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FOR

A. I. 2431—A. D. 1901.

- M.:E.: A. M. Cushman, Grand High Priest, Gainesville.
R.:E.: J. R. Wetherell, Dep. Grand High Priest, DeLand.
R.:E.: T. G. Hutchinson, Grand King, Jacksonville.
R.:E.: Louis C. Massey, Grand Scribe, Orlando.
R.:E.: Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer, Gainesville.
R.:E.: Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.
R.:R.: Wm. M. McIntosh, Grand Chaplain, Tallahassee.
E.: Monroe D. Cushing, Grand Captain of the Host, Tampa.
E.: D. W. Stanley, Grand Principal Sojourner, Bartow.
E.: Joseph R. Keller, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Pensacola.
E.: Chas. W. Johnson, Grand Master 3rd Vail, Jacksonville.
E.: John M. Young, Grand Master 2nd Vail, Inverness.
E.: F. W. Armstrong, Grand Master 1st Vail, Tallahassee.
E.: Jas. F. Clark, Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

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Grand Chapter of Florida.

The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, assembled in its Fifty-Fifth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, on Tuesday, May 14, A. D. 1901, A. I. 2431.

The roll being called, there were found to be present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Elmer E. Haskell,	M.:E.: Grand High Priest.
A. M. Cushman,	R.:E.: Dep. Gr. High Priest.
John R. Wetherell,	R.:E.: Grand King.
T. G. Hutchinson,	R.:E.: Grand Scribe.
Marcus Endel,	R.:E.: Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. Webster,	R.:E.: Grand Secretary.
Wm. M. McIntosh,	R.:R.: Grand Chaplain.
Louis C. Massey, as	E.: Grand Captain of the Host.
Monroe D. Cushing,	E.: Grand Principal Sojourner.
D. W. Stanley,	E.: Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Thos. W. Gary, as	E.: Grand Master 3rd Vail.
Robert McClellan, as	E.: Grand Master 2nd Vail.
J. M. Young, as	E.: Grand Master 1st Vail.
Jas. F. Clark,	E.: Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

Angus Paterson,	Wm. H. Jewell,
Marcus Endel,	Warren Tyler,
James W. Boyd,	Wilber P. Webster,
Silas B. Wright,	James Carnell.
Wm. M. McIntosh,	

PAST HIGH PRIESTS.

Harry N. Sweeting,	Florida Chapter, No. 1.
John N. Bradshaw,	Eureka Chapter, No. 7.
Warren F. Scott,	Nassau Chapter, No. 23.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA.

Arizona.....	T. G. Hutchinson.
Arkansas.....	Wm. B. Barnett.
Colorado.....	John R. Wetherell.
Connecticut.....	Warren Tyler.
Delaware.....	Wilber P. Webster.
District of Columbia.....	Silas B. Wright.
Georgia.....	Monroe D. Cushing.
Iowa.....	Silas B. Wright.
Kansas.....	Olin S. Wright.
Kentucky.....	James W. Boyd.
Maine.....	Elmer E. Haskell.
Maryland.....	James Carnell.
Minnesota.....	A. M. Cushman.
Missouri.....	James W. Boyd.
Nebraska.....	Robert McClellan.
New York.....	Marcus Endel.
North Dakota.....	Marcus Endel.
Nova Scotia.....	W. M. McIntosh.
Ohio.....	W. M. McIntosh.
Pennsylvania.....	Louis C. Massey.
Rhode Island.....	Bingham H. Chadwick.
South Carolina.....	W. M. McIntosh.
South Dakota.....	Wm. H. Jewell.
Texas.....	Angus Paterson.
Washington.....	Silas B. Wright.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS.

Florida, No. 1—	F. W. Armstrong, H. P.
Gainesville, No. 2—	Robert McClellan, H. P.
Tampa, No. 3—	L. W. Buchholz, H. P.
St. Johns, No. 4—	John McDiarmid, proxy for H. P.

Halifax, No. 5—James Carnell, proxy for H. P.
 Mt. Horeb, No. 6—Joseph R. Keller, H. P.
 Eureka, No. 7—Louis C. Massey, proxy for H. P.
 Jacksonville, No. 12—J. H. Norton, H. P.; W. S. Ware, K.; H. G. Aird, S.
 Inverness, No. 14—J. M. Young, H. P.
 Monroe, No. 15—L. R. Phillips, H. P.
 Plant City, No. 16—O. S. Wright, proxy for officers.
 Lake Butler, No. 19—W. J. Epperson, S.
 Providence, No. 20—L. F. Frink, H. P.
 Thomas Brown, No. 22—T. W. Gary, 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—Robert McClellan, John N. Bradshaw, Joseph R. Keller.

After a short recess, 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, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 19, 21 and 22, and are therefore entitled to representation and per diem and milage.

Nos. 4, 10, 15 and 20 made returns and paid dues in full but the dues were not paid until after April 1st., and are therefore not entitled to milage and per diem, but owing to the conditions existing at this time we recommend that they be allowed milage

and per diem this year with a distinct understanding that this shall not be considered as a precedent for future action.
 No. 8 has made returns but paid no dues. No. 16 paid dues and made returns but failed to affix seal to report.
 All of which is fraternally submitted.

Robert McClellan,
 John N. Bradshaw,
 Joseph R. Keller,
 Committee.

The motion of M. E. Companion Marcus Endel prevailed, that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and that they be adopted as printed.

On motion of M. E. Companion Silas B. 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—James Carnell, D. W. Stanley,
 L. C. Massey.

Propositions and Grievances—John R. Wetherell, L.
 W. Buchholz, James W. Boyd.

Dispensations and By-Laws—Olin S. Wright, Wm. H.
 Jewell, F. W. Armstrong.

Masonic Jurisprudence—Angus Paterson, Marcus En-
 del, James W. Boyd, Silas B. Wright, Wm. M. Mc-
 Intosh, Wm. H. Jewell, Warren Tyler, James Car-
 nell.

Finance and Accounts—Silas B. Wright, Warren Ty-
 ler, A. M. Cushman.

Memorials—Wm. M. McIntosh, John McDiarmid, M.
 D. Cushing.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address as follows:

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida: Although it has been but one short year ago that, in peace, love and unity, we closed the Fifty-Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida, many striking and important changes have taken place, seriously affecting the conditions of many of our companions, neighbors and country; even now we are assembled amidst the ashes and ruins of our once proud and beautiful city of Jacksonville, so recently devastated and destroyed by fire. In this catastrophe can we be of service and aid to those in dire misfortune? Is there a necessity among our companions for practical relief that our means will permit? Knowing that in a few days we should meet in annual convocation, and that all necessities were amply met by the generous tide of incoming contributions from almost every section of our beloved nation, I have not taken upon myself to summarily act on behalf of our organization, and therefore make mention thereof at the very beginning of our present convention, feeling assured that you, dear companions, will take such action as the gravity of the situation and our limited means, financially, will possibly permit.

Amid this scene of ruin and loss there is much to be truly grateful for, in that a kind Providence permitted this awful event to happen at a time when the best things possible to be done under such adverse circumstances could be performed, in great part, in the light of day, and that no greater loss of life ensued. My companions, in the midst of life we are in death. Joy and sorrow are brothers. 'Tis often dark, oh! so dark—then the day, and the sun shines again. Courage, companions, in this your adversity. This dispensation, so grievous, must and can be borne, and out of these ashes of your troubles and sufferings will rise, "Phoenix

like," new and nobler aims and ambitions, loftier purposes, and grander and greater achievements than ever realized in the past.

Since our last meeting we have witnessed the close of the most progressive century of the past, and with renewed hope and courage, steadfast to the principles of our beloved order, in fact one of the great instruments of good to society, we have entered upon the threshold of a new century—the Twentieth Century of the Christian Era. Generally, the surroundings which confront our order, as compared with that of the early part of the last century, are most favorable, and I feel assured that the same firm and courageous devotion to the high principles of Capitular Masonry, which then actuated our early companions, now applied, will accomplish wonders to and for our noble craft.

In the retrospect, an honest contemplation, must confess that our work performed has often fallen below the full measure of our opportunity, capacity and desire.

Our responsibilities are personal in this direction. The Great I AM alone is competent to judge.

Hence, in humble knowledge of the meager achievements of the past year, in this Grand Jurisdiction, as compared with many preceding years, as your Grand High Priest I venture your charitable consideration of the work I bring for inspection, and greet and welcome you to this the Fifty-Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

And first, thankful to God for all that we have received in the past, and with renewed and greater faith in His mercies and blessings for us in the future, it is meet that we should implore His aid in our present undertakings.

Peace and harmony prevail everywhere in our jurisdiction, and Capitular Masonry is awakening from its slumbers, and unmistakable evidences of activity are plainly to be seen. May each of us be filled with the inspiration of such a condition of affairs, and with hope

and energy foster and secure every good that may develop and strengthen our order.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

This Grand Chapter has been visited by the "grim messenger" in the death of R. E. Companion R. A. Montsalvatge, who died at his home in Key West. This companion was a Past High Priest of Island Chapter, No. 21, and Grand Scribe of this Grand Chapter in 1887, and will ever be remembered for his zeal and attachment to our order.

Our subordinate chapters have been visited during the year with the following sad dispensations, and the following companions have passed ahead of us to the great unknown:

- H. B. Lloyd, Gainesville, No. 2.
- W. E. Bledsoe, Tampa, No. 3.
- D. P. Hodgkins, Mt. Horeb, No. 6.
- W. C. Nutt, Eureka, No. 7.
- J. W. Towne, Eureka, No. 7.
- Wm. A. Grambling, Madison, No. 8.
- Calvin Gillis, Putnam, No. 9.
- W. P. Anderson, Putnam, No. 9.
- Augustus A. Armington, Inverness, No. 14.
- W. D. McCracken, Monroe, No. 15.
- Timothy A. Vick, Plant City, No. 16.
- J. E. Wainwright, Lake Butler, No. 19.
- Noah Taylor, Lake Butler, No. 19.
- Rev. Saml. C. Phillips, Providence, No. 20.
- John J. Canfield, Island, No. 21.
- Wm. J. Henning, Island, No. 21.
- Edward B. Rawson, Island, No. 21.

Many of our sister Grand Jurisdictions have met with sad and distinguished losses of the "faithful" from their midst. I have received notices of the following, namely:

Arkansas—Past Grand High Priest W. H. Gee, who died May 28th, 1900.

California—Past Grand High Priest Thomas Hubbard Caswell, who died November 13th, 1900.

Their commissions have been duly issued and forwarded by the Grand Secretary.

I made the following recommendations as representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, namely:

Delaware—February 26th, 1901—E. Comp. Wilber P. Webster, of Jacksonville.

Georgia—November 7th, 1900—E. Comp. Monroe D. Cushing, of Tampa.

Iowa—November 7th, 1900—E. Comp. Silas B. Wright, of DeLand.

Maryland—November 7th, 1900—E. Comp. James Carnell, of Ormond.

Massachusetts—November 8th, 1900—E. Comp. Irving E. Webster, of Gainesville.

New Mexico—November 7th, 1900—E. Comp. H. V. R. Schrader, of Tallahassee.

Rhode Island—November 7th, 1900—E. Comp. B. H. Chadwick, of Jacksonville.

Vermont—November 7th, 1900—E. Comp. William H. Cyrus, of Palatka.

DISPENSATIONS.

To facilitate and promote the best interests of the work in the subordinate chapters, upon application duly made, the causes assigned in each particular case appearing sufficient, I granted the following dispensations:

On June 5th, 1900, I granted a dispensation to Madison Chapter, No. 8, to elect and install its officers at a special convocation.

June 11th, 1900—Granted a dispensation to Jericho Chapter, No. 11, to elect and install its officers, and at its next meeting to elect and install a Secretary.

June 15th, 1900—Granted a dispensation to Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6, to receive, ballot and act upon applications for membership, at called meeting on June 22nd, 1900.

July 17th, 1900—Granted a dispensation to Providence Chapter, No. 20, giving them permission to hold a convocation to elect and install officers, and amend by-laws, and to report. (This at the instance of P. G. H. P. Silas B. Wright, to whom this Grand Chapter, at its last convocation, referred certain matters in relation to said chapter.)

January 14th, 1901—Granted a dispensation to Monroe Chapter, No. 15, to hold an election and install officers on January 22nd, 1901.

April 3rd, 1901—Granted dispensation to Island Chapter, No. 21, to ballot on petitions of candidates, at special meeting, Grand High Priest being present, candidates being well known.

April 17th, 1901—Granted dispensation to Madison Chapter, No. 8, to elect its officers and ballot upon three petitions and dimit of Companion Buck, at special meeting on that date, the Grand High Priest being present, and the candidates being well known.

April 22nd, 1901—Granted dispensation to St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, to ballot and confer chapter degrees upon a well-known candidate, at a special meeting, said chapter having failed a quorum at its last regular convocation.

April 22nd, 1901—Granted dispensation to Florida Chapter, No. 1, to ballot upon three petitions of well-known candidates ahead of time, the Grand High Priest being present. (Florida Chapter, No. 1, has a by-law which under ordinary circumstances prevents action at same time petition is presented. Such a by-law being in my opinion within the discretion of said chapter, as contemplated by Reg. 32 of this Grand Chapter, a dispensation was necessary.)

In reference to the granting of dispensations, I have to report that in no case have I considered that the best interests of our craft required that payment for such dispensations should be made, as required by Constitution, Sec. 20, and therefore, in each case, I have remitted such fees.

During an enforced absence from the State of Florida, in attendance upon an invalid mother, the duties of my honorable and high office were ably and acceptably performed by our honored and respected Deputy Grand High Priest, who, for good causes appearing to him granted the following dispensations:

December 3rd, 1900—To St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, to ballot for a well-known candidate at a special meeting.

December 15th, 1900—To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, to hold a special convocation to elect officers and transact regular business of chapter.

The fees for these last dispensations have been remitted by me.

Our jurisdiction is so large in its extent of territory; our numbers so small compared with the distance to be traveled, both from chapter to chapter and by members to their chapter meetings; and our membership, with its chapter locations so few and far between, so scattered, it often being very difficult to obtain the necessary quorum for transaction of chapter business; that to charge a fee for dispensations granted to remedy these lapses in regular order of business would be a burdensome hardship. In our present condition I do not approve this provision of our Constitution.

RULINGS.

Upon request from P. H. P. M. D. Cushing, of Tampa Chapter, No. 3, I ruled as follows: "That in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, of a subordinate chapter, the Junior Past High Priest, pres-

ent, may open the chapter and preside. This to apply to a stated convocation or a special convocation legally called." (Constitution of General Grand Chapter, Article III, Sec. 42.)

BY-LAWS.

After comparing carefully the by-laws of Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, with our Constitution and regulations, and finding them to be in harmony with the same, I approved them on June 21st, 1900.

CHAPTERS CONSTITUTED.

At the last Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter a charter was issued to Jericho Chapter, No. 11, at Miami, Fla. On June 11th, 1900, by arrangements made with those interested, it was my privilege to regularly constitute these companions into a regular chapter under this jurisdiction.

In person, assisted by the following companions: J. R. Dewey as Deputy Grand High Priest, W. H. McIntire as Grand Scribe, J. S. Chase as Grand Principal Sojourner, R. J. Chillingworth as Grand Captain of the Host, Thomas Mitchell as Grand Royal Arch Captain, E. H. Rhodes as Grand Secretary, John Kronowetter as Grand Treasurer, C. H. Bradley as Grand Chaplain, and J. D. Girtman as Grand Guard, we proceeded to the chapter room of Jericho Chapter, No. 11, having been notified that its members were ready for our reception, and were received with the grand honors, and filled the stations with the proper officers, and thereupon constituted the members of said chapter (before then under dispensation) into a regular chapter, according to the Ancient Ceremonies adopted by this Grand Chapter.

Thereafter, an election of its officers having been had, I installed into office the following companions: W. W. Faris, as Excellent High Priest; Walter S. Graham, as King; Charles R. Cox, as Scribe; John Thornton, as Captain of the Host; Z. T. Merritt, as Principal

Sojourner; George B. Rumph, Jr., as Treasurer; J. R. Girtman, as Royal Arch Captain; John Douglass, as Master of 3rd Vail; C. B. Munson, as Master of 2nd Vail; Frank B. Wright, as Master of 1st Vail; and John Omweg, as Sentinel.

I delivered to the chapter the regular charge in such cases, and, after benediction by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Officers retired. After these ceremonies it was my further privilege to officially visit this chapter on the same evening, and witnessed the conferring of all the degrees of the chapter upon two candidates, assisting in the work.

DORMANT CHAPTERS

I have made many efforts to induce the companions of Ocala Chapter, No. 13, to interest themselves in a request for a restoration of their chapter, but with indifferent success, local circumstances rendering the present prospect of attaining such a result very doubtful.

In December of 1900 I received a letter, forwarded to me in a far distant State, from Companion W. F. Scott, of Fernandina, for instruction how to proceed to get a restoration of their charter, which by action of this Grand Chapter in the year surrendered its charter, Nassau Chapter, No. 23, having voluntarily surrendered its charter, and the same having been acted upon by this Grand Chapter, in fact forfeiting said charter, I did not consider any prerogative or power to be vested in me in such case, to take any summary action in the premises. I gave the companion instructions to present at this Grand Convocation their petition for a restoration of their former charter, and trust that the same, if presented, will meet with your favorable consideration.

I am delighted to announce that there seems to be an awakening spirit of interest among the companions of our dormant chapters, that promises good to them and satisfaction to our fraternity.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

An important function, freighted with much good to the interest and welfare of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction, was set in motion at our last annual convocation—that of Grand Visitation, by the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe. By regulation then passed, it was made the duty of these officers to make such visitations once at least each year, to such assignments as might be made by the Grand High Priest.

Circumstances, business engagements and absence from the State of Florida conspired to prevent making such assignments by me, until late in our fiscal year, and the fact that such assignment was made so late in the year, I am confident, prevented certain of such visits being so made.

I refer to this, stating the facts of the matter, that those officers upon whom such duty devolved may not be unjustly censured.

Notwithstanding this misfortune, on my part, I am proud to say that this regulation has been so well carried out by all these officers that much good has resulted therefrom in consequence.

Subordinate chapters and the companions heartily appreciate the visits of their highest dignitaries, in their official capacities, no matter how humble and simple their accomplishments may be, and I take pleasure in commenting upon the uniform courtesies, high honors and hearty welcomes extended to these officers in the performance of this line of duty.

We may all profit something from intercourse and companionship, sometimes exquisitely enhanced by the pleasure of greeting some companion upon whose brow has fallen the laurel leaves of our beautiful and beneficent order. The mind broadens, the fraternal sympathies grow nearer and dearer, and brotherly love and tenderness are more apparent. "As one loveth, so is he loved." With the friendly spirit beaming in the face, felt in the hand clasp, and lived in the daily life

and practice of each of us, there cannot long be withstood our efforts for good to our fellow-man.

In accordance with said regulation, I promulgated the following assignment of visitations to be made by said officers:

The M. E. Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Florida.
Office of the Grand High Priest.

To (here directing to respective Grand Officer by name.)

Dear Companion: Pursuant to a resolution of our Grand Chapter, adopted May 9th, 1900, this Grand Jurisdiction has been divided into the following districts, and the following named officers assigned to such district, for the purpose of visitation, namely:

District No. 1, comprising Chapters No. 1, No. 5, No. 6, No. 8, No. 11, No. 21, and assigned to the Grand High Priest.

District No. 2, comprising Chapters No. 2, No. 4, No. 10, No. 14, No. 15, and assigned to the Deputy Grand High Priest.

District No. 3, comprising Chapters No. 3, No. 7, No. 16, No. 22, and assigned to the Grand King.

District No. 4, comprising Chapters No. 9, No. 12, No. 19, and assigned to the Grand Scribe.

Fraternally,

E. E. HASKELL,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

Your Grand High Priest has made an official visitation to the following chapters: Putnam Chapter, No. 9, at Palatka, Fla.; Halifax Chapter, No. 5, at Daytona; Jericho Chapter, No. 11, at Miami (twice), and Island Chapter, No. 21, at Key West. This is the first and only Grand Visitation received by this chapter, and to say that they appreciated this recognition, far away in their beautiful "isle of the sea," does not adequately recognize their extensive and hospitable entertainment given to the Grand High Priest. I was permitted to visit and enjoy for an hour Companion J. W. V. R. Plummer (Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter in 1885), who was convalescing from a serious operation, that of the amputation of his right foot. He was doing finely and in reminiscence recalled many happy hours with many of us at our annual convocations.

I visited, also, Madison Chapter, No. 8, at Madison, Fla. This chapter has in common with many of our business interests, in many parts of our State, been suffering from that Masonic depression which accompanies business depression. Long distances for the companions to travel to the place of meetings, the too often "lack of a quorum," and other unavoidable causes incident to our subordinate chapters, have joined in making it impossible to reap the best results possible; but, with the awakening spirit of interest in our order, the outlook is bright, and these companions are now on the road to prosperity and usefulness. They are fortunate in their situation and possessions, and are worthy of the most favorable consideration by us.

Also, Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6, at Pensacola, where, amid beautiful natural surroundings and the spirit of fraternal society abundant and overflowing, it would be indeed strange to find other than a wide-awake and successful chapter. These companions are and will ever be an element of strength, beauty and wisdom for Capitular Masonry in that section of our jurisdiction.

I also visited Florida Chapter, No. 1, at Tallahassee, and found them busy, prosperous and happy in the

prospect of much work ahead of them. I assisted in conferring the Mark Master degree upon three candidates, and was informed that they have lately been kept very busy in conferring the chapter degrees upon candidates seeking after light in our mystic circles.

I comment very favorably upon the chapter at Miami, it having been in existence for only one year, and now having a membership (information when last there) of nearly forty members. With members of the abilities, standing and zeal of their character, there are bright prospects ahead for them.

It is unnecessary for me to say of Halifax Chapter, at Daytona, more than that they are in their usual zealous and prosperous condition. I will venture to mention that I enjoyed my visitation there in the most profitable manner, in fact, an intellectual and fraternal treat, for while there was no ritualistic work done at the time, the presence of many visiting companions, bright and instructive in their knowledge of the high principles and practical workings of Capitular Masonry, its aims, hopes, purposes and realizations, and its possibilities to the seeker after truth, made an impression upon me that will ever be remembered.

R. E. Comp. A. M. Cushman reports that on account of his business at the time of receiving his assignment, and since, he had been unable to visit any of the chapters in the Second District assigned, except Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, which he reports in a flourishing condition, as will be seen by the annual returns.

In the Third District, assigned to R. E. Comp. John R. Wetherell, receiving word from him that on account of sickness from grippe he would probably be unable to make such visits, at his timely suggestion I wrote to Past Grand High Priest Warren Tyler, of Bartow, requesting him, as my proxy, to make such Grand Visitations as the limited time would allow. I attach hereto his report to me in full, and express my sincere appreciation for his kind and timely aid in this matter:

Bartow, Fla., May 6th, 1901.

Elmer E. Haskell, Esq., Grand High Priest,
Palatka, Fla.

Most Eminent Companion: Your request to act as your proxy in visiting the chapters at Orlando, Bartow, Plant City and Tampa reached me on the 3rd of April, and I at once began to make arrangements for official visits to the chapters designated. The time was very short in which to arrange communications for that purpose, but I have succeeded in visiting officially Tampa, No. 3, R. A. M., and Eureka, No. 7, R. A. M.

Having made previous visits to Plant City and being a member of Thomas Brown, No. 22, at Bartow, I can vouch for the good condition of the order at those points, though circumstances beyond my control and that of the companions prevented official visit within the time allowed. The last two chapters have had little work the past year, but have good prospects for the present, and I feel certain the next report will show a material addition to their membership as well as increased proficiency in the degree work.

On April 18th I visited Tampa Chapter, No. 3, and though a severe storm prevented the attendance of the expected candidates, we had a most satisfactory meeting, and the companions exemplified the work in the M. M. degree upon a substitute in a most creditable manner. They now have a good corps of workers and all seem enthused with the spirit of Royal Craft Masonry. They have had twenty convocations the past twelve months and have considerable work in prospect. With the increased accommodations which they will have on completion of their new temple, I look for great strides to be made by the companions at Tampa.

April 26th I visited Eureka Chapter, No. 7, at Orlando, and a most satisfactory exemplification of the work in all degrees was witnessed upon one candidate, occupying an afternoon and evening session. The officers seemed thoroughly conversant with the ritual in all but some minor details, and with the assistance ren-

dered them I feel sure they will become, as they have encouragement to be, one of the brightest and most proficient chapters in the State. Their average attendance, upon the six communications of the past year, was twelve out of a membership of twenty-nine. A banquet followed the night session in the banquet room of their chapter, and several toasts were responded to with many compliments to your representative, which I was sorry you could not have received in person instead of by proxy.

I trust we shall have the pleasure of meeting you in your usual good health next week unless some cause should make it seem more expedient to adjourn the meeting of the Grand Bodies till a later date, on account of the terrible calamity that has befallen our sister city of Jacksonville. Our hearts go out to all our companions and fraters there with deepest sympathy in this their very great misfortune.

Very courteously yours,

WARREN TYLER,
P. G. H. P.

As to the Fourth District, assigned to R. E. Comp. T. G. Hutchinson; it was my pleasure to meet him in his official visit at Palatka to Putnam Chapter, No. 9. With him were Companions John H. Norton and William Lansdell, of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12. He reports that he visited two of the three chapters assigned to him.

Of his visit to Putnam Chapter, No. 9, he says: "February 25th, 1901, I visited Putnam Chapter, No. 9, at Palatka, in company with Comp. J. H. Norton, H. P., of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and Comp. William Lansdell of the same chapter. The chapter was opened in due form, with full quota of officers, in R. A. degree. I inspected the charter, by-laws, etc. Labor was suspended and a lodge of Mark Masters opened for work and instruction, and Bro. McLarty advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master in due form." "I also visited Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, at Jack-

sonville, Thursday, April 25th, 1901. This chapter is in a prosperous condition, being favored with a good attendance, both officers and members, zealous in their efforts to perfect themselves in our ritual."

At the possible expense of your considering me even too lengthy upon this theme, I will further say that to me this regulation seems a step in the proper direction, tending largely to encourage, foster, cultivate and cement true fraternal knowledge and sympathy among our dear companions in this Jurisdiction, as also to illustrate to companions visiting us on such occasions that we are indeed cultivating and working our fields and vineyards for the best results.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In quite an extended travel in the performance of my duty, it would appear strange if the mind attuned to the best interests of our craft should not discern something in the existing state of things not in harmony with its thoughts and therefore needing a recommendation in relation thereto, hence I recommend that some regulation tending to constrain our honored Past Grand High Priests to more generally attend our annual convocations be adopted, and suggest such an one as will obviate their necessity of defraying traveling expenses, coming and going, and place them upon the pay roll, with per diem, when in attendance, as other pay officers of this Grand Chapter. I am led to recommend this, not from applications to do so, but from a sincere desire to conserve the wisdom, strength and best interests of this Grand Chapter.

Again, it has always been a matter of regret to me that the time of meeting of this Grand Chapter was severed from meeting at the close of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida. In my humble opinion, many of the inconveniences and unfavorable situations now attending our annual convocations would be removed by a return to the "old way." Certainly, from a financial view, there would be much to gain thereby.

It has come to my knowledge that some of our companions have countenanced the practice of balloting for more than one petition at the same time, "to save time," and in event of a dark ballot then ballot over separately.

To my mind there is no situation, "to save time" or otherwise, that could possibly require such a procedure, and I therefore recommend the adoption of a regulation strongly prohibiting such action under any circumstances. Further comment is unnecessary at this time.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, I am deeply sensible of the distinguished honor conferred upon me, by placing in my hands the authority of the most important and honorable office in your power to bestow.

My only regret is that I could not bring to its service greater ability and a larger portion of my time. Upon such occasions as it has been my privilege to do or say anything for the advancement and good of this great organization, I trust that your generous and keen perceptions will credit me with that true Masonic zeal which should actuate all companions in the discharge of high duties and responsibility.

There is to me a pleasant thought—that all are necessary and useful to fulfill the great purpose and destiny of Masonry, and I have the consciousness of having to the best of my ability, my other duties and demands considered, performed those things which appeared to me best calculated to conserve your best interests.

In closing, I congratulate the companions upon the universally high standard of morality, in precept and example, obtaining among our craft, compared with other benevolent societies. "Virtue alone is true nobility."

Fraternally submitted,
E. E. HASKELL,
Grand High Priest.

Upon motion of M. E. Companion Warren Tyler, the Grand High Priest's Address was referred to a Special Committee for the distribution of subjects.

The Deputy Grand High Priest appointed as such committee, Past Grand High Priests Tyler, Wright and Paterson.

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: It will be impossible for me to make as complete a report at this time as I had expected and hoped. In our terrible conflagration of the 3rd of this month, the northwest corner of the block in which our temple is located was at one time on fire. As it seemed impossible to check the progress of the flames in other directions, we feared that nothing could save our temple; consequently, I moved out as much as possible of its contents. Let us return our sincere thanks to the great I AM for so mercifully sparing our temple. My papers are at present in such confusion that I trust I may be pardoned if my report is incomplete, and some important matters overlooked.

Providence Chapter, No: 20, at Lake City, has been revived under the direction of Past Grand High Priest Wright, who will no doubt make report of same at this convocation. I have obtained as full a record of its past work as possible, including their return for 1900; but they have paid no dues to the Grand Chapter. I am pleased to be able to say that I have succeeded in getting a complete file of the proceedings of our Grand Chapter, having received copies of the missing number for 1870 from the Grand Chapters of Massachusetts and Minnesota. Our thanks are due to these Jurisdictions for sending us the same.

The thanks of this Grand Chapter are also due as follows:

To Companion George P. Rupp, Grand Librarian of Pennsylvania, for copies of proceedings of his and other Grand Jurisdictions.

To Companion Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary of Maine, for a bound copy of originals of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine for the years 1855 to 1866. This copy is very rare, and we were indeed fortunate in getting it.

To Companion Gill W. Barnard, Grand Secretary of Illinois, for copy of the history of the Grand Chapter of Illinois; also, for a fine bronze medal of the same Grand Chapter.

To Companion Francis E. White, Grand Secretary of Nebraska, for a copy of our proceedings for 1871.

To Companion Wm. M. McIntosh, Grand Chaplain, for twenty-one copies of back numbers of our proceedings.

It is possible that I have overlooked some who should be remembered; if so, I trust they will consider the circumstances, and take the will for the deed.

As directed by you last year, I made up a list of delinquent representatives, and sent it to the M. E. Grand High Priest on May 26, 1900.

I have discovered the original charter of Thomas Brown Chapter that has been missing for a number of years, and recommend its restoration to that chapter. A new book for recording chapter charters has been procured, and the record completed as far as it has been possible to obtain the data.

Believing it to be for the best interest of the craft to have a mutual agreement between our Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Georgia and Alabama, in regard to material living near the borders of our respective States, I have taken the matter up with them with the result that the Grand Chapter of Georgia passed the following resolution at its last convocation, on April 24th last:

“Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chap-

ter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Florida of all material residing at or near the boundary line between said States. This resolution to become operative upon the passing of a similar resolution by the Grand Chapter of Florida.”

I would earnestly recommend that the Grand Chapter take similar action at this convocation, both as to Georgia and Alabama, as I have assurance from the latter that the matter will receive consideration at their next meeting.

All of the chapters have made returns for 1900, and all have paid dues except Madison, No. 8, Monroe, No. 15, and Providence, No. 20.

The chapters in arrears for dues are as follows:

Madison, No. 8, back dues	\$59 30
Madison, No. 8, for 1900	15 00
Monroe, No. 15, for 1900	35 00

Companion Wright, no doubt, will make statement as to the dues of Providence, No. 20.

After the terrible experience we have recently passed through, I deem it my duty to earnestly recommend that this Grand Chapter join with the Grand Commandery in the purchase of a suitable fireproof safe for the library. Our most valuable papers and books are now in the Grand Lodge safe, but space there is very limited, and there will soon be no room for any of our books.

I had the entire appendix of our proceedings for this year made up and in type at the printers, all of which has been destroyed by the fire, and will again have to be made up from the returns.

Members of Nassau Chapter, No. 23, have applied for the restoration of their charter, and the papers are herewith presented for reference to the proper committee.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,

Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary, to the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Dr.

To back dues Madison Chapter, No. 8.....	\$ 20 00
To book Live Oak Chapter, defunct, sold.....	1 00
To dues member of Live Oak Chapter.....	2 00
To rent paid by Grand Commandery.....	22 00
To mark-book, sold.....	1 50
To dues Florida Chapter, No. 1, 1900.....	34 00
To dues Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, 1900.....	56 00
To dues Tampa Chapter, No. 3, 1900.....	81 00
To dues St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, 1900.....	26 00
To dues Halifax Chapter, No. 5, 1900.....	54 00
To dues Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6, 1900.....	64 00
To dues Eureka Chapter, No. 7, 1900.....	34 00
To dues Putnam Chapter, No. 9, 1900.....	39 00
To dues Jasper Chapter, No. 10, 1900.....	19 00
To dues Jericho Chapter, No. 11, 1900.....	40 00
To dues Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, 1900.....	88 00
To dues Inverness Chapter, No. 14, 1900.....	25 00
To dues Plant City Chapter, No. 16, 1900.....	26 00
To dues Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, 1900.....	47 00
To dues Island Chapter, No. 21, 1900.....	36 00
To dues Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 22, 1900.....	25 00
To rent from Grand Commandery.....	22 00

\$762 50

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May 30, 1900, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 23 00
June 9, 1900, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	22 00
December 29, 1900, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	56 00
January 5, 1901, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	40 00
February 2, 1901, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	214 50
February 12, 1901, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	124 00
March 2, 1901, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	39 00
April 11, 1901, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	111 00
April 16, 1901, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	45 00
May 14, 1901, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	88 00

\$762 50

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.

1900.	
May 8, to balance as per report 1900.....	\$ 922 93
May 30, to received from Grand Secretary...	23 00
June 9, to received from Grand Secretary....	22 00
Dec. 6, to interest from Commercial Bank..	10 00
Dec. 31, to received from Grand Secretary..	56 00
1901.	
Jan. 7, to received from Grand Secretary....	40 00
Feb. 2, to received from Grand Secretary..	214 50
Feb. 12, to received from Grand Secretary..	124 00
March 2, to received from Grand Secretary..	39 00
April 11, to received from Grand Secretary..	111 00
April 16, to received from Grand Secretary..	45 00
May 14, to received from Grand Secretary..	88 00
May 14, to interest from Commercial Bank..	6 64
	<u>\$1702 07</u>

Cr.

By warrants paid, vouchers attached.	381 68
By pay roll 1900	274 50
	<u>\$ 656 18</u>
Cash in Nat. Bank of Jacksonville.	\$545 89
Cash in Commercial Bank	500 00
	<u>\$1045 89</u>
	<u>\$1702 07</u>

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

The motion of M. E. Companion Carnell prevailed, that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, it be to resume labor at 3 o'clock p. m.

A communication from Companion H. V. R. Schrader, Grand Master of the 3rd Vail, reporting his removal from the Jurisdiction, was read, and the Grand Secretary was directed to reply to same, expressing the regrets of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In Grand Chapter.

Tuesday, May 14. 3 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with officers and members as at morning session.

The minutes of morning session were read and approved.

The Special Committee on Distribution made the following report, which was 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 the fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That so much as refers to Special Dispensations, Rulings and recommendations be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to new chapters and dormant chapters 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 original charter of Thomas Brown Chapter and the

restoration of charter to Nassau Chapter No. 23 be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That so much as refers to joining the Grand Commandery in the purchase of a safe, returns of chapters in arrears and the Financial report of the R. E. Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That the recommendation of the R. E. Grand Secretary that thanks be extended to Grand Secretaries of sister grand jurisdictions for books and copies of proceedings, etc., presented be approved and the Grand Secretary directed to notify them of this action.

That the matter of concurrent jurisdiction between our Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Georgia and Alabama, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We recommend the appointment of Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters and the recommendation of Representatives near this Grand Chapter, be approved and that those duly commissioned be received and acknowledged.

Fraternally submitted,

Warren Tyler,
Silas B. Wright,
Angus Paterson,

Committee.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary, in Account with the Grand Chapter of Florida. Dr.

To dues from Providence Chapter, No. 20. . . . \$28 00

To dues from Monroe Chapter, No. 15. . . . 35 00

Total \$63 00

Cr.

By paid Grand Treasurer \$63 00

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

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer, in Account with the Grand Chapter of Florida. Dr.

To received from the Grand Secretary. \$ 63 00

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully reports that the only unfinished business is the amendment to the Constitution which was proposed by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence at the last Grand Convocation which appears on page 31 of the printed proceedings in the following form: "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 Convocations 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; provided that the hour of meeting may be changed by resolution."

Respectfully submitted,
James Carnell,
D. W. Stanley,
Louis C. Massey,
Committee.

The proposed amendment was then taken up, and, after discussion, the motion was made and carried that no action be taken at this time.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution was then offered, and was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel prevailed that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to meet with Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, at 7:30 p. m., to witness the exemplification of the work in the first three degrees by the Committee on Work.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

EVENING SESSION.

In Grand Chapter,
Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p. m.

The Grand Chapter met with Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, 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.

In Grand Chapter,
Wednesday, May 15, 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with officers and members as at previous session.

The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

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 beg leave to report the matters referred to them as follows:

In relation to the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, it is the sense of your committee that while a dispensation may be properly granted to elect and install officers at a special convocation, yet it is not necessary for a dispensation for such an election, or installation at a regular convocation. As sections 22 and 24 of article 2 of the constitution provides that if such an election and installation be not effected at the convocation preceding St. John's Evangelistic Day, it may be done as soon thereafter as is practicable; therefore, the dispensation granted to Madison Chapter, No. 8, and Providence, No. 20, are approved but the dispensations granted to Jerico, No. 11, and to Monroe, No. 15, were unnecessary under the above constitutional provision.

2. The action of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in granting dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions at special convocations are approved.

3. The dispensations granted to ballot on petitions short of time by Florida, No. 1, was unnecessary under regulation No. 32, notwithstanding the by-laws of said chapter to the contrary.

4. The remission of a fee for granting a dispensation is left to the discretion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, see section 20, article 2 of the constitution, and the action in this respect is approved.

5. The ruling of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest relative to opening a chapter by the former Past High Priest is not approved. Section 38, article 2 of our Constitution provides that the High Priest shall preside, and in his absence the King and Scribe, and no other shall in order of rank succeed him.

6. In reference to the recommendation as to pay for the attendance of Past Grand High Priests on the convocations of this Grand Body, your committee would say that the matter is already provided for. On recommendation of Finance Committee a regulation was adopted, (see page 31 of the proceedings of 1896) which provided for the remuneration of Past Grand High Priests attending these Grand Convocations in no other capacity. It is recommended that the Grand Secretary have this regulation printed on slips, and attached to the present printed regulations.

7. We approve the ruling of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in reference to balloting on more than one petition at the same time. We hold it to be unmasonic to do so.

8. Relative to the proposed amendment of section 4, article 1 of the constitution, your committee recommends that the same be amended, so far as the time of meeting is concerned, which shall be fixed for the second Tuesday in May of each year at 10 a. m., so that if amended section 4 shall read as follows:

Section 4. The Annual Grand 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. 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.

9. Relative to the recommendation of the Grand Secretary as to concurrent jurisdiction with our sister Jurisdictions of Alabama and Georgia, your committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Most Excellent Grand Chapters of Alabama and Georgia of all material residing at, or near the boundary line, between Florida and either of said states, whereby a petition of one residing in such locality may be presented in his nearest chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

Angus Paterson,
 Marcus Endel,
 James W. Boyd,
 Silas B. Wright,
 Wm. M. McIntosh,
 Wm. H. Jewell,
 Warren Tyler,
 James Carnell.

Committee.

M. E. Companion Silas B. Wright made the following report on Providence Chapter, No. 20, which was received and adopted:

DeLand, Fla., May, 12, 1901.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Pursuant to resolutions passed at the last annual convocation I visited Lake City, in June last, and completed arrangements for the revival of Providence, Chapter No. 20, its removal to Lake City, and its consolidation with Columbia Chapter U. D. The old charter was found and most of the books. The members of Columbia Chapter U. D. were elected members of Providence Chapter, No. 20, and council officers elected and installed for the current year. A dispensation was granted for the election and appointment of the remaining officers at a subsequent meeting. Petitions were received and acted upon and twelve candidates were conducted to the ruins and made important discoveries. Several months since, nearly two years, Providence Chapter granted dimitts to a large number of members without their having applied for them. This action was clearly illegal. I directed that their names be placed upon the roll and that such as desired be regularly granted dimitts, as of new date, and that they be placed on the returns but that the chapter pay no dues for such members for the current year. In consideration of all circumstances and by virtue of the resolution of the Grand Chapter first referred to, I remitted all back dues. This was contrary to my first intentions and expectations but was found necessary in order to get the chapter at work at all.

On this trip I was accompanied by Past Grand High Priests Endel, Webster and Carnell and R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest Cushman. On the 26th we all visited Lake City lodge and the

Masters degree was conferred by two members of the Committee on Work of the Grand Lodge, Brothers Endel and Carnell. On the following day we held three sessions of the chapter, morning, afternoon and evening. A very large amount of work was done and all of the degrees exemplified. The Companions at Lake City were most hospitable and left no stone unturned to make our visit pleasant to us and profitable to them.

M. E. Grand High Priest Haskell was unable to accompany us, much to the regret of all, but kindly granted us such dispensations as were necessary to properly and completely perform the objects of our visit. It was a visit that will long be pleasantly remembered by all whose good fortune it was to participate.

Fraternally submitted,

Silas B. Wright,

Special 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 would report as follows on the matters you have referred to us.

In regard to the original Charter of Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22, that it be restored to that chapter, also, as they desire to retain the supplemental charter under which they have worked so long, we recommend that they be allowed to do so.

In regard to the charter of Nassau Chapter, No. 23, as a sufficient number of the Companions in good and regular standing petition for a restoration and they have good prospects for an increase in membership, we recommend that it be granted.

In regard to the approval of the By-Laws of Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, by the M. E. Grand High Priest, these By-Laws being in harmony with our Constitution and Regulations, we recommend that the same be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

Olin S. Wright,

William H. Jewell,

F. W. Armstrong,

Committee.

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 Committee on Finance and Accounts 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.

In the matter of Madison Chapter, No. 8, for arrears for dues, we recommend that they be granted further time.

In the matter of Monroe Chapter, No. 15, and Providence Chapter, No. 20, for arrears for dues referred to us from the Grand Secretary's report we are pleased to report that both Chapters have since paid their dues in full.

We further recommend that the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the purchase of a safe for the joint use of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery.

In the matter of Ocala Chapter No. 13, we recommend, that, as the Grand High Priest has not been able to make satisfactory arrangements for the restoration of their charter, the incoming Grand High Priest be instructed to arrange for the immediate sending to the office of the Grand Secretary, of all the property lately belonging to that chapter.

We further recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the use of the Masonic Relief Committee for the Jacksonville fire sufferers, to be drawn by the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary as needed.

For the expenses of the Grand Chapter we recommend the following appropriations:

For pay-roll hereto attached.....	\$326.20
For salary of Grand Secretary (payable quarterly)....	200.00
For rent of Library room.....	50.00

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,

A. M. Cushman,

Committee.

PAY ROLL.

NAMES.	CHAPTER.	MILE-AGE	Per Diem		Total
			Per	Diem	
E. E. Haskell.....	G. H. P.....	\$ 3 30	\$4	\$	7 30
A. M. Cushman.....	D. G. H. P.....	4 20	4		8 20
J. R. Wetherell.....	G. K.....	6 70	4		10 70
T. G. Hutchinson.....	G. S.....		4		4 00
Marcus Endel.....	G. T.....	4 20	4		8 20
W. M. McIntosh.....	G. Chap.....	9 90	4		13 90
M. D. Cushing.....	G. P. S.....	12 75	4		16 75
D. W. Stanley.....	G. R. A. C.....	12 15	4		16 15
James F. Clark.....	G. G.....			5 00	
Angus Paterson.....	P. G. H. P.....	6 55	4		10 55
James W. Boyd.....	P. G. H. P.....	12 15	4		16 15
Wm. H. Jewell.....	P. G. H. P.....	8 55	4		12 55
Warren Tyler.....	P. G. H. P.....	12 15	4		16 15
Silas B. Wright.....	P. G. H. P.....	6 70	4		10 70
F. W. Armstrong.....	Florida No. 1.....	9 90	4		13 90
Robt. McClellan.....	Gainesville No. 2.....	4 20	4		8 20
L. W. Buchholz.....	Lampa No. 3.....	12 75	4		16 75
John McDiarmid.....	St. Johns No. 4.....	6 70	4		10 70
James Carnell.....	Halifax No. 5.....	6 30	4		10 30
Joseph R. Keller.....	Mt. Horeb No. 6.....	22 20	4		26 20
L. C. Massey.....	Eureka No. 7.....	8 55	4		12 55
J. H. Norton.....	Jacksonville No. 12.....		4		4 00
J. M. Young.....	Inverness No. 14.....	8 40	4		12 40
L. R. Phillips.....	Monroe No. 15.....	7 50	2		9 50
O. S. Wright.....	Plant City No. 16.....	10 35	4		14 35
W. J. Epperson.....	Lake Butler No. 19.....	3 30	4		7 30
L. F. Frink.....	Providence No. 20.....	3 60	4		7 60
F. W. Gary.....	Thomas Brown No. 22.....	12 15	4		16 15
					\$326 20

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:

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,
L. W. Buchholz,
J. W. Boyd.

Committee.

Upon motion of M. E. Companion S. B. Wright, the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priests S. B. Wright and Warren Tyler as tellers, and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of Grand Officers.

The ballots having been cast, the following Grand Officers were declared elected:

M. E. Grand High Priest..... Monzo M. Cushman.
R. E. Dep. Grand High Priest. John R. Wetherell.
R. E. Grand King..... Thos. G. Hutchinson.
R. E. Grand Scribe..... Louis C. Massey.
R. E. Grand Treasurer..... Marcus Endel.
R. E. Grand Secretary..... Wilber P. Webster.
R. E. Grand Chaplain..... Wm. M. McIntosh.

The motion of M. E. Companion James Carnell prevailed, that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 3:30 p. m., and that the first order of business be the installation of Grand Officers.

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 finds its duty this year a sorrowful one in having to report a large number of deaths among the Royal Craft.

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 eighteen companions, whose labors with us in this earthly tabernacle have ceased, and who have entered into that tabernacle—"that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

LIST OF DEAD.

H. B. Lloyd.....	Gainesville, No. 2.
W. E. Bledsoe.....	Tampa, No. 3.
D. P. Hodgkins.....	Mt. Horeb, No. 6.
W. C. Nutt.....	Eureka, No. 7.
J. W. Towne.....	Eureka, No. 7.
Wm. A. Grambling.....	Madison, No. 8.
Calvin Gillis.....	Putnam, No. 9.
W. P. Anderson.....	Putnam, No. 9.
Augustus A. Armington.....	Putnam, No. 9.
W. D. McCracken.....	Inverness, No. 14.
Timothy A. Vick.....	Monroe, No. 15.
James E. Wainwright.....	Plant City, No. 16.
Noah Taylor.....	Lake Butler, No. 19.
Rev. Samuel C. Phillips.....	Lake Butler, No. 19.
John J. Canfield.....	Providence, No. 20.
R. A. Monsalvatge, P. H. P.....	Island, No. 21.
Wm. J. Henning.....	Island, No. 21.
Edward B. Rawson.....	Island, No. 21.

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.

Fraternally submitted,
Wm. M. McIntosh,
J. McDiarmid,
M. D. Cushing,
Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In Grand Chapter,
Wednesday, May 15, 3:30 o'clock p. m.
The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with officers and members as at morning session.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, assisted by M. E. Companion Silas B. Wright as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers:

Alonzo M. Cushman—M. E. Grand High Priest.
Jno. R. Wetherell—R. E. Dep. Grand High Priest.
Thos. G. Hutchinson—R. E. Grand King.
Louis C. Massey—R. E. Grand Scribe.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain, having been re-elected, no installation was necessary.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Grand Officers:

Monroe D. Cushing—E. Grand Captain of the Host.
D. W. Stanley—E. Grand Principal Sojourner.
Joseph R. Keller—E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Charles W. Johnson—E. Grand Master of 3rd Vail.
John M. Young—E. Grand Master of 2nd Vail.
Frank W. Armstrong—E. Grand Master of 1st Vail.
James F. Clark—E. Grand Guard.

All of whom were duly installed by M. E. Elmer E. Haskell.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Work—Warren Tyler, Marcus Endel, Silas B. Wright, John H. Norton, John R. Wetherell, Thomas G. Hutchinson, James Carnell.
Correspondence—W. P. Webster, James W. Boyd, Angus Paterson.
Printing—W. P. Webster, John H. Norton, Marcus Endel.

The motion of M. E. Companion Carnell prevailed, that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to meet with Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, at 7:30 p. m., to witness the exempli-

fication of the work in the Royal Arch degree, by the Committee on Work.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

EVENING SESSION.

In Grand Chapter,
Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 o'clock 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.

Upon motion of M. E. Companion Haskell, the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for the use of its rooms, etc.

No further business appearing, the foregoing minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ATTEST:

A. M. CUSHMAN,
Grand High Priest.



Grand Secretary.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I, SECTION 4. OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Sec. 4. 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 10 o'clock a. m., 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).

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 1896:

Pay of Officers and Representatives—

Sec. 12. Each officer and one representative of each chapter attending the Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter, members of the Committee on Work, and Past Grand High Priests in attendance in no other capacity, 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 following resolution was adopted, 1901:

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Most Excellent Grand Chapters of Alabama and Georgia, of all material residing at or near the boundary line between Florida and either of the said States, whereby a petition of one residing in such locality may be presented in his nearest chapter.

IN MEMORIAM.

In Memory of Companions

of

Our Jurisdiction

Who Passed Away During the Year 1900, This

Page is Fraternaly Dedicated.

H. B. LLOYD.....	Gainesville, No. 2, July 17.
W. E. BLEDSOE.....	Tampa, No. 3, March 15.
D. P. HODGKINS.....	Mt. Horeb, No. 6, Oct. 5.
W. C. NUTT.....	Eureka, No. 7, June 15.
J. W. TOWNE.....	Eureka, No. 7, Nov. —.
WM. A. GRAMBLING.....	Madison, No. 8, April 22.
CALVIN GILLIS.....	Putnam, No. 9, March 10.
W. P. ANDERSON.....	Putnam No. 9, Sept. 26.
A. A. ARMINGTON.....	Inverness, No. 14, Oct. 1.
W. D. McCRACKEN.....	Monroe No. 15, — —.
TIMOTHY A. VICK.....	Plant City, No. 16, May 28.
J. E. WAINWRIGHT.....	Lake Butler, No. 19, June —.
NOAH TAYLOR.....	Lake Butler, No. 19, Jan. —.
SAMUEL PHILLIPS.....	Providence, No. 20, Nov. 5.
JOHN J. CANFIELD.....	Island, No. 21, Feb. 26.
R. A. MONTSALVATGE.....	Island, No. 21, May 28.
WM. J. HENNING.....	Island, No. 21 June 28.
EDWARD B. RAWSON.....	Island, No. 21, July 22.

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.

STATISTICS.

CHAPTER.	Number.	Members Last Year.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Total.	Deaths.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Present Membership.
Florida	1	35	2	1		76	1	3			36
Gainesville	2	50	3	2		76	1	1			74
Tampa	3	65	3	1		73	1	1			70
St. Johns	4	28	2	1		31	1	1			29
Halifax	5	53	2	1		56	1	1			54
Mt. Horeb	6	51	2	1		54	1	1			52
Eureka	7	51	2	1		54	1	1			52
Madison	8	30	2	1		33	1	1			31
Putnam	9	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Jasper	10	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Jericho	11	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Jacksonville	12	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Inverness	14	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Monroe	15	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Plant City	16	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Lake Butler	19	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Providence	20	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Island	21	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Thomas Brown	22	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Nassau	23	27	2	1		30	1	1			28
Totals	746	63	24	9	5	838	18	20	0	1	781

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 Monday.
St. Johns	4	Daytona	Third Monday.
Halifax	5	Daytona	Second Monday.
Mt. Horeb	6	Daytona	Second Monday.
Eureka	7	Daytona	Second Monday.
Madison	8	Orlando	First Monday.
Putnam	9	Palatka	First and Third Monday.
Jasper	10	Jasper	First and Third Monday.
Jericho	11	Jacksonville	Second and Fourth Monday.
Jacksonville	12	Jacksonville	Second and Fourth Monday.
Inverness	14	Sanford	Second and Fourth Monday.
Monroe	15	Sanford	Second and Fourth Monday.
Plant City	16	Plant City	Second and Fourth Monday.
Lake Butler	19	Lake Butler	Second and Fourth Monday.
Providence	20	Lake City	Second and Fourth Monday.
Island	21	Key West	Second and Fourth Monday.
Thomas Brown	22	Bartow	Second and Fourth Monday.
Nassau	23	Fernandina	Second and Fourth Monday.

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Florida	1	Frank W. Armstrong	John F. Spears	Victor F. Balcom	Robert Gamble	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee.
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Tampa	3	L. W. Buchholz	W. J. Twitt	E. R. Marsh	M. D. Cushing	Z. P. Freeman	Tampa.
St. Johns	4	John H. Hibbard	Orson J. Hill	Bert Fish	Silas B. Wright	Thomas R. Webb	DeLand.
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Madison	8	Abraham H. West	Joseph Townsend	Henry J. Parramore	Lewell C. Ruter	Angus Paterson	Madison.
Putnam	9	Wm. G. Tilghman	Theo. B. Anderson	Walter Thomas	Moritz Kohl	M. I. Coxe	Palatka.
Jasper	10	Jno. E. Hanna, Sr.	L. M. Anderson	F. Adams	Jno. M. Caldwell	C. C. Crews	Jasper.
Jericho	11	W. W. Faris	W. S. Graham	Z. T. Merritt	Geo. B. Rumph, Jr	A. E. Heyser	Miami.
Jacksonville	12	Jno. H. Norton	Wm. S. Ware	Henry G. Aird	B. H. Chadwick	Wm Lansdell	Jacksonville.
Inverness	14	Jno. M. Young	James F. Miller	Louis Thompson	Augustus T. Priest	W. O. Zimmerman	Inverness.
Monroe	15	L. R. Phillips	J. E. Terwilliger	C. A. Campbell	T. J. Miller	J. C. Ensminger	Sanford.
Plant City	16	James L. Young	James McForbis	Albert Schneider	Jasper Evers	Olin S. Wright	Plant City.
Lake Butler	19	M. L. McKinney	J. J. Jones	W. J. Epperson	E. L. Odom	F. M. Rivers	Lake Butler.
Providence	20	L. F. Frink	J. W. Perry	A. B. Small	T. G. Henderson	J. O. Harris	Lake City.
Island	21	Jeremiah Fogarty	J. W. V. R. Plummer	Geo. D. Warren	Geo. H. Curry	Geo. B. Phillips	Key West.
Thomas Brown	22	Thomas W. Gary	Hugh W. Wear	James H. Watson	Warren Tyler	James W. Boyd	Bartow.
Nassau	23	W. F. Scott	J. S. Lee	A. O. MacDonell		J. H. Prescott	Fernandina.

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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.
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W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson	Warren F. Scott	Geo. S. Hallmark	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny.*
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Wm. E. Anderson...	J. W. V. R. Plummer	Angus Paterson	Marcus Endel	T. S. Wilmarth	DeW. C. Dawkins*	Wm. A. McLean.*
Angus Paterson...	Marcus Endel	F. S. Goodrich	John G. Ellis	T. S. Wilmarth	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John S. Wharton
Angus Paterson...	Marcus Endel	F. S. Goodrich	R. A. Monsalvatge*	T. S. Wilmarth	DeW. C. Dawkins*	Wm. A. McLean.*
Marcus Endel...	Fred S. Goodrich	Wm. M. McIntosh	Chas. H. Munger	T. S. Wilmarth	DeW. C. Dawkins*	Wm. A. McLean.*
Marcus Endel...	Fred S. Goodrich	James W. Boyd	Chas. H. Munger	T. S. Wilmarth	DeW. C. Dawkins*	Wm. A. McLean.*
T. W. Boyd...	F. S. Wilmarth	S. B. Wright	F. P. Mersereaux	John H. Stephens	DeW. C. Dawkins*	Wm. A. McLean.*
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Silas B. Wright...	Wm. M. McIntosh	John H. Stephens	Henry S. Ely	Warren Tyler	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster
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John H. Stephens...	Wm. H. Jewell	Warren Tyler	Wilber P. Webster	Irving E. Webster	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh
Wm. H. Jewell...	Warren Tyler	W. P. Webster	Olin S. Wright	Irving E. Webster	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh
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Wilber P. Webster...	James Carnell	E. E. Haskell	A. M. Cushman	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Wm. M. McIntosh
James Carnell...	E. E. Haskell	A. M. Cushman	J. R. Wetherell	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Wm. M. McIntosh
C. E. Haskell...	A. M. Cushman	J. R. Wetherell	T. G. Hutchinson	Marcus Endel	W. P. Webster	Wm. M. McIntosh

*Dead.

NASSAU CHAPTER, NO. 23.

FERNANDINA.

Charter Restored May 15, 1901.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

A. O. MacDonell.
Fred W. Hoyt.
W. O. Jeffreys.
J. H. Prescott.
J. W. Howell.

John S. Lee.
Warren F. Scott.
James McGiffin.
W. W. Farmer.

Order of High Priesthood.

SPECIAL CONVOCATION.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Council was held at Jacksonville, January 17, 1901, by order of the M. E. President.

The following officers were present:

M. E. Angus Paterson,	President.
M. E. James W. Boyd,	Vice-President.
M. E. Louis C. Massey,	as Chaplain.
M. E. Wilber P. Webster,	Secretary.
M. E. Marcus Endel,	as Master of Ceremonies.
M. E. L. W. Buchholz,	as Conductor.
M. E. James Carnell,	Herald.
M. E. A. M. Cushman,	Steward.
M. E. H. N. Sweeting,	as Guard.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

Applications for the Order were received from Companions L. F. Frink, H. P. of Providence Chapter, No. 20, and W. W. Faris, H. P. of Jericho Chapter, No. 11.

These companions being found eligible, they were duly elected and were regularly consecrated and anointed in due form.

The Grand Council was closed in Ample Form.

W. P. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

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 15, 1901.

Present, the following officers:

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| M. E. Angus Paterson, | President. |
| M. E. James W. Boyd, | Vice-President. |
| M. E. Louis C. Massey, | as Chaplain. |
| M. E. Warren Tyler, | Treasurer. |
| M. E. Wilber P. Webster, | Secretary. |
| M. E. Wm. M. McIntosh, | Master of Ceremonies. |
| M. E. L. W. Buchholz, | as Conductor. |
| M. E. James Carnell, | Herald. |
| M. E. A. M. Cushman, | Steward. |
| M. E. James F. Clark, | Guard. |

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

The Secretary made the following report, which was received and adopted:

W. P. Webster, Secretary to the Order of High Priesthood.

To Bibles sold	Dr.	\$ 3 30	
To fees collected		12 00	
		<hr/>	\$15 30
By paid expenses, postage, etc.	Cr.	\$ 3 41	
By paid Grand Treasurer		11 89	
		<hr/>	\$15 30

The Treasurer made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Warren Tyler, Treasurer, to the Order of High Priesthood.

	Dr.		
Balance on hand May 9, 1900		\$28 00	
May 15, received from W. P. Webster, Treasurer		11 89	
		<hr/>	\$39 89

	Cr.		
Warrant for Bibles		\$11 00	
Warrant for printing		4 50	
Warrant for Guard		2 50	
Balance on hand		21 89	
		<hr/>	\$39 89

Applications were received from the following companions: Joseph R. Keller, H. P. Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 6; Thomas West Gary, H. P. Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 2; Frank W. Armstrong, H. P. Florida Chapter, No. 1; and Warren F. Scott, H. P. Nassau Chapter, No. 23.

These companions being found eligible, upon motion their applications were received, and ballots spread, which being clear, the President declared them elected to receive the Order. The above named companions being in waiting, they were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due form.

An application for affiliation was received from Companion John M. Young, H. P. of Inverness Chapter, No. 14, a member of the Council of Tennessee.

Upon motion, the application was received and ballot spread, which being clear, the M. E. President declared Companion Young elected to membership in this Council.

The Grand Council then proceeded with the annual election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of all officers, 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.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

M. E.: Wilber P. Webster—Re-elected Secretary.
 M. E.: Silas B. Wright—Re-elected Conductor.
 M. E.: William M. McIntosh—Re-elected Master
 of Ceremonies.
 M. E.: James Carnell—Re-elected Herald.
 M. E.: A. M. Cushman—Elected Steward.
 M. E.: James F. Clark—Re-elected Guard.

No further business appearing, minutes were read
 and approved.
 The Grand Council closed in Ample Form.

ATTEST: ANGUS PATERSON, President.
 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
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	Consecrated January 19, 1888
James W. Boyd	Affiliated January 19, 1888
Samuel Pasco	Affiliated January 19, 1888
*Dead.	Consecrated January 16, 1889

NAME.	DATE.
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 McLachlan	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 January 18, 1894
Wilber P. Webster	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Everard F. Barnes	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Milton A. Fuller	Affiliated January 18, 1894
Thomas J. Smith	Consecrated March 5, 1894
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 January 7, 1895
Joseph Townsend	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Lowell C. Ruter	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph M. Tolbert	Consecrated January 15, 1895
James Harden	Consecrated January 15, 1895

*Dead.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

NAME.		DATE.	
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	May 13,	1896
Louis C. Massey.....	Consecrated	Dec. 27,	1896
Roque V. Rogero.....	Consecrated	May 11,	1897
John E. Hanna.....	Consecrated	May 11,	1897
Elmer E. Haskell.....	Consecrated	May 11,	1897
Wm. E. Ballough.....	Consecrated	May 12,	1897
Geo. P. Ballough.....	Consecrated	May 12,	1897
Charles E. Waite.....	Consecrated	May 12,	1897
Thomas G. Hutchinson..	Consecrated	May 12,	1897
Ludwig W. Buchholz...	Consecrated	May 12,	1897
William H. Hausman...	Consecrated	January 21,	1898
Abraham H. West.....	Consecrated	January 21,	1898
John T. Miller.....	Consecrated	May 9,	1898
H. V. R. Schrader.....	Consecrated	Dec. 27,	1898
Charles L. Smith.....	Consecrated	January 19,	1899
Joseph G. Torrey.....	Consecrated	May 10,	1899
William H. Cyrus.....	Consecrated	May 10,	1899
T. P. Baumgarten.....	Consecrated	May 10,	1899
Henry N. Sweeting....	Consecrated	May 10,	1899
Arthur H. Carter.....	Consecrated	January 19,	1900
L. F. Frink.....	Consecrated	May 9,	1900
W. W. Faris.....	Consecrated	May 9,	1900
Joseph R. Keller.....	Consecrated	January 17,	1901
Thomas West Gary.....	Consecrated	January 17,	1901
Frank W. Armstrong...	Consecrated	May 15,	1901
Warren F. Scott.....	Consecrated	May 15,	1901
*Dead.	Consecrated	May 15,	1901

PROCEEDINGS
OF
Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons

OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA.

Fifty-Sixth Annual Convocation,

HELD AT
THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE,

May 13, 14, A. D. 1902, A. I. 2432.

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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

FOR

A. I. 2432, A. D. 1902.

- M. E. J. R. WETHERELL, Grand High Priest, DeLand.
- R. E. T. G. HUTCHINSON, Deputy Grand High Priest, Jacksonville.
- R. E. LOUIS C. MASSEY, Grand King, Orlando.
- R. E. OLIN S. WRIGHT, Grand Scribe, Plant City.
- R. E. MARCUS ENDEL, Grand Treasurer, Gainesville.
- R. R. WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.
- E. IRVING E. WEBSTER, Grand Chaplain, Gainesville.
- E. JOSEPH R. KELLER, Grand Captain of the Host, Pensacola.
- E. Z. T. MERRITT, Grand Principal Sojourner, Buena Vista.
- E. WM. S. JORDAN, Grand Master Third Vail, Inverness.
- E. J. F. MILLER, Grand Master Second Vail, Tallahassee.
- E. F. W. ARMSTRONG, Grand Master First Vail, Fernandina.
- E. JAMES F. CLARK, Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida.

The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, assembled in its Fifty-Sixth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, on Tuesday, May 13, A. D. 1902, A. I. 2432.

The roll being called, there were found to be present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS.

- JOHN R. WETHERELL... as M. E. Grand High Priest.
- SILAS B. WRIGHT... as R. E. Dep. G. High Priest.
- THOS. G. HUTCHINSON... as R. E. Grand King.
- LOUIS C. MASSEY... as R. E. Grand Scribe.
- MARCUS ENDEL... as R. E. Grand Treasurer.
- WILBER P. WEBSTER... as R. E. Grand Secretary.
- IRVING E. WEBSTER... as R. R. Grand Chaplain.
- MONROE D. CUSHING... as E. G. Captain of the Host.
- OLIN S. WRIGHT... as E. G. Principal Sojourner.
- JOSEPH R. KELLER... as E. G. Royal Arch Captain.
- CHARLES W. JOHNSON... as E. G. Master Third Vail.
- Z. T. MERRITT... as E. G. Master Second Vail.
- F. W. ARMSTRONG... as E. G. Master First Vail.
- JAMES F. CLARK... as E. G. Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| GEO. S. HALLMARK | WM. H. JEWELL. |
| WM. E. ANDERSON. | WARREN TYLER. |
| ANGUS PATERSON. | WILBER P. WEBSTER. |
| MARCUS ENDEL. | JAMES CARNELL. |
| IRVING E. WEBSTER. | ELMER E. HASKELL. |
| SILAS B. WRIGHT. | |

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

WARREN F. SCOTT.

PAST HIGH PRIESTS.

CHAS. L. SMITH.....Halifax Chapter No. 5.
JOHN H. NORTON.....Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS.

Florida, No. 1—F. W. Armstrong, H. P., F. C. Gilmore, S.
Gainesville, No. 2—Irving E. Webster, proxy for H. P.
Tampa, No. 3—Monroe D. Cushing, proxy for H. P.
St. Johns, No. 4—O. J. Hill, H. P.
Halifax, No. 5—Benj. F. Hough, H. P.
Mt. Horeb, No. 6—Joseph R. Keller, H. P.
Eureka, No. 7—J. N. Bradshaw, proxy for H. P.
Madison, No. 8—Wm. S. Jordan, H. P.
Putnam, No. 9—Elmer E. Haskell, proxy for H. P.
Jasper, No. 10—J. M. Caldwell, proxy for K.
Jericho, No. 11—Z. T. Merritt, H. P.
Jacksonville, No. 12—Wm. S. Ware, H. P.; H. G. Aird, K.; Thos. Hilditch, S.
Inverness, No. 14—J. F. Miller, H. P.
Plant City, No. 16—J. H. Weddell, proxy for H. P.
Lake Butler, No. 19—J. J. Jones, H. P.
Providence, No. 20—J. W. Perry, proxy for H. P.
Thos. Brown, No. 22—T. W. Gary, H. P.
Nassau, No. 23—Warren F. Scott, H. P.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA.

AlabamaGeo. S. Hallmark.
ArizonaT. G. Hutchinson.
ArkansasWm. B. Barnett.
CaliforniaWm. S. Ware.
ColoradoJ. R. Wetherell.
ConnecticutWarren Tyler.
DelawareWilber P. Webster.

District of Columbia.....Silas B. Wright.
GeorgiaMonroe D. Cushing.
IllinoisJohn H. Norton.
Indian Territory.....Olin S. Wright.
IowaSilas B. Wright.
KansasOlin S. Wright.
LouisianaJ. R. Wetherell.
MaineE. E. Haskell.
MarylandJames Carnell.
MassachusettsIrving E. Webster.
NevadaJohn J. Jones.
New Jersey.....Warren F. Scott.
New Mexico.....James Carnell.
New York.....Marcus Endel.
North Carolina.....I. E. Webster.
North Dakota.....Marcus Endel.
OregonHarry N. Sweeting.
PennsylvaniaLouis C. Massey.
QuebecJohn N. Bradshaw.
Rhode Island.....B. H. Chadwick.
ScotlandGeo. S. Hallmark.
South Dakota.....Wm. H. Jewell.
TennesseeGeo. S. Hallmark.
TexasAngus Paterson.
VirginiaWm. E. Anderson.
WashingtonSilas B. Wright.
WisconsinWarren Tyler.

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—Louis C. Massey, Joseph R. Keller, O. J. Hill.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest 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.

The Acting Grand High Priest announced that our Grand High Priest, A. M. Cushman, was unable to be present on account of the recent death of his mother.

M. E. Companion Irving E. Webster stated that he had been requested by M. E. Grand High Priest Cushman to express his regrets to the Grand Chapter at his inability to be present at this Grand Convocation, a privilege he had anticipated with much pleasure, and to assure them that though absent, his sincere wishes were that the deliberations of this meeting might be as pleasant and harmonious as they have always been in the past and redound to the increased welfare and prosperity of the Craft. Assuring the individual members that his fervent prayers would ever be that they might be all spared to participate in the succeeding Councils of this Grand Body for many years to come.

In expressing these regrets, Companion Webster paid a very glowing tribute to the high regard in which the interests and welfare of Capitular Masonry were held by Companion Cushman.

The motion was made and carried that a Committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions extending the sympathy of the Grand Chapter to Grand High Priest Cushman in his bereavement. The Acting Grand High Priest appointed as such Committee Past Grand High Priests Wm. H. Jewell, Silas B. Wright and Irving E. Webster.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Angus Paterson, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to attend the sessions of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made a verbal report that the roll of Officers and members present was correct as furnished by the Grand Secretary at roll-call, and asked for further time to make final report. The report was received and further time granted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following standing Committees:

Unfinished Business—J. F. Miller, Chas. L. Smith, John N. Bradshaw.

Propositions and Grievances—Olin S. Wright, Z. T. Merritt, F. W. Armstrong.

Dispensations and By-Laws—Monroe D. Cushing, Benjamin F. Hough, Warren F. Scott.

Masonic Jurisprudence—Wm. E. Anderson, Marcus Endel, Angus Paterson, Irving E. Webster, Wm. H. Jewell.

Finance and Accounts—Silas B. Wright, James Carnell, Thomas G. Hutchinson.

Memorials—Irving E. Webster, Wm. S. Ware, Wm. S. Jordan.

The address of M. E. Grand High Priest Cushman was presented by Past Grand High Priest Wright, as follows:

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

It is my exceeding pleasure to greet and congratulate you upon the inestimable privilege that is once more accorded us of assembling around the sacred altar of Masonry, blessed with health, with peace, and I trust as a people with prosperity, and as Royal Arch Masons with that spirit of love for each other, devotion to the cause, good will and charity towards all mankind; those beautiful attributes that distinguish and characterize members of our beloved and time-honored fraternity.

I sincerely trust, my companions, that amidst the mutations of life, the attending pleasures and cares which are the common lot of all, nothing has served to diminish in any of you an abiding interest in the beauties of Capitular Masonry, and that in welcoming you to our Fifty-Sixth Grand Annual Convocation I can rest assured that you assemble here intent upon promoting, so far as lies in your power, the perpetuity and prosperity of our Order.

We are come, as laborers from the Vineyard, to give to each other an account of our stewardship, to prepare for new duties, and to learn of new quarries wherein to labor for another year.

We have important duties before us to perform, which will require the exercise of our best judgment and intelligence.

Then let us, upon entering upon the discharge of these undertakings, invoke the aid of Deity.

To the Supreme Grand High Priest let praise ascend from the depths of our hearts, for we have abundant cause to thank and glorify Him for the many mercies and blessings accorded us.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Our Grand Chapter has been specially favored during the past year, in that no officer has been stricken from the roll by the remorseless hand of Death; not one link in our fraternal chain is broken, and, thank God, the hands that clasped ours in farewell one year ago, we are permitted to grasp now in joyous greeting.

While the grim messenger has passed by the official ranks of this Grand Chapter, yet sombre shadows and bereavement have fallen across our path, and seven of our particular Chapters are mourning the loss of thirteen members who have been summoned to the great beyond, to realms of eternal rest, and we here record their names.

Florida, No. 1—Companion Lucius B. Wombwell, died December 28th, 1900; Companion Thos. J. Roberts died September 15th, 1901, and Companion Lafayette L. Yent died October 25th, 1901.

Tampa, No. 3—Companion R. B. Thomas died January 25th, 1901.

Mount Horeb No. 6—Companion Robert R. Shepherd died June 12th, 1901.

Madison, No. 8—Companion Henry J. Parramore, died February 4, 1901.

Putnam, No. 9—Companion W. J. Winegar, died June 23d, 1901, and Companion Oscar E. Adams, died January 25, 1901.

Jacksonville, No. 12—Companion William A. Ferebee, died November 12th, 1901, and Companion A. M. Lennig, died January 24, 1901.

Lake Butler, No. 19—Companion L. B. Rhodes, died April 24th, 1901, and Companion Erastus G. Hill, died September 9th, 1901.

Thomas Brown, No. 22—Companion Geo. Ray Caulkins, died September 18th, 1901.

We are also called upon to tender our fraternal sympathy to Sister Jurisdictions, and unite in paying the tribute of respect to their honored dead.

The Grand Secretary has furnished me with the following list, and I recommend that a suitable expression of our condolence be tendered through the Committee on Memorials.

Colorado—Grand Secretary, Edward Carroll Parmelee, died May 10th, 1901.

Connecticut—Past Grand High Priest Charles H. Chesebro, died April 18th, 1901.

Iowa—Past Grand High Priest Theodore Sutton Parvin, died June 28th, 1901; Past Grand High Priest Thomas Russell Ercanbrack, died August 4th, 1901, and Past Grand High Priest N. B. Hyatt, died August 25th, 1901.

Indiana—Past Grand High Priest Mortimer Nye, died July 6th, 1901.

Illinois—Past Grand High Priest Jacob Krohn, died June 21st, 1901, and Past Grand High Priest Frederic Carvosso, died October 10th, 1901.

Massachusetts—Past Grand High Priest Thomas Waterman, died December 14th, 1901.

Michigan—Past Grand High Priest William L. Webber, died October 15th, 1901.

Mississippi—Grand Secretary John Logan Power, died September 24th, 1901.

Nebraska—Past Grand High Priest James Wassen Moore, died August 2d, 1901.

North Carolina—Past Grand High Priest George B. Waterhouse, died June 19th, 1901.

Oregon—Past Grand High Priest James R. Bayley, died May 24th, 1901.

Texas—Past Grand High Priest Sylvester Standbury Munger, died March 26th, 1901, and Past Grand High Priest William Fellows Swain, died January 7th, 1902.

Virginia—Past Grand High Priest Ernest Louis Ide, died March 26th, 1901, and Past Grand High Priest John Howard Wayt, died February 13th, 1901.

Companion William McKinley, President of the United States, died at Buffalo, N. Y., September 14th, 1901.

The grief at the untimely death of our illustrious Companion is profound and poignant throughout the entire world.

He fell in the plenitude of his physical and mental powers, and in the pride of his earthly career, and at the hands of an assassin, while extending kindly greeting to a vast multitude of his constituents assembled to honor him as the Chief Executive Officer of the Republic.

By his charming personality, brilliant intellect, and his skillful, courageous and energetic efforts to benefit his country, he became one of the most conspicuous figures in history, and his memory will be fondly cherished.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon recommendations duly made, I have appointed the following named Companions to represent this Grand Jurisdiction near other Grand Chapters:

California—November 19th, 1901, Eminent Companion Edward Richards Hedges.

Mississippi—December 24th, 1901, Eminent Companion A. C. Love, of Aberdeen.

Virginia—October 17th, 1901, Eminent Companion W. S. Mathews.

Recommendations for appointments as Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter were made as follows:

Canada—December 7th, 1901, Eminent Companion D. W. Stanley, of Bartow.

California—October 23d, 1901, Eminent Companion W. S. Ware, of Jacksonville.

Illinois—December 7th, 1901, Eminent Companion John H. Norton, Jacksonville.

Indiana—December 7th, 1901, Eminent Companion L. F. Frink, of Lake City.

Indian Territory—October 23d, 1901, Eminent Companion Olin S. Wright, of Plant City.

Louisiana—October 23d, 1901, Eminent Companion John R. Wetherell, of DeLand.

New Mexico—June 18th, 1901, E. Companion James Carnell, of Ormond.

Mississippi—December 7th, 1901, Eminent Companion John M. Young, of Inverness.

New Jersey—December 7th, 1901, Eminent Companion Warren F. Scott, of Fernandina.

Oregon—December 7th, 1901, Eminent Companion Harry N. Sweeting, of Tallahassee.

Quebec—December 7th, 1901, Eminent Companion John N. Bradshaw, of Orlando.

West Virginia—December 7th, 1901, Eminent Companion L. R. Phillips, of Sanford.

Wisconsin—October 23d, 1901, Eminent Companion Warren Tyler, of Bartow.

DISPENSATIONS.

For good and sufficient reasons, and to promote the best interests of the particular Chapters, I have, during the year, granted the following dispensations:

On December 20th, 1901—To Monroe Chapter No. 15, to elect officers at a Special Convocation.

On February 3d, 1902—To Gainesville Chapter No. 2, to elect and install officers at a Special Convocation.

On February 18th, 1902—To Halifax Chapter No. 5, to ballot on petitions of candidates at a special meeting, the Deputy Grand High Priest being present on an official visitation.

On January 25th, 1902—To Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, to ballot on well-known candidates at a special meeting to furnish material for the exemplification of the work.

On March 20th, 1902—To Florida Chapter No. 1, to ballot on well-known candidates at a special convocation.

During my absence from the Jurisdiction the Deputy Grand High Priest reports having granted the following dispensation:

On September 28th, 1901—To Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, to ballot on the petition of a well-known candidate at a Special Convocation.

The fees for the foregoing dispensations have been remitted, having considered that it was for the best interest of the Craft to do so.

DECISIONS.

During the entire year no question requiring official interpretation of Masonic or Capitular Masonry, has been propounded to the Grand High Priest.

This is an indication that the rules of Masonic jurisprudence are more securely and widely known than heretofore, and I congratulate the Royal Craft upon the fact that it evidences a high order of intelligence among the officers and companions of the several Chapters, and they are to be commended for their zeal and energy in acquiring a thorough knowledge of our regulations.

DEFUNCT CHAPTER.

Shortly after the session of the Grand Chapter, I engaged in correspondence with the officers of Ocala Chapter No. 13, with the determination, if possible, to effect its reorganization and reinstatement, and receiving the apparently sincere assurances of these Companions of their desire to rehabilitate Royal Arch Masonry in that community, I directed the Grand Secretary to restore the Charter upon the proper application of nine or more former members, and the payment of \$25.00, which fee was based upon their representation of a fair valuation of the paraphernalia belonging to the Chapter.

On August 1st the Charter was accordingly restored, and I was caused gratification and pleasure at the prospects of a vigorous and influential Chapter being re-established in that important section of our Jurisdiction.

Our efforts, however, were doomed to disappointment and regret, for, notwithstanding their solemn covenant to successfully, zealously and conscientiously maintain the new Chapter, it soon became evident that the proper material was lacking, and that the long-continued apathy that had previously prevailed had secured so strong a foothold, that the few companions who evidenced the desire to faithfully perform their duties, were unable to combat with this condition. The Chapter held but one Convocation, and thereafter they report the impossibility of materializing a quorum.

Upon receiving notice from the Grand Secretary that this Chapter had returned to his office the blank returns with the announcement of their inability to continue, and recognizing the futility of further effort in that direction, I ordered the Grand Secretary to demand the return of the Charter, and the delivery of the effects and assets of said Chapter to the Grand Chapter.

On May 26th, in accordance with the regulation as adopted in 1900, I promulgated the assignment of visitations for the Grand Officers as follows:

First District—M. E. Grand High Priest.

Second District—R. E. J. R. Wetherell, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Third District—R. E. T. G. Hutchinson, Grand King.

Fourth District—R. E. L. Louis C. Massey, Grand Scribe.

Their reports are as follows:

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

A. M. Cushman, Esq., M. E. L. Grand High Priest:

Yours of May 26th was duly received, allotting to me Chapters Nos. 4, 5, 11, 15 and 21 for official visitations.

On January 28th I visited Jericho Chapter No. 11, at Miami.

In the afternoon we held an informal meeting, as not enough companions were present to open a Chapter. A couple of hours were spent very profitably. Nearly all of the officers-elect were present, and were zealous to perfect themselves in the duties of their respective offices.

At the regular convocation in the evening, I installed the officers, and afterwards assisted in conferring the R. A. Degree. Much interest was manifested by the Companions, who gave me a cordial welcome. I am pleased to report the Chapter flourishing. Although the youngest in the State, the membership is excelled by but few, and with an effort of the officers to "post up," I predict a brilliant future for the most southern Chapter on a railroad in the United States. The records I found neatly kept, and the finances flattering.

On March 13th I paid a visit to Halifax Chapter No. 5, at Daytona, where I was royally welcomed by the Companions.

In the afternoon I assisted in conferring the M. M., P. M. and M. E. M. Degrees and in the evening the R. A. Degree on three highly intelligent and appreciative candidates.

Any compliments to Halifax Chapter, the home of P. G. H. P. James Carnell, would be superfluous. Perhaps no Chapter in the State confers the Degrees with greater proficiency.

A number of distinguished visiting Companions from the North (winter residents) were present, and afterwards, several favored us with eloquent remarks. A banquet followed. The neatly written records spoke plainly how well the Secretary did his duty, and I was pleased to hear a good financial report.

Daytona is on a boom and Masonry shares in the prosperity.

The Chapter exalted thirteen candidates during the year.

April 22d found me in Sanford on a visit to Monroe Chapter No. 15. I had deferred visiting this Chapter for some time, hoping they would have work. A goodly number of the Companions were present, but unfortunately we had no candidate, although the Excellent High Priest had exerted himself in that direction.

The Chapter had elected candidates, but they being railroad men, were away from home. We spent the evening in a general conversation on the work. Many of the Companions asking questions, thus eliciting considerable interest, and drawing out information valuable to all. Monroe Chapter has the finest and best furnished Chapter room that I have visited.

Records and finances were in good condition.

St. John's Chapter No. 4, at DeLand, I often visit.

This Chapter has not had as much work the last year as some years in the past, yet the Chapter is prosperous, and none in the State contains more zealous and better posted Masons who labor for the high and noble principles of Capitular Masonry.

I regret to say that owing to the distance, and the expenses attending thereto, I have been unable to visit Island Chapter No. 21, at Key West.

One feature that I deplore, and have condemned, is the use of cipher books in the Chapters. While they are valuable aids to the memory, I do not think they should ever be used in open Chapter.

Among other suggestions I have made to all the Chapters, I have suggested the desirability of carrying a reasonable amount of insurance.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN R. WETHERELL,
Dep. G. H. P.

REPORT OF GRAND KING.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April 22, 1902.

A. M. Cushman, M. E. L. Grand High Priest, Gainesville, Fla.:

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION—In compliance with yours of the 21st instant, I beg to report that I have visited but three of the Six Chapters allotted to me, which I regret very much.

On July 4th, 1901, in company with Companions W. S. Ware, Henry G. Aird, Thos. Hilditch, C. S. Hammatt and W. C. Andress. I visited Lake Butler Chapter No. 19, and witnessed the exemplification of work in the Royal Arch Degree. The work was well done.

The Chapter is in a flourishing condition.

On April 8th, 1902, in company with Companion J. H. Norton, I visited Nassau Chapter No. 23, and witnessed work in R. A. Degree. This Chapter is in a very fine condition indeed. The work was well done and by enthusiastic Companions.

I enclose you a letter from Companion Scott, the High Priest, which contains some statistical information.

I have visited Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 once per month during the year, and beg to report that it is in its usual fine shape and prosperous condition.

Fraternally yours,

T. G. HUTCHINSON,
Grand King.

REPORT OF GRAND SCRIBE.

A. M. Cushman, Esq., M. E., Grand High Priest, Gainesville, Fla.:

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION—I received a letter of the 21st instant just about the time I had determined to write you with reference to my visitations. It was my intention to visit every Chapter assigned to my charge, but from the middle of December until ten days ago, continual sickness at home and other disarrangements of my household, made it practically impossible to be absent from Orlando. In fact, for some little time I could not even give my office full attention.

Under these circumstances I have not made any visitations outside of my own Chapter in Orlando.

I am, however, enabled to report from a general knowledge of the condition of the Chapters comprising my district, that the Companions are zealously and enthusiastically laboring for the promotion and best interests of the Royal Craft.

I am informed that possibly one or two Chapters may be in need of assistance, advice and encouragement, and with a slight effort, they can be placed in an efficient and useful condition.

Yours fraternally,
LOUIS C. MASSEY,
Grand Scribe.

The reports of these officers justify a liberal degree of satisfaction with the general condition of the Chapters comprising this Grand Jurisdiction.

While their reports show that there are some weak Chapters, and some that perhaps need assistance and advice, yet they indicate that Royal Arch Masonry is in a sound condition throughout the State.

In consequence of important business engagements, and absence from the State for a protracted period, I have been deprived of the opportunity of making an extended tour of official visitations to the several Chapters.

This is a source of very great regret to me, and operated in a great measure to prevent me from giving that attention to the duties of my office which I promised myself they should receive when honored with an election thereto, and which under more favorable auspices it would have been my highest pleasure to have accomplished.

When it became apparent that I could not carry out my intentions regarding visitations, I commissioned M. E. Companion Geo. S. Hallmark, Past Grand High Priest, and E. Companion L. W. Buchholz to represent the Grand High Priest, and perform his functions in special visitations to Chapters in their respective localities.

These Companions served me efficiently and zealously, and I take pleasure in extending to them my sincere acknowledgments for the satisfactory manner in which they performed their duties.

CONCLUSION.

And now, my Companions, having submitted a report of the transactions of my office, I desire to return to you my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the confidence and partiality shown in honoring me with the highest office in your gift, and for the universal courtesy, kindness and respect that has been extended to me on all occasions.

I experience the saddest regret that I have been able to accomplish so little good during the past Masonic year, for the promotion of the institution which I so fervently love and reverence.

Such work as you gave me to do was done to the best of my ability.

During my absence from the Jurisdiction, the duties of Grand High Priest devolved upon R. E. Companion J. R. Wetherell, whose zeal, intelligence and devotion are always to be relied upon.

For my good Companion Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary, I would return thankful appreciation for the prompt and zealous performance of his duties. He is a faithful servant of our Grand Chapter, and deserves the exalted opinion that is entertained of him by all our Companions.

In conclusion, Companions, permit me to admonish you that with a firm reliance upon Him who is the Supreme Grand High Priest of all the Earth, we enter upon the business of this Grand Convocation.

May the consideration of those duties be conducted with that harmony, brotherly love and zeal which is the chief support of our great institution through whose influence may result the accomplishment of your most fervent ambitions and laudable undertakings.

A. M. CUSHMAN,
Grand High Priest.

Upon motion of Companion O. S. Wright, the foregoing address was referred to a special committee of three for distribution of subjects.

The acting Grand High Priest appointed as such committee Companions Olin S. Wright, Irving E. Webster and Marcus Endel.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was received and referred to the Special Committee on Distribution:

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:

In accordance with instructions given by you one year ago, a large fireproof safe has been purchased, the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery sharing equally in the expense, which was kept within the limit fixed by the appropriation, and the same is now in my office. Owing to the very liberal special discounts made us by

Companion J. S. Franz, agent of the Diebold Safe and Lock Company, we are enabled to get a very satisfactory safe at a comparatively small cost.

I am pleased to report that the Grand Chapter of Alabama, at its last annual Convocation, after quoting the resolution on concurrent Jurisdiction adopted by this body one year ago, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Alabama, reciprocating the fraternal sentiments embodied in the foregoing resolution, hereby recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Florida, of all material residing within five miles of the boundary or State line between Alabama and Florida, provided the applicant who resides within five miles of said State line does not reside within ten miles of an organized Chapter in Alabama.

The thanks of this Grand Body are due to R. E. J. Gilman Waite, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, for a large number of proceedings of his and other Grand Jurisdictions.

We had reason to suppose that Ocala Chapter No. 13 would be revived during the past year, as their Charter was restored by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest to thirteen of their members, but on May 2d I received from them their Charter, Seal and Jewels, with a letter stating that it would be impossible at present to reorganize it. Steps should be taken to have their paraphernalia delivered to this Grand Chapter.

All of our Chapters have made returns and paid their dues in full for 1901. Madison Chapter No. 8 has paid \$10 on account of back dues, so that it now owes but \$64.30, and is the only Chapter in arrears for dues to this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,
W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary, to the Grand Chapter
of Florida.

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To Received from Ocala Chapter No. 13.....	\$ 25.00
To Received from individual members same.....	20.00
To Received from members Live Oak Chapter.....	6.00
To Received rent from Grand Commandery.....	22.00
To Dues Florida Chapter No. 1.....	45.00
To Gainesville Chapter No. 2.....	56.00
To Tampa Chapter No. 3.....	86.00
To St. John's Chapter No. 4.....	27.00
To Halifax Chapter No. 5.....	76.00
To Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.....	54.00
To Eureka Chapter No. 7.....	30.00
To Madison Chapter No. 8.....	19.00
To Madison Chapter No. 8, back dues.....	10.00
To Putnam Chapter No. 9.....	47.00
To Jasper Chapter No. 10.....	24.00
To Jericho Chapter No. 11.....	43.00
To Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.....	96.00
To Inverness Chapter No. 14.....	27.00
To Monroe Chapter No. 15.....	41.00
To Plant City Chapter No. 16.....	34.00
To Lake Butler Chapter No. 19.....	43.00
To Providence Chapter No. 20.....	24.00
To Island Chapter No. 21.....	36.00
To Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22.....	24.00
To Nassau Chapter No. 23.....	9.00

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August 2, 1901, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 31.00
January 17, 1902, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	73.00
February 19, 1902, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	229.00
March 19, 1902, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	265.00
April 20, 1902, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	186.00
May 12, 1902, by paid Grand Treasurer.....	140.00
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	\$924.00

Vouchers and books herewith submitted for approval.

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

Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida.

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May 14, 1901, to balance on hand as per last report.....	\$1,045.89
May 14, 1901, to supplemental report.....	63.00
August 2, 1901, to received from Grand Secretary.....	31.00
October 16, 1901, to received interest Commercial Bank.....	10.00
January 17, 1902, to received from Grand Secy.....	73.00
February 19, 1902, to received from Grand Secy.....	229.00
March 19, 1902, to received from Grand Secy.....	265.00
April 20, 1902, to received from Grand Secy.....	186.00
May 12, 1902, to received from Grand Secy.....	140.00
May 12, 1902, to received interest, Commercial Bank.....	10.10
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	\$2,052.99

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May 15, 1901, by pay-roll.....	\$ 326.20
By paid vouchers No. 1-11 attached.....	493.11
By balance on hand.....	1,233.68
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	\$2,052.99

Vouchers and books herewith submitted for approval.

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

Letters from Past Grand High Priest Boyd Wm. M. McIntosh, Grand Chaplain, and D. W. Stanley, Grand Principal Sojourner, expressing their regrets at not being able to be present at this Annual Convocation, were presented, and the Grand Secretary was directed to acknowledge same.

The Committee on Work announced that the M. M. Degree would be exemplified at 4 o'clock p. m. and P. M. and M. E. M. at 7:30 p. m.

The motion of Companion J. N. Bradshaw prevailed that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 3:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest with officers and members as at morning session.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

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

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida:
Your Committee on Distribution of Subjects recommend that so much of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address as refers to the fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That so much as refers to dispensations granted be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

No decisions by the Grand High Priest being reported, we unite with him in congratulating the Grand Chapter upon its actual fraternal harmony and unanimity of purpose.

So much as refers to defunct Chapters we recommend be referred to the Grand Secretary to make a formal demand for the remaining assets of Ocala Chapter No. 13.

We further recommend that so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the purchase of the safe be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

So much as refers to the action of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama in effecting a reciprocal arrangement regarding the reception of material contiguous to the boundary line between the two States, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to Finances be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, and we respectfully recommend that the thanks of our Grand Body be extended to R. E. J.

Gilman Waite, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts for courtesies extended.

Fraternally submitted,

OLIN S. WRIGHT,
IRVING E. WEBSTER,
MARCUS ENDEL,
Committee.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials respectfully report:

1. That the list of Grand Officers and Representatives present as read by the Grand Secretary at roll-call is correct.

2. That the following Chapters have made correct returns and paid their dues in full within the time allowed and are therefore entitled to representation, per diem and mileage: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22 and 23.

3. That No. 21 has made returns and paid its dues in full, but did not pay the dues until after April 1, and is therefore not entitled to per diem and mileage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOUIS C. MASSEY,
J. R. KELLER,
O. J. HILL,
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 R. A. M. of Florida:

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws would report as follows:

The dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest being for election of officers and to ballot on petitions for well-known candidates to supply work for the exemplification of the degrees at official visitations, we would recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. CUSHING,
W. F. SCOTT,
B. F. HOUGH,
Committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received and adopted:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that the only unfinished business is the proposed amendment to Article 1, Section 4, of the Constitution, as appears on page 43, minutes of Convocation of 1901, in the following form:

Sec. 4. 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 10 o'clock A. M., 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.)

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MILLER,

C. L. SMITH,

J. N. BRADSHAW,

Committee.

The amendment to the Constitution as reported by the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken up and adopted by a unanimous vote.

The motion of Companion Massey prevailed that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to meet with Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, at 4 o'clock P. M., to witness the exemplification of the work in the M. M. Degree.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 4:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met with Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 and witnessed the exemplification of the work in the M. M. Degree by the Committee on Work, after which it resumed labor.

The motion of M. E. Companion Wright prevailed that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment it be to meet with Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, at 7:30 P. M., to witness the exemplification of the work in the P. M. and M. E. M. Degrees.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 7:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter visited Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 and witnessed the exemplification of the work in the P. M. and M. E. M. Degrees by the Committee on Work, after which it resumed labor.

The motion of Companion Hutchinson prevailed that when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, it be to resume labor Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 10:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest with officers and members as at previous sessions.

Minutes of previous sessions were read and adopted.

The Special Committee appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy with M. E. Grand High Priest Cushman, made the following report, which was received and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

WHEREAS, At this the Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, we miss from his honored place in the East, our dearly beloved Companion and Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Alonzo M. Cushman and learn with profound regret the mournful cause which deprives us of the joy of his presence at this time, and our hearts are thereby moved to utter some word of love and sympathy; therefore, be it

Resolved by this Grand Chapter in Grand Convocation assembled, That we do extend to our bereaved Companion our most profound and sincere condolences in the great loss he has sustained by the death of a dear and aged mother, and the most sad affliction which has befallen his honored father.

His words of loving kindness and regret for his absence have moved our hearts with responsive tenderness and the moisture in many eyes, as we listened to his message, told better than can these poor words how deeply we share our Companion's sorrow.

Resolved, That in pointing our dear and Most Excellent Companion to the Great I Am as the source of all comfort and consolation in the hour of his sorrow, we feel that we can rely upon the lessons of Faith and Immortality which he has learned so well in his Masonic life, and which have taught him that the Hand which has so sorely smitten shall yet bring peace and consolation to the aching heart.

Resolved, That our Grand Secretary do send a copy of these Resolutions to our M. E. Companion under the seal of the Grand Chapter and that the same be also incorporated with our minutes.

Fraternally submitted,
WM. H. JEWELL,
S. B. WRIGHT,
I. E. WEBSTER,
Committee.

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:
No question of law or other matter has been referred to your Committee. At the last Annual Convocation there was a recommendation made by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in reference to concurrent jurisdiction with the Grand Chapter of Georgia and Alabama over material residing at or near the boundary line between Florida and these two States, which recommendation was adopted by this grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary having stated in his report that the Grand Chapter of Alabama had

agreed to concurrent jurisdiction over all material residing within five miles of said State line, provided the applicant who resides within five miles of said State line does not reside within ten miles of an organized Chapter of Alabama. We therefore recommend that the resolution of 1901 be amended, so far as it relates to the Grand Jurisdiction of Alabama, by adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Grand Chapter of Alabama over all material residing within five miles of the State line, provided there be no organized Chapter of his own Grand Jurisdiction within ten miles of petitioner's residence.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON,
MARCUS ENDEL,
ANGUS PATERSON,
I. E. WEBSTER,
WM. H. JEWELL,
Committee.

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

MEMORIALS.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

The Committee on Memorials submit the following report: While we rejoice that the ranks of this Grand Chapter are unbroken by the hand of Death, and prosperity seems to have attended us since our last Grand Convocation, we cannot be unmindful that the Angel of Death has visited many of the subordinate Chapters, severing the fraternal links, nor are we alone in our sorrow, as sister Jurisdictions mourn the loss of many members, therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter extend to the bereaved our sincerest sympathy, and that suitable records be inscribed upon our minutes to their memory.

That the light reflected from the noble lives thus taken may wrap itself around the destinies of men and fit us as Masons for a home in the bosom of the everlasting God,

Fraternally submitted,

IRVING E. WEBSTER,
WM. S. WARE,
WM. S. JORDAN,
Committee.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report, which was received and adopted:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:
Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances submit the report that nothing having been referred to us, we congratulate the Grand Chapter on the universal peace and good fellowship prevailing among the workmen in our Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

OLIN S. WRIGHT,

Z. T. MERRITT,

F. W. ARMSTRONG,

Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priests Haskell and Tyler tellers, and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of officers. The ballot having been taken, the following Grand Officers were duly elected:

M. E. Grand High Priest, J. R. Wetherell.

R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Thomas G. Hutchinson.

R. E. Grand King, Louis C. Massey.

R. E. Grand Scribe, Olin S. Wright.

R. E. Grand Treasurer, Marcus Endel.

R. E. Grand Secretary, Wilber P. Webster.

R. R. Grand Chaplain, Irving E. Webster.

After a short recess the Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Grand Officers

E. Grand Captain of the Host, Joseph R. Keller.

E. Grand Principal Sojourner, Z. T. Merritt.

E. Grand Royal Arch Captain, Wm. S. Jordan.

E. Grand Master Third Vail, James F. Miller.

E. Grand Master Second Vail, F. W. Armstrong.

E. Grand Master First Vail, Warren F. Scott.

E. Grand Guard, James F. Clark.

At the request of the M. E. Grand High Priest, the following Grand Officers were duly installed by M. E. Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P., assisted by M. E. Warren Tyler, P. G. H. P., as Grand Marshal:

John R. Wetherell, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Thos. G. Hutchinson, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

Louis C. Massey, R. E. Grand King.

Olin S. Wright, R. E. Grand Scribe.

Irving E. Webster, R. R. Grand Chaplain.

Joseph R. Keller, E. Grand Captain of the Host.

Z. T. Merritt, E. Grand Principal Sojourner.

Wm. S. Jordan, E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.

James F. Miller, E. Grand Master Third Vail.

F. W. Armstrong, E. Grand Master Second Vail.

Warren F. Scott, E. Grand Master First Vail.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary having been re-elected, and the Grand Guard re-appointed, their installation was not necessary at this time.

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 Committee on Finance and Accounts having considered all matters referred to them, beg leave to report:

We have examined the books and accounts of the grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct. We commend the action of the Grand Treasurer in withdrawing the sum of \$500 from the general account, as surplus funds, and depositing it in one of the city banks at interest, and recommend that it be continued, and such additions be made thereto as circumstances will warrant.

We approve the action of the Grand Secretary in the purchase of the safe as per resolution offered by this Committee at our last Annual Grand Convocation, and congratulate the Grand Chapter in securing a safe of the size and value of the one now in his office for the small sum paid.

For the expense of the Grand Chapter we recommend the following appropriations:

For pay-roll hereto attached.....	\$347.31
Salary of Grand Secretary, payable quarterly.....	200.00
Rent Library Room.....	50.00

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 other incidentals for the use of the Grand High

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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,

JAMES CARNELL,

T. G. HUTCHINSON,

Committee.

PAY-ROLL.

NAMES.	CHAPTER OR OFFICE.	MILE-AGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
J. R. Wetherell.....	as G. H. P.....	\$ 6.70	\$ 4.00	\$10.70
S. B. Wright.....	as D. G. H. P.....	6.70	4.00	10.70
T. G. Hutchinson..	G. K.....		4.00	4.00
L. C. Massey.....	G. S.....		4.00	4.00
Marcus Endel.....	G. Treasurer.....	8.55	4.00	12.55
I. E. Webster.....	as G. Chaplain.....	4.20	4.00	8.20
M. D. Cushing.....	G. C. H.....	4.20	4.00	8.20
Olin S. Wright.....	as G. P. S.....	12.75	4.00	16.75
C. W. Johnson.....	G. M. 3d Vail.....	10.35	4.00	14.35
Z. T. Merritt.....	as G. M. 2d Vail.....		4.00	4.00
F. W. Armstrong..	G. M. 1st Vail.....	21.96	4.00	25.96
Jas. F. Clark.....	G. Guard.....	9.90	4.00	13.90
Geo. S. Hallmark..	P. G. H. P.....		5.00	5.00
W. E. Anderson....	P. G. H. P.....	8.00	2.00	10.00
Angus Paterson....	P. G. H. P.....	24.00	4.00	28.00
Wm. H. Jewell.....	P. G. H. P.....	6.55	4.00	10.55
James Carnell.....	P. G. H. P.....	8.55	4.00	12.55
Warren Tyler.....	P. G. H. P.....	6.30	4.00	10.30
O. J. Hill.....	St. Johns No. 4.....	12.15	2.00	14.15
B. F. Hough.....	Halifax No. 5.....	6.70	4.00	10.70
J. R. Keller.....	Mt. Horeb No. 6.....	6.60	4.00	10.60
J. M. Bradshaw....	Eureka No. 7.....	8.00	2.00	10.00
Wm. S. Jordan.....	Madison No. 8.....	8.50	4.00	12.50
E. E. Haskell.....	Putnam No. 9.....	6.55	4.00	10.55
W. S. Ware.....	Jacksonville No. 12...	3.30	4.00	7.30
J. F. Miller.....	Inverness No. 14.....		4.00	4.00
J. H. Weddell.....	Plant City No. 16.....	8.40	4.00	12.40
J. J. Jones.....	Lake Butler No. 19...	10.35	4.00	14.35
J. W. Perry.....	Providence No. 20.....	3.30	4.00	7.30
F. W. Gary.....	Thos. Brown No. 22...	3.60	4.00	7.60
Warren F. Scott...	Nassau No. 23.....	12.15	2.00	14.15
		2.00	4.00	6.00

\$347.31

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Work—Warren Tyler, Marcus Endel, John H. Norton, T. G. Hutchinson, S. B. Wright, James Carnell, Olin S. Wright.

Correspondence—W. P. Webster, Wm. H. Jewell, Irving E. Webster.

Printing—W. P. Webster, John H. Norton, Marcus Endel.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Wright 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 R. A. Degree.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 7:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter visited Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 and witnessed the exemplification of the work in the R. A. Degree by the Committee on Work, after which it resumed labor.

The minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Brothers Huau and Emery for courtesies tendered, and the Grand Secretary was directed to express same to them.

No further business appearing, the foregoing minutes were read and approved.

Prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Attest:

JOHN R. WETHERELL,
Grand High Priest.

W. P. Webster

Grand Secretary,

[REDACTED]

TO THE MEMORY OF COMPANIONS

OF

OUR JURISDICTION,

WHO PASSED AWAY DURING THE YEAR 1901, THIS PAGE
IS FRATERNALLY DEDICATED.

[REDACTED]

LUCIUS B. WOMBWELL.....Florida Chapter No. 1.
THOMAS J. ROBERTS.....Florida Chapter No. 1.
LAFAYETTE L. YENT.....Florida Chapter No. 1.
R. B. THOMAS.....Tampa Chapter No. 3.
ROBERT R. SHEPHERD.....Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6.
HENRY J. PARRAMORE.....Madison Chapter No. 8.
W. J. WINEGAR.....Putnam Chapter No. 9.
OSCAR E. ADAMS.....Putnam Chapter No. 9.
WILLIAM E. FEREBEE.....Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
A. M. LENNIG.....Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
L. B. RHODES.....Lake Butler Chapter No. 19.
ERASTUS G. HILL.....Lake Butler Chapter No. 19.
GEO. RAY CAULKINS.....Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22.

[REDACTED]


IN MEMORY


OF THE

DISTINGUISHED DEAD

OF

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE
CELESTIAL CHAPTER ON HIGH
DURING THE YEAR 1901.



GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

STATISTICS.

CHAPTER.	Number.		Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Present Membership
	Last Year.	This Year.									
Florida	1	28	6	1	45	3	2	2			38
Gainesville	2	56	3	1	60	8	1	1	1	1	60
Tampa	3	72	4	1	81	1	1	1	1	1	78
St. Johns	4	27	3	2	32	1	1	1	1	1	27
Halifax	5	53	13	2	68	1	1	1	1	1	61
Mt. Horeb	6	51	2	2	55	1	1	1	1	1	53
Eureka	7	27	2	2	31	1	1	1	1	1	28
Madison	8	26	2	1	29	1	2	2			30
Putnam	9	20	2	1	23	1	2	2			26
Jasper	10	22	5	1	28	1	2	2			26
Jacksonville	11	35	3	1	42	2	2	2			37
Inverness	12	83	5	1	94	1	1	1	1	1	92
Monroe	13	23	3	2	28	1	1	1	1	1	26
Plant City	14	22	7	2	29	2	1	1	1	1	26
Lake Butler	15	32	6	1	39	2	1	1	1	1	37
Providence	16	46	5	1	52	2	1	1	1	1	51
Island	17	54	5	2	61	2	1	1	1	1	54
Thomas Brown	18	20	2	1	23	1	1	1	1	1	21
Nassau	19	21	3	1	25	1	1	1	1	1	24
Totals	778	79 </td <td>17</td> <td>4</td> <td>878</td> <td>13</td> <td>15</td> <td>26</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>824</td>	17	4	878	13	15	26			824

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	Second Thursday.
Halifax	5	Daytona	Second Monday.
Mt. Horeb	6	Daytona	Second Thursday.
Eureka	7	Pensacola	Second Monday.
Madison	8	Orlando	Second Thursday.
Putnam	9	Palatka	First and Third Tuesday.
Jasper	10	Jasper	First and Third Tuesday.
Jacksonville	11	Miami	Second and Fourth Monday.
Inverness	12	Jacksonville	First and Third Monday.
Monroe	13	Inverness	Second and Fourth Monday.
Plant City	14	Sanford	Fourth Thursday.
Lake Butler	15	Plant City	Third Monday.
Providence	16	Lake Butler	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Island	17	Lake City	First Friday.
Thomas Brown	18	Key West	Third Thursday.
Nassau	19	Bartow	First Friday.
	20	Fernandina	Second and Fourth Wednesday.
	21		Second Friday.
	22		Third Friday.
	23		Second and Fourth Wednesday.
	24		Second Tuesday.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTER.	No.	HIGH PRIEST.	KING.	SCRIBE.	TREASURER.	SECRETARY.	SECRETARY'S ADDRESS.
Florida	1	Frank W. Armstrong	Victor F. Balcom	Foster C. Gilmore	Robt. Gamble	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee
Gainesville	2	Herbert E. Taylor	N. W. Littlefield	J. G. Torrey	M. B. Saunders	W. L. Hill	Gainesville
Tampa	3	Wm. J. Twitt	Melville W. Carruth	Geo. P. Sullivan	Monroe D. Cushing	Z. P. Freeman	Tampa
St. Johns	4	Orson J. Hill	John MacDiarmid	Edward L. Powe	John H. Hibbard	Thomas R. Webb	DeLand
Halifax	5	Benj. F. Hough	Geo. H. Clark	Chas. M. Bingham	Frank T. Peck	Arthur H. Carter	Holly Hill
Mt. Horeb	6	Joseph R. Keller	Chas. D. Beyer	Wm. W. Watson	Gus Eitzen	Wm. E. Anderson	Pensacola
Eureka	7	Charles Lord	John M. Cheney	Joseph Dawson	Mahlon Gore	Wm. H. Jewell	Orlando
Madison	8	Wm. S. Jordan	M. D. Buck	Robt. L. Milliner	Joseph Townsend	Angus Paterson	Madison
Putnam	9	Wm. J. Tilghman	Fred C. Cochrane	Geo. E. Gay	M. Kohl	M. I. Cox	Palatka
Jasper	10	John F. Smith, Jr.	J. VanChancy	John E. Hanna, Jr.	John M. Caldwell	John F. Stewart	Jasper
Jacksonville	11	Z. T. Merritt	S. L. Patterson	H. P. Williams	Geo. B. Rumph, Jr.	A. E. Heyser	Miami
Inverness	12	William S. Ware	Henry G. Air	Thos. Hilditch	B. H. Chadwick	Wm. Lansdell	Jacksonville
Monroe	14	James F. Miller	Louis Thompson	Milton D. Bell	Augustus T. Priest	Sam'l. M. Wilson	Inverness
Plant City	15	J. E. Terwilliger	R. H. Seymour	J. M. Pravat	T. J. Miller	J. C. Ensminger	Sanford
Lake Butler	16	James L. Young	James M. Forbis	Jasper Evers	Eben B. Trask	Olin S. Wright	Plant City
Providence	19	J. J. Jones	W. J. Epperson	J. C. Byrd	E. L. Odom	F. M. Rivers	Lake Butler
Island	20	J. O. Harris	J. W. Perry	Wm N. Cone	T. G. Henderson	R. F. Rogers	Lake City
Thomas Brown	21	Jeremiah Fogarty	J. W. V. R. Plummer	Geo. D. Warren	Geo. H. Curry	Geo. B. Phillips	Key West
Nassau	22	Thomas W. Gary	Hugh W. Wear	James H. Watson	Warren Tylor	James W. Boyd	Bartow
Fernandina	23	Warren F. Scott	James McGiffin	Fred W. Hoyt	John W. Howell	H. S. Yerger	Fernandina

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATE.	NAME.	ADDRESS.
General Grand Chapter.	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo, N. Y.
Alabama	Lew Lazarus	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskrug	Tucson.
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville.
California	William A. Davies	San Francisco.
Canada	Geo. J. Bennett	Toronto.
Colorado	William D. Todd	Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
Delaware	James H. Price	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	A. W. Johnston	Washington, D. C.
England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Georgia	W. A. Wolthin	Macon.
Illinois	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	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.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha.
Nevada	Wm. B. Wallace	Carson City.
New Brunswick	Frank D. Woodbury	St. Johns.
New Hampshire	George B. Edwards	Concord.
New Jersey	Alpheus A. Keen	Jersey City.
New Mexico	Alfred J. Burbidge	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	Christopher G. Fox	Sydney.
New York	H. L. Williams	Buffalo.
New Zealand	James C. Munds	Waterloo.
North Carolina	Frank J. Thompson	Wilmington.
North Dakota	D. H. Campbell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Edwin Hagenbuch	Halifax.
Ohio	James F. Robinson	Urbana
Oregon	Charles Cary	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	Will H. Whyte	Philadelphia.
Quebec	William R. Green	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Brown	Providence.
Scotland	John T. Barron	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Columbia.
South Dakota	W. A. Clendening	Flandreau.
Tennessee	Warren G. Reynolds	Nashville.
Texas	John Braim	Florens ville.
Vermont	James B. Blanks	Burlington.
Victoria	R. C. Dunnington	Melbourne.
Virginia	Yancey C. Blalock	Petersburg.
West Virginia	William W. Perry	Fairmount.
Washington		Walla Walla.
Wisconsin		Milwaukee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTERS.	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA.
James B. Rankin, Brewton	Alabama	Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.
Prosper Powell Parker, Phoenix	Arizona	F. G. Hutchinson, Jacksonville.
George P. Taylor, Forest City	Arkansas	Wm. B. Barnett, Jacksonville.
Edward Richards, Hedges	California	Wm. S. Ware, Jacksonville.
A. B. Munson, London, Ontario	Canada	D. W. Stanley, Bartow.
George W. Roo, 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 Columbia	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
W. A. Davis, Macon	Georgia	Monroe D. Cushing, Tampa.
W. L. Orr, Chicago	Illinois	John H. Norton, Jacksonville.
Elmer Crockett, South Bend	Indiana	L. F. Frink, Lake City.
Jonas A. Lee, Rush Springs	Indian Territory	Olin S. Wright, Plant City.
George R. Turner, Ames	Iowa	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
Aaron H. Connett, Great Bend	Kansas	Olin S. Wright, Plant City.
J. W. Staten, Brooksville	Kentucky	James W. Boyd, Bartow.
E. W. Drebbholz, New Orleans	Louisiana	J. R. Wetherell, DeLand.
Henry R. Taylor, Machias	Maine	Elmer E. Haskell, Palatka.
L. Jas. M. Boyd, Annapolis	Maryland	James Carnell, Ormond.
Charles T. Witt, Boston	Massachusetts	I. E. Webster, Gainesville.
Herbert E. Blair, Waterville	Minnesota	A. M. Cushman, Gainesville.
A. C. Lowe, Aberdeen	Mississippi	John M. Young, Inverness.
C. C. Woods, Neosho	Missouri	James W. Boyd, Bartow.
Chas. L. Fulstone, Carson City	Nevada	John J. Jones, Lake Butler.
J. J. Monnell, Omaha	Nebraska	Robt. McClellan, Gainesville.
W. H. B. Sadler, St. John	New Brunswick	Edgar A. Richards, Orlando.
F. A. Rawson, Newport	New Hampshire	Geo. W. Hyde, Gainesville.
Wm. H. Grosscup, Camden	New Jersey	Warren F. Scott, Fernandina.
Eward A. Cahoon, Roswell	New Mexico	James Carnell, Ormond.
James W. Morangue, Albany	New York	Marcus Endel, Gainesville.
Wm. Alex. Smith, Sydney	New South Wales	Wm. H. Cyrus, Palatka.
Michael Bowes, Raleigh	North Carolina	I. E. Webster, Gainesville.
Chas. W. Greene, Devil's Lake	North Dakota	Marcus Endel, Gainesville.
John M. Lawson, Yarmouth	Nova Scotia	W. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.
William E. Evans, Chillicothe	Ohio	W. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.
Ernest V. Carter, Ashland	Oregon	Harry N. Sweeting, Tallahassee.
Henry Oscar Kline, Pittsburg	Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
R. G. Adams, Montreal	Quebec	John N. Bradshaw, Orlando.
Ferdinand H. Allen, Providence	Rhode Island	B. H. Chadwick, Jacksonville.
James D. Duncan, Michlewood	Scotland	Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.
A. T. Smythe, Charleston	South Carolina	W. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.
John F. Schrader, Rapid City	South Dakota	Wm. H. Jewell, Orlando.
J. C. Smith, Jr., Jackson	Tennessee	Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.
Joe. T. Burgher, Whitowright	Texas	Angus Paterson, Madison.
Homer Thrasher, Newport	Vermont	Wm. H. Cyrus, Palatka.
W. S. Mathews, Big Stone Gap	Virginia	Wm. E. Anderson, Pensacola.
Thomas M. Reed, Olympia	Washington	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
Jere A. Miller, Wheeling	West Virginia	L. R. Phillips, Sanford.
Fred Ring, LaCrosse	Wisconsin	Warren Tyler, Bartow

REGULATION.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED MAY, 1902.

The resolution in regard to concurrent jurisdiction between the States of Georgia, Alabama and Florida adopted in 1901 was amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Georgia of all material residing at or near the boundary line between Georgia and Florida, whereby a petition of one residing in such locality may be presented in his nearest Chapter.

In regard to concurrent jurisdiction with the Grand Chapter of Alabama the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Grand Chapter of Alabama over all material residing within five miles of the State line, provided there be no organized Chapter of his own Grand Jurisdiction within ten miles of petitioner's residence.

Amendment to Article 1, Section 4, of the Constitution adopted May, 1902:

Section 4. 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 10 o'clock A. M., 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).

Order of High Priesthood.

Special Convocation.

M. E. Angus Paterson, President of the Grand Council of Florida, called a Special Convocation of the Grand Council at Madison, on the 23d day of October, A. D. 1901, for the purpose of conferring the Order of High Priesthood upon Companion Bascom H. Palmer, Past High Priest of Providence Chapter No. 20.

A sufficient number of Companions—Anointed High Priests—being present to form a Convention and the said Companion Bascom H. Palmer being eligible, he was consecrated and anointed a High Priest in due and ancient form.

The Council was closed in due form.

W. P. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

Special Convocation.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Council was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, January 23, 1902, by order of the M. E. President.

The following officers were present:

M. E. Angus Paterson...President.
M. E. James W. Boyd...Vice-President.
M. E. Olin S. Wright...as Chaplain.
M. E. Warren Tyler...Treasurer.
M. E. Chas. L. Smith...as Master of Ceremonies.
M. E. B. H. Palmer...as Conductor.
M. E. James Carnell...Herald.
M. E. Thos. J. Smith...as Steward.
M. E. James F. Clark...Guard.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

Applications were received from Companions Wm. S. Ware, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12; John H. Norton, Past High Priest Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, Z. T. Merritt, High Priest Jericho Chapter No. 11, and James M. Chesser, Past High Priest of Alachua Chapter No. 13.

These Companions being found eligible, they were duly elected and were consecrated and anointed in due form.

Upon motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the Guard the sum of \$2.50 for labor and expenses.

No further business appearing the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

WARREN TYLER,
as Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held in Masonic Temple, Jacksonville, Wednesday, May 14, at 3 o'clock P. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. Angus Paterson...President.
M. E. Marcus Endel...as Vice-President.
M. E. Irving E. Webster...Chaplain.
M. E. Warren Tyler...Treasurer.
M. E. Wilber P. Webster...Secretary.
M. E. Chas. L. Smith...as Master of Ceremonies.
M. E. Silas B. Wright...Conductor.
M. E. James Carnell...Herald.
M. E. T. G. Hutchinson...as Steward.
M. E. James F. Clark...Guard.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

The Secretary made the following report, which was received and ordered printed:

W. P. Webster, Secretary, in account with the Order of High Priesthood.

DR.	
To fees collected.....	\$16.00
To Bibles sold	4.60
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	\$20.60

CR.	
January 23, 1902, by paid Treasurer.....	\$ 8.00
May 14, 1902, by paid Treasurer.....	12.60
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	\$20.60

The Treasurer made the following report, which was received and ordered printed:

Warren Tyler, Treasurer, in account with the Order of High Priesthood.

DR.	
May 15, 1901, to balance on hand.....	\$21.89
January 23, 1902, to received from Secretary.....	8.00
May 14, 1902, to received from Secretary.....	12.60
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	\$42.49

CR.	
January 23, 1902, by paid Guard.....	\$ 2.50
May 14, 1902, by paid for Bibles.....	12.36
May 14, 1902, by paid express on same.....	1.36
By balance on hand.....	26.27
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	\$42.49

Applications for the Order were received from Orson J. Hill, High Priest of St. Johns Chapter No. 4, Benjamin F. Hough, High Priest of Halifax Chapter No. 5, and James F. Miller, High Priest of Inverness Chapter No. 14. 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 Hill, Hough and Miller bring in waiting, they were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due form.

The Grand Council proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

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, re-elected Secretary.
 M. E. : Silas B. Wright, re-elected Conductor.
 M. E. : Charles L. Smith, elected Master of Ceremonies.
 M. E. : James Carnell, re-elected Herald.
 M. E. : T. G. Hutchinson, elected Steward.
 M. E. : James F. Clark, re-elected Guard.

Upon motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Guard the sum of \$2.50 for services and expenses, and \$6, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for printing the minutes.

No further business appearing the minutes were read and approved.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,
 Secretary.

ANGUS PATERSON,
 President.

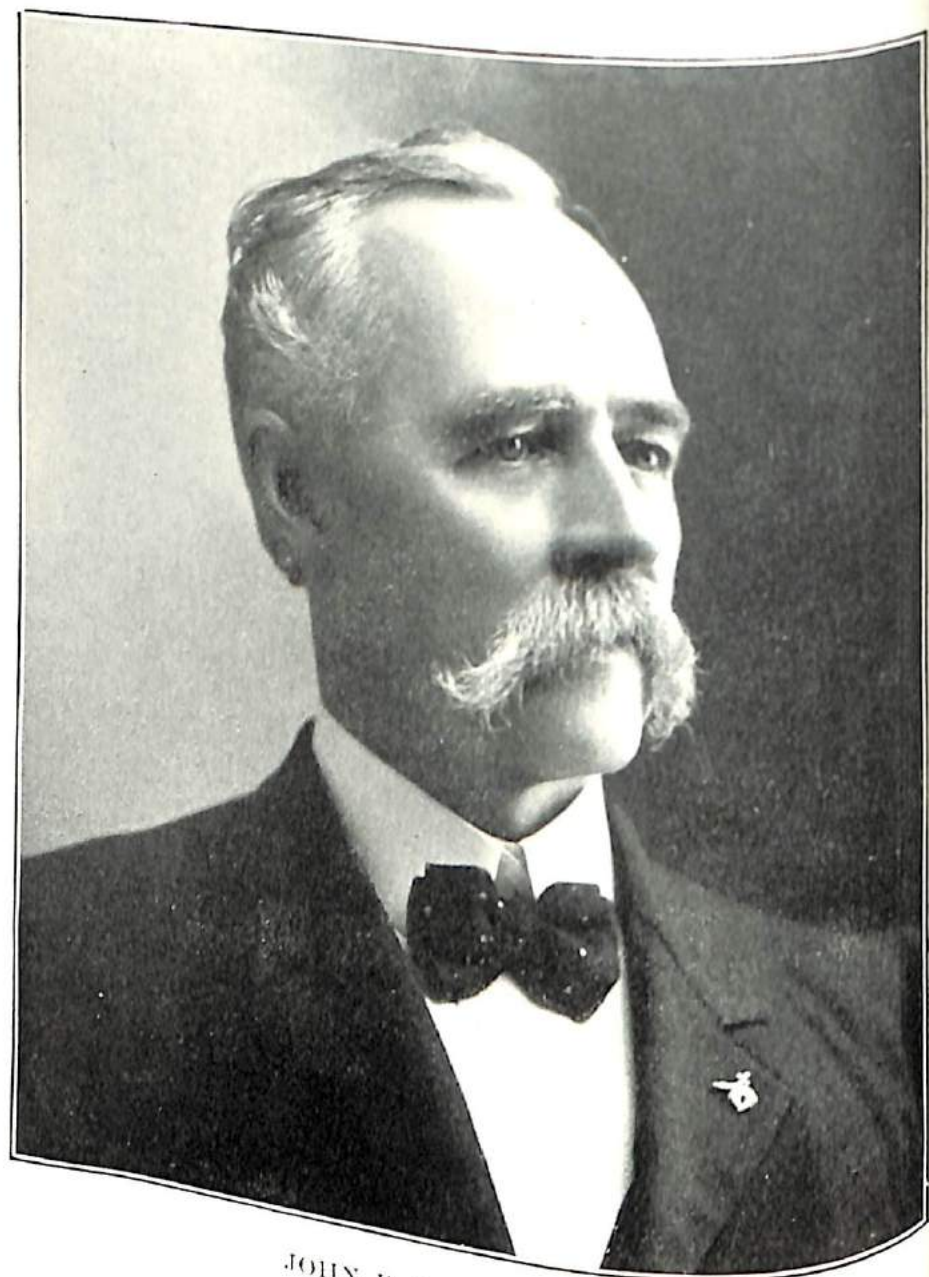
REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

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 12, 1865
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
Marcus Endel	Consecrated January 19, 1888
William W. Tucker*	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Wm. M. McIntosh, Sr.	Consecrated January 19, 1888
George S. Hallmark	Consecrated January 19, 1888
James W. Boyd	Affiliated January 19, 1888
Sammuel Pasco	Affiliated January 19, 1888
Julius Stark*	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Herman Glogowski	Consecrated January 16, 1889
Robert McClellan	Consecrated January 16, 1889
J. W. V. R. Plummer	Consecrated January 18, 1889
John H. Stephens	Consecrated January 18, 1889
Thomas S. Wilmarth	Consecrated January 18, 1889
R. Alfred Montsalvatge*	Consecrated January 18, 1890
Frank P. Mersereau	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Silas B. Wright	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Samuel A. Vanchope	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Irving E. Webster	Affiliated May 7, 1890
Edgar A. Richards	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Warren Tyler	Consecrated May 13, 1891
William E. Jewell	Consecrated May 13, 1891
John D. Sinclair	Consecrated May 13, 1891
Eljah H. Bunker	Consecrated May 11, 1892
*Dead.	Consecrated May 11, 1892
	Consecrated May 11, 1892

NAME.	DATE.
Charles J. Hayes	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Dougald McLachlan	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 G. Martin	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Bingham H. Chadwick	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Nathaniel T. Elliott	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Wilber F. Webster	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Everard F. Barnes	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Milton A. Fuller	Affiliated January 18, 1894
Thomas J. Smith	Consecrated March 5, 1894
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 January 7, 1895
Joseph Townsend	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Lowell C. Ruter	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph M. Tolbert	Consecrated January 15, 1895
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 Wassgate	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
Thomas G. Henthinson	Consecrated January 21, 1898
*Dead.	

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NAME.	DATE.
Ludwig W. Buchholz.....	Consecrated January 21, 1894
William H. Hausman.....	Consecrated May 9, 1895
Abraham H. West.....	Consecrated Dec. 27, 1895
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
William 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
L. F. Frink.....	Consecrated January 17, 1901
W. W. Faris.....	Consecrated January 17, 1901
Joseph R. Keller.....	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Thomas West Gary.....	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Frank W. Armstrong.....	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Warren F. Scott.....	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Bascom H. Palmer.....	Consecrated Oct. 23, 1901
William S. Ware.....	Consecrated January 23, 1902
John H. Norton.....	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Z. T. Merritt.....	Consecrated January 23, 1902
James M. Chesser.....	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Orson J. Hill.....	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Benjamin F. Hough.....	Consecrated May 14, 1902
James F. Miller.....	Consecrated May 14, 1902
*Dead.	



JOHN R. WETHERELL,
Grand High Priest 1902.

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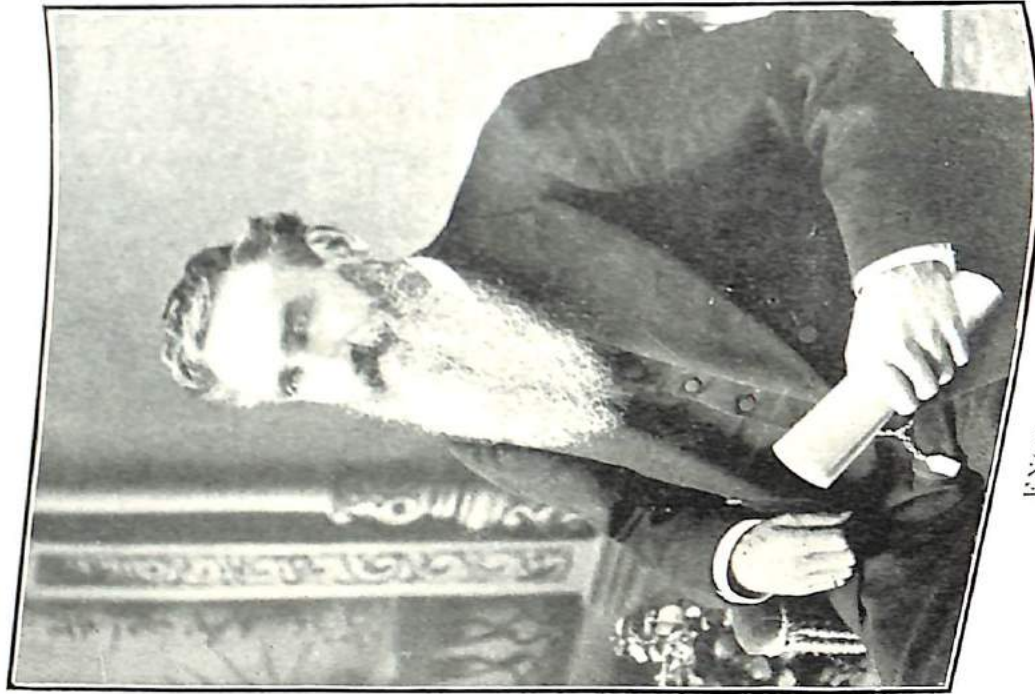
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