Fox and W. W. Lindsey; Eureka, No. 7, Geo. C. Chittenden.

Among our sister Jurisdictions, District of Columbia reports the death of Past Grand High Priest Robert Ball; Georgia, Past Grand High Priest William Abram Love and Grand Scribe Jacob T. Colcord; Indiana, Grand Scribe George S. Jones and Past Grand High Priest Alexander Thomas; Iowa, Past Grand High Priest Caleb Lamb and Zephania Caleb Luse; Ohio, Past Grand High Priest James Burnham Hovey; Indian Territory and Oklahoma, Walter N. Evans; Louisiana, John Quincy Adams Fellows.

To the Subordinate Chapters in our own Jurisdiction which have suffered affliction in the death of the Companions named, and as well to the families and friends of the honored dead, your committee extends the cordial, fraternal sympathy of this Grand Chapter. To our sister Grand Jurisdictions, whose membership has been depleted by death, we offer our heartfelt condolence. May we, dear Companions, by their death be reminded of the uncertainty of life, and that soon, when our companions shall assemble to labor, our stations also will be vacant forever. May we all at last find our appropriate stations in Heaven.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. MCINTOSH,  
M. D. CUSHING,  
WM. H. JEWELL.

#### RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials respectfully submit the following report:



We find the list of Grand Officers and Representatives present, as prepared by the Grand Secretary at roll call, to be correct.

We find that the following Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues, and are therefore entitled to representation, viz: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 22.

Ocala Chapter, No. 13, has made correct returns, but no dues have been paid, and it also owes quite a considerable amount on dues of former years. This Chapter seems to be doing some work, has a very good membership, and though it has had much trouble financially, yet it seems to your committee that some action should be taken by this Grand Chapter to see that at least a portion of these dues be collected very soon, or to arrange for some understanding with them as to what they can do.

The following Chapters have neither made returns nor paid dues: Nos. 8, 11, 19, 20, 21, and consequently are not entitled to representation.

As we have assurances that strong efforts will be made by these Chapters to pay up their dues, we would respectfully recommend that their charters be not forfeited at this time, but that they be granted further time for making returns and paying their dues.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,

G. W. HYDE,

J. R. WETHERELL.

On motion of Companion Wright, so much of the report of the Committee on Returns and Credentials as refers to Ocala Chapter, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Grand Representatives appointed and reappointed during the year were presented at the Altar, and were received with the Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priest announced that the Grand Chapter of Connecticut were to-day holding their Centennial Convocation.

On motion of Companion Endel, that this Grand Chapter extend to the Grand Chapter of Connecticut fraternal greetings and congratulations, and that the Grand Representative of Connecticut be requested to wire same to that Body.

### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, having had the various matters referred to it under consideration, beg to report that the decisions reported by the Grand High Priest, being in harmony with the usages and regulations prevailing in this jurisdiction, are concurred in and approved.

Your committee heartily approves the recommendation made by the Grand High Priest relative to the use of the Book of Marks in the various constituent chapters, and suggest the adoption of the following regulation relative thereto. It is the duty of each Chapter to maintain a suitable Book of Marks, and to require every member and all candidates, after receiving the M. M. Degree after a reasonable time, to select and have recorded a suitable Mark therein.

Your committee is of the opinion that no legislation is necessary regarding the recommendation of the Grand High Priest relative to the amendment of the constitution, to enable it to appropriate mileage and per diem to the Past Grand High Priest, present in no other capacity. The Grand Chapter having the power to make such appropriation as it shall deem expedient, where there is no constitutional prohibition.

Your committee, referring to the suggestion of the Grand Secretary in regard to annual reports of chapters, would direct special attention to Regulation No. 36. (See Proceedings of 1895), as follows: "Annual returns of Chapters are required to be prepared immediately after the close of each Masonic year, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before the first of January thereafter; annual dues should also be forwarded at the same time," and recommend the strict enforcement of this regulation.

In the matter of Columbia Chapter, U. D., and Providence Chapter, No. 20, which is referred to us, your committee would express the opinion that the subject should receive the careful consideration of the Grand High Priest, pending which, we recommend



the continuance of the Dispensation to Columbia Chapter.  
Fraternally submitted,

W. H. JEWELL,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
J. W. BOYD.

On motion of Companion Marcus Endel, the special order of business for to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m., will be the election of Grand Officers.

On motion of Companion Endel that when the Grand Chapter is called to refreshment, it be until 10 a. m. to-morrow, it being understood that the Grand Chapter will visit Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, at 7:30 this evening, to witness the exemplification of work.

Companion I. E. Webster, Grand Treasurer, and Companion J. R. Kellar asked to be excused from further attendance upon the Grand Chapter, for the reason that they were about to leave the city for the purpose of assuming their proper situations in the military organizations of which they are members respectively, such commands having been ordered to assemble at Tampa immediately, with a view of proceeding to the front. The Grand Chapter being in full sympathy with the cause in which these companions are engaged, emphasized their departure by a rising vote, the same being unanimous.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

7:30 p. m., May 10, 1898.

The Grand Chapter attended a called convocation of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and witnessed the exemplification of the M. M., P. M., and M. E. M. Degrees by the Committee on Work.

#### MORNING SESSION.

May 11, 1898.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Present: M. E. Warren Tyler, Grand High Priest, and officers and members as at previous session, with the addition of Companions J. M. Guilliams, Proxy for High Priest of Jasper Chapter, No. 10. and W. P. Anderson, Grand Principal Sojourner.  
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

#### DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend the approval by the Grand Chapter of the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in granting dispensations for special purposes, as enumerated in his annual address.

There being no further business before us, we respectfully submit this our report.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. CARNELL,  
W. E. BALLOUGH,  
E. A. RICHARDS.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance presented the following partial Financial report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Finance submits the following partial report:

We recommend an appropriation of \$238.55, as per pay roll attached.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
D. W. STANLEY,  
A. M. CUSHMAN.



PAY ROLL.

| NAMES.             | No. | CHAPTER.     | Mileage | Per D. | Total. |
|--------------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Warren Tyler       |     | G. H. P.     | 8 95    | 4 00   | 12 95  |
| W. P. Webster      |     | D. C. H. P.  |         | 4 00   | 4 00   |
| Jas. Carnell       |     | C. K.        | 6 25    | 4 00   | 10 25  |
| E. E. Haskell      |     | C. S.        | 2 00    | 4 00   | 6 00   |
| W. M. McIntosh, Sr |     | C. C.        | 8 25    | 4 00   | 12 25  |
| I. E. Webster      |     | G. T.        | 3 50    | 2 00   | 5 50   |
| Chas. J. Hayes     |     | G. T.        | 5 85    | 4 00   | 9 85   |
| W. P. Anderson     |     | C. C. H.     | 2 00    | 2 00   | 4 00   |
| A. M. Cushman      |     | G. P. S.     | 3 50    | 4 00   | 7 50   |
| Jno. R. Wetherell  |     | G. R. A. C.  | 4 70    | 4 00   | 8 70   |
| W. P. Ballough     |     | C. M. 3d V.  | 5 65    | 4 00   | 9 65   |
| M. D. Cushing      |     | G. M. 2d V.  | 10 00   | 4 00   | 14 00  |
| Jas. F. Clark      |     | G. M. 1st V. |         | 10 00  | 10 00  |
| H. V. R. Schrader  | 1   | Florida      | 8 25    | 4 00   | 12 25  |
| G. W. Hyde         | 2   | Gainesville  | 3 50    | 4 00   | 7 50   |
| J. R. Keller       | 6   | Mt Horeb     | 15 50   | 2 00   | 17 50  |
| Louis C. Massey    | 7   | Eureka       | 5 85    | 4 00   | 9 85   |
| W. H. Cyrus        | 9   | Putman       | 2 00    | 4 00   | 6 00   |
| T. G. Hutchinson   | 12  | Jacksonville |         | 4 00   | 4 00   |
| A. C. Martin       | 15  | Monroe       | 4 70    | 4 00   | 8 70   |
| D. W. Stanley      | 22  | Thos. Brown  | 8 95    | 4 00   | 12 95  |
| Marcus Endel       |     | P. G. H. P.  | 3 50    | 4 00   | 7 50   |
| Jas. W. Boyd       |     | P. G. H. P.  | 8 95    | 4 00   | 12 95  |
| Wm. H. Jewell      |     | P. G. H. P.  | 5 85    | 4 00   | 9 85   |
| Silas B. Wright    |     | P. G. H. P.  | 4 70    | 4 00   | 8 70   |
| Jno. M. Guilliams  | 10  | Jasper       | 4 15    | 2 00   | 6 15   |
|                    |     |              | 136 55  | 102 00 | 238 55 |

ANNUAL ELECTION.

The Grand High Priest announced the first order of business to be the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Companions Boyd and Wright were appointed Tellers.

The election resulted as follows :

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Wilber P. Webster | Grand High Priest            |
| James Carnell     | Deputy Grand High Priest     |
| Elmer E. Haskell  | Grand King                   |
| A. M. Cushman     | Grand Scribe                 |
| Marcus Endel      | Grand Treasurer              |
| W. A. McLean      | (re-elected) Grand Secretary |
| Wm. M. McIntosh   | Grand Chaplain               |

Companion Silas B. Wright offered the following resolution, which was received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence ;

*Resolved*, That the matter as to who is entitled to vote, and to how many votes when voting for Grand Officers, be referred to

the Committee on Jurisprudence to report what amendment, if any, to our Constitution is desirable or necessary, and if so, to report such amendment at this session.

On motion of Companion Silas B. Wright, that when the Grand Chapter is called to refreshment, it be until 3:30 this p. m.

On motion of Companion Haskell it was ordered that the installation of Grand Officers be the first order of business at the afternoon session.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 p. m., May 11, 1898.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Present: M. E. Warren Tyler, Grand High Priest, and others as at morning session.

Minutes of morning session were read and confirmed.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The following named Companions having been duly elected as Grand Officers for the ensuing year, were severally installed into their respective offices by M. E. Companion Wm. H. Jewell, P. G. H. P., Companion J. W. Boyd, P. G. H. P., acting as Grand Marshal :

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Wilber P. Webster | Grand High Priest        |
| James Carnell     | Deputy Grand High Priest |
| Elmer E. Haskell  | Grand King               |
| A. M. Cushman     | Grand Scribe             |
| Marcus Endel      | Grand Treasurer          |

The following named officers having been re-elected, installation was not necessary : Wm. A. McLean, Grand Secretary, and Wm. M. McIntosh, Grand Chaplain.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The Grand High Priest made the following appointments, and the said Companions were duly installed by Companion Wm. H. Jewell :



|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| John R. Wetherell | Grand Captain of the Host    |
| W. H. Cyrus       | Grand Principal Sojourner    |
| L. C. Massey      | Grand Royal Arch Captain     |
| W. E. Ballough    | Grand Master of the 3rd Vail |
| M. D. Cushing     | Grand Master of the 2d Vail  |
| T. G. Hutchinson  | Grand Master of the 1st Vail |
| James F. Clark    | Grand Guard                  |

### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida :*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution of M. E. Companion Silas B. Wright, having duly considered same, would report that it is our opinion that Section 11, Article I., of the Constitution, should be amended to read as follows :

Each and every member of this Grand Chapter present is entitled to one vote, and the acting Grand High Priest to an additional vote in case of an equal division, when voting upon all questions which are determined by the usual Masonic sign.

In balloting for Grand Officers each Chapter represented is entitled to three votes, and each Grand Officer one vote, and each Past Grand High Priest present, not holding an elective office, to one vote.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. JEWELL,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
J. W. BOYD.

### COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on Work presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida :*

Your Committee on Work, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest regarding the adop-

tion of the "Signet," published by Companions Hendricks and Speed, beg leave to report that we recommend the adoption of the following Regulation :

The "Signet" is recommended as a Monitor for the use of the Chapters in this Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. McLEAN,  
S. B. WRIGHT,  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
C. J. HAYES,  
JAMES CARNELL.

On motion of Companion Wright, it was ordered that the next Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville on the 2d Tuesday in May, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Companion Silas B. Wright offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was received and approved :

Amendment to Section 4, Article I., of the Constitution, to read as follows: "The Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville on the 2d Tuesday in May of each year, at 10 o'clock a. m., provided that the hour of meeting may be changed by resolution."

Companion Wm. H. Jewell offered the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That a committee consisting of three Past Grand High Priests, with the Grand High Priest as ex-officio member of said committee, be appointed to collate all changes made in the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, as now printed in the last revision of the Constitution in 1889, and Regulations in May, 1895, and that the same be brought up to date.

The same was received and adopted, and the Grand High Priest appointed Companions Wm. A. McLean, W. H. Jewell, and Silas B. Wright as the committee provided for by said resolution.

On motion of Companion Warren Tyler, a vote of thanks was extended to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for courtesies extended, and to the various transportation companies for reduced rates.



## COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following named committees, as provided by the Constitution and Regulations :

## COMMITTEE ON WORK.

W. A. McLean,  
S. B. Wright,  
J. R. Wetherell,  
Warren Tyler,  
Olin S. Wright,  
Chas. J. Hayes,  
James Carnell.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

W. A. McLean,  
J. W. Boyd,  
Angus Paterson.  
PRINTING.  
W. A. McLean,  
T. G. Hutchinson,  
Marcus Endel.

On motion of Companion Endel, it was ordered that when the Grand Chapter is called to refreshment, it be until after the Grand Chapter shall have attended Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, at 7:30, to witness exemplification of the work.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

## EVENING SESSION.

May 11, 1898.

The Grand Chapter visited Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and witnessed the exemplification of the R. A. Degree by the Committee on Work after which the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Present: M. E. W. P. Webster, and others, as at afternoon session.

Minutes of the afternoon session read and confirmed.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida :*

Your Committee on Finance submits the following report :

We have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, find them to be correct, and recommend their approval.

We recommend the following appropriations, or as much as may be necessary, for the ensuing year :

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| For Salary of Grand Secretary .....         | \$200.00 |
| For Rent of Office of Grand Secretary ..... | 100.00   |
| For Printing Annual Proceedings .....       | 50.00    |
| For Contingent Expenses .....               | 18.00    |
| For Stationery and Postage .....            | 25.00    |
| For Incidental Expenses Grand Chapter ..... | 4.00     |

We recommend that the salary and rent of the office of the Grand Secretary be paid quarterly.

In the matter of arrears for dues of Ocala Chapter, No. 13, we recommend that it be referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest, with power to take such action as he shall deem necessary.

We recommend that the warrant book, as recommended by the Finance Committee at the last Annual Grand Convocation, be procured, and be paid for from the contingent fund.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
A. M. CUSHMAN,  
D. W. STANLEY.

On motion of Companion Endel, the Committee on Work was directed to furnish an exemplification of the degrees at the next Grand Convocation.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed, and no further business appearing, the Grand Chapter, with appropriate ceremonies, was closed in ample form.

W. A. McLEAN,  
Grand Secretary.

W. P. WEBSTER,  
Grand High Priest.



# In Memoriam.

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To the memory of the seven companions of our jurisdiction who died during the year 1897, this page is *Fraternally* dedicated.

FLORENCE MIASKOSKY.....GAINESVILLE CHAPTER, No. 2.  
JOHN CARLOVITZ.....MT. HOREB CHAPTER, No. 6.  
GEORGE C. PATTISON.....MT. HOREB CHAPTER, No. 6.  
WILLIAM W. TUCKER.....JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER, No 12.  
WILLIAM FOX.....OCALA CHAPTER, No. 13.  
W. W. LINDSEY.....OCALA CHAPTER, No 13.  
GEORGE C. CHITTENDEN.....EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7.

"Friend after friend departs—  
Who has not lost a friend?  
There is no union here of hearts,  
That finds not here an end."



# In Memoriam.

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In Memory

...of...

The Distinguished Dead of other Grand  
Jurisdictions,

Whose earthly labors ceased during the  
Masonic Year 1897.

"Hope looks beyond the bounds of time.  
When what we now deplore  
Shall rise in full, immortal prime,  
And bloom to fade no more."



### STATISTICS.

| CHAPTER.     | Number. | Members Last Year. | Exalted. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Total. | Deaths. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present Membership. |
|--------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Florida      | 1       | 36                 |          |             |             | 36     |         | 2         | 1          |           | 33                  |
| Gainesville  | 2       | 45                 | 7        | 1           |             | 53     | 1       |           |            | 2         | 50                  |
| Tampa        | 3       | 29                 | 8        | 1           |             | 38     |         | 1         |            |           | 37                  |
| St. Johns    | 4       | 34                 |          |             |             | 34     |         | 2         | 2          |           | 30                  |
| Halifax      | 5       | 47                 | 9        |             |             | 56     |         |           |            |           | 56                  |
| Mt Horeb     | 6       | 58                 |          | 1           |             | 59     | 2       | 2         | 2          |           | 53                  |
| Eureka       | 7       | 30                 |          | 1           |             | 31     | 1       |           | 1          |           | 29                  |
| Madison      | 8       | 36                 |          |             |             | 36     |         | 4         | 5          |           | 27                  |
| Putnam       | 9       | 33                 |          |             |             | 33     |         |           |            | 4         | 33                  |
| Jasper       | 10      | 18                 | 5        | 1           |             | 24     | 1       | 1         | 7          |           | 20                  |
| Jacksonville | 12      | 65                 | 10       |             | 1           | 75     | 2       | 6         | 1          |           | 66                  |
| Ocala        | 13      | 60                 | 3        |             |             | 64     |         |           |            |           | 55                  |
| Inverness    | 14      |                    | 2        | 1           |             | 17     |         | 1         | 1          |           | 17                  |
| Monroe       | 15      | 23                 | 6        | 2           | 1           | 32     |         |           |            |           | 30                  |
| Plant City   | 16      | 35                 | 3        |             |             | 38     |         | 1         |            |           | 37                  |
| Thomas Brown | 22      | 22                 | 3        |             |             | 25     |         |           |            |           | 25                  |
| Total        |         | 571                | 56       | 8           | 2           | 657    | 7       | 20        | 20         | 6         | 598                 |

### DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

| CHAPTER.     | No. | LOCATION.    | TIME OF MEETING.                |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Florida      | 1   | Tallahassee  | Second and fourth Monday.       |
| Gainesville  | 2   | Gainesville  | First Friday.                   |
| Tampa        | 3   | Tampa        | Second and fourth Friday.       |
| St. Johns    | 4   | DeLand       | Third Monday.                   |
| Halifax      | 5   | Daytona      | Second Thursday.                |
| Mt. Horeb    | 6   | Pensacola    | Second and fourth Friday.       |
| Eureka       | 7   | Orlando      | First and third Tuesday.        |
| Madison      | 8   | Madison      | Second and fourth Monday.       |
| Putnam       | 9   | Palatka      | First Thursday.                 |
| Jasper       | 10  | Jasper       | Second and fourth Tuesday.      |
| Live Oak     | 11  | Live Oak     | Fourth Thursday.                |
| Jacksonville | 12  | Jacksonville | First Monday.                   |
| Ocala        | 13  | Ocala        | Thursdays before full moon.     |
| Inverness    | 14  | Inverness    | Second and fourth Tuesday.      |
| Monroe       | 15  | Sanford      | Friday before 1st and 3d Sunday |
| Plant City   | 16  | Plant City   | First Thursday.                 |
| Lake Butler  | 19  | Lake Butler  | Second Thursday.                |
| Providence   | 20  | Providence   | Second and fourth Wednesday.    |
| Island       | 21  | Key West     | Second Friday.                  |
| Thomas Brown | 22  | Bartow       |                                 |



CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTER.           | No. | HIGH PRIEST.           | KING.                | SCRIBE.              | TREASURER.            | SECRETARY.           | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|--------------------|-----|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Florida.....       | 1   | H. V. R. Schrader ..   | G. E. McGriff.....   | J. F. Spears.....    | Robert Gamble.....    | W. M. McIatosh ..... | Tallahassee.   |
| Gainesville.....   | 2   | G. W. Hyde.....        | E. C. McMahan.....   | G. M. Coleman .....  | M. B. Sandders. ....  | R. McClellan.....    | Gainesville.   |
| Tampa.....         | 3   | L. W. Buchholtz....    | J. T. Gunn.....      | H. E. Jacobs.....    | Isaac Maas.....       | J. C. White .....    | Tampa.         |
| St. Johns.....     | 4   | J. R. Wetherell....    | O. F. Fish.....      | O. J. Hill.....      | S. B. Wright.....     | E. L. Powe.....      | DeLand.        |
| Halifax.....       | 5   | C. L. Smith .....      | A. H. Carter .....   | H. C. Morris.....    | F. T. Peck .....      | W. O. Conrad.....    | Daytona.       |
| Mt. Horeb.....     | 6   | A. L. Williams .....   | Gus Eitzen .....     | W. H. Trainer.....   | C. McK. Oerting... .. | W. E. Anderson ..... | Pensacola.     |
| Eureka.....        | 7   | L. C. Massey.....      | B. F. Bowen.....     | Chas. Lord.....      | Mahlon Gore.....      | T. P. Baumgarten..   | Orlando.       |
| Madison.....       | 8   | W. H. Hausman....      | A. H. West .....     | J. Townsend.....     | L. H. Patterson... .. | T. J. Smith.....     | Madison.       |
| Putnam.....        | 9   | W. H. Cyrus.....       | W. G. Tilghman ..    | M. I. Coxe .....     | Moritz Kohl .....     | T. B. Anderson.....  | Palatka.       |
| Jasper.....        | 10  | J. E. Hanna.....       | J. F. Smith.....     | J. M. Guilleims. ... | J. D. Tuten.....      | B. E. Leonard.....   | Jasper.        |
| Jacksonville ..... | 12  | T. G. Hutchinson... .. | J. H. Norton.....    | W. S. Ware.....      | O. L. Keene .....     | A. M. Lenn'g.....    | Jacksonville.  |
| Ocala.....         | 13  | J. H. Whitfield....    | O. G. Finch .....    | James Chase.....     | George MacKay .....   | L. A. Hendon.....    | Ocala.         |
| Inverness .....    | 14  | W. K. Jackson.....     | A. C. Frederitce.... | J. F. Miller.....    | A. T. Priest .....    | S. M. Wilson.....    | Inverness.     |
| Monroe.....        | 15  | J. G. Torrey.....      | T. S. Davis.....     | J. W. Sineath .....  | T. J. Miller... ..    | H. E. Munson.....    | Sanford.       |
| Plant City.....    | 16  | H. B. Wordehoff....    | A. R. Tison .....    | F. H. McGill.....    | Jasper Evers.....     | O. S. Wright.....    | Plant City.    |
| Thomas Brown.....  | 22  | J. M. Reed.....        | T. L. Hughes .....   | A. J. J. Lewis.....  | Warren Tyler.....     | James Harden.....    | Bartow.        |

GRAND SECRETARIES.

| STATE.               | NAME.                | Address.          |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Alabama              | H. Clay Armstrong    | Montgomery.       |
| Arizona              | George J. Roskrue    | Tucson.           |
| Arkansas             | James A. Henry       | Little Rock.      |
| California           | Thomas H. Caswell    | San Francisco.    |
| Canada               | Thomas Sargent       | Toronto.          |
| Colorado             | Ed C. Parmelee       | Denver.           |
| Connecticut          | James McCormick      | Hartford.         |
| Delaware             | James H. Price       | Washington.       |
| District of Columbia | A. W. Johnston       | Washington, D. C. |
| Georgia              | W. A. Wellihin       | Macon.            |
| Illinois             | Gil. W. Barnard      | Chicago.          |
| Indiana              | W. H. Smythe         | Indianapolis.     |
| Iowa                 | Alf. Wingate         | Des Moines.       |
| Iowa                 | W. H. Murrow         | Atoka.            |
| Indian Territory     | Joseph De Witt       | Louisville.       |
| Kansas               | H. B. Grant          | New Orleans.      |
| Kentucky             | Richard Lambert      | Portland.         |
| Louisiana            | Stephen Berry        | Baltimore.        |
| Maine                | George L. McCahan    | Boston.           |
| Massachusetts        | J. Albert Blake      | Coldwater.        |
| Michigan             | Jefferson S. Conover | St. Paul.         |
| Minnesota            | Thos. Montgomery     | Jackson.          |
| Mississippi          | I. L. Power          | St. Louis.        |
| Missouri             | William H. Mayo      | Helena.           |
| Montana              | Cornelius Heddes     | Omaha.            |
| Nebraska             | William R. Bowen     | Carson City.      |
| Nevada               | C. N. Noteware       | Sydney.           |
| New South Wales      | Alfred J. Burtridge  | St. John.         |
| New Brunswick        | Wm. A. Ewing         | Concord.          |
| New Hampshire        | George P. Cleaves    | Jersey City.      |
| New Jersey           | George B. Edwards    | Buttalo.          |
| New York             | Christopher G. Fox   | Williamington.    |
| North Carolina       | Horace H. Munson     | Fargo.            |
| North Dakota         | Frank J. Thompson    | Halifax.          |
| Ohaio                | D. H. Campbell       | Ureana.           |
| Oregon               | Charles C. Keifer    | Eugene.           |
| Pennsylvania         | James F. Robinson    | Philadelphia.     |
| Rhodee               | Charles Cary         | Montreal.         |
| South Island         | Willi H. Whyte       | Providence.       |
| South Carolina       | William R. Green     | Columbia.         |
| South Dakota         | John T. Barton       | Flandreau.        |
| Tennessee            | Geo. A. Pettigrew    | Nashville.        |
| Texas                | W. A. Clendening     | Houston.          |
| Vermont              | George Lopus, Jr.    | Burlington.       |
| Virginia             | Warren G. Reynolds   | Petersburg.       |
| West Virginia        | James R. Blanks      | Wheeling.         |
| Washington           | John W. Morris       | Walla Walla.      |
| Washington           | John W. Bllock       | Walla Walla.      |
| Wisconsin            | Yancy C. Birch       | Milwaukee.        |
| Scotland             | John W. Laidin       | Edinburgh.        |
| Scotland             | Robert S. Brown.     | Edinburgh.        |

NECROLOGY.

| NAME.               | CHAPTER.     | No. | DATE.             |
|---------------------|--------------|-----|-------------------|
| Florence Miaskosky  | Gainesville  | 2   | June 1, 1897.     |
| John Carlvitz       | Mt. Horeb    | 6   | December 4, 1897. |
| Geo. C. Pattison    | Mt. Horeb    | 6   | October 11, 1897. |
| W. W. C. Chittenden | Eureka       | 7   | August 9, 1897.   |
| William Fox         | Jacksonville | 12  | June 17, 1897.    |
| W. W. Lindsay       | Ocala        | 13  | March 19, 1897.   |
| W. W. Lindsay       | Ocala        | 13  | October 2, 1897.  |







PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.  
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

| GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.     | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND KINGS.         | GRAND SCRIBES.        | GRAND TREASURERS   | GRAND SECRETARIES.                   | GRAND CHAPLAINS.   |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1844 Thos. Douglas*     | John P. Duval*             | Henry R. Taylor*     | Geo. W. McRae*        | Edwin D. Nash*     | John B. Taylor*                      | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1848 John P. Duval*     | Isaac H. Bronson*          | Geo. W. McRae*       | D. S. Graham*         | Thomas Brown*      | John B. Taylor*                      | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1849 Isaac H. Bronson*  | Harry R. Taylor*           | D. S. Graham*        | R. A. Shine*          | Thomas Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*                      | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1850 Harry R. Taylor*   | D. S. Graham*              | R. A. Shine*         | Gad Humphreys*        | David C. Wilson*   | John B. Taylor*                      | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1851 Thomas Brown*      | Gad Humphreys*             | Alfred A. Fisher*    | Benj. Sawyer*         | David C. Wilson*   | John B. Taylor*                      | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1852 R. A. Shine*       | Samuel B. Stephens*        | Samuel Boardman*     | Daniel O. McLean*     | David C. Wilson*   | John B. Taylor*                      | Geo. M. McDonald*  |
| 1853 Samuel Boardman*   | J. M. W. Davidson*         | C. A. M. Mitchell*   | James S. Rust*        | David C. Wilson*   | John B. Taylor*                      | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1854 J. Wayles Baker*   | Thomas Y. Henry*           | James Ellenwood*     | John L. McKinnon*     | David C. Wilson*   | John B. Taylor*                      | A. O. Oag.         |
| 1855 J. Wayles Baker*   | Edward R. Ives*            | Joseph S. May*       | James Ellenwood*      | David C. Wilson*   | John B. Taylor*                      | Homer Hender.      |
| 1856 Thos. Haywood*     | Edward R. Ives*            | John L. McKinnon*    | James Ellenwood*      | R. A. Shine*       | John B. Taylor*                      | Homer Hender.      |
| 1857 Thos. Haywood*     | James Ellenwood*           | John L. McKinnon*    | David S. Walker*      | Thos. Haywood*     | John B. Taylor*                      | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1858 Gad Humphreys*     | James Ellenwood*           | D. P. Holland*       | Charles E. Dyke*      | John T. Bonds*     | John B. Taylor*                      | J. R. Plummer.     |
| 1859 D. P. Holland*     | Thomas Y. Henry*           | Geo. F. Baltzell*    | Calvin Davis*         | Thos. Haywood*     | John B. Taylor*                      | John Penny*        |
| 1860 Thomas Y. Henry*   | Geo. F. Baltzell*          | Geo. D. Fisher*      | Josiah Payne*         | Thos. Haywood*     | John B. Taylor*                      | John Penny*        |
| 1861 Geo. F. Baltzell*  | James Ellenwood*           | Franklin Branch*     | Charles Slager*       | Thos. Haywood*     | John B. Taylor*                      | John Penny*        |
| 1862 Geo. F. Baltzell*  | James Ellenwood*           | Charles Slager*      | D. C. Dawkins*        | Thos. Haywood*     | John B. Taylor*                      | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1863 Geo. F. Baltzell*  | James Ellenwood*           | Green H. Hunter*     | Wm. H. Arendell*      | Thos. Haywood*     | John B. Taylor*                      | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1864 Geo. F. Baltzell*  | James Ellenwood*           | Thos. K. Leonard*    | Wm. H. Arendell*      | Thos. Haywood*     | John B. Taylor*                      | Thos. A. Carruth*  |
| 1865 David Jones*       | D. C. Dawkins*             | B. S. Fuller*        | Elias Earle*          | Thos. Haywood*     | Hugh A. Corley*                      | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1866 David Jones*       | D. C. Dawkins*             | Elias Earle*         | A. J. Lea*            | T. Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A. Corley*                      | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1867 David Jones*       | Wm. Morrill*               | Charles Slager*      | Charles K. Sparhawk*  | T. Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A. Corley*                      | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1868 James Ellenwood*   | Wm. Morrill*               | Charles Slager*      | M. M. T. Hutchingson* | T. Preston Tatum*  | Hugh A. Corley*                      | Samuel C. Craft    |
| 1869 D. C. Dawkins*     | M. M. T. Hutchingson*      | H. H. Berry*         | Michael Bowes*        | T. Preston Tatum*  | Edw. Bradford, Jr.*                  | Wm. A. McLean      |
| 1870 D. C. Dawkins*     | Charles Slager*            | Charles Munde*       | Samuel Pasco*         | T. Preston Tatum*  | Edw. Bradford, Jr.*                  | Thos. A. Carruth*  |
| 1871 D. C. Dawkins*     | James Ellenwood*           | Wm. Morrill*         | Theodore Ball*        | T. Preston Tatum*  | W. M. McIntosh*                      | Thos. A. Carruth*  |
| 1872 Wm. Morrill*       | Hugh A. Corley*            | John C. Ley*         | James L. Taylor*      | T. Preston Tatum*  | W. M. McIntosh*                      | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1873 Michael Bowes*     | Samuel Pasco*              | John S. Driggs*      | Benj. G. Alderman*    | D. L. Oakley*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | Thos. A. Carruth*  |
| 1874 Michael Bowes*     | John S. Driggs*            | John G. Alderman*    | D. C. Wilson*         | Wm. A. Young*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | John Penny*        |
| 1875 Henry W. Long*     | Edmund P. Jordan*          | Wm. T. Weeks*        | W. W. Tucker*         | D. L. Oakley*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | John Penny*        |
| 1876 John S. Driggs*    | Charles J. Allred*         | W. W. Tucker*        | John T. Miller*       | D. L. Oakley*      | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | John Penny*        |
| 1877 John S. Driggs*    | George R. Jones*           | W. W. Tucker*        | John T. Miller*       | L. McConihe*       | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | John Penny*        |
| 1878 Enos Wasgate*      | Robert J. Perry*           | G. E. Wentworth*     | George S. Hallmark*   | L. McConihe*       | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | John Penny*        |
| 1879 Robert J. Perry*   | G. E. Wentworth*           | Geo. S. Hallmark*    | Hugh A. Corley*       | L. McConihe*       | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | John Penny*        |
| 1880 Robert J. Perry*   | Geo. S. Hallmark*          | Wm. E. Anderson*     | Wm. A. McLean*        | L. McConihe*       | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | John Penny*        |
| 1881 W. A. McLean*      | Wm. E. Anderson*           | Warren F. Scott*     | John G. Ellis*        | L. McConihe*       | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | John Penny*        |
| 1882 W. A. McLean*      | Wm. E. Anderson*           | Warren F. Scott*     | J. W. V. R. Plummer*  | L. McConihe*       | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | John Penny*        |
| 1883 Geo. S. Hallmark*  | Wm. E. Anderson*           | Warren F. Scott*     | Angus Paterson*       | T. S. Wilmarth*    | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | Wm. A. McLean.     |
| 1884 Wm. E. Anderson*   | Warren F. Scott*           | J. W. V. R. Plummer* | Marcus Endel*         | T. S. Wilmarth*    | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | Wm. A. McLean.     |
| 1885 Wm. E. Anderson*   | J. W. V. R. Plummer*       | Angus Paterson*      | Marcus Endel*         | T. S. Wilmarth*    | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | John S. Wharton.   |
| 1886 Angus Paterson*    | Marcus Endel*              | F. S. Goodrich*      | John C. Ellis*        | T. S. Wilmarth*    | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | W. A. McLean.      |
| 1887 Angus Paterson*    | Marcus Endel*              | F. S. Goodrich*      | R. A. Monsalvatge*    | T. S. Wilmarth*    | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | W. A. McLean.      |
| 1888 Marcus Endel*      | Fred S. Goodrich*          | Wm. M. McIntosh*     | Chas. H. Munger*      | T. S. Wilmarth*    | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | W. A. McLean.      |
| 1889 Marcus Endel*      | Fred S. Goodrich*          | James W. Boyd*       | Chas. H. Munger*      | T. S. Wilmarth*    | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | W. A. McLean.      |
| 1890 J. W. Boyd*        | T. S. Wilmarth*            | S. B. Wright*        | F. P. Mersereau*      | John H. Stephens*  | DeW. C. Dawkins*                     | W. A. McLean.      |
| 1891 T. S. Wilmarth*    | F. P. Mersereau*           | I. E. Webster*       | J. H. Stephens*       | Henry S. Ely*      | DeW. C. Dawkins* }<br>W. A. McLean } | Wm. A. McLean.     |
| 1892 Irving E. Webster* | Silas B. Wright*           | W. M. McIntosh*      | J. H. Stephens*       | Henry S. Ely*      | DeW. C. Dawkins* }<br>W. A. McLean } | Irving E. Webster. |
| 1893 Silas B. Wright*   | Wm. M. McIntosh*           | John H. Stephens*    | Henry S. Ely*         | Warren Tyler*      | W. A. McLean*                        | Irving E. Webster. |
| 1894 Wm. M. McIntosh*   | John H. Stephens*          | Wm. H. Jewell*       | Warren Tyler*         | Wilber P. Webster* | W. A. McLean*                        | Irving E. Webster. |
| 1895 John H. Stephens*  | Wm. H. Jewell*             | Warren Tyler*        | Wilber P. Webster*    | Irving E. Webster* | W. A. McLean*                        | Wm. M. McIntosh.   |
| 1896 Wm. H. Jewell*     | Warren Tyler*              | W. P. Webster*       | Olin S. Wright*       | Irving E. Webster* | W. A. McLean*                        | Wm. M. McIntosh.   |
| 1897 Warren Tyler*      | W. P. Webster*             | James Carnell*       | E. E. Haskell*        | Irving E. Webster* | W. A. McLean*                        | Wm. M. McIntosh.   |

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## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

At the last Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommended an amendment to the Constitution by changing Sec. 2, Article I., to read as follows:

Article I., Sec. 2. Each and every member of this Grand Chapter present is entitled to one vote, and the acting Grand High Priest to an additional vote in case of an equal division when voting upon all questions which are determined by the usual Masonic sign.

In balloting for Grand Officers, each Chapter represented is entitled to three votes, and each Grand Officer one vote, and each Past Grand High Priest present, not holding an elective office, to one vote.

An amendment was also proposed to Section 4, Article I., of the Constitution to read as follows: The Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville on the second Tuesday in May of each year, at 10 o'clock a. m., provided that the hour of meeting may be changed by resolution.

The said proposed amendments having been duly approved by the Grand Chapter, the same are now published for the information of all concerned, as the same will come up for final action at the next Grand Convocation.

## PROCEEDINGS

OF

## GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF FLORIDA.

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 FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD AT

THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE,

MAY 9-10, A. D. 1899, A. I. 2429.

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FOR  
A. I. 2429, A. D. 1899.

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R.: E.: Elmer E. Haskell, Deputy Grand High Priest,  
Palatka.  
R.: E.: Alonzo M. Cushman, Grand King, Gainesville.  
R.: E.: John R. Wetherell, Grand Scribe, DeLand.  
R.: E.: Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer, Gainesville.  
R.: E.: Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jackson-  
ville.  
R.: Rev. Wm. M. McIntosh, Grand Chaplain, Tallahassee.  
E.: William H. Cyrus, Grand Captain of the Host,  
Palatka.  
E.: Thos. G. Hutchinson, Grand Principal Sojourner,  
Jacksonville.  
E.: W. E. Ballough, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Daytona.  
E.: Monroe D. Cushing, Grand Master 3rd Vail, Tampa.  
E.: D. W. Stanley, Grand Master 2nd Vail, Bartow.  
E.: H. V. R. Schrader, Grand Master 1st Vail, Tallahassee.  
E.: James F. Clark, Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, assembled in its Fifty-Third Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, on Tuesday, May 9, A. D., 1899, A. I., 2429.

The roll being called, there were found to be present the following

GRAND OFFICERS.

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| WILBER P. WEBSTER,   | M.: E.: Grand High Priest.        |
| JAMES CARNELL,       | R.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| ELMER E. HASKELL,    | R.: E.: Grand King.               |
| ALONZO M. CUSHMAN,   | R.: E.: Grand Scribe.             |
| MARCUS ENDEL,        | R.: E.: Grand Treasurer.          |
| THOS. G. HUTCHINSON, | R.: E.: Grand Secretary.          |
| WM. M. MCINTOSH,     | R.: Rev. Grand Chaplain.          |
| JOHN R. WETHERELL,   | E.: Grand Captain of the Host.    |
| WILLIAM H. CYRUS,    | E.: Grand Principal Sojourner.    |
| SILAS B. WRIGHT, as  | E.: Grand Royal Arch Captain.     |
| W. E. BALLOUGH,      | E.: Grand Master Third Vail.      |
| MONROE D. CUSHING,   | E.: Grand Master Second Vail.     |
| C. L. SMITH, as      | E.: Grand Master First Vail.      |
| JAMES F. CLARK,      | Grand Guard.                      |

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

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| ANGUS PATERSON,    | MARCUS ENDEL,        |
| JAMES W. BOYD,     | IRVING E. WEBSTER,   |
| SILAS B. WRIGHT,   | WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH, |
| WILLIAM H. JEWELL, | WARREN TYLER.        |



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

PAST HIGH PRIESTS HERE IN NO OTHER CAPACITY.

J. G. TORREY,

EDGAR A. RICHARDS.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA.

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Colorado .....            | J. R. WETHERELL.     |
| Connecticut .....         | WARREN TYLER.        |
| Delaware.....             | WILBER P. WEBSTER.   |
| District of Columbia..... | SILAS B. WRIGHT.     |
| Iowa .....                | SILAS B. WRIGHT.     |
| Kansas.....               | OLIN S. WRIGHT.      |
| Kentucky .....            | JAMES W. BOYD.       |
| Maine .....               | ELMER E. HASKELL.    |
| Maryland .....            | JAMES CARNELL.       |
| Massachusetts .....       | IRVING E. WEBSTER.   |
| Minnesota .....           | ALONZO M. CUSHMAN.   |
| Missouri.....             | JAMES W. BOYD.       |
| New Brunswick .....       | EDGAR A. RICHARDS.   |
| New York .....            | MARCUS ENDEL.        |
| North Carolina .....      | IRVING E. WEBSTER.   |
| North Dakota.....         | MARCUS ENDEL.        |
| Nova Scotia.....          | MILLIAM M. McINTOSH. |
| Ohio.....                 | WILLIAM M. McINTOSH. |
| Rhode Island.....         | D. McLACHLAN.        |
| South Carolina.....       | WILLIAM M. McINTOSH. |
| South Dakota .....        | WILLIAM H. JEWELL.   |
| Texas.....                | ANGUS PATERSON.      |
| Washington.....           | SILAS B. WRIGHT.     |

## REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS.

- Florida, No. 1.—H. V. R. Schrader, H. P., D. McLachlan, proxy for King.  
 Gainesville, No. 2.—Irving E. Webster, proxy for High Priest.  
 Tampa, No. 3.—Monroe D. Cushing, Scribe, proxy for High Priest.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

- St. Johns, No. 4.—Silas B. Wright, proxy for High Priest.  
 Halifax, No. 5.—Charles L. Smith, High Priest.  
 Eureka, No. 7.—J. N. Bradshaw, proxy for King.  
 Putnam, No. 9.—William H. Cyrus, High Priest.  
 Jacksonville, No. 12.—T. G. Hutchinson, High Priest,  
 John H. Norton, King, William S. Ware, Scribe.  
 Inverness, No. 14.—James F. Miller, King.  
 Monroe, No. 15.—A. C. Martin, proxy for High Priest  
 Plant City, No. 16.—James L. Young, High Priest, Olin  
 S. Wright, proxy for King.  
 Lake Butler, No. 19.—J. J. Jones, High Priest.  
 Thomas Brown, No. 22.—D. W. Stanley, High Priest.

A constitutional number of Grand Officers and Representatives of Constituent Chapters being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the Grand High Priest, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest stated that the gavel in use at this Convocation was presented to him by Brother G. B. Patterson, W. M. of Dade Lodge, No. 14, of Key West, and was made from a piece of oak taken from the United States battle ship "Maine."

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following:

Committee on Returns and Credentials—A. M. Cushman, M. D. Cushing, J. J. Jones.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made a verbal report that the foregoing list of Grand Officers and members, as prepared by the Grand Secretary at roll-call, was correct, and that said officers and members were entitled to be present and participate in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Past Grand High Priest, Marcus Endel, the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were adopted as printed.



Upon motion of Companion Olin S. Wright, all Companion Royal Arch Masons in good standing were cordially invited to attend the sessions of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

*Unfinished Business*—D. W. Stanley, D. McLachlan, Jas. F. Miller.

*Propositions and Grievances*—John R. Wetherell, H. V. R. Schrader, A. C. Martin.

*Dispensations and By-Laws*—Olin S. Wright, J. G. Torrey, J. N. Bradshaw.

*Masonic Jurisprudence*—Angus Paterson, Marcus Endel, James W. Boyd, Irving E. Webster, Silas B. Wright, William M. McIntosh, William H. Jewell, Warren Tyler.

*Finance and Accounts*—Silas B. Wright, Warren Tyler, Charles L. Smith, A. M. Cushman, James Carnell.

*Memorials*—W. M. McIntosh, E. A. Richards, W. E. Ballough.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address as follows:

**Address of Grand High Priest.**

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:*

COMPANIONS—It is with pleasure that I extend to you a cordial greeting to this, the Fifty-third Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter, and I join most heartily with those who have met with us from year to year, in extending a hearty welcome to all who have come here this year, for the first time, as members of this Grand body.

We assure you that you are not with strangers, but with Companions in the broadest sense of the term, and we trust that you will join with us in the renewal of old and the form-

ing of new ties of Companionship, as well as in the revision of the work of the past year and legislating for the future.

Before commencing our labors let us return our sincere thanks to the Great I Am, to whom we are indebted for the privilege of thus meeting once more under circumstances so auspicious, and for all of His bountiful goodness to us.

While we are grateful for all our blessings, and anticipate much pleasure from this meeting, still a touch of sadness comes over us as we note the absence of the familiar face of our beloved Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest, William A. McLean. While I was taking a vacation in New England last fall, I was much shocked to receive a telegram notifying me of the death of Companion McLean on August 22nd. As you are all aware, he had not been well for some time, still it had been but a few days since I had left him apparently in better health and improving. Companion McLean was too well known to all to need any eulogy from me. His long, honorable and active Masonic career made him well known, not only to the fraternity of this State, but of other jurisdictions. He had filled, with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity, nearly if not all of the positions of trust in the gift of his brethren and Companions. In the lodge from the lowest office to that of Grand Master, which office he held during the years 1878, 1879 and 1880. In the Chapter to the office of Grand High Priest, which he filled during the years 1881 and 1882. In the Commandery to that of Grand Commander in 1895. At the time of his death he was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, and Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, A. A. S. R., of this State. This Grand Chapter has lost one of its most beloved Companions, and the State one of its brightest Masons.

While we mourn our loss let us not forget that some of our sister jurisdictions have also suffered affliction, notices of which have been received by me as follows:



## FRATERNAL DEAD.

ARKANSAS—September 7, 1898, M. E. Samuel Peete, Past Grand High Priest.

April 25, 1899, R. E. James A. Henry, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO—October 4, 1898, M. E. Oren Harrison Henry, Past Grand High Priest.

ILLINOIS—March 30, 1899, M. E. Asa W. Blakesley, Past Grand High Priest.

IOWA—November 21, 1898, M. E. George Andrew Quinby, Past Grand High Priest.

KANSAS—October 19, 1898, M. E. John Moses Price, Past Grand High Priest.

MASSACHUSETTS—April 7, 1899, M. E. Seranus Bowen, Past Grand High Priest.

NORTH DAKOTA—October 25, 1898, R. E. Thomas J. Wilder, Past Grand Secretary.

OHIO—March 12, 1899, M. E. Charles C. Keifer, Past Grand High Priest, and Grand Secretary.

OREGON—March 7, 1899, M. E. Henry S. Strange, Grand High Priest.

TENNESSEE—October 27, 1898, M. E. Archelaus M. Hughes, Past Grand High Priest.

Thus you see that one by one our distinguished Companions are being called to that celestial Chapter on high, reminding us that, sooner or later, we, too, will receive the final summons. Let us, then, endeavor to so live that when the summons comes it may find us ready. To each of the above jurisdictions I have written letters of sympathy, and now report them to this Grand Chapter that suitable action may be taken.

Six of our Constituent Chapters have been visited by the "Grim Reaper," as follows:

Gainesville, No. 2—Rev. George S. Crosby, October —; Albert T. Zetrouer, December 27th.

Mount Horeb, No. 6—Marion J. Fauria, May 6th, and A. D. Williams, September 13th.

Jasper, No. 10—H. J. Stewart, October 20th.  
Jacksonville, No. 12—Frank I. Kenyon, May 6, and William A. McLean, August 22nd.

Monroe, No. 15—H. B. Whipper, June 1st, and J. M. Parham, March 3rd.

Thomas Brown, No. 22—Rev. Wm. C. Jordan, June 22nd.

To each of these Chapters, and to the families of our deceased Companions, we extend our sincere sympathy.

## APPOINTMENTS.

On September 12th I appointed Companion Thomas G. Hutchinson, of Jacksonville, as Grand Secretary, that office having become vacant by the death of Companion McLean.

I also appointed Companion Hutchinson to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Work in the place of Companion McLean.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon proper recommendations from other jurisdictions, I have appointed representatives of this Grand Chapter as follows:

ARIZONA—March 14, 1899, Prosper Powell Parker, of Phoenix.

PENNSYLVANIA—March 14, 1899, Henry Oscar Kline, Grand Scribe, of Pittsburg.

I have recommended the appointment of the following Companions as representatives of other Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction:

COLORADO—December 17, 1898, John R. Wetherell, Grand Captain of the Host, DeLand.

ARIZONA—December 9, 1898, Thos. G. Hutchinson, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

MINNESOTA—December 9, 1898, Alonzo M. Cushman, Grand Scribe, Gainesville.

PENNSYLVANIA—December 9, 1898, Louis C. Massey, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Orlando.



LOUISIANA—December 9, 1898, William P. Anderson, Palatka.

GEORGIA—March 11, 1899, Charles J. Hays, Orlando.

CALIFORNIA—March 14, 1899, Bingham H. Chadwick, Jacksonville.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—March 14, 1899, George W. Hyde, Gainesville.

SOUTH CAROLINA—April 6, 1899, William M. McIntosh, Past Grand High Priest, Tallahassee, reappointed.

The commissions for same have been received and delivered, except for California and New Hampshire, which I have no doubt will be received in due time.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

For what I deemed good and sufficient reasons, the following dispensations have been granted:

September 6—To Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, To ballot at a Special Convocation on application of a soldier who was about to leave for the seat of war. All members having due notice of same.

December 16—To Monroe Chapter No. 15, To hold an election of officers at a Special Convocation on December 20th. All members having due and timely notice of such election.

December 16—To Halifax Chapter No. 5, To hold a public Installation of officers on St. John's Day, December 27.

March 6—To Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, To ballot on a well-known candidate at a Special Convocation. All members having due notice of same.

March 20—To Plant City Chapter No. 16, To ballot on application of a well-known candidate at a Special Convocation for the purpose of preparing material for exemplification of work for an official visitation. All members being duly notified of same.

April 14—The request of Lake Butler Chapter for dispensation to re-open a dark ballot, on account of irregularity

of same, was refused. It was my ruling that time alone could heal the wrong that may have been done the candidate.

Questions as to Law have been referred to me, but all having been settled by simple reference to the Constitution and Regulations, I do not consider it necessary to make special report of them.

#### VISITATIONS.

I have visited the following Chapters during the year:

June 21st—I had the pleasure of visiting Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, at Pensacola. This is one of our largest Chapters. There was no work, but they gave me a royal welcome, and we had some drill in the opening and closing exercises. There seems to be no reason why this should not be one of our very best Chapters, good membership, good officers, good quarters, and a good town. The future seems bright for this Chapter.

I had arranged to visit Florida Chapter No. 1, at Tallahassee on the following night, but owing to illness in the family of the High Priest, the meeting had to be given up and have had no opportunity to visit them since that time.

June 23rd—I visited Madison Chapter No. 8, at Madison. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, their candidates were unable to be present and there was no work, but we had a very pleasant visit with the Companions, and I trust that it was not without some benefit to the Chapter as well as pleasure to myself. This Chapter has felt the force of the hard times, but they have some zealous members and I trust that it will soon be in much better shape.

March 27th—I visited Putnam Chapter No. 9, at Palatka. This Chapter, like some others, has trouble at times in securing a quorum, though it has a fair membership and some earnest workers. They have more than held their own during the past year, and I think we need not fear for this Chapter.



March 28th—I visited Monroe Chapter No. 15, at Sanford. This Chapter is unfortunate in having its membership somewhat scattered, making it impossible, at times, to secure a quorum, but they have made a net gain of three during the past year and with due energy on the part of its officers, there will be no trouble with this Chapter.

March 29th—I visited Eureka Chapter No. 7, at Orlando. Owing to many of the members being unavoidably absent, there was not a large attendance, but what they lacked in numbers, they more than made up in hearty good-will and cordiality. No trouble was spared to make my visit an enjoyable one in every way, and my visit to Eureka Chapter will long be remembered. This Chapter I found to be the best fitted up of all that I had the pleasure of visiting. They have a full set of fine robes and everything is conveniently and nicely arranged.

After the exercises of the evening, we were conducted to their banquet-hall where a banquet had been prepared, and some time was spent in friendly and social intercourse with these most excellent hosts. Some of our most enthusiastic Companions are members of this Chapter, and I predict for it a bright future.

March 30th—I visited Tampa Chapter No. 3, at Tampa, and witnessed the conferring of the Past Master's Degree. The meeting was well attended and the work passed off in a very creditable manner. This Chapter is in a very prosperous condition, more work having been done by it, during the past year, than by any other Chapter in the State.

They have made a net gain of thirteen, and at the time of my visit, had several petitions in hand and some candidates who had taken a portion of the degrees. After the work of the evening we were invited to the hotel where an elaborate banquet had been prepared. We had an exceedingly pleasant and, I trust, profitable evening to all.

March 31st—I visited Plant City Chapter No. 16, at Plant City, and witnessed the conferring of the R. A. Degree.

I was very much pleased, indeed, with their work. Though some of the officers were filling their stations for the first time, yet they showed a degree of proficiency that spoke well for their enthusiasm and interest in the work. This Chapter is fortunate in having some members who do not hesitate to make any sacrifice when the good of the Order is at stake.

This Chapter is in a prosperous condition and has made a net gain of five during the past year. There is, I believe, no town of its size in the State that has so much of Masonry, in all its branches, as has Plant City. How they can keep up the interest and work of all the bodies, is a mystery to us who know how hard it is at times in many of the larger towns. After the work of the evening we enjoyed a nice banquet in their banquet-hall.

April 1st—I had the pleasure of visiting Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22, at Bartow, and witnessed the work in the Mark Master's Degree. It is unnecessary for me to say that the work was well and properly conducted. It could not have been otherwise with two of our Past Grand High Priests in their working force. This Chapter has had a fairly prosperous year, is well fitted up and is probably in as good shape, financially, as any Chapter in the State. It is not one of our largest Chapters and their field is not extensive, still, they have succeeded in building such a firm foundation that it may be considered one of our most reliable Chapters, and so long as its officers and members fulfill their duties and do their part in keeping up the interest, its future is assured. The pleasures of the evening were brought to a close with a banquet in their hall.

April 3rd—I visited St. Johns Chapter No. 4, at DeLand. I was much disappointed in not being able to witness work in this Chapter, for among its members are numbered some of our very best posted workers in the State, but we spent a very pleasant evening discussing points in the work, regulations, etc. This Chapter has fine quarters, enthusiastic officers and workers, and is in a very prosperous condition. Everything



possible was done to make my stay in their beautiful little city a pleasant one.

I have often visited Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, of this city, and I can assure you that it is in as prosperous a condition as could be expected in these hard times. It has good zealous officers, well posted in the work, as a rule.

I received a very cordial invitation to visit Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, on the first Thursday in April, but having just returned from a trip down through the State, several important matters required my immediate attention, and it was impossible for me to leave at that time. I was very sorry indeed not to be able to make this visit, having had considerable correspondence with them. They had not made returns since 1896. They have been doing some work, have made returns for 1897 and 1898, and have paid their dues in full to date.

On March 22nd I wrote to our Grand Scribe, Companion Cushman, requesting him to visit this Chapter, and Gainesville, No. 2. He was unable to visit Lake Butler, but did visit Gainesville, No. 2, on April 3rd, and reported as follows: "I visited Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, on last Monday night (April 3), and find them in a very healthy condition. Have work every meeting night, and it looks as if they would continue it the balance of this year."

Finding that it would be impossible for me to visit Halifax Chapter, No. 5, at Daytona, I requested our Deputy Grand High Priest to make that visit for me, which he did on April 13, and reported as follows:

"I am pleased to report Halifax Chapter, No. 5, in a most prosperous condition. Its membership is on the increase, in spite of all the losses by removal brought about by the freezes of the past few years.

"Financially, the Chapter has several hundred dollars well invested, and above all, its members residing in Daytona and near by are as zealous as ever, and constant in their attendance upon its meetings. I quote from the E.: High

Priest's welcoming address, in which, among other good things, he said: 'In all my experience I have never been connected with any society, secret or otherwise, in which the true spirit of harmony was so manifest as prevails in this Chapter.' All of which I heartily endorse, assuring you that Halifax Chapter is determined to maintain the high standard of excellence in all its work that it has exhibited in the past."

Companions, I am pleased to say, that as far as I have been able to see, the statement made by the High Priest of Halifax Chapter might well be applied to every Chapter in this jurisdiction.

#### DORMANT CHAPTERS.

Ocala Chapter, No. 13, having been referred to me by you last year, I have done everything I could to get it in shape; have written many letters and received assurances that everything possible would be done by them towards paying up their dues, but so far have only been able to get returns, and nothing whatever on account of dues, not even the balance of cash in their treasury, which they inform me is about \$25.00. They have a large membership, but, for some reason, seem to be unable to collect any dues. I see no way but to arrest their charter.

I have been informed that Providence Chapter has been moved to Lake City to join with Columbia Chapter, U. D., but as far as I have been able to find out, very little work has been done. The High Priest of Columbia Chapter, U. D., writes me that they have three candidates ready for the R. A. Degree, and as soon as they can get them through they will have no trouble in getting a quorum, as there will then be a sufficient number of members in town to carry on the work without having to depend on their country members. He stated that he would try and have them here at this time, if arrangements could be made for them to receive the degree, which I assured him I thought could be done.



I have had much correspondence with members at Key West, and am informed that they have reorganized Island Chapter, No. 21, at that place. They write me that they have six applications before them for action. The report from this Chapter and their letters are herewith submitted for action by this Grand Chapter.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

I have received a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales. I fail to find any record of our Grand Chapter having officially recognized this Grand Chapter, though many others have done so. I would recommend that some action be taken towards ascertaining the status of the various foreign Grand Chapters, with a view of establishing fraternal relations with them.

We have a regulation requiring the Grand Secretary to record all charters in a book kept for that purpose. I find that our record is very incomplete, and would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a suitable book for this purpose, and, as far as possible, make a full record of all charters that have been issued heretofore, and to keep a record of all that may hereafter be issued by this Grand Chapter.

A regulation was adopted by you last year in regard to the recording of "marks." I find that it has accomplished very little thus far, and it is my opinion that this record will never be satisfactory until we follow the example of some of our sister Grand Chapters, and make it compulsory upon the candidate to choose and record his "mark" before he is allowed to receive the Royal Arch degree. I would recommend this to your careful attention at this time.

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which was adopted last year, recommended the strict enforcement of Regulation No. 36, as follows: "Annual returns of Chapters are required to be prepared immediately after the close of each Masonic year, and forwarded to the Grand Sec-

retary on or before the first day of January thereafter; annual dues should also be forwarded at the same time."

It may interest you to know that not one of our Chapters complied with this regulation this year. It is my opinion that it would be well to make a change in this regulation. The time allowed after the close of the Masonic year is too short to make it practicable to enforce it. I would suggest that the words "on or before the first day of January thereafter," be stricken out, and the following added to the regulation: "Chapters failing to have their returns and dues in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before April 1st may be allowed representation in this Grand Chapter, but shall not be allowed mileage and per diem for such representatives."

I realize that this is giving a long time to do a small amount of work, but so long as this Grand Chapter meets on the second Tuesday in May there is no real necessity for insisting upon having returns in earlier, and I would like to see the limit so fixed that we can enforce the rule absolutely, without a chance of working a hardship upon any of our Chapters. I would also call the attention of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to the advisability of making some change in Section 29 of the Constitution.

## CONCLUSION.

Companions, the record of the past year is before you for your examination. If you can approve and accept it as "such work as you are authorized to receive," I shall be well pleased. If, upon the other hand, you find matters that do not meet with your approval, I can but say that I have done my best; and now, as I am about to surrender the emblem of authority, allow me to thank you, one and all, for the kind consideration and courtesy extended to me during my term of office, and to assure you that I appreciate the honor conferred, and, more particularly, the confidence reposed in me by you, in elevating me to this high and honorable position.

Fraternally submitted,

WILBER P. WEBSTER,  
Grand High Priest.



Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel, the foregoing Address was referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects.

The Deputy Grand High Priest appointed as such committee, Companions William H. Jewell, John H. Norton, and D. W. Stanley.

**Grand Secretary's Report.**

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

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Florida, Greeting:*

Having assumed the duties of Grand Secretary after most of the work had been done, there is little for me to report of my own actions. M. E. Grand High Priest, Wilber P. Webster, being conversant with the duties of the office through his assisting Companion McLean during his illness, continued his supervision of the matters in the office, and to whom this Grand Chapter is indebted for the efficient manner in which the affairs of the office have been conducted.

I take pleasure in reporting that four hundred copies of the Proceedings for the year 1898 were prepared and distributed.

Every possible effort has been made to secure special rates of transportation to this Grand Convocation, with the result as set forth in our circular letter of April 28. We have since been positively assured by the Assistant General Passenger Agent of the F. C. & P. Railway, that his road, at least, will give us the one-quarter return rate on presentation of certificates of attendance, to any points on his line.

We think the Plant System will also do this.

The amount received from all sources during the year is the sum of \$658.50, which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer. His receipt therefor is hereto attached.

Of the Chapters reported by the Grand Secretary last year as being delinquent in the matter of dues, none have paid, except Madison, No. 8, which has paid the sum of \$6.

Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, has paid dues in full for 1897 and 1898, as will be seen from my financial statement.

The following Chapters have made returns and paid dues in full, and are entitled to representation, namely: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19 and 22.

Fraternally submitted,

T. G. HUTCHINSON.

Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 9, 1899.

T. G. Hutchinson, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida.

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| To dues from the following Chapters:                        | \$32 00  |
| Florida, No. 1, for 1898.....                               | 59 00    |
| Gainesville, No. 2, for 1898.....                           | 21 00    |
| Tampa, No. 3, for 1898.....                                 | 70 00    |
| St. Johns, No. 4, for 1898.....                             | 49 00    |
| Halifax, No. 5, for 1898.....                               | 26 00    |
| Mount Horeb, No. 6, for 1898.....                           | 36 00    |
| Eureka, No. 7, for 1898.....                                | 22 00    |
| Putnam, No. 9, for 1898.....                                | 68 00    |
| Jasper, No. 10, for 1898.....                               | 22 00    |
| Jacksonville, No. 12, for 1898.....                         | 39 00    |
| Inverness, No. 14, for 1898.....                            | 26 00    |
| Monroe, No. 15, for 1898.....                               | 49 00    |
| Plant City, No. 16, for 1898.....                           | 44 00    |
| Lake Butler, No. 19, for 1897.....                          | 26 00    |
| Lake Butler, No. 19, for 1898.....                          | 6 00     |
| Thomas Brown, No. 22, for 1898.....                         | 6 50     |
| Madison, No. 8, for back dues.....                          | \$658 50 |
| Amount received from Companion McLean, postage account..... |          |
| Total.....                                                  | \$658 50 |

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By amount paid to Grand Treasurer.....



## Grand Treasurer's Report.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report which was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 9, 1899.

Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida.

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| May 11, 1898, to amount received from Grand Treasurer, as per last report..... | \$627 06   |
| May 9, 1899, to amount received from Grand Secretary.....                      | 658 50     |
| Total.....                                                                     | \$1,285 56 |

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|------------------------------------------|------------|
| By warrants paid, vouchers attached..... | \$597 05   |
| By balance on hand.....                  | 688 51     |
| Total.....                               | \$1,285 56 |

Fraternally submitted,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
Grand Treasurer.

Companion Wetherell presented the following amendment to the Constitution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

The Royal Arch Degree shall not be conferred upon any candidate who has not selected and recorded his "mark." The High Priest of every Chapter before conferring the Royal Arch Degree shall ask the Secretary in open Chapter if the candidate has had his "mark" recorded.

The special committee appointed last year to collate all changes in the Constitution and Regulations, and bring them up to date, made the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

## Report of Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

At the last Annual Grand Convocation a committee consisting of Past Grand High Priests McLean, Jewell and Wright, was appointed "to collate all changes made in the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, as printed in the last revision of the Constitution of 1889, and the Regulations adopted and printed in 1895, and bring the same down to date." The death of our beloved Past Grand High Priest, W. A. McLean, deprived your committee of its able chairman, and of his valuable assistance.

In fulfillment of its duty the committee has carefully studied the printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1889-1898, inclusive, and present the following report:

The changes in the Constitution, as published in 1889, are few.

I. At the Grand Convocation of 1890 (see pages 22-23) a proposed amendment to Section 4, Article 1, of the Constitution was offered, which was as follows:

"And soon after the opening of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following standing committees, each to consist of not less than three members:

1. On Returns and Credentials.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-Laws.
5. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. On Finance and Accounts.
7. On Memorials.
8. On Foreign Correspondence.
9. On Printing.
10. On Work.

The Committee on Work shall consist of three members, the term of one of which shall expire each year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence to sit during the recess of this Grand Chapter.



At the Grand Convocation in 1891 the foregoing proposed amendment was unanimously adopted, except the clause, "the Committee on Work shall consist of three members, the term of one of which shall expire each year," which clause was not adopted.

This provision for standing committees is now a part of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Your committee find that at the time of the adoption of the foregoing amendment certain other changes of said section, not embraced in the amendment, as proposed in 1890, were made.

As said section appears in the Constitution, as published in 1889, it reads as follows:

Section 4. The Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held at such place as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Florida may assemble, and at such time as may be designated by this Grand Chapter; and the representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum.

As adopted in 1891 the amendment was made to read as follows:

"The Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville at such time as may be designated by this Grand Chapter, and the representatives of three chartered chapters shall constitute a quorum; *provided*, that the Grand High Priest may, for good cause, designate some other time and place within this Grand Jurisdiction for holding the annual convocation; and *provided*, that the Grand High Priest may call a special Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter when, in his discretion, it shall be necessary to do so. And hereafter at the opening of this Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following standing committees," etc., as already quoted.

As the new matter thus appearing seems to your committee to be substantial, and not mere clerical change, it may be

thought advisable to take some further action in this regard to save any possible question.

2. At the Grand Convocation in 1892 an amendment was proposed to Section 22 of Article II of the Constitution, relating to the time of the election of officers of Chapters, which, as then existing, provided it should be at the regular convocation "next preceding St. John's (the Evangelist's) day," the proposed amendment adding, after the words quoted, the words "or as soon thereafter as practicable." This was not called up for action until 1898, when it was adopted (see page 26), and is now part of the Constitution.

3. At the Grand Convocation of 1898 a proposed amendment to Section Eleven (11), Article I, of the Constitution was offered, relating to "votes and voters," as follows:

(See page 34.) "Each and every member of this Grand Chapter present is entitled to one vote, and the acting Grand High Priest to an additional vote in case of an equal division, when voting upon all questions which are determined by the usual Masonic sign.

"In balloting for Grand Officers each Chapter represented is entitled to three votes, and each Grand Officer to one vote, and each Past Grand High Priest present, not holding an elective office, to one vote."

In the printed proceedings of 1898 this, by error, appears as Section 2 instead of 11.

4. At the same Grand Convocation (see page 35) a further amendment was proposed to Section 4, Article I, of the Constitution, as follows:

"The Annual Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville on the second Tuesday of May in each year, at ten o'clock A. M.; *providing*, that the hour of meeting may be changed by resolution."

These proposed amendments are now pending for further action.

There have been but few changes in the Regulations since 1895. In that year a radical revision was adopted pursuant to



the report of a committee appointed in 1894. These revised Regulations were printed with the proceedings of 1895 (see pages 45-51).

The Regulations, as printed in 1889 and in the Red Book, are made wholly useless by the revision of 1895. Regulations of 1889 numbered 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 17, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 38, 39, 47, 49, 51 and 52 are omitted from the revision of 1895, and many of the remaining ones amended, and several new ones added. To present here in detail these changes would hardly be profitable.

The Regulations of 1895 have probably not received the circulation among the Royal Craft that they should. The former Regulations printed with the Red Book, and in the proceedings of 1889, have, no doubt, tended to misunderstandings of the existing laws of this Grand Chapter. It may be wise to take some action in this regard. Your committee calls attention to the present Regulation 13, providing for a standing committee. As the amendment to Section 4 of the Constitution covers this ground, Regulation 13 seems inappropriate or unnecessary.

Regulation 31, as adopted in 1895, was amended in 1896 to read as follows:

"No. 31. A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular convocation of the Chapter, and if received shall be referred to a committee of three for investigation, and may be acted upon at the same meeting, at the discretion of the Chapter."

The amendment is that part which supersedes the requirement for a petition to lie over for action.

In 1898 an additional Regulation was adopted, which, in its order, would be No. 39, and is as follows:

"No. 39. It is the duty of each Chapter to maintain a suitable Book of Marks, and to require every member and all candidates, after receiving the Mark Master's Degree, after a reasonable time, to select and have recorded a suitable Mark therein."

The foregoing are all the changes your committee find that come within the scope of the resolution creating the committee.

Your committee need not suggest that any and all changes in the Constitution or Regulations should be well circulated as soon as made. Would it not be wise to have any such, besides printing with the year's proceedings, which but few read with care, if at all, printed on suitable slips, so they could be easily attached to the proper books of the Constitution and Regulations? The present Red Book, should, it would seem, appear in a new edition eliminating the Regulations therein and substituting those now in force.

WM. H. JEWELL,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
Committee.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel prevailed, that the Grand Chapter attend Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, at 7:30 p. m. and witness the exemplification of the work by the Committee on Work.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Jewell prevailed, that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 3:30 p. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 9, 3:30 P. M., 1899.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3:30 p. m. Present: M.: E.: Wilber P. Webster, Grand High Priest, and officers and members, as at morning session.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The Committee on Grand High Priest's address made the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on the Distribution of the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest beg leave to report as follows:

1. That so much of said address as relates to necrology be referred to the Committee on Memorials.
2. That so much as relates to dispensations be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.
3. So much as relates to Dormant Chapters and Chapters in arrears be referred to a special committee, of which the Grand Secretary shall be chairman.
4. The matter relating to the Grand Chapter of New South Wales be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
5. All the matter of selecting and recording "marks," and of annual returns of Chapters, to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. The matter of procuring a book to record charters issued be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. H. JEWELL,  
J. H. NORTON,  
D. W. STANLEY,  
Committee.

The Grand High Priest appointed as the special committee on Dormant Chapters, etc., as recommended in the above report, Companions T. G. Hutchinson, E. E. Haskell and I. E. Webster.

## RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

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

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials respectfully submit the following report:

## GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

We find the list of Grand Officers and Representatives present, as prepared by the Grand Secretary, at roll-call to be correct.

We find that all of the Chapters have made correct returns and paid all dues, except Nos. 8, 11, 13, 20 and 21. The last three have made no reports. No. 8's report is correct, but we find that they owe back dues, as per the Grand Secretary's statement, \$51.70, and dues for 1898, \$14.00, making a total of \$65.70 due the Grand Chapter.

We find that no dues have been received from Ocala Chapter, No. 13, since the last Grand Convocation, and recommend that the charter be arrested.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. CUSHMAN,  
M. D. CUSHING,  
J. J. JONES,  
Committee.

A communication from Island Chapter, No. 21, was read and referred to the special committee, with power to make such settlement with this Chapter as the committee deemed best.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel prevailed, that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor immediately upon the close of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, to-night.

Upon motion, Past Grand High Priests Jewell and Boyd were excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this Grand Chapter, at their request.

Upon motion of Companion Cushman, the election of officers was made a special order of business for 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

The Grand Chapter met with Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, at 7:30 P. M., and witnessed the exemplification of the work in the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees by the Committee on Work. At the close of the work, by reason of the lateness of the hour, the Grand High Priest called off the Grand Chapter until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.



## MORNING SESSION.

MAY 10, 1899, 10 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present: M.: E.: Wilber P. Webster, Grand High Priest, and officers and members as at previous session.

The minutes of Afternoon Session were read and confirmed.

Companion John H. Norton, in behalf of the Jacksonville Board of Trade, extended an invitation to the Grand Chapter to accompany them on an excursion upon the river.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest, Endel, Companion Norton was requested to convey to the Board of Trade the thanks of this Grand Chapter for the invitation and, regrets that press of business prevents the acceptance of the invitation.

The hour fixed upon for the annual election of officers having arrived, the Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priests Endel and Tyler as tellers.

The ballot having been taken the following officers were declared elected:

|                                      |                            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES CARNELL.....                   | M.: E.: Grand High Priest. |
| ELMER E. HASKELL.....                | R.: E.: D. G. High Priest. |
| ALONZO M. CUSHMAN....                | R.: E.: Grand King.        |
| JOHN R. WETHERELL....                | R.: E.: Grand Scribe.      |
| MARCUS ENDEL, re-elect'd..           | R.: E.: Grand Treasurer.   |
| WILBER P. WEBSTER....                | R.: E.: Grand Secretary.   |
| WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH }<br>Re-elected. | R.: Rev. Grand Chaplain.   |

## MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M.: E.: Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence having had the various matters referred to it under consideration, would respectfully report, That the two recommendations of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, in his Address, the one on making annual returns to the Grand Chapter; the other as to the selection and recording of "marks," are approved, and we suggest that they be made regulations of this Grand Chapter. As to the one on "marks," there be added the following: "That the R. A. Degree shall not be conferred until the "mark" is selected and recorded, unless it be done at a grand visitation, by the Grand High Priest, in which case, the matter of the 'mark' shall be attended to as soon as possible thereafter."

As to the amendment to the Constitution, offered by Companion Wetherell, as it is embraced in the above and covered by it, we recommend that no further action be taken upon it.

We have examined the report of the Special Committee appointed at our last Convocation to collate all changes made in the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter as now printed in the last revision of the Constitution in 1889, and Regulations in May, 1895, and that the same be brought up to date, and we recommend that the said report be adopted, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to have printed one hundred and fifty copies of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter as brought up to date, for distribution in this Grand Jurisdiction, and also to have same printed in the published proceedings of this Grand Body for this year.

Fraternally submitted,

ANGUS PATERSON,  
WILLIAM H. JEWELL,  
JAMES W. BOYD,  
IRVING E. WEBSTER,  
WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
WARREN TYLER,  
Committee.



## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that we find the following unfinished business requiring the attention of this Grand Annual Convocation, to-wit: The proposed Amendments to the Constitution, submitted last year, affecting Sections 4 and 11, of Article I., as printed in full on page 50 of the Proceedings for 1898.

Fraternally submitted,  
D. W. STANLEY,  
J. F. MILLER,  
D. McLACHLAN,  
Committee.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that since our last Convocation the Chairman, M. E. William A. McLean, departed this life, and the other members of the committee not having met, are unable to make a full report on this important matter, and what had been done by our Chairman is not in our possession.

The only matter referred to this committee is that of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales. We recommend the following: That the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales be added to our roll, and that fraternal relations be established between it and our Grand Chapter, and that we exchange Representatives, as with other Grand Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,  
ANGUS PATERSON,  
JAMES W. BOYD,  
Committee.

## DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws present the following report:

That the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest, in granting the special dispensations, as enumerated in his Annual Address, be approved, and also his refusal to grant a dispensation to open a dark ballot, is in accordance with the established Masonic usage in this State, and therefore it be approved.

Fraternally submitted,  
OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
J. N. BRADSHAW,  
J. G. TORREY,  
Committee.

## MEMORIALS.

The Committee on Memorials made the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida.*

The Committee on Memorials present the following report for your consideration:

As we view the past and contemplate the future, we cannot escape the conviction that the duties and responsibilities devolving upon your committee are of the most worthy and important character, as year after year this Grand Chapter is impressively reminded of the solemn fact that "in the midst of life we are in death."

This Grand Chapter has been oppressed with the burden of a great sorrow during the past year, in the loss of Companion William A. McLean, who has held many important official positions, all of which he filled with dignity and great efficiency, and as a result of his inflexible fidelity to the sacred trusts reposed in him during an active and useful life, his memory is invested with honor so exalted as to claim at our hands the commendation that his zeal in the cause of Masonry so richly deserves.

To him the burdened heart could pour out its sorrows and distress, prefer its suit with confident assurance of a tender



and sympathetic response. Those who enjoyed the distinguished privilege of a personal acquaintance with him will join with us in the sentiment here expressed, that one of our most brilliant lights has been extinguished.

Several others have passed the mysterious veil of death since our last Convocation, and by sadness and sorrow incident to such solemn events, we should be more forcibly reminded than ever before, of our frailties, and realize that the time will come, and even the wisest know not how soon, when we shall be called upon to lay down the working tools of our profession.

In the Subordinate Chapters in our own jurisdiction, which have suffered affliction in the death of the Companions named in the Grand High Priest's Address, as well as to the families and friends of the honored dead, your committee extends the cordial, fraternal sympathy of this Grand Chapter. To our sister Grand Jurisdictions whose membership has been depleted by death, we offer our heartfelt condolence.

May we, dear Companions, by their death be reminded of the uncertainty of life, and that soon, when our Companions shall assemble to labor, our stations also will be vacant forever.

May we all at last find our appropriate stations in Heaven.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. MCINTOSH,  
E. A. RICHARDS,  
W. E. BALLOUGH,  
Committee.

#### PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances are pleased to report that peace and harmony smile upon us, and that nothing of a discordant nature has been presented for our consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. WETHERELL,  
H. V. R. SCHRADER,  
A. C. MARTIN,  
Committee.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel, the Grand Chapter proceeded with the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Article I, Section 11, was taken up and adopted, as follows:

"Each and every member of this Grand Chapter present is entitled to one vote, and the acting Grand High Priest to an additional vote in case of an equal division when voting upon all questions which are determined by the usual Masonic sign.

"In balloting for Grand Officers each Chapter represented is entitled to three votes, and each Grand Officer one vote, and each Past Grand High Priest present, not holding an elective office, to one vote."

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel, the consideration of the proposed amendment to Article I, Section 4, was postponed till the next Annual Convocation, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have same printed in the proceedings of this convocation for consideration at that time.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel, the Grand Secretary was appointed a committee to confer with the various transportation companies and obtain a definite statement as to what this Grand Chapter may expect respecting rates, etc., to its Annual Convocations, and report at the next convocation.

The Grand High Priest-elect announced the following appointments:

|                          |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. CYRUS.....    | E.: Grand Captain of the Host    |
| THOS. G. HUTCHINSON..... | E.: Grand Principal Sojourner    |
| W. E. BALLOUGH.....      | E.: Grand Royal Arch Captain     |
| MONROE D. CUSHING.....   | E.: Grand Master of the 3rd Vail |
| D. W. STANLEY.....       | E.: Grand Master of the 2nd Vail |
| H. V. R. SCHRADER.....   | E.: Grand Master of the 1st Vail |
| JAMES F. CLARK.....      | E.: Grand Guard                  |



By the request of the Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priest Marcus Endel, assisted by Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers into their respective offices for the ensuing year:

JAMES CARNELL.....M.: E.: Grand High Priest  
 ELMER E. HASKELL.....R.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest  
 ALONZO M. CUSHMAN.....R.: E.: Grand King  
 JOHN R. WETHERELL.....R.: E.: Grand Scribe  
 WILBER P. WEBSTER.....R.: E.: Grand Secretary  
 WILLIAM H. CYRUS.....E.: Grand Captain of the Host  
 THOS. G. HUTCHINSON.....E.: Grand Principal Sojourner  
 W. E. BALLOUGH.....E.: Grand Royal Arch Captain  
 MONROE D. CUSHING.....E.: Grand Master of the 3rd Vail  
 D. W. STANLEY.....E.: Grand Master of the 2nd Vail  
 H. V. R. SCHRADER.....E.: Grand Master of the 3rd Vail

Companions Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer, and Wm. M. McIntosh, Grand Chaplain, having been re-elected, and Companion Jas. F. Clark, Grand Guard, having been re-appointed, no installation was necessary.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel prevailed, that when the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment it be to resume labor at 4:30 P. M.

## COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committees:

*Committee on Work*—Warren Tyler, Marcus Endel, Olin S. Wright, E. E. Haskell, W. P. Webster, J. R. Wetherell, T. G. Hutchinson.

*Foreign Correspondence*—W. P. Webster, Jas. W. Boyd, Angus Paterson.

*Printing*—W. P. Webster, Thos. G. Hutchinson, Marcus Endel.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 10, 4:30 P. M., 1899.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 4:30 P. M. Present: M.: E.: James Carnell, Grand High Priest, with officers and members as at the morning session.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Finance submits the following report:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find the financial portions thereof correct, and recommend their approval.

We recommend the following appropriations, or as much as may be necessary, for the ensuing year:

|                                                               |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Grand Secretary's salary, payable quarterly.....              | \$150 00 |
| Special work of Grand Secretary to bring work up to date..... | 50 00    |
| Printing Annual Proceedings.....                              | 60 00    |
| Printing Annual Proceedings.....                              | 25 00    |
| Contingent expenses, postage and stationery                   |          |
| General Grand Chapter dues for 1897 and 1898.....             | 13 00    |
| Incidentals, Grand Chapter.....                               | 5 00     |

Also for per diem and mileage, as per pay-roll, hereto attached.

Fraternally submitted,  
 SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
 WARREN TYLER,  
 CHAS. L. SMITH,  
 A. M. CUSHMAN,  
 JAS. CARNELL,  
 Committee.



## PAY ROLL.

| NAMES.            | No. | CHAPTER       | Mile-<br>age | Per<br>diem | Total  |
|-------------------|-----|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| W. P. Webster     |     | G. H. P.      |              | 4 00        | 4 00   |
| James Carnell     |     | D. G. H. P.   | 5 25         | 4 00        | 9 25   |
| E. E. Haskell     |     | G. K.         | 2 00         | 4 00        | 6 00   |
| A. M. Cushman     |     | G. S.         | 3 50         | 4 00        | 7 50   |
| Marcus Endel      |     | G. T.         | 3 50         | 4 00        | 7 50   |
| W. M. McIntosh    |     | G. C.         | 8 25         | 4 00        | 12 25  |
| J. R. Wetherell   |     | G. C. H.      | 4 70         | 4 00        | 8 70   |
| W. E. Ballough    |     | G. M. 3rd, V. | 5 65         | 4 00        | 9 65   |
| Jas. F. Clark     |     | G. G.         |              | 5 00        | 5 00   |
| O. S. Wright      |     | Com. on Wk.   | 4 00         | 4 00        | 8 00   |
| H. V. R. Schrader |     | Florida.      | 8 25         | 4 00        | 12 25  |
| L. E. Webster     | 1   | Gainesville.  | 3 50         | 4 00        | 7 50   |
| M. D. Cushing     | 2   | Tampa.        | 10 00        | 4 00        | 14 00  |
| S. B. Wright      | 3   | St. Johns.    | 4 70         | 4 00        | 8 70   |
| C. L. Smith       | 4   | Halifax.      | 5 65         | 4 00        | 9 65   |
| J. N. Bradshaw    | 5   | Eureka.       | 5 85         | 2 00        | 7 85   |
| W. H. Cyrus       | 7   | Putnam.       | 2 00         | 4 00        | 6 00   |
| T. G. Hutchinson  | 9   | Jacksonville. |              | 4 00        | 4 00   |
| J. F. Miller      | 12  | Inverness.    | 7 00         | 4 00        | 11 00  |
| A. C. Martin      | 14  | Monroe.       | 4 70         | 4 00        | 8 70   |
| J. L. Young       | 15  | Plant City.   | 4 00         | 4 00        | 8 00   |
| J. J. Jones       | 16  | Lake Butler.  | 3 10         | 2 00        | 5 10   |
| D. W. Stanley     | 19  | Thomas Brown. | 8 95         | 4 00        | 12 95  |
| James W. Boyd     | 22  | F. G. H. P.   | 8 95         | 2 00        | 10 95  |
| Augus Patterson   |     | P. G. H. P.   | 5 50         | 4 00        | 9 50   |
| W. H. Jewell      |     | P. G. H. P.   | 5 85         | 2 00        | 7 85   |
| Warren Tyler      |     | P. G. H. P.   | 8 95         | 2 00        | 10 95  |
|                   |     |               |              |             | 235 80 |

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel, the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for use of rooms, etc.

The following resolution, offered by Companion Cushman, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville, on the second Tuesday in May, 1900, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The following resolution, offered by the Grand Secretary, was adopted:

*Resolved*. That the Grand Chapter of Florida extend a vote of thanks to the hotels of this city, and to the various transportation lines, for the reduced rates given to the officers and members of this Body, and more especially to Mr. L. A. Shipman, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the F. C. & P. Railway, to whose personal efforts we are indebted for the reduced rates obtained from the lines of the Southeastern Passenger Association.

Upon motion of Companion Haskell, it was ordered that when the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment it be to resume labor immediately after the exemplification of the work by the Committee on Work, in Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, this evening.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

## NIGHT SESSION.

MAY 10, 1899.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. Present: M. E. Grand High Priest, James Carnell, with officers and members as at afternoon session.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following supplementary report, which was adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they recommend that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated for rent of a room in the Temple for the Grand Chapter Library, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to expend a part of the Contingent Fund for the purpose of fitting it with shelves for the proper arrangement of the books.

SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
A. M. CUSHMAN,  
WARREN TYLER,  
CHAS. L. SMITH,  
Committee.

No further business appearing, the foregoing minutes were read and confirmed, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Attest:

*W. P. Webster*  
Grand Secretary.

*J. W. Carnell*  
Grand High Priest.



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**In Memoriam.**

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**In Memory**

... of ...

**The Distinguished Dead of other Grand  
Jurisdiction,**

Who have been called to the Celestial Chapter  
on High during the year 1898.

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"There is no death: the stars go down  
To rise upon some fairer shore;  
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown  
They shine forevermore."

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[REDACTED]

# In Memoriam.

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To the Memory

...of...

M. E. William A. McLean, 33°,

Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary  
of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

[REDACTED]

DIED AUGUST 22nd, 1898.

[REDACTED]

"Under Thy wings, my God, I rest,  
Under Thy shadow safely lie."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

# In Memoriam.

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To the memory of ten Companions of our Jurisdiction  
who passed away during the year 1898, this  
page is Fraternally dedicated.

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"Those that we loved so long, and see no more,  
Loved and still love—not dead but gone before."

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STATISTICS.

| CHAPTER.          | Number. | Members last year. | Exalted. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Total. | Deaths. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present membership. |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Florida.....      | 1       | 53                 | 27       | 10          | 2           | 604    | 10      | 23        | 6          | 1         | 631                 |
| Gainesville.....  | 2       | 50                 | 4        | 1           | 1           | 57     | 1       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 54                  |
| Tampa.....        | 3       | 37                 | 10       | 4           | 1           | 51     | 1       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 50                  |
| St. Johns.....    | 4       | 30                 | 7        | 1           | 1           | 30     | 1       | 6         | 1          | 1         | 30                  |
| Halifax.....      | 5       | 56                 | 1        | 1           | 1           | 54     | 2       | 2         | 1          | 1         | 50                  |
| Mt. Horeb.....    | 6       | 53                 | 1        | 1           | 1           | 59     | 1       | 3         | 1          | 1         | 55                  |
| Eureka.....       | 7       | 29                 | 1        | 1           | 1           | 27     | 1       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 27                  |
| Madison.....      | 8       | 33                 | 2        | 1           | 1           | 36     | 1       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 34                  |
| Putnam.....       | 9       | 27                 | 1        | 1           | 1           | 27     | 1       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 27                  |
| Jasper.....       | 10      | 20                 | 3        | 1           | 1           | 23     | 1       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 21                  |
| Jacksonville..... | 12      | 65                 | 3        | 1           | 1           | 71     | 2       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 65                  |
| Inverness.....    | 14      | 17                 | 3        | 1           | 1           | 20     | 1       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 19                  |
| Monroe.....       | 15      | 30                 | 6        | 1           | 1           | 36     | 2       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 32                  |
| Plant City.....   | 16      | 37                 | 6        | 1           | 1           | 43     | 1       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 42                  |
| Lake Butler.....  | 19      | 57                 | 1        | 1           | 1           | 57     | 1       | 1         | 1          | 1         | 56                  |
| Island.....       | 21      | 25                 | 2        | 4           | 1           | 31     | 1       | 3         | 1          | 1         | 27                  |
| Thos. Brown.....  | 22      | 23                 | 2        | 10          | 2           | 31     | 1       | 3         | 1          | 1         | 27                  |
| Total.....        | 599     | 53                 | 10       | 2           | 604         | 10     | 23      | 6         | 1          | 631       |                     |

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

| CHAPTER.          | No. | LOCATION.         | TIME OF MEETING.               |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Florida.....      | 1   | Tallahassee.....  | Second and Fourth Monday.      |
| Gainesville.....  | 2   | Gainesville.....  | First Monday.                  |
| Tampa.....        | 3   | Tampa.....        | 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.        |
| St. Johns.....    | 4   | DeLand.....       | Third Monday.                  |
| Halifax.....      | 5   | Daytona.....      | Second Thursday, Friday.       |
| Mt. Horeb.....    | 6   | Pensacola.....    | Second and fourth Tuesday.     |
| Eureka.....       | 7   | Orlando.....      | First and third Monday.        |
| Madison.....      | 8   | Madison.....      | First and third Monday.        |
| Putnam.....       | 9   | Palatka.....      | Second and fourth Monday.      |
| Jasper.....       | 10  | Jasper.....       | First Thursday.                |
| Jacksonville..... | 12  | Jacksonville..... | Fourth Thursday, full moon.    |
| Inverness.....    | 14  | Inverness.....    | Thursdays before full Tuesday. |
| Monroe.....       | 15  | Sanford.....      | Second and fourth Tuesday.     |
| Plant City.....   | 16  | Plant City.....   | First Friday.                  |
| Lake Butler.....  | 19  | Lake Butler.....  | First Thursday.                |
| Island.....       | 21  | Key West.....     | First and 4th Wednesday.       |
| Thomas Brown..... | 22  | Bartow.....       | Second Friday.                 |

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| Jasper.....       | 10  | J. F. Smith, Jr .. | B. E. Leonard.... | A. Gill .. ..      | J. M. Caldwell...  | L. M. Anderson..   | Jasper.        |
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| 1847 Thos. Douglas*    | John P. Duval*             | Henry R. Taylor*    | Geo. W. McRae*       | Edwin D. Nash*    | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1848 John P. Duval*    | Isaac H. Bronson*          | Geo. W. McRae*      | D. S. Graham*        | Thomas Brown*     | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1849 Isaac H. Bronson* | Harry R. Taylor*           | D. S. Graham*       | R. A. Shine*         | Thomas Haywood*   | John B. Taylor*    | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1850 Harry R. Taylor*  | D. S. Graham*              | R. A. Shine*        | Gad Humphreys*       | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1851 Thomas Brown*     | Gad Humphreys*             | Alfred A. Fisher*   | Benj Sawyer*         | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*    | Geo. M. McDonald*  |
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| 1854 J. Wayles Baker*  | Thomas Y. Henry*           | James Ellenwood*    | John L. McKinnon*    | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*    | Homer Hender       |
| 1855 J. Wayles Baker*  | Edward R. Ives*            | John L. McKinnon*   | John L. McKinnon*    | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*    | Homer Hender       |
| 1856 Thos. Haywood*    | James Ellenwood*           | John L. McKinnon*   | James Ellenwood*     | R. A. Shine*      | John B. Taylor*    | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1857 Gad Humphreys*    | James Ellenwood*           | D. P. Holland*      | David S. Walker*     | The mas Haywood*  | John B. Taylor*    | J. R. Plummer      |
| 1858 D. P. Holland*    | Geo. F. Baltzell*          | Geo. F. Baltzell*   | Charles E. Dyke*     | John T. Bonds*    | John B. Taylor*    | John Penny         |
| 1859 Thomas Y. Henry*  | James Ellenwood*           | Geo. D. Fisher*     | Calvin Davis*        | Thos Haywood*     | John B. Taylor*    | John Penny         |
| 1860 Geo. F. Baltzell* | James Ellenwood*           | Franklin Branch*    | Josiah Payne*        | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | John Penny         |
| 1861 Geo. F. Baltzell* | James Ellenwood*           | Charles Slager*     | Charles Slager*      | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1862 Geo. F. Baltzell* | James Ellenwood*           | Green H. Hunter*    | D. C. Dawkins*       | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1863 Geo. F. Baltzell* | James Ellenwood*           | Thos. K. Leonard*   | Wm. H. Arendell*     | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*    | Thos. A. Carruth   |
| 1864 David Jones*      | D. C. Dawkins*             | B. S. Puller        | Elias Earle*         | Thos. Haywood*    | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith     |
| 1865 David Jones*      | Wm. Morrill*               | Elias Earle*        | A. J. Leg*           | T. Preston Tatum* | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith     |
| 1866 James Ellenwood*  | Wm. Morrill*               | Charles Slager*     | Charles K Sparhawk*  | T. Preston Tatum* | Hugh A. Corley*    | Columbus Smith     |
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| 1868 D. C. Dawkins*    | Chas. Slager*              | Wm. E. Anderson*    | Michael Bowes        | T. Preston Tatum* | Hugh A. Corley*    | Wm. A. McLean      |
| 1869 Wm. E. Anderson*  | James Ellenwood*           | Wm. Morrill*        | Wm. Morrill*         | T. Preston Tatum* | Edw. Bradford, Jr* | Thos. A. Carruth   |
| 1870 Wm. E. Anderson*  | Hugh A. Corley*            | John C. Ley         | Theodore Ball        | T. Preston Tatum* | W. M. McIntosh     | Edwin L. T. Blake  |
| 1871 D. C. Dawkins*    | Samuel Pasco               | John S. Driggs      | James L. Taylor      | T. Preston Tatum* | W. M. McIntosh     | Edwin L. T. Blake  |
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| 1883 Geo. S. Hallmark  | Wm. E. Anderson            | Warren F. Scott     | J. W. V. R. Plummer  | L. McConihe*      | DeW. C. Dawkins    | John Penny         |
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| 1885 Wm. E. Anderson   | J. W. V. R. Plummer        | Angus Paterson      | Marcus Endel         | T. S. Wilmarth    | DeW. C. Dawkins    | John Penny         |
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| 1897 Warren Tyler      | W. P. Webster              | James Carnell       | E. E. Haskell        | Irving E. Webster | W. A. McLean*      | Wm. M. McIntosh    |
| 1898 Wilber P. Webster | James Carnell              | F. E. Haskell       | A. M. Cushman        | Marcus End J.     | W. A. McLean*      | Wm. M. McIntosh    |
| 1899                   |                            |                     |                      |                   | F. G. Hutchison    |                    |

\* Dead.



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**Proposed Amendment to Constitution.**

It is proposed to amend Article I, Section 4, of the Constitution to read as follows: "The Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville on the second Tuesday in May of each year at 10 o'clock A. M."

This proposed amendment having been duly approved by the Grand Chapter is now published for the information of all concerned, as the same will come up for final action at the next Grand Convocation.

**ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.**

A special convocation of the Grand Council was held at Madison, December 27, 1896, by order of M.: E.: Angus Paterson, President. Present: M.: E.: Angus Paterson, together with the requisite number of officers and members.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form. An application for the order of High Priesthood was received from Companion Eugene Philip Mickel, High Priest of Madison Chapter, No. 8. Being eligible, he was duly elected, and was introduced and regularly annointed and consecrated in due form.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
Secretary.

A special convocation of the Grand Council was held at Madison, May 9, 1898, by order of M.: E.: Angus Paterson; President. Present: M.: E.: Angus Paterson and the requisite number of officers and members.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form. An application for the order of High Priesthood was received from Companion William Henry Hausman, Past High Priest of Madison Chapter, No. 8, who, being eligible, was duly elected, and was annointed and consecrated in due form.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
Secretary.

A special convocation of the Grand Council was held at Madison, December 27, 1898, by order of M.: E.: Angus Paterson, President. Present: M.: E.: Angus Paterson and the requisite number of officers and members.



They were severally introduced, annointed and consecrated in due form.

Upon motion, the sum of ten dollars was appropriated for printing the proceedings.

Upon motion, duly carried, the sum of \$1.50 was ordered paid to the Guard for supplies, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer made the following report which was received and adopted:

|                                                            |         |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Dr.                                                        |         |  |
| May 12, 1897, To balance on hand.....                      | \$11 80 |  |
| Jan. 26, 1898, To received from Secretary....              | 4 00    |  |
| May 10, 1899, To received from Secretary....               | 10 00   |  |
|                                                            | \$25 80 |  |
| Cr.                                                        |         |  |
| By paid Guard by order of Grand Council....                | 30      |  |
| May 10, 1899, By paid Guard by order of Grand Council..... | 1 50    |  |
|                                                            | \$1 80  |  |
|                                                            | \$24 00 |  |

Dr. To balance on hand.....  
 Fraternally submitted,  
 WARREN TYLER,  
 Treasurer.

The President appointed Companions Cushman and Oglesby, as tellers, and the Grand Council proceeded with the annual election of officers. The ballot resulted in the election of the following officers:

- M.: E.: Angus Paterson, re-elected President.
- M.: E.: James W. Boyd, re-elected Vice-President.
- M.: E.: Irving E. Webster, re-elected Chaplain.
- M.: E.: Warren Tyler, re-elected Treasurer.
- M.: E.: Wilber P. Webster, elected Secretary.
- M.: E.: Wm. M. McIntosh, re-elected Master of Ceremonies.

- M.: E.: Silas B. Wright, re-elected Conductor.
- M.: E.: James Carnell, elected Herald.
- M.: E.: Dougald MacLachlan, re-elected Steward.
- M.: E.: James F. Clark, re-elected Guard.

Upon motion, a committee was appointed to ascertain as to the advisability of adopting a Bible or certificate for members, and report at the next annual Convocation.

The President appointed as such committee, Companions Warren Tyler, S. B. Wright and W. P. Webster.

Companion S. B. Wright, made a report on the advisability of adopting the Ritual authorized by the General Grand Council of the U. S.

Upon motion, a committee was appointed to examine the Ritual and report at the next annual convocation. The President appointed as such committee, Companions S. B. Wright, I. E. Webster and Warren Tyler.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council was closed in ample form with appropriate ceremonies.

W. P. WEBSTER,  
 Secretary.

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

| NAME.                           | DATE.                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DeWitt C. Dawkins* . . . . .    | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| John F. Benezet . . . . .       | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| David S. Walker* . . . . .      | Consecrated January 12, 1888 |
| Angus Paterson . . . . .        | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| Henry W. Long . . . . .         | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| William A. McLean* . . . . .    | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| D. Warwick Stanley . . . . .    | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| Charles H. Munger . . . . .     | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| Fred S. Goodrich . . . . .      | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| William A. Griffeth . . . . .   | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| James F. Clark . . . . .        | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| William M. Somerville . . . . . | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |



## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

| NAME.                           | DATE.               |     |      |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----|------|
| Marcus Endel . . . . .          | Consecrated January | 19, | 1888 |
| William W. Tucker* . . . . .    | Consecrated January | 19, | 1888 |
| William E. Anderson . . . . .   | Consecrated January | 19, | 1888 |
| Wm. M. McIntosh, Sr . . . . .   | Consecrated January | 19, | 1888 |
| George S. Hallmark . . . . .    | Affiliated January  | 19, | 1888 |
| James W. Boyd . . . . .         | Affiliated January  | 19, | 1888 |
| Samuel Pasco . . . . .          | Consecrated January | 16, | 1889 |
| Julius Stark* . . . . .         | Consecrated January | 16, | 1889 |
| Herman Glogowski . . . . .      | Consecrated January | 18, | 1889 |
| Robert McClellan . . . . .      | Consecrated January | 18, | 1889 |
| J. W. V. R. Plummer . . . . .   | Consecrated January | 18, | 1889 |
| John H. Stephens . . . . .      | Consecrated May     | 7,  | 1890 |
| Thomas S. Wilmarth . . . . .    | Consecrated May     | 7,  | 1890 |
| R. Alfred Monsalvatge . . . . . | Consecrated May     | 7,  | 1890 |
| Frank P. Mersereau . . . . .    | Consecrated May     | 7,  | 1890 |
| Silas B. Wright . . . . .       | Consecrated May     | 7,  | 1890 |
| Samuel A. Wauchope . . . . .    | Affiliated May      | 7,  | 1890 |
| Irving E. Webster . . . . .     | Consecrated May     | 13, | 1891 |
| Edgar A. Richards . . . . .     | Consecrated May     | 13, | 1891 |
| Warren Tyler . . . . .          | Consecrated May     | 13, | 1891 |
| William H. Jewell . . . . .     | Consecrated May     | 11, | 1892 |
| William S. Jordan . . . . .     | Consecrated May     | 11, | 1892 |
| John D. Sinclair . . . . .      | Consecrated May     | 11, | 1892 |
| Elijah H. Bunker . . . . .      | Consecrated May     | 11, | 1892 |
| Charles J. Hayes . . . . .      | Consecrated May     | 11, | 1892 |
| Dougald MacLachlan . . . . .    | Consecrated May     | 11, | 1892 |
| James H. Whitfield . . . . .    | Consecrated May     | 12, | 1892 |
| Alonzo M. Cushman . . . . .     | Consecrated Nov.    | 12, | 1892 |
| Olin S. Wright . . . . .        | Consecrated May     | 10, | 1893 |
| Alexander C. Martin . . . . .   | Consecrated May     | 10, | 1893 |
| Bingham H. Chadwick . . . . .   | Consecrated May     | 10, | 1893 |
| Nathaniel T. Elliott . . . . .  | Consecrated Jan.    | 18, | 1894 |
| Wilber P. Webster . . . . .     | Consecrated Jan.    | 18, | 1894 |
| Everard F. Barnes . . . . .     | Consecrated Jan.    | 18, | 1894 |
| Milton A. Fuller . . . . .      | Affiliated Jan.     | 18, | 1894 |
| Thomas J. Smith . . . . .       | Consecrated March   | 5,  | 1894 |

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

| NAME.                          | DATE.             |     |      |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----|------|
| Syd. L. Carter . . . . .       | Consecrated March | 16, | 1894 |
| William K. Bartleson . . . . . | Consecrated March | 16, | 1894 |
| Henry J. Stewart* . . . . .    | Consecrated May   | 9,  | 1894 |
| William M. Dunn . . . . .      | Consecrated May   | 9,  | 1894 |
| James E. Pound . . . . .       | Consecrated Jan.  | 7,  | 1895 |
| Joseph Townsend . . . . .      | Consecrated Jan.  | 7,  | 1895 |
| Lowell C. Ruter . . . . .      | Consecrated Jan.  | 7,  | 1895 |
| Joseph M. Tolbert . . . . .    | Consecrated Jan.  | 15, | 1895 |
| James Harden . . . . .         | Consecrated Jan.  | 15, | 1895 |
| Andrew E. Gleason . . . . .    | Consecrated Jan.  | 15, | 1895 |
| George W. Hyde . . . . .       | Consecrated Jan.  | 18, | 1895 |
| Henry F. Airth . . . . .       | Consecrated Jan.  | 24, | 1896 |
| William P. Anderson . . . . .  | Consecrated Jan.  | 24, | 1896 |
| Enos Wasgate . . . . .         | Affiliated Jan.   | 24, | 1896 |
| James Carnell . . . . .        | Consecrated May   | 13, | 1896 |
| Monroe D. Cushing . . . . .    | Consecrated May   | 13, | 1896 |
| Henry Payne . . . . .          | Consecrated May   | 13, | 1896 |
| Irving E. Baird . . . . .      | Consecrated May   | 13, | 1896 |
| John R. Wetherell . . . . .    | Consecrated May   | 13, | 1896 |
| Charles R. Oglesby . . . . .   | Consecrated May   | 13, | 1896 |
| John N. Bradshaw . . . . .     | Consecrated Dec.  | 27, | 1896 |
| Eugene P. Mickel . . . . .     | Consecrated May   | 11, | 1897 |
| Louis C. Massey . . . . .      | Consecrated May   | 11, | 1897 |
| Roque V. Rogero . . . . .      | Consecrated May   | 11, | 1897 |
| John E. Hanna . . . . .        | Consecrated May   | 12, | 1897 |
| Elmer E. Haskell . . . . .     | Consecrated May   | 12, | 1897 |
| Wm. E. Ballough . . . . .      | Consecrated May   | 12, | 1897 |
| George P. Ballough . . . . .   | Consecrated May   | 12, | 1897 |
| Charles E. Waite . . . . .     | Consecrated May   | 9,  | 1898 |
| William H. Hausman . . . . .   | Consecrated May   | 27, | 1898 |
| Abraham H. West . . . . .      | Consecrated Dec.  | 19, | 1899 |
| John T. Miller . . . . .       | Consecrated Jan.  | 10, | 1899 |
| H. V. R. Schrader . . . . .    | Consecrated May   | 10, | 1899 |
| Charles L. Smith . . . . .     | Consecrated May   | 10, | 1899 |
| Joseph G. Torrey . . . . .     | Consecrated May   | 10, | 1899 |
| Wm. H. Cyrus . . . . .         | Consecrated May   | 10, | 1899 |

\*Dead.



CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.  
AS AMENDED TO MAY, 1899.

ARTICLE I.

STYLE.

SECTION 1. The style of this Grand Chapter shall be "THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA."

POWER AND AUTHORITY.

SEC. 2. This Grand Chapter is vested with the government and superintendence of Capitular Masonry within its territorial Jurisdiction, subject only to its obligation to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 3. This Grand Chapter shall be composed of its officers, both elected and appointed, as enumerated in sections five and seven of this Constitution, together with all Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, Past Grand Treasurers, Past Grand Secretaries, Past Grand Chaplains and Past High Priests of Chapters, who are members of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and the first three officers of each chartered Chapter working under the authority of this Grand Chapter, or their duly appointed proxies.

SEC. 4. The Annual Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the City of Jacksonville, at such time as



may be designated by this Grand Chapter, and the Representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum. *Provided*, That the Grand High Priest may, for good cause, designate some other time and place within this Grand Jurisdiction for holding the Annual Grand Convocation. *And Provided, also*, That the Grand High Priest may call a special Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter when, in his discretion, it may be necessary or important to do so. And hereafter at the opening of this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following standing committees, each to consist of not less than three members:

1. On Returns and Credentials.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-Laws.
5. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. On Finance and Accounts.
7. On Memorials.
8. On Foreign Correspondence.
9. On Printing.
10. On Work, to consist of seven members.

## ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST, whose title is Most Excellent;  
 THE DEPUTY GRAND H. PRIEST, whose title is Right Excellent;  
 THE GRAND KING, whose title is Right Excellent;  
 THE GRAND SCRIBE, whose title is Right Excellent;  
 THE GRAND TREASURER, whose title is Right Excellent;  
 THE GRAND SECRETARY, whose title is Right Excellent, and  
 THE GRAND CHAPLAIN, whose title is Right Reverend.

## ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 6. None but High Priests, or Past High Priests, shall be eligible to election to either of the first four elective grand offices above named.

## APPOINTED OFFICERS.

SEC. 7. The appointed officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST;  
 THE GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER;  
 THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN;  
 THE THREE GRAND MASTERS OF THE VAILS, and  
 THE GRAND GUARD, who shall be respectively styled Excellent.

## ELECTION.

SEC. 8. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter must be chosen at each Annual Grand Convocation, by ballot, and by a majority of all the votes cast. The appointed grand officers shall be selected by the Grand High Priest, and hold during his pleasure; and all officers of this Grand Chapter must be members, in good standing, of some Chapter or Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

## INSTALLATION.

SEC. 9. The installation of the officers of this Grand Chapter must take place during the Annual Grand Convocation at which they are elected.

## MEMBERS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 10. This Grand Chapter may enlarge or diminish the numbers and qualifications of its members only by a provision or change of this Constitution.

## VOTES AND VOTERS.

SEC. 11. Each and every member of this Grand Chapter present is entitled to one vote, and the acting Grand High Priest to an additional vote in case of an equal division when voting upon all questions which are determined by the usual Masonic sign.

In balloting for Grand Officers, each Chapter represented is entitled to three votes, and each Grand Officer one vote, and each Past Grand High Priest present, not holding an elective office, to one vote.



## PAY OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 12. Each officer and one representative of each Chapter attending the Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to receive from its funds such compensation as may be appropriated from time to time by the Grand Chapter; *provided*, that no one shall be paid in more than one capacity.

## THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

SEC. 13. The Grand High Priest shall exercise all the executive functions of the Grand Chapter during recess, and shall at each Annual Grand Convocation communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during recess, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

## SUCCESSION IN OFFICE.

SEC. 14. In case of the death, absence from the Grand Jurisdiction, or inability of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe will, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes; but there is no succession to any other office.

## GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 15. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds, securities and vouchers of this Grand Chapter; to pay all orders signed by the presiding officer, and attested by the Grand Secretary, predicated upon a previous action of the Grand Chapter; to report annually to the Grand Chapter his receipts and disbursements by items, and the amount and securities in his hands.

## GRAND SECRETARY.

SEC. 16. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the Grand Chapter; to keep a registry of members of the Chapters; to receive, duly file and keep all papers and documents of the Grand Chapter; to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Chapter, and its authority; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the Grand Chapter and pay the same, without delay, to the Grand Treas-

urer, and report the same by items to the Grand Chapter annually; to report the Chapters that have neglected to render proper returns of their elections, members and dues; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter; to provide blank charters and dispensations for new Chapters; to furnish blanks for the annual returns of the Chapters to the Grand Chapter, and to prescribe requisite instructions for making out the same, and to perform all other duties appertaining to his office. He is authorized to certify under seal of the Grand Chapter all regular diplomas and other documents for the benefit of worthy Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, and to receive a fee of one dollar in each case. He is also the custodian of the Grand Chapter Library, the constant and steady improvement of which should be an object of his special care and attention.

## OTHER OFFICERS.

SEC. 17. It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Grand Chapter, in addition to the duties herein specified, to perform such other duties appertaining to their offices as shall, from time to time, be directed by the Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE II.

## CHAPTERS.

SEC. 18. A Chapter can only be organized by dispensation from the Grand High Priest, or charter from the Grand Chapter, and in each case only upon the application of not less than nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

## DISPENSATION AND PETITIONERS.

SEC. 19. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such. And no charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under dispensation for at least three months.



## FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

SEC. 20. The fee for a dispensation to form a new Chapter shall be five dollars to the Grand Secretary, and for a charter fifty dollars for the Grand Chapter, and five dollars for the Grand Secretary, which must accompany the petition; and a fee of ten dollars shall be paid to the Grand Chapter for all other dispensations, except such as may, for good cause, be remitted by the Grand High Priest.

## OFFICERS OF CHAPTERS.

SEC. 21. The Chartered Chapters shall consist of a High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Master of the Third Vail, Master of the Second Vail, Master of the First Vail, and a Guard, or Sentinel, and as many members as may be congregated and working, by virtue of their charter, and at the place therein designated.

## OFFICERS—WHEN AND HOW CHOSEN.

SEC. 22. The first five officers named in the last preceding section shall be elected annually by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast at the regular convocation of the Chapter next preceding St. Johns the Evangelist's Day, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest.

## VOTERS AND ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 23. Every member of a Chapter, in good standing, is entitled to one vote; but only High Priests and Past High Priests, Kings and Past Kings, Scribes and Past Scribes are eligible to the office of High Priest.

## INSTALLATION.

SEC. 24. The installation of Chapter officers shall take place at the time of election, or as soon thereafter as expedient.

## VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

SEC. 25. Vacancies in elective offices of Chapters can occur only by death, resignation, dimit, or removal after election be-

yond the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, promotion at an election to fill vacancies, and by suspension or expulsion; but the first three elective offices cannot be vacated by resignation.

## VACANCIES—HOW FILLED.

SEC. 26. A Chapter may fill vacancies in any of the elective offices, except that of High Priest, by ballot at any regular Convocation, but in case of vacancy by the High Priest, an election can only be held at a regular Convocation, the members being duly summoned for that purpose, and by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, which must be applied for by the King and Scribe, and a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at a regular Convocation, to be certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

## BY-LAWS.

SEC. 27. A Chapter has full power and authority to enact By-Laws for its own government in conformity to this Constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, but any By-Law inconsistent therewith is void.

## DUES.

SEC. 28. A Chapter may make By-Laws regulating the payment of dues from its members, and provide penalties for the enforcement thereof; but no greater penalty shall be inflicted than the indefinite suspension of the companion in arrears, which shall expire upon the payment of his dues to the date of suspension; *provided*, that when a Chapter shall, in its Annual Return, report an aged or infirm companion as an *emeritus* member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of Chapter dues, such Chapter shall have credit therefor in the payment of its dues, and the Chapters shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from Chapter dues by the By-Laws thereof.

## ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES TO THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 29. Every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall make annual returns to the Grand Chapter of all its work to the



twenty-seventh of December, with a list of its officers and members, and pay into the Treasury of the Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each exaltation, and the sum of one dollar as annual dues for every member borne on the rolls at any time during the year; said sums to be due and payable at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter, and such returns shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of January in each year.

*Provided*, That when a Chapter shall, in its Annual Return, report an aged or infirm companion as an *emeritus* member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of Chapter dues, such Chapter shall have credit thereof in the payment of its dues, and the Chapters shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from Chapter dues by the By-Laws thereof.

#### CHAPTER—HOW DISSOLVED.

SEC. 30. A Chapter can only be dissolved by act of the Grand Chapter, or by a voluntary surrender of its warrant, pursuant to a vote of a majority of its members when duly summoned for that purpose, with notice of the object of the Convocation.

#### WARRANT—HOW FORFEITED OR SUSPENDED.

SEC. 31. The charter of a Chapter can be forfeited only upon charges regularly made in Grand Chapter at its Annual Grand Convocation, of which due notice shall be given to the Chapter, and an opportunity of being heard in defense; but it may be suspended by the Grand Chapter, or Grand High Priest, at any time upon proper cause shown, until the next Annual Grand Convocation thereafter.

#### ACTS FOR WHICH A CHARTER MAY BE RECALLED.

SEC. 32. The acts for which a charter may be forfeited are contumacy to the authority of the Grand Chapter, or the Grand High Priest; violation of the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry, or of this Constitution, or neglecting to meet for one year or more, and the non-payment of dues to the Grand Chapter for two consecutive years.

#### CHAPTER DEPRIVED OF WARRANT.

SEC. 33. The surrender or forfeiture of a charter or dispensation, when adjudged by the Grand Chapter, shall be conclusive upon the Chapter, and its members, and carries with it all the property of the Chapter, which must, on demand, be surrendered to the Grand Chapter or its authority.

#### CHARGES AND TRIALS.

SEC. 34. Charges, with distinct specifications of the offense charged, may, by any Royal Arch Mason in good standing, be preferred in open Chapter against any member thereof, and it shall be the duty of the acting High Priest (except in cases of non-payment of dues) to appoint three disinterested companions, as commissioners, to try the accused upon said charges and specifications, and to report their proceedings thereon to the Chapter with all convenient speed, together with their conclusions and recommendations thereon, for the action of the Chapter. The decision of the Chapter shall be final, unless an appeal therefrom be taken to the Grand Chapter within six months thereafter.

In case of charges against a Chapter or High Priest, or by one Chapter against another, they shall be referred to the Grand Chapter, when in session, or during recess to the Grand High Priest; and when presented to the latter, he shall appoint three commissioners (who shall be High Priests or Past High Priests) from Chapters not interested in the case, and they shall hear, try and determine the matter, reporting their proceedings, conclusions and decisions thereon to the officer appointing them; and their decision, if approved by him, shall be final, unless appealed from as above.

#### CHARGES AGAINST HIGH PRIESTS.

SEC. 35. Charges against the High Priest of a Chapter for official misconduct must be presented during his term of office, or within one year thereafter, to the Grand High Priest, or the Grand Chapter.



## OTHER RULES FOR TRIALS AND APPEALS.

SEC. 36. The Grand Chapter may establish such further regulations as to the mode and form of trials and appeals as it may deem expedient.

## NEW CHAPTERS MUST BE DULY CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 37. When a charter shall issue to authorize the holding of a new Chapter, the Chapter shall be duly constituted, and its officers installed by the Grand High Priest, or his duly authorized proxy; previous to which ceremonies, no Convocation of the Chapter can be legally held, nor can it be represented in this Grand Chapter.

## PRESIDING OFFICER.

SEC. 38. The High Priest shall preside at the several convocations of the Chapter, and, in case of his absence, the King and Scribe, and no other shall, in order of rank, succeed him.

## APPEAL FROM DECISION OF HIGH PRIEST.

SEC. 39. No appeal to the Chapter can be taken from the decision of the High Priest.

## CHAPTER SEAL AND BOOKS.

SEC. 40. Every chartered Chapter shall have a seal, and shall also keep the following books:

1. A Book of By-Laws, with signatures of its members.
2. A Record Book of the proceedings of the Chapter.
3. A Register of the names of members, with the date of receiving the different degrees, etc.
4. A Book of Marks.
5. An Alphabetical List of Expulsions, Suspensions and Rejections, and such other books as the Chapter shall direct.

## PETITION AND FEES FOR DEGREES.

SEC. 41. The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a less sum than twenty dollars, which must all be paid before receiving the Mark Degree, and then only upon Master Masons who are members of Lodges in good standing, whose petitions

have been duly presented in writing at a regular Convocation, reported upon by a committee of investigation, and unanimously accepted by the Chapter.

## REJECTED CANDIDATES.

SEC. 42. A petition for the degrees having been rejected cannot again be received within six months, nor by any other Chapter than the rejecting one, without first obtaining its consent.

## JURISDICTION OVER CANDIDATES.

SEC. 43. A Chapter shall not confer the degrees upon a candidate who resides nearer some other Chapter without the consent of such Chapter, nor upon a candidate who resides in another State without consent of the Chapter in whose Jurisdiction he resides, unless he be a member in good standing of a regular Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

## PROXIES.

SEC. 44. Each chartered Chapter within this Jurisdiction is entitled to be represented in the Grand Chapter by its first three officers, but in case either of them cannot attend, he may appoint any other member of the Chapter to act as his proxy, and shall furnish such proxy a certificate of appointment over his official signature, attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

## AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 45. No amendment to this Constitution shall be made until it shall have been proposed at one Annual Grand Convocation, and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at the next Annual Grand Convocation.



REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

ADVANCEMENT.

1. The golden rule for advancement in Masonry is suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees, of which the Chapter should be fully satisfied.

APRON.

2. The Royal Arch apron is white, with scarlet border.

BALLOTING.

3. All balloting takes place in the Royal Arch Degree, and all degrees conferred in a Chapter are ballotted for at one and the same time.

4. A dark ballot cannot be re-opened on account of any irregularity, and no dispensation can be granted for such purpose.

BUSINESS.

5. No business shall be transacted at a special or called convocation other than that for which the meeting was called; the only exception to that rule would be in a case where every member of the Chapter was present at the meeting and no objection made to the transacting such other business.

CHAPTERS.

6. The organization of a newly chartered Chapter terminates the connection of its members with their former Chapter or Chapters respectively, hence the necessity of a certificate

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from the Secretary of the Chapter or Chapters to which the petitioner or petitioners belong, that such petitioners are clear upon the records, or else a dimit must accompany the application for a charter. *See Chapters U. D.*

CHAPTERS U. D.

*See Constitution, Section 19.*

7. A Chapter under dispensation is a creation of the Grand High Priest, by virtue of a Constitutional provision, Article 2, Section 18. It possesses no power or authority except such as is expressly granted in the dispensation. Its existence extends only to the first Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to which its authority, records and documents must be surrendered.

8. If a dispensation or charter be applied for, or a continuation of its dispensation, satisfactory evidence must appear that the petitioners are not in arrears for fees or dues to the chartered Chapters of which they are respectively members, otherwise their application will be refused.

9. The records of a Chapter U. D., should exhibit a fair specimen of that intelligence and regularity of proceedings which are characteristic of a well regulated Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, before a charter be granted, and there should be evidence of fraternal prosperity.

10. Installations of officers of a Chapter under Dispensation is neither necessary nor proper.

11. Officers of a Chapter U. D. work under the immediate supervision and control of the Grand High Priest; and such official honors as continuously appertain to duly elected and installed High Priests do not accrue to them.

CHARTERS.

12. The Grand Secretary is instructed to record the charter or warrant heretofore issued to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction upon the request of the Chapter, on being furnished with such warrant or charter, or a copy thereof, certified under seal of the Chapter.



Companion is not affected by the fact of his dues not having been paid.

## JURISDICTION.

20. When a candidate applying to any Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction for the Chapter degrees, and his petition is received, and a part of said degrees conferred on him by such Chapter, if, after which he absents himself from said Chapter for a term of years before receiving all of said degrees, he shall not be permitted to petition or receive in any other Chapter the remaining degrees without the consent of the Chapter in which he received a part of said degrees.

21. When an applicant shows satisfactorily that he has taken one or more of the Chapter degrees in a regular Chapter that has since become dormant or defunct, the Chapter to which he applies may confer the remaining degrees.

## MARKS.

22. Is is the duty of each Chapter to maintain a suitable Book of Marks, and to require every member and all candidates, after receiving the M. M. Degree, to select and have recorded, a suitable "Mark" therein. The R. A. Degree shall not be conferred until the "Mark" is selected and recorded, unless it be done at a grand visitation, by the Grand High Priest, in which case, the matter of the "Mark" shall be attended to as soon as possible thereafter.

## MEMBERSHIP.

23. While it is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some Lodge, the fact of his holding a dimt does not affect his standing in the Chapter for at least twelve months; and we are of the opinion that even after that time, if he continues to be of good moral character, he should still be regarded in good standing in the Chapter, *provided* his failure to affiliate with a Lodge is not willful, but should be the result of circumstances, over which he has no control.

24. When a Companion Royal Arch Mason, hailing from another Grand Jurisdiction, affiliates with a constituent Chapter

13. All warrants or charters hereafter issued from this Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be recorded by the Grand Secretary in a book to be procured and kept by him for that purpose.

## CONVOCAIONS.

14. It is improper for Convoactions of Chapters to be called to refreshment from time to time with unlimited discretion, but should be regularly closed when the business of the meeting is finished. If, from any unavoidable cause, it becomes necessary for the interest of the Chapter to postpone for a few days only the consideration of any specific subject, the Chapter may be called off to some prudently designated period for the purpose; in which event any omitted business of the Chapter may be transacted, after which the Chapter should invariably be closed.

## CEREMONIES.

15. Each Lodge must be opened and closed with its own peculiar ceremonies, as also the Chapter.

## COMMITTEES.

16. The Committee on Work shall be composed of seven members, and shall exemplify the work in the several degrees at each Annual Convocation, unless the Grand Chapter shall order otherwise.

## DISPENSATIONS.

17. For exemplification of work, the presence of the Grand High Priest is a sufficient basis for dispensation to ballot on a well-known candidate. A dispensation may issue authorizing a Chapter U. D. to meet and confer the degrees at a called meeting. *See Section 4.*

## INSTALLATIONS.

18. Installation of officers of a Chapter U. D. is neither necessary nor proper.

19. Installation cannot be denied on the ground that the officer-elect is in arrears for dues. The Chapter has the power to suspend a member for non-payment of dues, but until such action is taken by the Chapter, the Masonic standing of the



in this State, if such Companion shall have had conferred upon him, by the sister jurisdiction, such honors, rights and privileges as are of a generally acknowledged Masonic character, the said Companion may be admitted to membership in this Grand Chapter, and in that event, such honors, rights and privileges shall be acknowledged, recognized and respected by this Grand Chapter as fully as though the same had been conferred upon him in this jurisdiction.

NAMES TO BE PRINTED, ETC.

25. The names of the elective officers of the Chapters, and the P. O. address of Secretaries thereof, under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, are required to be printed with the annual proceedings.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

26. The Grand Secretary is required to annex to the Proceedings a list of all Past Grand Officers entitled to vote in the Grand Chapter.

PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.

27. The degree of Past Master, as conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter, is not cognizable in a Blue Lodge.

28. The Chapters under this Jurisdiction are required, in conferring the Past Master's Degree, to abridge the ceremonies within the narrowest constitutional limits, and to use those prescribed in the Ritual.

29. A Past Master by degree, who has never been a Master of a Symbolic Lodge cannot be present at conferring the Past Master's Degree upon Masters of Symbolic Lodges.

30. The degree of Past Master is conferred in a Chapter only for the purpose of qualifying the applicant to take the degree of Royal Arch.

PETITIONS.

31. No Chapter within the Jurisdiction shall receive the petition of a Master Mason for advancement in the Chapter degrees who is not a regular member of some Lodge, and in good standing, and who has paid all dues against him, and made due proficiency in the symbolic degrees, of which he shall

produce satisfactory evidence from the Secretary of the Lodge of which he is a member before he is balloted for.

32. A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular convocation of the Chapter, and if received shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Chapter for investigation and may be acted upon at the same meeting at the discretion of the Chapter.

PLACE OF MEETING.

33. Under ordinary circumstances the officers of a Chapter cannot remove to another place and hold a meeting. All meetings of the Chapter should be held at the regular place of meeting.

QUORUM.

34. For all purposes except opening, closing and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum. *Provided*, That the High Priest may call meetings of the Lodges respectively, to confer the Lodge degrees upon duly elected candidates, and do the work with the working quorums, Mark Master's Lodge 5, Past Master's Lodge 3, and Most Excellent Master's Lodge 2, and all of whom are not necessarily required to be Royal Arch Masons; and for such purpose, the Chapter, is always open, and must always be expressly recognized in the records of meetings.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

35. The Grand High Priest is requested to appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter near the several sister Grand Chapters which have appointed representatives near our own, and to as many others as in his judgment he may think proper.

36. A list of Grand Representatives must be published annually with the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

RETURNS.

37. Annual returns of Chapters are required to be prepared immediately after the close of each Masonic year, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary. Annual dues should also be forwarded at the same time. Chapters failing to have their returns and



dues in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before April 1st, may be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter, but shall not be allowed mileage and per diem for such representatives.

## SUSPENSION.

38. When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Chapter of which such Brother shall be a member, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to it, the Chapter shall cause the same to be made a matter of record in the minutes, and an entry thereof in the Book of Suspensions and Expulsions; and a member suspended can be reinstated only by action of the Chapter.

## SUBSTITUTES.

39. The use of substitutes in conferring the Degree of Royal Arch is in accordance with the laws and usages of cap-  
tular Masonry.



## PROCEEDINGS

OF

## Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

OF THE

STATE OF FLORIDA.

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 Fifty-Fourth Annual Convocation,

HELD AT

THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE,

May 8-9, A. D. 1900, A. I. 2430.

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GRAND OFFICERS  
OF THE  
M.:E.: GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

FOR  
A. I. 2430, A. D. 1900.

M.:E.: ELMER E. HASKELL, Grand High Priest, Palatka.  
R.:E.: A. M. CUSHMAN, Dep. Grand High Priest, Gainesville  
R.:E.: J. R. WETHERELL, Grand King, DeLand.  
R.:E.: T. G. HUTCHINSON, Grand Scribe, Jacksonville.  
R.:E.: MARCUS ENDEL, Grand Treasurer, Gainesville.  
R.:E.: WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.  
R.:E.: WM. M. McINTOSH, Grand Chaplain, Tallahassee.  
E.: W. H. CYRUS, Grand Captain of the Host, Palatka.  
E.: M. D. CUSHING, Grand Principal Sojourner, Tampa.  
E.: D. W. STANLEY, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Bartow.  
E.: H. V. R. SCHRADER, Grand Master 3rd Vail, Tallahassee.  
E.: A. H. CARTER, Grand Master 2nd Vail, Daytona.  
E.: JOHN E. HANNA, Grand Master 1st Vail, Jasper.  
E.: JAMES F. CLARK, Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, assembled in its Fifty-Fourth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, on Tuesday, May 8, A. D. 1900, A. I. 2430.

The roll being called, there were found to be present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS.

JAMES CARNELL,  
WM. H. JEWELL,  
ALONZO M. CUSHMAN,  
JOHN R. WETHERELL,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
WILBER P. WEBSTER,  
WM. M. McINTOSH,  
WM. H. CYRUS,  
OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
WARREN TYLER,  
MONROE D. CUSHING,  
D. W. STANLEY,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
JAMES F. CLARK,

M.:E.: Grand High Priest.  
as R.:E.: Dep. G. High Priest.  
R.:E.: Grand King.  
R.:E.: Grand Scribe.  
R.:E.: Grand Treasurer.  
R.:E.: Grand Secretary.  
R.:R.: Grand Chaplain.  
E.: G. Captain of the Host.  
as E.: G. Principal Sojourner.  
as E.: G. Royal Arch Captain.  
E.: Grand Master 3rd Vail.  
E.: Grand Master 2nd Vail.  
as E.: Grand Master 1st Vail.  
E.: Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

ANGUS PATERSON,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
JAMES W. BOYD,  
IRVING E. WEBSTER,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,

WM. M. McINTOSH,  
WM. H. JEWELL,  
WARREN TYLER,  
WILBER P. WEBSTER,



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

## PAST HIGH PRIESTS HERE IN NO OTHER CAPACITY.

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| G. P. BALLOUGH, | Halifax Chapter, No. 5. |
| E. A. RICHARDS, | Eureka Chapter, No. 7.  |
| J. N. BRADSHAW, | Eureka Chapter, No. 7.  |

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN  
FLORIDA.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Arizona . . . . .              | T. G. HUTCHINSON.  |
| Arkansas . . . . .             | WM. B. BARNETT.    |
| Colorado . . . . .             | J. R. WETHERELL.   |
| Connecticut . . . . .          | WARREN TYLER.      |
| Delaware . . . . .             | W. P. WEBSTER.     |
| District of Columbia . . . . . | SILAS B. WRIGHT,   |
| Iowa . . . . .                 | SILAS B. WRIGHT.   |
| Kansas . . . . .               | OLIN S. WRIGHT.    |
| Kentucky . . . . .             | JAMES W. BOYD.     |
| Maine . . . . .                | ELMER E. HASKELL.  |
| Maryland . . . . .             | JAMES CARNELL.     |
| Massachusetts . . . . .        | IRVING E. WEBSTER. |
| Minnesota . . . . .            | A. M. CUSHMAN.     |
| Missouri . . . . .             | JAMES W. BOYD.     |
| New Brunswick . . . . .        | EDGAR A. RICHARDS. |
| New York . . . . .             | MARCUS ENDEL.      |
| New South Wales . . . . .      | WM. H. CYRUS.      |
| North Carolina . . . . .       | IRVING E. WEBSTER. |
| North Dakota . . . . .         | MARCUS ENDEL.      |
| Nova Scotia, . . . . .         | W. M. MCINTOSH.    |
| Ohio . . . . .                 | W. M. MCINTOSH.    |
| South Carolina . . . . .       | W. M. MCINTOSH.    |
| South Dakota . . . . .         | WM. H. JEWELL.     |
| Texas . . . . .                | ANGUS PATERSON.    |
| Washington . . . . .           | SILAS B. WRIGHT.   |

## REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS.

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| Florida, No. 1—Henry N. Sweeting, H. P.           |
| Gainesville, No. 2—A. M. Cushman, proxy for H. P. |
| Tampa, No. 3—John C. White, proxy for H. P.       |
| St. Johns, No. 4—Bert Fish, proxy for H. P.       |
| Halifax, No. 5—A. H. Carter, H. P.                |
| Mt. Horeb, No. 6—J. R. Keller, H. P.              |
| Eureka, No. 7—T. P. Baumgarten, H. P.             |
| Putnam, No. 9—Wm. G. Tilghman, H. P.              |

## GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

Jasper, No. 10—John E. Hanna, K.  
 Jacksonville, No. 12—T. G. Hutchinson, H. P.; John H.  
 Norton, K.; Wm. S. Ware, S.  
 Plant City, No. 16—Olin S. Wright, proxy for officers  
 Lake Butler, No. 19—M. L. McKinney, H. P.; F. M.  
 Rivers, proxy for K.; E. L. Odum, proxy for S.  
 Thomas Brown, No. 22—D. W. Stanley, H. P.

A constitutional number of Grand Officers and Representatives of Constituent Chapters being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following  
*Committee on Returns and Credentials*—A. M. Cushman,  
 Bert Fish, James W. Boyd.

On motion of P. G. H. P. Wm. H. Jewell, the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were adopted as printed.

On motion of P. G. H. P. Marcus Endel, all Companion Royal Arch Masons in good standing were cordially invited to attend the sessions of this Grand Chapter.  
 The Committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report, which was adopted:

## RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

To the M. . E. . Grand Chapter of Florida:  
 Your Committee on Returns and Credentials respectfully submit the following report:

We find the list of Grand Officers and Representatives present, as prepared by the Grand Secretary at roll-call, to be correct.  
 We find that the following Chapters have made correct returns, and paid their dues in full: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 21 and 22; and are therefore entitled to representation with mileage and per diem for Representatives.  
 Monroe Chapter, No. 15, and Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, have made correct returns and paid their dues in full, but owing to the fact that the dues were not received till after April 1st, they are not entitled to mileage and per diem, in accordance with Regulation No. 37, as amended last year.



Madison Chapter, No. 8, has made correct returns, but paid no dues, and is therefore not entitled to representation.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. CUSHMAN,  
BERT FISH,  
J. W. BOYD,  
Committee.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Unfinished Business*—D. W. Stanley, Wm. H. Cyrus, T. P. Baumgarten.

*Propositions and Grievances*—John R. Wetherell, John C. White, E. E. Haskell.

*Dispensations and By-Laws*—Olin S. Wright, A. H. Carter, J. E. Hanna.

*Masonic Jurisprudence*—Angus Paterson, Marcus Endel, Irving E. Webster, Wm. M. McIntosh, Warren Tyler, James W. Boyd, Silas B. Wright, Wm. H. Jewell.

*Finance and Accounts*—Silas B. Wright, Warren Tyler, M. D. Cushing, John H. Norton, J. R. Keller.

*Memorials*—Wm. M. McIntosh, W. E. Ballough, T. G. Hutchinson.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address, as follows:

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS: The beauty of the rising sun in all its glory is scarce fixed upon our minds, ere the shadows falling athwart the heavens tell us that the night is again upon us, and thus swiftly have passed the days of another year since last we met in this capacity. Another year filled with more or less of devotion to our Order. But we are gladdened with the thought that a year of perfect harmony and of satisfactory progress has been added to the annals of Masonic history in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We meet again in Annual Convocation to review the work and events of the past year, and to deliberate upon such matters as shall be of interest to our craft.

It is therefore to me a great pleasure, as it also becomes the duty of my high office, to again greet you, and bid you

welcome to this, the Fifty-Fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

To you, my companions, whose silvery hair reminds us that you have these many years wrought in the quarries, we give you welcome, feeling assured that, with the aid of your wise counsel, nothing shall be done at this Convocation that will not redound to the glory of our beloved Order. And to those of our companions who meet with us for the first time, we extend the right hand of fellowship and assure you that it is a very great pleasure to meet so large a number of young laborers in the cause, whose appearance is such as to evidence the fact that our chapters are looking well to the East, and sending their best men to the councils of the craft. Which encourages us to look forward with confidence to a more and more successful future. Companions all, I greet you, and as a first duty would ask that you bow in humble acknowledgment to the great I AM, the God of our fathers, for His many mercies and blessings, for His watchful care over us, and for granting us this privilege of meeting again, to renew and strengthen old, as well as to form new, companionships, "For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever."

FRATERNAL DEAD.

It is with profound thankfulness that I am enabled to report that the ranks of our Grand Chapter for the past year have remained unbroken. But the Grim Reaper has visited ten of the Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, and twelve of our companions have been released from their labors and called to their reward as follows:

Florida No. 1, Companion Philip T. Roberts on March 11.  
Gainesville No. 2, in December lost Companion Arch Hague.  
St. Johns No. 4, suffered the loss of Companion Jas. B. Jordan on April 27, and Companion Andrew L. Wellman, November 12.

Halifax No. 5, Horatio B. Duncan died April 10.  
Mt. Horeb No. 6 has been afflicted in the death of Companion Lyman W. Rowley, April 5, and Companion Josiah P. Hilliard, June 3.

Inverness No. 14, lost Companion Wm. W. Simpson, October 16.

Plant City No. 16, Companion Richard M. Wells, February 8, and Lake Butler No. 19, Companion Andrew Florens.  
Island No. 21 lost Companion Peter A. Williams, P. H. P.,



January 29, and Thomas Brown No. 22, Francis F. Bevelle on August 5.

While we bow in humble submission to the will of the All Father, we deeply deplore their loss.

While the ranks of our Grand Chapter remain unbroken, many of our sister Grand Jurisdictions have been called upon to mourn, and many illustrious companions have "crossed the river." Notices of which have been received and acknowledgment made, as follows:

*Alabama*—Mourns the loss of M. E. Wm. Story Foster, Past Grand High Priest, who died on April 7th, 1899.

*Arkansas*—On May 3rd, 1899, suffered the loss of R. E. James A. Henry, Grand Secretary, and on June 23rd, 1899, M. E. John J. Sample, Past Grand High Priest.

*Colorado*—E. Thomas Linton, Grand Sentinel, died on January 11th, 1899.

*District of Columbia*—Was called upon to mourn the loss of M. E. Isaac LaRue Johnson, Past Grand High Priest, on December 10th, 1899.

*Iowa*—Has lost two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Horace Spencer Winslow, on December 11th, 1899, and M. E. Edward Augustus Guilbert, on March 4th, 1900.

*Kansas*—Has also lost two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Jacob DeWitt, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, on January 28th, 1900, and M. E. Silas Clam Sheldon, on April 19th, 1900.

*Massachusetts*—On June 24th, 1899, lost R. E. Walter W. Wright, Grand Scribe.

*Michigan*—E. Job T. Campbell, Grand Master of the First Veil, died on April 2nd, 1899.

*Missouri*—Has been sorely afflicted in the loss of three Past Grand High Priests: M. E. James Brewster, on September 2nd, 1899; M. E. Alvin Hayne, on October 2nd, 1899, and M. E. Lee A. Hall, on December 15th, 1899.

*Nebraska*—Mourns the loss of two Past Grand High Priests, and her Grand Secretary: M. E. Robert C. Jordan died on January 23rd, 1899; R. E. Wm. Roberts Bowen,

Grand Secretary, on May 15th, 1899; M. E. Robert H. Henry, died February 21st, 1900.

*New York*—M. E. Richard H. Huntington, Past Grand High Priest, died February 8th, 1900.

*North Carolina*—R. E. Robert Brank Vance, Deputy Grand High Priest, died on November 28th, 1899.

*Oregon*—E. Companion Robert Clow, Past Grand Captain of the Hosts, died on January 25th, 1900.

*Texas*—Suffered the loss of one of its brightest Companions, in the death of M. E. Gaston Twomey, Past Grand High Priest, on June 14th, 1899.

Thus has the tolling bell numbered the years of many who have been honored by their companions. We extend our fraternal sympathy to our afflicted sister jurisdictions, and mourn with them the loss of these distinguished companions.

May it remind us all of the universal dominion of death, and that the arm of friendship cannot interpose to prevent his coming, nor the wealth of the world purchase our release, and that we, each of us, will soon join the long, endless and steadily moving procession, in which our companions have but just preceded us.

How long we are still to toil on is wisely kept from us—it may be an hour, a day, a year; but, above all, let us so improve the remaining span of life, that when the summons does come, we will be ready, and welcome the Grim Reaper as a kind messenger, sent us by the Supreme Grand High Priest, to summon from this imperfect, to that all perfect, glorious and celestial realm above, "Where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary shall find rest."

"Man dieth and wasteth away,  
 "And where is he? Hark! from the skies  
 "I hear a voice answer, and say,  
 "The spirit of man never dies!  
 "His body, which came from the earth,  
 "Must mingle again with the sod,  
 "His soul, which in heaven had birth,  
 "Returns to the bosom of God."



PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter, near other Grand Chapters, proper recommendations having been made as follows:

*Canada*—July 15th, E. Comp. A. B. Munson, London, Ontario.

*Massachusetts*—July 15th, E. Comp. Chas. T. Witt, of East Boston.

*New Hampshire*—July 15th, R. E. Comp. Franklin Alanson Rawson, of Newport.

*Nevada*—July 19th, E. Comp. Charles L. Fulstone, of Carson City.

*Oregon*—July 30th, E. Comp. Ernest V. Carter, of Ashland.

*Minnesota*—August 22nd, E. Comp. Herbert E. Blair, of Waterville.

*New York*—August 30th, E. Comp. James F. Hughes, of Brooklyn.

*New South Wales*—December 21st. Fraternal relations having been established with the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, at our last Annual Convocation, E. Comp. Wm. Alexander Smith was duly appointed our representative near that Grand Body.

Commissions for the above named Companions were issued and duly forwarded by our Grand Secretary.

I have recommended the appointment of the following named Companions as representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter:

*Kansas*—July 18th, R. E. Comp. Olin S. Wright, of Plant City.

*Nevada*—July 23rd, E. Comp. J. J. Jones, of Lake Butler.

*New South Wales*—December 22nd, E. Comp. Wm. H. Cyrus, of Palatka.

## DISPENSATIONS.

For what has appeared to me good and sufficient reasons, the following dispensations have been granted:

*August 19th*—Dispensation was granted at the request of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, remitting the dues of Comp. Pallas N. Wilson, late a member of Santa Rosa Chapter (defunct), in order that he might affiliate with Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.

*October 27th*—To Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, to ballot upon petition for affiliation of Companion Allen R. Jones, late a member of Santa Rosa Chapter (defunct), whose name was inadvertently omitted from list of members of Santa Rosa Chapter when said chapter consolidated with Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, the fact of his former membership having been fully established.

*December 22nd*—To Inverness Chapter, No. 14, to elect and install officers and to ballot for and confer degrees upon well-known candidates, on December 27th, said chapter having failed of a quorum at its regular December Convocation, all members having due notice.

*December 25th*—To Halifax Chapter, No. 5, to publicly install its officers.

*January 7th*—To St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, to publicly install its officers.

*January 10th*—To Madison Chapter, No. 8, to elect and install its officers at a special Convocation called for that purpose, all members being duly notified.

*February 28th*—To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, to ballot for and confer degrees at a special Convocation, candidates being well-known, and all members being notified. Removal of candidates from jurisdiction being reason given.

*April 8th*—To St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, to ballot for and confer degrees on well-known candidate to complete team



at a special Convocation, the chapter having failed of a quorum on date of last regular Convocation. All members to be duly notified.

*April 12th*—To Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, to ballot for and confer degrees upon well-known candidates at a special Convocation, good reason therefor having been shown, and all members to be duly notified.

*April 25th*—Upon the petition of 15 companions at Miami, in Dade County, and upon the recommendation of Island Chapter, No. 21, dispensation was granted for the formation of a new R. A. Chapter, to be known as Jericho Chapter, U. D. Comp. W. W. Farris was appointed High Priest; Com. Walter S. Graham, King; and Comp. Chas. R. Cox, as Scribe.

## RULINGS.

Questions as to law have been referred to me, but have been mostly answered by a simple reference to either Constitution or Regulations, and special report on them would be a useless waste of your time.

I am informed that in some cases chapters have followed the practice of reinstating members suspended for non-payment of dues and issuing demits to such members bearing date of suspension. This I believe to be a harmful practice and contrary to our law.

The following query was received January 10th, 1900:

*M. E. Grand High Priest—M. E. and Dear Sir:* I am requested by the E. High Priest of this chapter to present this question: Several years ago, at about the same time, two members of this chapter were suspended by reason of their suspension in Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues. At the close of last year they were reinstated in Blue Lodge, of which we were soon after notified, and thereupon they asked for restoration and demit as of date of suspension. One paid up, but the other not being able, his dues were remitted, but both were demitted as of date of suspension (1893). This action was taken in the beginning of this year, but neither was on the rolls for this year and paid no dues after the year of suspension. Shall they be reported as reinstated, and if so, do we pay dues to Grand Chapter, and if so, how much?

To which I replied as follows:

*E. Companion*—Replying to your inquiry of 10th instant, beg to state that in my opinion your chapter should pay Grand Chapter dues for these companions for the year in which they were reinstated. Reg. 38 reads: "A member suspended can be reinstated only by action of the chapter;" and when so reinstated he is a member of the chapter. Sec. 29 of our Constitution provides: " \* \* \* and pay into the treasury of the Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each exaltation and the sum of one dollar as annual dues for every member borne on the rolls at any time during the year," &c., &c.

Having carefully studied both Constitution and Regulations, I fail to find any authority for the action of your chapter in dating these demits back to date of suspension in the cases cited, and would rule that your chapter is indebted to the Grand Chapter in the sum of one dollar each for the companions reinstated as set forth in your inquiry.

## VISITATIONS.

I have been sorely disappointed in having been denied the pleasure of visiting more of the chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction during the year, as I had planned. My private business is of such a character that it is difficult for me to leave it for any length of time between July 15th and April 1st. What time I could spare prior to April 1st I had devoted to other branches of Masonic work, but had arranged for quite an extended tour of visitations for the month of April.

On the 4th I was attacked with a severe case of la grippe and during the month was entirely unfit for such work until too late, as I had an engagement to go to Miami on April 30th to inaugurate a new chapter, dispensation having been granted for its formation.

The disappointment of not being able to visit more of the chapters has been the only cloud to darken the sky during my term of office, and it is the more humiliating because it is so entirely my own fault. I should not have delayed so important a matter until so late a day. And in this connection it may perhaps not be out of place to call attention to the fact that the present custom of expecting the Grand High Priest to make all, or nearly all, the official visitations is, in my humble opinion, susceptible of improvement. Our State is large and transportation difficult in some sections, so that it requires a greater expenditure of both time and money than most of our members (who should all have an



honorable ambition to fill its highest office) can afford. In many of the Grand Chapters in this country the jurisdiction is divided into districts, and to each of the four council officers is assigned a district, he being expected to visit each of the chapters in his district, and report upon the same at the Annual Convocation.

On April 29th, accompanied by Companions Chas. L. Smith, Wm. E. Ballough and A. H. Carter, who kindly consented to assist in the work of inaugurating the new Chapter, and to whom I am greatly indebted for their efficient assistance, we arrived at Miami just before midnight.

Early in the morning we began our preparations, and Chapter was opened at 10:30 a.m. Dispensation was read, and 24 candidates elected to membership in Jericho Chapter U. D., 17 of whom presented themselves for initiation. We worked the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Masters degrees upon all the candidates in the afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m., and the Royal Arch upon six teams on Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 30th and May 1st. I heard no complaint from any of the candidates that they had not received the value of their money.

This Chapter begins its labors under most favorable auspices, and its success is well assured, as the receipts from the two days' work will purchase their outfit, pay all expenses, and leave a balance in the treasury, with seven elected candidates yet to work upon, besides many other applicants in sight.

I was impressed with the high character of the members and candidates of this new Chapter, and predict for them a bright and prosperous future, and feel well assured that, under the able leadership of E. Comp. Rev. W. W. Faris, the High Priest, and his efficient associate officers, Royal Arch Masonry will flourish on the lower East Coast.

While at Miami I received a telegram from M. E. P. G. H. P. Silas B. Wright, of DeLand, saying that St. Johns Chapter No. 4 would confer the Royal Arch degree on Wednesday evening, May 2d, and invited myself and the companions of Halifax Chapter with me, to attend and assist in the work. We left Miami early on the morning of the 2d and reached DeLand, 270 miles distant, at 6:15 p.m. somewhat fatigued by our excessive labors and long journey, but the heartiness of our reception and cordial welcome so refreshed us that we entered heartily into the spirit of the work, and enjoyed the evening fully as much as any of the companions present. The Royal Arch was conferred upon three literary brethren who

proved to be very appreciative candidates. St. Johns Chapter is celebrated for its good work, being the home Chapter of those Royal Workmen, P. G. H. P. Silas B. Wright and R. E. Comp. J. R. Wetherell, Grand Scribe. I found the Chapter in a prosperous condition, membership increasing, and its additions men of the highest character, and standing in the community, which warrants the belief that St. Johns No. 4 will maintain its place well in the lead among the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I have received a copy of the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, which has been established with the approbation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and held its First Annual Convocation after organization on October 4th last. As it is composed of eight constituent chapters, and its foundations seem securely laid, I would therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter extend to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico a hearty welcome into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters, that she be given due recognition as an independent Grand body and that an interchange of Grand Representatives be provided for.

I would also recommend that this Grand Jurisdiction be divided into four districts, and that one of these districts be assigned to each of the four highest elective officers of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to visit each of the chapters in his district, at least once during the year, the assignment of districts being left to the Grand High Priest from year to year.

#### CONCLUSION.

Companions, my task is nearly ended, and I am about to lay down the gavel of authority, to be taken up, I feel well assured, by abler hands.

While I feel that I have striven to give my best attention to the responsibilities devolving upon me, yet I wish that I could have accomplished more. In coming to you with my year's record, I flatter not myself that I come with arms full of sheaves of good works. I trust, however, that such as I do bring may be found free of tares and worthy of harvesting. The assurance is not given to a Grand High Priest, like to our worthy patron, Zerubbabel, that he shall be able to finish any work he may undertake; "that having laid the foundation," he would also have the satisfaction of bringing forth the last stone to crown the building, and hear the shouts of a joyful



people. In fact few of us have the satisfaction of completing our task. We receive unfinished work from our predecessors, and hand it on, with a little added, perhaps, but still incomplete, to our successors. But we have the consolation that the more hands engaged in the building, the greater number will shout "hosanna!" when it is finished. "When he that soweth and he that reapeth shall rejoice together."

It has been my constant purpose whenever opportunity served to bring the minds of our royal craftsmen to a consideration of the true spirit of Masonry that lies behind all rituals and forms and ceremonies. That living Masonry that uses these as its instruments with which to reach the hearts of men. That we should make our royal art a part of our everyday life, not simply because we are of the royal craft, but because Royal Arch Masonry has made us better men. Let us go forward with a full realization of the responsibilities which rest upon us, ever walking in the paths of rectitude and justice, bringing no dishonor upon ourselves or upon this Grand Institution which we here represent.

Companions, let us strive to make our Royal Arch a rainbow to distressed companions, and people everywhere, and so become a beacon light to humanity.

"If I should see

"A brother languishing in sore distress,

"And I should turn and leave him comfortless,

"When I might be

"A messenger of hope and happiness,

"How could I ask to have, what I denied,

"In mine own hour of bitterness, supplied?

"If I might share

"A brother's load, along the dusty way,

"And I should turn and walk alone that day,

"How could I dare,

"When in the evening watch I knelt to pray,

"To ask for help to bear my pain and loss,

"If I had heeded not my brother's cross.

"And so I know

"That day is lost wherein I fail to lend

"A helping hand to some wayfaring friend;

"But if it show

"A burden lightened, by the cheer I send,

"Then do I hold the golden hours well spent,

"And lay me down to sleep, in sweet content."

Here I rest, with my work for the year that is past awaiting your inspection. Whatever is unworthy, heave over among the rubbish; whatever stands the test of the overseer's squares, make use of for the upbuilding of the temple. Companions all, be assured of my thankful appreciation of the high honor you have conferred upon me, and more particularly for the confidence reposed in me, by elevating one so undeserving to this high office.

To my associates in office I tender my grateful acknowledgment for their kindly cooperation in all that tended to the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry. And especially to our Grand Secretary, who has been my guide and staff, do I tender my grateful acknowledgments. Would that we could say, "Grand High Priests may come and go, but our Grand Secretary goes on forever."

And also to the companions of this Grand Jurisdiction, for inspiring and assuring words, and cordial manifestations of fraternal regard, I thank you all.

Companions, by your kindness you have quieted my fears, and made the official voyage upon which you ordered me in May last, of a year's continuance, a voyage of peace, and a joy.

Where seas are calm  
And skies are clear.

An uninterrupted and delightful realization of the inspired vision of the sweet singer of Israel: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity; it is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment, as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

Fraternally submitted,  
JAMES CARNELL,  
Grand High Priest.

Upon motion of P. G. H. P. Warren Tyler, the Grand High Priest's address was referred to a Special Committee for distribution of subjects.

The R. .E. . Deputy Grand High Priest appointed as such committee, Companions Warren Tyler, W. S. Ware and J. E. Hanna.



The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was received and referred to the Special Committee for distribution of subjects:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

COMPANIONS—I have to report matters pertaining to my office for the past year as follows:

Some months since I received an application from several Companions at West Palm Beach, for a Chapter U. D. at that place, but as it had not been recommended by the nearest Chapter, I forwarded it to Halifax Chapter, No. 5, at Daytona, for their indorsement. Before it was returned to me I received a letter from the proposed High Priest of the new Chapter, stating that, owing to the unexpected removal of some of the most active ones in the matter, there was a prospect of their giving up the idea, and requesting me to hold the matter in abeyance for a time. The application was returned with the indorsement of Halifax Chapter, but a short time since I received another letter from the High Priest, saying that they would have to give it up, and requesting the return of the dimits of the Companions signing same.

I complied with his request, and I now understand that these Companions will unite with the new Chapter which has been established at Miami.

On instructions from the Grand High Priest, a dispensation was prepared and forwarded April 25, to the following Companions, W. W. Faris, Walter S. Graham, John Omweg, Wm. H. McIntire, C. F. Sulzner, Charles Rush Cox, J. S. Chase, S. H. Richmond, A. F. Quinby and R. J. Chillingworth, to form Jericho Chapter U. D. at Miami, with W. W. Faris as High Priest, Walter S. Graham as King and Charles Rush Cox, as Scribe. This Chapter now comes to you with a petition for a charter, which is ready to be placed in the hands of the proper committee.

On assuming the duties of this office, I found the library very badly mixed up, on account of the moving from the old office, etc.

The books have all been classified and placed in proper order for ready reference. The file of our Grand Chapter was very incomplete, on account of losses by fire, etc. I am happy to say that I have succeeded in obtaining a complete file, with the single exception of the year 1870, for which I am searching the country over, and do not expect to give up the search

until the file is completed. In this connection, I would say that the thanks of the Grand Chapter are due to Companion Cushing, of Tampa, for proceedings of 1884, and to Companion Norton, of this city, for a bound volume of the proceedings from the organization of our Grand Chapter, in 1847, to 1860. This volume was the property of the Grand Chapter, and Companion Norton succeeded in locating it.

I have found it impossible during the past year to keep strictly within the bounds of the appropriations as made by this body at our last Annual Convocation, but, acting with the Grand High Priest, we have conducted the affairs of the Craft as economically as possible. An itemized statement of all financial matters is hereto attached. By reference to this statement it will be found that, although we have overdrawn the appropriations somewhat, still our financial condition has improved, our present balance being \$922.93, as compared with \$688.51 one year ago.

I found it impossible to rent a room for the library for the amount appropriated for that purpose; the lowest one could be obtained in the Temple for was \$6 per month. As it was an absolute necessity, the Grand High Priest instructed me to rent it, and there is now a balance of \$22 due on the rent up to May 1st. An appropriation will have to be made to cover this amount, but as the Grand Commandery used a portion of the room I have no doubt that it will be refunded to us by that body.

As the recommendation that a proper book be procured by the Grand Secretary for the record of all Charters granted or to be granted, as made by me last year, was in some manner overlooked, I would respectfully renew the recommendation, as I think it a very essential matter.

All Chapters now on the roll have made returns and paid dues in full, with the exception of Madison Chapter, No. 8, which has made returns, but paid no dues whatever since our last report, leaving that Chapter's dues as follows:

|                                     |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Balance for 1895 .....              | \$ 5.30 |         |
| Dues for 1896.....                  | 29.00   |         |
| Dues for 1897 .....                 | 23.00   |         |
| Dues for 1898.....                  | 14.00   |         |
| Dues for 1899 .....                 | 14.00   | \$85.30 |
| Of this amount they have paid ..... |         | 6.00    |
|                                     |         | <hr/>   |
|                                     |         | \$79.30 |

Leaving a balance still due of.....



It would seem that some action in this matter should be taken.

Fraternally submitted,  
 W. P. WEBSTER,  
 Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

W. P. Webster, G. Sec., to the Grand Chapter of Florida.

| Dr.                                                |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To Island Chapter, No. 21, back dues.....          | \$ 40.00 |
| To Ocala Chapter, No. 13, funds in Treasury....    | 25.01    |
| To Ocala Chapter, No. 13, individual dues.....     | 6.00     |
| To Live Oak Chapter, No. 11, defunct.....          | 20.00    |
| To J. R. Wetherell, over-paid on pay-roll.....     | 3.00     |
| To Florida Chapter, No. 1, dues of 1899.....       | 33.00    |
| To Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, dues of 1899.....   | 70.00    |
| To Tampa Chapter, No. 3, dues of 1899.....         | 78.00    |
| To St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, dues of 1899.....     | 20.00    |
| To Halifax Chapter, No. 5, dues of 1899.....       | 68.00    |
| To Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6, dues of 1899.....     | 51.00    |
| To Eureka Chapter, No. 7, dues of 1899.....        | 34.00    |
| To Putnam Chapter, No. 9, dues of 1899.....        | 40.00    |
| To Jasper Chapter, No. 10, dues of 1899.....       | 21.00    |
| To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, dues of 1899..... | 80.00    |
| To Inverness Chapter, No. 14, dues of 1899.....    | 26.00    |
| To Monroe Chapter, No. 15, dues of 1899.....       | 30.00    |
| To Plant City Chapter, No. 16, dues of 1899.....   | 30.00    |
| To Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, dues of 1899.....  | 48.00    |
| To Island Chapter, No. 21, dues of 1899.....       | 33.00    |
| To Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 22, dues of 1899..    | 34.00    |
| To Charter Fee Jericho Chapter U. D. ....          | 50.00    |
|                                                    | \$840.01 |

| Cr.                                             |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| June, 1899, by paid Grand Treasurer.....        | \$ 3.00  |
| July, 1899, by paid Grand Treasurer.....        | 65.01    |
| August 7, 1899, by paid Grand Treasurer.....    | 20.00    |
| February 14, 1900, by paid Grand Treasurer..... | 301.00   |
| April 14, 1900, by paid Grand Treasurer.....    | 323.00   |
| May 8, 1900 by paid Grand Treasurer.....        | 128.00   |
|                                                 | \$840.01 |

The Grand Treasurer made the following report, which

was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer, in Account with the Grand Chapter of Florida.

|                                                        |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Dr.                                                    | \$ 688.51 |
| To balance as per report 1899.....                     | 3.00      |
| June, to amount received from G. Sec.....              | 65.01     |
| July, to amount received from G. Sec.....              | 20.00     |
| August 7, to amount received from G. Sec.....          | 301.00    |
| February 14, 1900, to amount received from G. Sec..... | 323.00    |
| April 14, to amount received from G. Sec.....          | 128.00    |
| May 8, to amount received from G. Sec.....             | 128.00    |
|                                                        | \$1528.52 |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Cr.                                                         | \$605.59         |
| By warrants paid, vouchers attached.....                    | 922.93—\$1528.52 |
| By balance on hand.....                                     |                  |
| Fraternally submitted,<br>MARCUS ENDEL,<br>Grand Treasurer. |                  |

The Special Committee on Transportation made the following report, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:  
 As directed by you at our last Annual Convocation, I have conferred with the various transportation people in regard to the rates that we may reasonably expect to obtain for our Annual Convocations, with the following result:

1. That all of the important railroad lines have agreed to make no special rates except through the Southeastern Passenger Association, and to abide strictly by the rules and arrangements that may be made by that Association.
  2. The Southeastern Passenger Association has made it a rule to make no rates except on their regular certificate plan, which, in this State, makes it necessary to have not less than fifty people travel the place of meeting over some railroad line or lines. The uniform rate made on this plan is one and a quarter fare for round trip.
- The question was raised last year as to whether a more favorable rate could not be made if our meetings were held at other points in the State. To this question, their answer was that their rules apply to every point alike, and we are assured that the above rates and rules will apply so long as their present arrangement holds good.



It is a fact that the Horticulturists obtained a rate of one fare for their meeting held a few days since in this city. How it was accomplished is more than I have been able to ascertain, but it is the rate that they have obtained for several years.

It has occurred to me that if we could arrange to have our meetings at the same time as theirs, it might be to our advantage, but unfortunately their date and place are not absolutely fixed. The place is fixed by a vote taken at each meeting and the time left to a committee, though it is usually expected to be in the first week of May, and for several years it has been held in this city, where it is again fixed for next year.

The great trouble with a rate based upon the present rules is the chance of not having the required number in attendance, our membership being so small, but with the Grand Commandery and Shrine following immediately after, those in attendance at those meetings can be counted on to assist in making up the number. It is a fact, however, that most of those attending the latter meetings are members of this body also.

In order to ascertain the number that we might expect this year, to enable me to determine as to whether I would be safe in accepting their terms, I sent out circular letters, and the replies justified me in the belief that we could use this rate, and I accepted it.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,  
Committee.

The following resolution was proposed by P. G. H. P. Endel, and, upon motion, was adopted

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish to the M. E. Grand High Priest the names of such Grand Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions as have failed to attend the past two convocations of this Grand Chapter without having offered a satisfactory excuse for such delinquency, and that the M. E. Grand High Priest, during the interim, be requested to recommend to said Grand Jurisdictions the cancellation of the commissions of such Grand Representatives and recommend for appointment such Companions as he may select.

The application for Charter from Jericho Chapter U. D. was received and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

Companion W. E. Ballough entered and assumed his station as Grand Royal Arch Captain.

The question as to the manner in which the regulation requiring the recording of "Marks" was being carried out by the Chapters was brought up by P. G. H. P. Jewell, and the verbal reports of the various Chapters showed that nearly, if not all of them, were enforcing it to the letter, as far as it re-

fers to candidates being required to record their "Marks" before being allowed to receive the Royal Arch Degree, and most of them were doing all they could towards the selection and recording the "Marks" of old members.

Companion Thos. G. Hutchinson, Grand Principal Sojourner, entered and assumed his station.

The amendment to the Constitution as proposed last year was taken up, and after discussion was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for a report before final action should be taken.

The following report of the Special Committee on Distribution was presented and adopted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

We, your Committee on Distribution of Subjects contained in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and R. E. Grand Secretary, respectfully recommend that so much of the address as refers to our Fraternal Dead be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That so much as refers to Dispensations, Rulings and Recommendations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to Jericho Chapter U. D. be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That so much of the R. E. Grand Secretary's report as refers to the proposed new Chapter at W. Palm Beach and Jericho Chapter U. D. be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That so much as refers to the renting of a library room for the archives of this Grand Chapter, the finances of Madison Chapter, No. 8, and the financial report of the R. E. Grand Secretary, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Respectfully submitted,  
WARREN TYLER,  
W. S. WARE,  
J. E. HANNA,  
Committee.

The motion of P. G. H. P. Silas B. Wright prevailed, that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

MAY 8, 3 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

Present, M. E., James Carnell, with officers and members as at morning session.

The minutes of morning session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Dormant Chapters made the following report, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DORMANT CHAPTERS.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Dormant Chapters submit the following report:

In regard to Island Chapter, No. 21, after considerable correspondence with them, we found that they would be to so much expense to procure the paraphernalia, etc., to get their Chapter into working order again, and so many of their members had moved away and were otherwise lost, that their offer to pay the Grand Chapter the sum of \$40 and allow them to start with a clear record with the year 1899, seemed a fair one, and was accepted. This amount was paid by them. They have made full returns and paid dues for the year 1899, and we think they have good prospects for a prosperous future.

We have had a great deal of correspondence with Ocala Chapter, No. 13, and they have sent up the sum of \$25.01 balance in Treasury, their Charter, books, seal and jewels. A few of their number have obtained Grand Chapter certificates and joined other Chapters, but there is still a prospect of having either the Charter restored to them or a new one asked for. They were requested to attend this Convocation of the Grand Chapter with a view to coming to some understanding in the matter, which we still hope they will do.

We have ascertained, however, that they have considerable paraphernalia which will come to the Grand Chapter, or something in the way of dues.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,  
For Committee.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report, which was received and adopted:

## DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, report on the questions referred to us as follows:

That Jericho Chapter, having manifested satisfactory evidence to the committee of their proficiency, fervency and zeal in Royal Arch Masonry, we are of the opinion a Charter should be granted them, and do so recommend.

We find in reference to the matter of Providence Chapter, No. 20, that its Charter was arrested last year; but upon a careful perusal of our Constitution and Regulations we find no such term as the arrest of a Charter. Therefore, as Companion L. Harrison assures us they are desirous of continuing as a Chapter, and that they have a team ready for the Royal Arch, we recommend that Providence Chapter, No. 20, be continued as such. As they have not received any benefit therefrom, we recommend that Providence Chapter be relieved of their dues to this Grand Chapter for the year 1899.

Fraternally submitted,  
OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
ARTHUR H. CARTER,  
J. E. HANNA,  
Committee.

The following resolution was presented by P. G. H. P. Tyler, and, upon motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the financial status of Providence Chapter, No. 20, be referred for adjustment to P. G. H. P. Silas B. Wright, as a Special Committee, with power to act and to call to his assistance any member or members of this Grand Chapter as he may desire.

Upon motion of P. G. H. P. Endel, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order of business for 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of R. E. A. M. Cushman prevailed, that when this Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to visit Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, at 7:30 p. m., and witness the exemplification of the work by the Committee on Work.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

The Grand Chapter met with Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, at 7:30 p. m., and witnessed the exemplification of the work in the M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. Degrees, by the Committee on Work.



## MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 10 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Present, M. E. : James Carnell, Grand High Priest, with officers and members as at previous sessions, except that R. E. : Elmer E. Haskell, Deputy Grand High Priest, was in his station, and also H. V. R. Schrader, Grand Master of the 3rd Vail, they having been absent yesterday. Wm. W. Faris, High Priest of Jericho Chapter U. D., was also present.

The minutes of afternoon session were read and adopted.

The Grand Secretary announced that the Charter granted yesterday to Jericho Chapter, No. 11, with William W. Faris as High Priest, Walter S. Graham as King, and Chas. R. Cox, Scribe, had been signed, sealed and delivered to the proper parties.

The Grand Secretary also announced that Madison Chapter, No. 8, had paid their dues for 1899, \$14, and \$6 on back dues.

The report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Upon motion of R. E. : E. E. Haskell, the Grand Secretary was instructed to purchase fifty aprons for the use of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was adopted:

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

*To the M. E. : Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they find no unfinished business requiring the attention of this Grand Chapter, except the proposed amendment to Article I, Section 4, of the Constitution, which has already been taken under consideration by this Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. STANLEY,  
T. PICTON BAUMGARTEN,  
WM. H. CYRUS,  
Committee.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report, which was received and adopted:

## PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

*To the M. E. : Grand Chapter of Florida:*

With pleasure it is permitted the Committee on Propositions to report that nothing in the nature of grievance or discord has been presented to us.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. WETHERELL,  
JOHN C. WHITE,  
E. E. HASKELL,  
Committee.

The Committee on Memorials made the following report, which was received and adopted:

## MEMORIALS.

*To the M. E. : Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Memorials beg leave to report: It is your committee's sad and solemn duty to take annual note of the work which the Grim Reaper, Death, is doing in the ranks of our beloved Companions.

As usual, we find that the summons has come to several in our own Jurisdiction, and, as well, to many in our sister Jurisdictions, among whom are those who had been honored with high rank in our beloved Order. In this brief memorial it is neither the time nor place to eulogize individually any of those dear Companions who have been called to rest from their labors, but it is our loving custom to say a last and tender word of farewell to them while their memory is fresh and green in our hearts from a recent living personal contact.

How much sorrow, how many heartaches these deaths have caused, we know not, nor do we wish to look upon this sombre side of these inevitable afflictions. Whatever in God's purpose is inevitable must necessarily be wise and good. Believing, as we do, that death is but the door to a higher, nobler and grander life, it cannot be otherwise than true, that to die is gain. Thus, while it is with a human sorrow that we make record of the death of our beloved Companions, yet we look not upon the things seen, but those which are unseen or seen by the eye of faith alone, and, looking thus, we see that our loss has been their gain, that for corruption they have found incorruption; for dishonor, glory; for this mortal they have put on immortality. Some of us even now are perhaps standing in the shadow of the grave, with faith, but not summons when it comes with hope, not fear, with faith, but not dread; with trust and loving submission, and feeling thus, we can approach the grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.

We recommend that a page of our proceedings be set apart to



the memory of these Companions of our own Jurisdiction; also one to those of our sister Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. McINTOSH,  
T. G. HUTCHINSON,  
W. E. BALLOUGH,

Committee

The following resolution was offered by P. G. H. P. Endel, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Returns and Credentials be instructed to insert the name of Rev. W. W. Faris, H. P., as Representative of Jericho Chapter U. D., attending this session of the Grand Chapter.

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

#### FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Finance Committee, having considered all matters referred to them, beg leave to report:

That we have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them correct. The receipts, expenditures and balances on hand being as stated in their respective reports.

The action of the Grand Secretary in procuring necessary furniture for, and fitting up the library room for the Grand Chapter is approved, and the thanks of the Grand Chapter are due to him for bringing order out of the chaos incident to the removal of the papers and library. The small expenditure in excess of the appropriations was necessary and the action of the Grand High Priest in authorizing the issue of warrants therefor is approved.

The action of the Grand Secretary in renting the room for the library is approved and we recommend the payment of the balance of unpaid rent. We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to sub-let a portion of the library room to the Grand Commandery upon terms equitable to both parties.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to procure a suitable book for the record of Charters issued, and that may be issued by this Grand Chapter, and such account books as may be necessary for his office.

In the matter of Madison Chapter, No. 8, it appears from the record that they have a membership of 27 in good standing, of whom 13 are emeritus and pay no dues, leaving but 14 paying members. Since the opening of this Grand Convocation they have paid the full amount of dues for 1899 and have paid \$6 on account of back dues. We therefore recommend that they be given further time for the payment of their arrears.

We approve the action of the Special Committee on Dormant Chapters in the matter of Island Chapter, No. 21.

Regarding Ocala Chapter, No. 13, we recommend that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest, with the recommendation that if satisfactory arrangements cannot be made for the restoration of the Charter upon the payment of an amount

on their back dues equivalent to the fair value of the paraphernalia and regalia lately owned by the old Chapter, that the property be sent to the Grand Secretary and that he be authorized to sell the same at such price as he shall deem fair and best.

For expenses of the Grand Chapter for the coming year, we recommend the following appropriations:

|                                                           |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| For pay-roll hereunto attached.....                       | \$274.50 |
| For salary of Grand Secretary, payable quarterly.....     | 150.00   |
| For extra services G. Sec., writing up Charter Register.. | 25.00    |
| For rent of library room for 1900-1901.....               | 72.00    |
| For arrears of rent for 1899-1900.....                    | 22.00    |

We recommend that the Grand Secretary, by and with the consent of the Grand High Priest, be authorized to draw warrants for such amounts as may be necessary for printing, stationery and all other incidentals for the use of the Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, during the year, and for the expenses of this Convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay such warrants when properly indorsed by the Grand High Priest.

Fraternally submitted,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
WARREN TYLER,  
J. H. NORTON,  
M. D. CUSHING,  
J. R. KELLER,  
Committee.

The time having arrived for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priests Endel and Wright as tellers.

The ballot having been taken, the following officers were declared elected:

Elmer E. Haskell—M. E. Grand High Priest.  
A. M. Cushman—R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.  
J. R. Wetherell—R. E. Grand King.  
Thos. G. Hutchinson—R. E. Grand Scribe.  
Marcus Endel—Re-elected R. E. Grand Treasurer.  
Wilber P. Webster—Re-elected Grand Secretary.  
Wm. M. McIntosh—Re-elected R. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest-elect announced the appointment of the following officers:

Wm. H. Cyrus—E. Grand Captain of the Host.  
M. D. Cushing—E. Grand Principal Sojourner.  
D. W. Stanley—E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.



H. V. R. Schrader—E. .Grand Master 3rd Vail.  
 A. H. Carter—E. .Grand Master 2nd Vail.  
 John E. Hanna—E. .Grand Master 1st Vail.  
 Jas. F. Clark—E. .Grand Guard.

At the request of the Grand High Priest, P. G. H. P. Endel, assisted by P. G. H. P. Wright as Grand Marshal, installed all of the above Grand officers, with the exception of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain and Grand Guard, they having been re-elected and re-appointed, no installation was necessary.

The motion of P. G. H. P. Carnell prevailed, that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to visit Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, at 7:30 p. m., to witness the exemplification of the work in the Royal Arch Degree by the Committee on Work.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

*To the M. .E. : Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have duly considered the matters referred to it, and respectfully report: That the dispensations granted by the M. .E. .Grand High Priest, and reported in his address being in accord with the laws and usages prevailing in this Jurisdiction, are approved.

The M. .E. .Grand High Priest reports the practice in some of the Particular Chapters of reinstating members suspended for non-payment of dues, and at a subsequent date issuing dimits to such members bearing date of such suspension, and presents some correspondence on the subject, with a ruling that the Chapter is indebted to the Grand Chapter for the dues of such member or members from such time as the reinstatement occurred, which ruling is approved.

We would direct the attention of the Companion High Priests and Secretaries to the fact that if such practice should prevail, that it is a flagrant violation of our laws and is manifestly an injustice to the Grand Chapter, it being evident that it would result in an evasion of payment of dues to the Grand Chapter as well as imposing upon the Craft by testifying to the good standing of the Companion, when in fact he was under

suspension. When dimits are granted, they must correctly show the date of the action of the Chapter granting same.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution presented at the last Annual Convocation, as it appears in the proceedings of 1899, was referred to this committee for its interpretation of the effect of such amendment upon Art. I., Sec. 4, of the Constitution. It is the opinion of your committee, that in view of the importance of the effect of the proposed amendment upon our organic law, and in view of the differences in the wording of said amendment that have appeared in the printed proceedings of the past two years, that no action should be taken thereon at this Convocation, and your committee recommends that the following amendment be proposed and lie over till our next Annual Grand Convocation for final action:

*Resolved*, That the first clause of Article I., Section 4, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter be amended so as to read as follows:

“The Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville on the second Tuesday in May of each year, at 10 o'clock a. m., and the Representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum; providing that the hour of meeting may be changed by resolution.”

Fraternally submitted,  
 ANGUS PATERSON,  
 MARCUS ENDEL,  
 JAS. W. BOYD,  
 I. E. WEBSTER,  
 SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
 W. M. MCINTOSH,  
 WM. H. JEWELL,  
 WARREN TYLER,  
 Committee.

Upon motion of P. G. H. P. Endel, the Grand Secretary was directed to publish the proposed amendment to Constitution as embodied in the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, in the printed proceedings for this year.

P. G. H. P. Jewell proposed the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the next Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville, on the second Tuesday of May, 1901, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:



*Committee on Work*—Warren Tyler, Marcus Endel, Olin S. Wright, W. P. Webster, J. R. Wetherell, T. G. Hutchinson and James Carnell.

*Correspondence*—W. P. Webster, James W. Boyd, Angus Paterson.

*Printing*—W. P. Webster, John H. Norton, Marcus Endel.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

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EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 7:30 P. M

The Grand Chapter visited Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and witnessed the exemplification of the work in the Royal Arch Degree by the Committee on Work, after which it resumed labor.

Present, M. E. Elmer E. Haskell, Grand High Priest, with officers and members as at morning session.

Minutes of morning session were read and adopted.

The following resolutions were proposed by P. G. H. P. Endel, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the recommendation made by the Grand High Priest in his address relative to the fraternal recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, be adopted and the M. E. Grand High Priest requested to exchange Grand Representatives with that Grand Chapter.

*Resolved*, That the recommendation made by the Grand High Priest in his address, that this Grand Jurisdiction be divided into four districts, and that one of these districts be assigned to each of the four highest elective officers of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to visit each of the Chapters in his district at least once during the year, the assignment of districts being left to the Grand High Priest from year to year, be adopted, and the Grand Secretary be directed to incorporate this action of the Grand Chapter in our Regulations

The following resolution, proposed by P. G. H. P. Wright, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter do urge and request that the M. W. Grand Lodge take steps to build an elevator in or attached to the Masonic Temple for the use of the Masonic Bodies using the third and fourth floors.

Upon motion of P. G. H. P. Carnell, the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for the use of its rooms, and to the various transportation lines and hotels for reduced rates given our officers and members.

No further business appearing, the minutes of this session were read and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ELMER E. HASKELL,  
Grand High Priest.

ATTEST:

*W. P. Webster*

Grand Secretary.

PAY ROLL.

| NAMES.                    | CHAPTER.                     | MILE-AGE. | Per diem. | TOTAL.   |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                           |                              | \$ 5.50   | \$4       | \$ 9.50  |
| James Carnell . . . .     | G. H. P. . . . .             | 2.50      | 2         | 4.50     |
| E. E. Haskell . . . .     | D. G. H. P. . . . .          | 3.50      | 4         | 7.50     |
| A. M. Cushman . . . .     | G. K. . . . .                | 6.70      | 4         | 10.70    |
| J. R. Wetherell . . . .   | G. S. . . . .                | 3.50      | 4         | 7.50     |
| Marcus Endel . . . .      | G. T. . . . .                | 2.50      | 4         | 6.50     |
| W. H. Cyrus . . . .       | C. H. . . . .                | 5.50      | 4         | 9.50     |
| W. E. Ballough . . . .    | R. A. C. . . . .             | 10.65     | 4         | 14.65    |
| M. D. Cushing . . . .     | M. 3rd V. . . . .            | 8.25      | 2         | 10.25    |
| H. V. R. Schrader . . . . | M. 1st V. . . . .            | 8.25      | 4         | 12.25    |
| W. M. McIntosh . . . .    | G. C. . . . .                | 5.45      | 2         | 5.00     |
| J. F. Clark . . . .       | G. G. . . . .                | 10.15     | 4         | 7.45     |
| Angus Paterson . . . .    | P. G. H. P. . . . .          | 6.70      | 4         | 14.15    |
| Jas. W. Boyd . . . .      | P. G. H. P. . . . .          | 7.15      | 4         | 14.15    |
| S. B. Wright . . . .      | P. G. H. P. . . . .          | 10.15     | 4         | 10.70    |
| W. H. Jewell . . . .      | P. G. H. P. . . . .          | 8.25      | 4         | 12.25    |
| Warren Tyler . . . .      | Florida No. 1. . . . .       | 10.65     | 4         | 14.65    |
| H. N. Sweeting . . . .    | Tampa No. 3. . . . .         | 6.70      | 4         | 10.70    |
| J. C. White . . . .       | St. Johns No. 4. . . . .     | 5.50      | 4         | 9.50     |
| Bert Fish . . . .         | Halifax No. 5. . . . .       | 15.00     | 4         | 19.00    |
| A. H. Carter . . . .      | Mt. Horeb No. 6. . . . .     | 7.15      | 4         | 11.15    |
| J. R. Keller . . . .      | Eureka No. 7. . . . .        | 4.15      | 4         | 8.15     |
| T. P. Baumgarten . . . .  | Jasper No. 10. . . . .       | 9.50      | 4         | 4.00     |
| John E. Hanna . . . .     | Jacksonville No. 12. . . . . | 10.15     | 4         | 13.50    |
| T. G. Hutchinson . . . .  | Plant City No. 16. . . . .   | 10.15     | 4         | 14.15    |
| Olin S. Wright . . . .    | Thos. Brown No. 22. . . . .  | 10.15     | 2         | 2.00     |
| D. W. Stanley . . . .     | Jericho, U. D. . . . .       |           |           |          |
| W. W. Paris . . . .       |                              |           |           | \$274.50 |



JERICHO CHAPTER, No. 11,

MIAMI.

CHARTERED MAY 8, 1900.

Former Chapter of Members.

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| W. W. Faris, H. P.,   | Egyptian, No. 45, Ill. |
| Walter S. Graham, K., | St. Johns, No. 4, Fla. |
| Charles R. Cox, S.,   | Monroe, No. 1, Mich.   |
| John Omweg,           | Halifax, No 5, Fla.    |
| W. H. McIntire,       | Halifax, No 5, Fla.    |
| C. F. Sulzner,        | Putnam, No. 9, Fla.    |
| J. S. Chase,          | Somerset, No. 15, Me.  |
| S. H. Richmond,       | Ocala, No. 13, Fla.    |
| A. F. Quimby,         | Halifax, No. 5, Fla.   |
| R. J. Chillingworth,  | Central City, N. Y     |
| H. Price Williams,    | Jericho U. D.          |
| Benjamin C. Akin,     | Jericho U. D.          |
| Z. T. Merritt,        | Jericho U. D.          |
| Chas. B. Munson,      | Jericho U. D.          |
| Geo. B. Rumph, Jr.,   | Jericho U. D.          |
| John Douglass,        | Jericho U. D.          |
| J. D. Girtman,        | Jericho U. D.          |
| C. H. Bradley,        | Jericho U. D.          |
| John R. Dewey,        | Jericho U. D.          |
| Geo. H. Woodsall,     | Jericho U. D.          |
| Frank B. Wright,      | Jericho U. D.          |
| John Kronowiths,      | Jericho U. D.          |
| John R. Girtman,      | Jericho U. D.          |
| S. L. Patterson,      | Jericho U. D.          |
| Thomas Mitchell,      | Jericho U. D.          |
| A. M. Sample,         | Jericho U. D.          |
| E. F. McVeigh,        | Jericho U. D.          |

## In Memoriam.

To the Memory of Companions  
of  
Our Jurisdiction,  
who passed away during the year 1899, this page is  
Fraternally dedicated.

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| PHILIP T. ROBERTS . . . . .    | Florida Chapter, No. 1.       |
| ARCH HAGUE . . . . .           | Gainesville Chapter, No. 2.   |
| JAMES B. JORDAN . . . . .      | St. Johns Chapter No. 4.      |
| ANDREW L. WELLMAN . . . . .    | St. Johns Chapter No. 4.      |
| HORATIO B. DUNCAN . . . . .    | Halifax Chapter, No. 5.       |
| LYMAN W. ROWLEY . . . . .      | Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6.     |
| JOSIAH P. HILLIARD . . . . .   | Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6.     |
| WILLIAM W. SIMPSON . . . . .   | Inverness Chapter, No. 14.    |
| RICHARD MORGAN WELLS . . . . . | Plant City Chapter, No. 18.   |
| ANDREW FLORENS . . . . .       | Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19.  |
| PETER A. WILLIAMS . . . . .    | Island Chapter, No. 21.       |
| FRANCIS F. BEVELLE . . . . .   | Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 22. |



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# In Memoriam.



In Memory  
of  
The Distinguished Dead  
of  
Other Grand Jurisdictions,  
Who have been called to the Celestial Chapter  
on High during the year 1900.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

STATISTICS.

| CHAPTER.     | Number. |            | Exalted. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Total. | Deaths. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Present Membership. |
|--------------|---------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
|              | Members | Last Year. |          |             |             |        |         |           |            |           |                     |
| Florida      | 1       | 35         | 1        |             |             | 38     | 1       |           |            |           | 35                  |
| Gainesville  | 2       | 54         | 15       |             |             | 66     | 1       |           |            |           | 55                  |
| Tampa        | 3       | 50         | 15       |             |             | 67     |         | 1         |            |           | 65                  |
| St. Johns    | 4       | 38         |          |             |             | 39     |         |           |            |           | 38                  |
| Halifax      | 5       | 37         |          |             |             | 38     |         |           |            |           | 37                  |
| Mt. Horeb    | 6       | 26         |          | 1           |             | 27     | 1       |           |            |           | 26                  |
| Eureka       | 7       | 26         |          | 3           |             | 31     |         | 4         |            |           | 27                  |
| Madison      | 8       | 27         |          |             | 2           | 29     |         |           |            |           | 27                  |
| Putnam       | 9       | 35         |          |             |             | 35     |         |           |            |           | 35                  |
| Jasper       | 10      | 21         | 1        |             |             | 22     |         | 1         |            |           | 21                  |
| Jacksonville | 12      | 65         |          | 4           | 1           | 70     |         | 1         |            |           | 66                  |
| Inverness    | 14      | 19         | 4        |             |             | 23     | 1       |           |            |           | 22                  |
| Monroe       | 15      | 33         |          |             |             | 33     |         |           |            |           | 33                  |
| Plant City   | 16      | 42         |          |             |             | 42     |         |           |            |           | 42                  |
| Lake Butler  | 19      | 56         |          |             |             | 56     | 1       |           |            |           | 55                  |
| Island       | 21      | 27         |          |             |             | 27     | 1       |           |            |           | 26                  |
| Thos. Brown  | 22      | 32         |          |             |             | 32     |         |           |            |           | 32                  |
| Total        |         | 652        | 73       | 15          | 6           | 746    | 12      | 27        | 13         | 1         | 693                 |

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

| CHAPTER.     | No. | LOCATION.    | TIME OF MEETING.           |
|--------------|-----|--------------|----------------------------|
| Florida      | 1   | Tallahassee  | Second and Fourth Monday.  |
| Gainesville  | 2   | Gainesville  | First Monday.              |
| Tampa        | 3   | Tampa        | First and Third Thursday.  |
| St. Johns    | 4   | DeLand       | Third Monday.              |
| Halifax      | 5   | Daytona      | Second Thursday.           |
| Mt. Horeb    | 6   | Pensacola    | Second Monday.             |
| Eureka       | 7   | Orlando      | First and Third Tuesday.   |
| Madison      | 8   | Madison      | First and Third Monday.    |
| Putnam       | 9   | Palatka      | Second and Fourth Monday.  |
| Jasper       | 10  | Jasper       | First Thursday.            |
| Jericho      | 11  | Miami        |                            |
| Jacksonville | 12  | Jacksonville | Fourth Thursday.           |
| Inverness    | 14  | Inverness    | Thursday before full moon. |
| Monroe       | 15  | Sanford      | Second and Fourth Tuesday. |
| Plant City   | 16  | Plant City   | First Friday.              |
| Lake Butler  | 19  | Lake Butler  | First Thursday.            |
| Island       | 21  | Key West     | Second and 4th Wednesday.  |
| Thomas Brown | 22  | Bartow       | Second Friday.             |

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

| CHAPTER.     | No. | HIGH PRIEST.      | KING.               | SCRIBE.           | TREASURER.         | SECRETARY.       | SECRETARY'S ADDRESS. |
|--------------|-----|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Florida      | 1   | Harry N. Sweeting | John F. Spears      | F. W. Armstrong   | Robert Gansble     | W. M. McIntosh   | Tallahassee.         |
| Gainesville  | 2   | Robt. McClellan   | H. E. Taylor        | E. J. Baird       | M. B. Saunders     | Wm. L. Hill      | Gainesville.         |
| Tampa        | 3   | L. W. Buchholz    | H. E. Jacobs        | Geo. N. Benjamin  | M. D. Cushing      | John C. White    | Tampa.               |
| St. Johns    | 4   | O. F. Fish        | J. H. Hibbard       | O. J. Hill        | S. B. Wright       | Thos. R. Webb    | DeLand.              |
| Halifax      | 5   | Arthur H. Carter  | Harlan D. Brown     | Frank T. Peck     | Thos. S. Rodgers   | Chas. L. Smith   | Seabreeze.           |
| Mt. Horeb    | 6   | J. R. Keller      | J. S. Reese         | C. D. Beyer       | J. W. Frater       | W. E. Anderson   | Pensacola.           |
| Eureka       | 7   | T. P. Baumgarten  | Charles Lord        | John M. Cheney    | Mahlon Gore        | W. H. Jewell     | Orlando.             |
| Madison      | 8   | Abraham H. West   | Joseph Townsend     | Wm. A. Grumbling  | Lewell C. Kuter    | Angus Paterson   | Madison.             |
| Putnam       | 9   | Wm. G. Thighman   | T. B. Anderson      | Walter Thomas     | Moritz Kohl        | Martin I. Coxe   | Palatka.             |
| Jasper       | 10  | F. Adams          | John E. Hanna       | A. Gill           | J. M. Caldwell     | C. C. Crews      | Jasper.              |
| Jericho      | 11  | W. W. Faris       | Walter S. Graham    | Charles R. Cox    |                    |                  | Miami.               |
| Jacksonville | 12  | T. G. Hutchinson  | John H. Norton      | Wm. S. Ware       | Otis L. Keene      | A. M. Lennig     | Jacksonville.        |
| Inverness    | 14  | John M. Young     | James F. Miller     | Geo. W. de Muro   | Augustus T. Priest | W. C. Zimmerman  | Inverness.           |
| Monroe       | 15  | H. E. Munson      | T. J. Miller        | L. R. Phillips    | C. A. Campbell     | J. C. Einsinger  | Sanford.             |
| Plant City   | 16  | James L. Young    | D. C. Thompson      | F. H. McGill      | Jasper Evers       | O. S. Wright     | Plant City.          |
| Lake Butler  | 19  | M. L. McKinney    | J. J. Jones         | W. J. Epperson    | E. L. Odum         | T. B. Hartig     | Lake Butler.         |
| Island       | 21  | Jeremiah Fogarty  | J. W. V. R. Plummer | R. A. Monsalvatge | Geo. H. Curry      | Geo. B. Phillips | Key West.            |
| Thos. Brown  | 22  | D. W. Stanley     | Martin Kenedy       | Thomas W. Gary    | James Harden       | James W. Boyd    | Bartow.              |



GRAND SECRETARIES.

| STATE.                | NAME.                | ADDRESS.                |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| General Grand Chapter | Christopher G. Fox   | Buffalo, N. Y.          |
| Alabama               | H. Clay Armstrong    | Montgomery.             |
| Arizona               | George J. Roskrug    | Tucson.                 |
| Arkansas              | John C. Bone         | Little Rock.            |
| California            | Thomas H. Caswell    | San Francisco.          |
| Canada                | Geo. J. Bennett      | Toronto.                |
| Colorado              | Edward C. Parmelee   | Denver.                 |
| Connecticut           | James McCormick      | Hartford.               |
| Delaware              | James H. Price       | Wilmington.             |
| District of Columbia  | A. W. Johnson        | Washington, D. C.       |
| England               | Edward Letchworth    | London.                 |
| Georgia               | W. A. Wolihin        | Macon.                  |
| Illinois              | Gil. W. Barnard      | Chicago.                |
| Indiana               | W. H. Smythe         | Indianapolis.           |
| Iowa                  | Alf. Wingate         | Des Moines.             |
| Indian Territory      | J. S. Murrow         | Atoka                   |
| Kansas                | Wm. M. Shaver        | Topeka.                 |
| Kentucky              | H. B. Grant          | Louisville.             |
| Louisiana             | Richard Lambert      | New Orleans.            |
| Maine                 | Stephen Berry        | Portland.               |
| Maryland              | George L. McCahan    | Baltimore.              |
| Massachusetts         | J. Gilman Waite      | Boston. (28 School St.) |
| Michigan              | Jefferson S. Conover | Coldwater.              |
| Minnesota             | Thos. Montgomery     | St. Paul.               |
| Mississippi           | J. L. Power          | Jackson.                |
| Missouri              | William H. Mayo      | St. Louis.              |
| Montana               | Cornelius Hedges     | Helena.                 |
| Nebraska              | Francis E. White     | Omaha.                  |
| Nevada                | C. N. Noteware       | Carson City.            |
| New Brunswick         | Wm. B. Wallace       | St. Johns.              |
| New Hampshire         | Frank D. Woodbury    | Concord.                |
| New Jersey            | George B. Edwards    | Jersey City.            |
| New Mexico            | Alpheus A. Keen      | Albuquerque.            |
| New South Wales       | Alfred J. Burbridge  | Sydney.                 |
| New York              | Christopher G. Fox   | Buffalo.                |
| New Zealand           | H. J. Williams       | Waterloo.               |
| North Carolina        | Horace H. Munson     | Wilmington.             |
| North Dakota          | Frank J. Thompson    | Fargo.                  |
| Nova Scotia           | D. H. Campbell       | Halifax.                |
| Ohio                  | Edwin Hagenbuch      | Urbana.                 |
| Oregon                | James F. Robinson    | Eugene.                 |
| Pennsylvania          | Charles Cary         | Philadelphia.           |
| Quebec                | Will H. Whyte        | Montreal.               |
| Rhode Island          | William R. Green     | Providence.             |
| Scotland              | Robert S. Brown      | Edinburgh.              |
| South Carolina        | John T. Barron       | Columbia.               |
| South Dakota          | Geo. A. Pettigrew    | Flandreau.              |
| Tennessee             | W. A. Clendenning    | Nashville.              |
| Texas                 | George Lopas, Jr.    | Floresville.            |
| Vermont               | Warren G. Reynolds   | Burlington.             |
| Victoria              | John Braim           | Melbourne.              |
| Virginia              | James B. Blanks      | Petersburg.             |
| West Virginia         | R. C. Dunnington     | Fairmount.              |
| Washington            | Yancey C. Blalock    | Walla Walla.            |
| Wisconsin             | John W. Ladin        | Milwaukee.              |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | GRAND CHAPTERS.  | OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA. |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|
| B. F. Pope, Gadsden                      | Alabama          | Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| Prosper Powell Parker Phoenix            | Arizona          | T. G. Hutchinson, Jacksonville.          |
| George P. Taylor, Forest City            | Arkansas         | Wm. B. Barnett, Jacksonville.            |
| A. B. Munson, London, Ontario            | California       | Robert J. Perry, Key West.               |
| George W. Roe, Pueblo                    | Colorado         | J. R. Wetherell, DeLand.                 |
| I. F. Stidham, New Britain               | Connecticut      | Warren Tyler, Bartow.                    |
| George W. Beatty, Wilmington             | Delaware         | W. P. Webster, Jacksonville.             |
| John Lockie, Washington                  | Dist. of Col.    | Silas B. Wright, DeLand.                 |
| W. A. Davis, Macon                       | Georgia          | Chas. J. Hays, Orlando.                  |
| W. L. Orr, Chicago                       | Illinois         | H. Glogowski, Tampa.                     |
| Elmer Crockett, South Bend               | Indiana          | R. B. Shepherd, Pensacola.               |
| Jonas A. Lee, Rush Springs               | Indian Territory | R. B. Wright, DeLand.                    |
| George R. Turner, Waterloo               | Iowa             | Milton J. Hull, Orlando.                 |
| Aaron H. Connett, Great Bend             | Kansas           | Silas B. Wright, Plant City.             |
| J. W. Staten, Brooksville                | Kentucky         | Olin S. Wright, Bartow.                  |
| E. W. Drebbholz, New Orleans             | Louisiana        | James W. Boyd, Palatka.                  |
| Henry R. Taylor, Machias                 | Maine            | Wm. P. Anderson, Palatka.                |
| L. Jas. M. Boyd, Annapolis               | Maryland         | Elmer E. Haskell, Ormond.                |
| Charles T. Witt, Boston                  | Massachusetts    | James Carnell, Gainesville.              |
| Herbert E. Blair, Waterville             | Minnesota        | I. E. Webster, Gainesville.              |
| J. L. Power, Jackson                     | Mississippi      | A. M. Cushman, Monticello.               |
| C. C. Woods, Neosho                      | Missouri         | Samuel Pasco, Bartow.                    |
| Charles L. Fulstone, Carson City         | Nevada           | James W. Boyd, Bartow.                   |
| J. J. Monnell, Omaha                     | New Brunswick    | John J. Jones, Lake Butler.              |
| W. H. B. Sadler, St. John                | New Hampshire    | Robt. McClellan, Gainesville.            |
| F. A. Rawson, New York                   | New Jersey       | Edgar A. Richards, Orlando.              |
| Albert C. Stevens, Paterson              | New Mexico       | Geo. W. Hyde, Key West.                  |
| James F. Hughes, Brooklyn                | New York         | Robert J. Perry, Key West.               |
| Wm. Alex Smith, Sydney                   | New So. Wales    | Robert J. Perry, Palatka.                |
| Michael Bowes, Raleigh                   | N. Carolina      | Marcus Endel, Gainesville.               |
| John W. Scott, Valley City               | North Dakota     | Wm. H. Cyrus, Gainesville.               |
| John M. Lawson, Yarmouth                 | Nova Scotia      | I. E. Webster, Gainesville.              |
| William E. Evans, Chillicothe            | Ohio             | Marcus Endel, Tallahassee.               |
| Ernest V. Carter, Ashland                | Oregon           | W. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.             |
| Henry Oscar Kline, Pittsburg             | Pennsylvania     | W. M. McIntosh, Jacksonville.            |
| R. G. Adams, Montreal                    | Quebec           | T. S. Wilmarth, Orlando.                 |
| Ferdinand H. Allen, Providence           | Rhode Island     | Louis C. Massey, Key West.               |
| James D. Duncan, Providence              | Scotland         | Robt J. Perry, Tallahassee.              |
| A. T. Smythe, Charleston                 | S. Carolina      | D. MacLachlan, Tallahassee.              |
| John F. Schrader, Rapid City             | South Dakota     | Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| J. C. Smith, Jr., Jackson                | Tennessee        | W. M. McInnes, Tallahassee.              |
| Joe T. Burgher, Whitewright              | Texas            | Wm. H. Jewell, Orlando.                  |
| Homer Thrasher, Newport                  | Vermont          | Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.             |
| James L. Avis, Harrisonburg              | Virginia         | Angus Paterson, Madison.                 |
| Thomas M. Reed, Olympia                  | Washington       | R. A. Monsalvatge, Key West.             |
| Jere A. Miller, Wheeling                 | West Virginia    | Wm. E. Anderson, Pensacola.              |
| Fred Ring, Lacrosse                      | Wisconsin        | Silas B. Wright, DeLand.                 |
|                                          |                  | Henry W. Long, Martel.                   |
|                                          |                  | R. B. Thomas, Tampa.                     |



PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,  
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

|      | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND KINGS.       | GRAND SCRIBES.       | GRAND TREASURERS. | GRAND SECRETARIES.  | GRAND CHAPLAINS.   |
|------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1847 | Thos. Douglas*      | John P. Duval*             | Henry R. Taylor*   | Geo. W. McRae*       | Edwin D. Nash*    | John B. Taylor*     | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1848 | John P. Duval*      | Isaac H. Bronson*          | Geo. W. McRae*     | D. S. Graham*        | Thomas Brown*     | John B. Taylor*     | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1849 | Isaac H. Bronson*   | Harry R. Taylor*           | D. S. Graham*      | R. A. Shine*         | Thomas Haywood*   | John B. Taylor*     | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1850 | Harry R. Taylor*    | D. S. Graham*              | R. A. Shine*       | R. A. Shine*         | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*     | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1851 | Thomas Brown*       | Gad Humphreys*             | Alfred A. Fisher*  | Gad Humphreys*       | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*     | Geo. M. McDonald*  |
| 1852 | R. A. Shine*        | Samuel B. Stephens*        | Samuel Boardman*   | Benj. Sawyer*        | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*     | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1853 | Samuel Boardman*    | J. M. W. Davidson*         | C. A. M. Mitchell* | D. O. McLean*        | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*     | A. O. Oagr.        |
| 1854 | J. Wayles Baker*    | Thomas Y. Henry*           | James Ellenwood*   | John L. McKinnon*    | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*     | Homer Hender.      |
| 1855 | J. Wayles Baker*    | Edward R. Ives*            | Joseph S. May*     | John L. McKinnon*    | David C. Wilson*  | John B. Taylor*     | Homer Hender.      |
| 1856 | Thos. Haywood*      | Edward R. Ives*            | John L. McKinnon*  | James Ellenwood*     | R. A. Shine*      | John B. Taylor*     | Charles E. Dyke*   |
| 1857 | Thos. Haywood*      | James Ellenwood*           | John L. McKinnon*  | David S. Walker*     | Thomas Haywood*   | John B. Taylor*     | J. R. Plummer.     |
| 1858 | Gad Humphreys*      | James Ellenwood*           | D. P. Holland*     | Charles E. Dyke*     | John T. Bonds*    | John B. Taylor*     | John Penny*        |
| 1859 | D. P. Holland*      | James Ellenwood*           | Geo. F. Baltzell*  | Calvin Davis*        | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*     | John Penny*        |
| 1860 | Thomas Y. Henry*    | Geo. F. Baltzell*          | Geo. D. Fisher*    | Josiah Payne*        | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*     | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1861 | Geo. F. Baltzell*   | James Ellenwood*           | Franklin Branch*   | Charles Slager*      | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*     | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1862 | Geo. F. Baltzell*   | James Ellenwood*           | Charles Slager*    | D. C. Dawkins*       | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*     | Thos. A. Carruth*  |
| 1863 | Geo. F. Baltzell*   | James Ellenwood*           | Green H. Hunter*   | Wm. H. Arendell*     | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*     | Hugh A. Corley*    |
| 1864 | Geo. F. Baltzell*   | James Ellenwood*           | Thos. K. Leonard*  | Wm. H. Arendell*     | Thos. Haywood*    | John B. Taylor*     | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1865 | David Jones*        | D. C. Dawkins*             | B. S. Puller*      | Elias Earle*         | T. Preston Tatum* | Hugh A. Corley*     | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1866 | David Jones*        | D. C. Dawkins*             | Elias Earle*       | A. J. Lea*           | T. Preston Tatum* | Hugh A. Corley*     | Columbus Smith*    |
| 1867 | David Jones*        | Wm. Morrill*               | Charles Slager*    | Charles K. Sparhawk* | T. Preston Tatum* | Hugh A. Corley*     | Samuel C. Craft.   |
| 1868 | James Ellenwood*    | Wm. Morrill*               | Charles Slager*    | M. M. T. Hutchinson* | T. Preston Tatum* | Hugh A. Corley*     | Wm. A. McLean*     |
| 1869 | D. C. Dawkins*      | M. M. T. Hutchinson*       | H. H. Berry*       | Michael Bowes        | T. Preston Tatum* | Edw. Bradford, Jr.* | Thos. A. Carruth*  |
| 1870 | D. C. Dawkins*      | Chas. Slager*              | Charles Munde*     | Samuel Pasco         | T. Preston Tatum* | Edw. Bradford, Jr.* | Thos. A. Carruth*  |
| 1871 | D. C. Dawkins*      | James Ellenwood*           | Wm. Morrill*       | Theodore Ball        | T. Preston Tatum* | W. M. McIntosh      | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1872 | Wm. Morrill*        | Hugh A. Corley*            | John C. Ley        | James L. Taylor      | T. Preston Tatum* | W. M. McIntosh      | Thos. A. Carruth*  |
| 1873 | Michael Bowes       | Samuel Pasco               | John S. Driggs     | Benj. G. Alderman*   | D. L. Oakley      | DeW. C. Dawkins*    | John Penny*        |
| 1874 | Michael Bowes       | John S. Driggs             | John G. Alderman   | D. C. Wilson*        | Wm. A. Young      | DeW. C. Dawkins*    | John Penny*        |
| 1875 | Henry W. Long       | Edmund P. Jordan*          | Wm. T. Weeks       | W. W. Tucker*        | D. L. Oakley      | DeW. C. Dawkins*    | John Penny*        |
| 1876 | John S. Driggs      | Charles J. Allred.         | W. W. Tucker*      | John T. Miller       | D. L. Oakley      | DeW. C. Dawkins*    | John Penny*        |

|      |                   |                     |                     |                     |                   |                  |                   |
|------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1877 | John S. Driggs    | George R. Jones*    | W. W. Tucker*       | John T. Miller      | L. McConihe*      | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny*       |
| 1878 | Enos Wasgate      | Robert J. Perry     | G. E. Wentworth*    | Geo. S. Hallmark    | L. McConihe*      | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny*       |
| 1879 | Robert J. Perry   | G. E. Wentworth*    | G. E. Hallmark      | Hugh A. Corley*     | L. McConihe*      | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny*       |
| 1880 | Robert J. Perry   | Geo. S. Hallmark    | Wm. E. Anderson     | Wm. A. McLean*      | L. McConihe*      | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny*       |
| 1881 | W. A. McLean*     | Wm. E. Anderson     | Warren F. Scott     | John G. Ellis       | L. McConihe*      | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny*       |
| 1882 | W. A. McLean*     | Wm. E. Anderson     | Warren F. Scott     | G. S. Hallmark      | L. McConihe*      | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny*       |
| 1883 | Geo. S. Hallmark  | Wm. E. Anderson     | Warren F. Scott     | J. W. V. R. Plummer | T. S. Wilmarth    | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny*       |
| 1884 | Wm. E. Anderson   | Warren F. Scott     | J. W. V. R. Plummer | Angus Paterson      | T. S. Wilmarth    | DeW. C. Dawkins* | Wm. A. McLean*    |
| 1885 | Wm. E. Anderson   | J. W. V. R. Plummer | Angus Paterson      | Marcus Endel        | T. S. Wilmarth    | DeW. C. Dawkins* | Wm. A. McLean*    |
| 1886 | Angus Paterson    | Marcus Endel        | F. S. Goodrich      | John G. Ellis       | T. S. Wilmarth    | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John S. Wharton   |
| 1887 | Angus Paterson    | Marcus Endel        | F. S. Goodrich      | R. A. Monsalvatge   | T. S. Wilmarth    | DeW. C. Dawkins* | Wm. A. McLean*    |
| 1888 | Marcus Endel      | Fred S. Goodrich    | Wm. M. McIntosh     | Chas. H. Munger     | T. S. Wilmarth    | DeW. C. Dawkins* | Wm. A. McLean*    |
| 1889 | Marcus Endel      | Fred S. Goodrich    | James W. Boyd       | Chas. H. Munger     | T. S. Wilmarth    | DeW. C. Dawkins* | Wm. A. McLean*    |
| 1890 | J. W. Boyd        | T. S. Wilmarth      | S. B. Wright        | F. P. Mersereaux    | John H. Stephens  | DeW. C. Dawkins* | Wm. A. McLean*    |
| 1891 | T. S. Wilmarth    | F. P. Mersereaux    | I. E. Webster       | J. H. Stephens      | Henry S. Ely      | DeW. C. Dawkins* | Wm. A. McLean*    |
| 1892 | Irving E. Webster | Silas B. Wright     | W. M. McIntosh      | J. H. Stephens      | Henry S. Ely      | DeW. C. Dawkins* | Irving E. Webster |
| 1893 | Silas B. Wright   | Wm. M. McIntosh     | John H. Stephens    | Henry S. Ely        | Warren Tyler      | W. A. McLean*    | Irving E. Webster |
| 1894 | Wm. M. McIntosh   | John H. Stephens    | Wm. H. Jewell       | Warren Tyler        | Wilber P. Webster | W. A. McLean*    | Wm. M. McIntosh   |
| 1895 | John H. Stephens  | Wm. H. Jewell       | Warren Tyler        | Wilber P. Webster   | Irving E. Webster | W. A. McLean*    | Wm. M. McIntosh   |
| 1896 | Wm. H. Jewell     | Warren Tyler        | W. P. Webster       | Oliver S. Wright    | Irving E. Webster | W. A. McLean*    | Wm. M. McIntosh   |
| 1897 | Warren Tyler      | W. P. Webster       | James Carnell       | E. E. Haskell       | Irving E. Webster | W. A. McLean*    | Wm. M. McIntosh   |
| 1898 | Wilber P. Webster | James Carnell       | E. E. Haskell       | A. M. Cushman       | Marcus Endel      | W. A. McLean*    | Wm. M. McIntosh   |
| 1899 | James Carnell     | E. E. Haskell       | A. M. Cushman       | J. R. Wetherell     | Marcus Endel      | W. P. Webster    | Wm. M. McIntosh   |

\*Dead.



**Proposed Amendment to Article I, Section 4, of the  
Constitution.**

*Resolved,* That the first clause of Article I., Section 4, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter be amended so as to read as follows:

"The Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville on the second Tuesday in May of each year, at 10 o'clock a. m., and the Representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum; providing that the hour of meeting may be changed by resolution."

This proposed amendment having been duly approved by the Grand Chapter is now published for the information of all concerned, as the same will come up for final action at the next Grand Convocation.

**REGULATION.**

The following Regulation was adopted May 9, 1900:

This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into four districts and one of these districts shall be assigned to each of the four highest elective officers of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to visit each of the Chapters in his district at least once during the year, the assignment of districts to be left to the Grand High Priest from year to year.

## Order of High Priesthood.

### Special Convocation.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Council was held at Jacksonville, January 19, 1900, by order of the M. E. President.

Present:

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| M. E. Angus Paterson,    | as President.            |
| M. E. Geo. W. Hyde,      | as V. President.         |
| M. E. L. W. Buchholz,    | as Chaplain.             |
| M. E. J. F. Miller,      | as Secretary.            |
| M. E. E. E. Haskell,     | as Master of Ceremonies. |
| M. E. Silas B Wright,    | as Conductor.            |
| M. E. James Carnell,     | as Herald.               |
| M. E. R. A. Monsalvatge, | as Steward.              |
| M. E. Jas. F. Clark,     | as Guard.                |

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.  
An application for the Order was received from Companion T. Piction Baumgarten, H. P. of Eureka Chapter, No. 7. Being eligible, he was duly elected to receive the Order.  
Companion Baumgarten being in waiting, he was introduced and regularly annointed in due form.  
The Grand Council was closed in Ample Form.

J. T. MILLER,  
Acting Secretary.



ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

Annual Convocation.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held in Masonic Temple, Jacksonville, at 3 p. m., Wednesday, May 9, 1900. Present:

- M. .E. . Angus Paterson, President.
- M. .E. . James W. Boyd, V. President.
- M. .E. . J. R. Wetherell, as Chaplain.
- M. .E. . Warren Tyler, Treasurer.
- M. .E. . Wilber P. Webster, Secretary
- M. .E. . Wm. M. McIntosh, Master of Ceremonies.
- M. .E. . Silas B. Wright, Conductor.
- M. .E. . James Carnell, Herald.
- M. .E. . A. M. Cushman, as Steward.
- M. .E. . Jas. F. Clark, Guard.

Applications for the Order were received from the following Companions:

- M. .E. . Henry N. Sweeting, High Priest of Florida Chapter, No. 1.
- M. .E. . Arthur H. Carter, High Priest of Halifax Chapter, No. 5.

These Companions being found eligible, upon motion their applications were received and ballot spread, which being clear, the President declared them elected to receive the Order. Companions Sweeting and Carter being in waiting, they were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due form.

The Secretary made the following report, which was received and adopted:

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------|
| W. P. Webster, Secretary, to the Order of High Priesthood. | Dr. |         |
| To collected fees.....                                     |     | \$10.00 |
|                                                            | Cr. |         |
| By paid Warren Tyler, Treasurer.....                       |     | \$10.00 |

The Treasurer made the following report, which was received and adopted:

|                                          |     |               |
|------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Warren Tyler, Treasurer.                 | Dr. |               |
| May 10, 1899, to balance on hand.....    |     | \$24.00       |
| May 9, 1900, to fees from Secretary..... |     | 10.00—\$34.00 |

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

|                                            |     |                |
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|                                            | Cr. | \$6.00         |
| July, 1899, by warrant for printing report |     | <u>\$28.00</u> |
| Balance on hand.....                       |     |                |

Upon motion of M. .E. . Warren Tyler, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for cost of printing proceedings and any other necessary expenses of this Grand Council.

The following report of Special Committee on Ritual was received and adopted:

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

*To the Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood:*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the uniform ritual, beg leave to report that after a careful examination we find much therein to admire, and possibly some things that it might be advantageous for us to adopt, but under all of the circumstances we recommend that further action be indefinitely postponed, and that the ritual be deposited with the Secretary, subject to further action.

We have also considered the matter of adoption of a Bible certificate for membership, and recommend that the Secretary be authorized to procure copies of the book for such of the present members at actual cost as may wish them, and that in future a copy of the Bible be furnished to each newly anointed Companion in lieu of the printed certificates heretofore furnished.

Fraternally submitted,  
 SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
 WARREN TYLER,  
 W. P. WEBSTER,  
 Committee.

This being the Annual Meeting, the Grand Council proceeded with the annual election of officers:

The M. .E. . President appointed Companions Jewell and Cushman as tellers.

The election resulted as follows:



- M. .E. . Angus Paterson—Re-elected President.
- M. .E. . James W. Boyd—Re-elected V. President.
- M. .E. . Irving E. Webster—Re-elected Chaplain.
- M. .E. . Warren Tyler—Re-elected Treasurer.
- M. .E. . Wilber P. Webster—Re-elected Secretary.
- M. .E. . Silas B. Wright—Re-elected Conductor.
- M. .E. . Wm. M. McIntosh—Re-elected Master of Ceremonies.
- M. .E. . James Carnell—Re-elected Herald.
- M. .E. . A. M. Cushman—Elected Steward.
- M. .E. . Jas. F. Clark—Re-elected Guard.

Upon motion of S. B. Wright, the Secretary was directed to purchase ten copies of the Bible certificates for the use of the Grand Council, to be sold to such of the present members as may desire them, and to present one to each of the new members as they are taken into the Order, including the candidates annointed at this meeting.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and approved.

The Grand Council was closed in Ample Form.

W. P. WEBSTER,  
Secretary.

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

| NAME.                           | DATE.                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DeWitt C. Dawkins* . . . . .    | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| John F. Benezet . . . . .       | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| David S. Walker* . . . . .      | Consecrated January 12, 1865 |
| Angus Paterson . . . . .        | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| Henry W. Long . . . . .         | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| William A. McLean* . . . . .    | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| D. Warwick Stanley . . . . .    | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| Charles H. Munger . . . . .     | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| Fred S. Goodrich . . . . .      | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| William A. Griffith. . . . .    | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| James F. Clark . . . . .        | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| William M. Somerville . . . . . | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |

\*Dead.

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| Marcus Endel . . . . .          | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| William W. Tucker* . . . . .    | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| William E. Anderson . . . . .   | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| Wm. M. McIntosh, Sr. . . . .    | Consecrated January 19, 1888 |
| George S. Hallmark . . . . .    | Affiliated January 19, 1888  |
| James W. Boyd . . . . .         | Affiliated January 19, 1889  |
| Samuel Pasco . . . . .          | Consecrated January 16, 1889 |
| Julius Stark* . . . . .         | Consecrated January 16, 1889 |
| Herman Glogowski . . . . .      | Consecrated January 18, 1889 |
| Robert McClellan . . . . .      | Consecrated January 18, 1889 |
| J. W. V. R. Plummer . . . . .   | Consecrated May 7, 1890      |
| John H. Stephens . . . . .      | Consecrated May 7, 1890      |
| Thomas S. Wilmarth . . . . .    | Consecrated May 7, 1890      |
| R. Alfred Monsalvatge . . . . . | Consecrated May 7, 1890      |
| Frank P. Mersereau . . . . .    | Consecrated May 7, 1890      |
| Silas B. Wright . . . . .       | Consecrated May 7, 1890      |
| Samuel A. Wauchope . . . . .    | Affiliated May 13, 1891      |
| Irving E. Webster . . . . .     | Consecrated May 13, 1891     |
| Edgar A. Richards . . . . .     | Consecrated May 13, 1891     |
| Warren Tyler . . . . .          | Consecrated May 11, 1892     |
| William H. Jewell . . . . .     | Consecrated May 11, 1892     |
| William S. Jordan . . . . .     | Consecrated May 11, 1892     |
| John D. Sinclair . . . . .      | Consecrated May 11, 1892     |
| Elijah H. Bunker . . . . .      | Consecrated May 11, 1892     |
| Charles J. Hayes . . . . .      | Consecrated May 12, 1892     |
| Dougald McLachlan . . . . .     | Consecrated May 12, 1892     |
| James H. Whitfield* . . . . .   | Consecrated Nov. 10, 1893    |
| Alonzo M. Cushman . . . . .     | Consecrated May 10, 1893     |
| Olin S. Wright . . . . .        | Consecrated May 10, 1893     |
| Alexander C. Martin . . . . .   | Consecrated May 18, 1894     |
| Bingham H. Chadwick . . . . .   | Consecrated January 18, 1894 |
| Nathaniel T. Elliott . . . . .  | Consecrated January 18, 1894 |
| Wilber P. Webster . . . . .     | Consecrated January 18, 1894 |
| Everard F. Barnes . . . . .     | Affiliated January 5, 1894   |
| Milton A. Fuller . . . . .      | Consecrated March 16, 1894   |
| Thomas J. Smith . . . . .       | Consecrated March 16, 1894   |
| Syd. L. Carter . . . . .        | Consecrated March 9, 1894    |
| William K. Bartleson . . . . .  | Consecrated May 9, 1894      |
| Henry J. Stewart* . . . . .     | Consecrated May 7, 1895      |
| William M. Dunn . . . . .       | Consecrated January 7, 1895  |
| James E. Pound . . . . .        | Consecrated January 7, 1895  |
| Joseph Townsend . . . . .       | Consecrated January 15, 1895 |
| Lowell C. Ruter . . . . .       | Consecrated January 15, 1895 |
| Joseph M. Tolbert . . . . .     | Consecrated January 15, 1895 |

\*Dead.



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| James Harden .....        | Consecrated | January | 15, 1895 |
| Andrew E. Gleason .....   | Consecrated | January | 15, 1895 |
| George W. Hyde .....      | Consecrated | January | 18, 1895 |
| Henry F. Airth .....      | Consecrated | January | 24, 1896 |
| William P. Anderson ..... | Consecrated | January | 24, 1896 |
| Enos Wasgate .....        | Affiliated  | January | 24, 1896 |
| James Carnell .....       | Consecrated | May     | 13, 1896 |
| Monroe D. Cushing .....   | Consecrated | May     | 13, 1896 |
| Henry Payne .....         | Consecrated | May     | 13, 1896 |
| Irving E. Baird .....     | Consecrated | May     | 13, 1896 |
| John R. Wetherell .....   | Consecrated | May     | 13, 1896 |
| Charles R. Oglesby .....  | Consecrated | May     | 13, 1896 |
| John N. Bradshaw .....    | Consecrated | May     | 13, 1896 |
| Eugene P. Mickel .....    | Consecrated | Dec.    | 27, 1896 |
| Louis C. Massey .....     | Consecrated | May     | 11, 1897 |
| Roque V. Rogero .....     | Consecrated | May     | 11, 1897 |
| John E. Hanna .....       | Consecrated | May     | 11, 1897 |
| Elmer E. Haskell .....    | Consecrated | May     | 12, 1897 |
| Wm. E. Ballough .....     | Consecrated | May     | 12, 1897 |
| Geo. P. Ballough .....    | Consecrated | May     | 12, 1897 |
| Charles E. Waite .....    | Consecrated | May     | 12, 1897 |
| Thos. G. Hutchinson ..... | Consecrated | January | 21, 1898 |
| Ludwig W. Buchholz .....  | Consecrated | January | 21, 1898 |
| William H. Hausman .....  | Consecrated | May     | 9, 1898  |
| Abraham H. West .....     | Consecrated | Dec.    | 27, 1898 |
| John T. Miller .....      | Consecrated | January | 19, 1899 |
| H. V. R. Schrader .....   | Consecrated | May     | 10, 1899 |
| Charles L. Smith .....    | Consecrated | May     | 10, 1899 |
| Joseph G. Torrey .....    | Consecrated | May     | 10, 1899 |
| Wm. H. Cyrus .....        | Consecrated | May     | 10, 1899 |
| T. P. Baumgarten .....    | Consecrated | January | 19, 1900 |
| Henry N. Sweeting .....   | Consecrated | May     | 9, 1900  |
| Arthur H. Carter .....    | Consecrated | May     | 9, 1900  |

\*Dead.