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GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

Thirty-Fifth Annual Convocation.

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

PRESENT:

M.·.E.·. Robert J. Perry.....Grand High Priest;
R.·.E.·. William E. Anderson.....Grand King;
" W. A. McLean.....Grand Scribe;
" L. McConihe.....Grand Treasurer;
" DeWitt C. Dawkins.....Grand Secretary;
Rt. Rev. John Penny.....Grand Chaplain;
E.·. E Wasgate.....as Grand Captain of the Host;
" W. F. Scott.....as Grand Principal Sojourner;
" James F. Clark.....as Grand Royal Arch Captain;
" M. Endel.....as Grand Master Third Vail;
" John G. Ellis.....as Grand Master Second Vail;
" Frederick W. Johnson...as Grand Master First Vail;
" Milton N. Parcells .....as Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priests—D. C. Dawkins and E. Wasgate.
Past Deputy Grand High Priest—S. Pasco.
Past Grand King—W. W. Tucker.
Past Grand Treasurer—W. A. Young.

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

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

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

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

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

The Grand High Priest read the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

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

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

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

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

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

OFFICIAL DUTIES PERFORMED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

June 9th, 1830, commissioned Comp. Rev. C. C. Wood, of Kansas City, Grand Representative of G. C. of Florida in Missouri.

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

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

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

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

Hoping for the guidance of unerring Providence in our deliberations, Faithfully Yours,

ROBERT J. PERRY, G. H. P.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To the M.·.E.·. Grand Chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

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

1880. DR.

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

1880. CR.

January 23, By paid Grand Treasurer.....$ 33.00
" 19, " " " " ..... 189.00—$222.00

* For statistical table see Appendix.

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

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

1880. DR.

January 21,	Balance cash on hand	$221.79
" 23,	Received of Grand Secretary	33.00
1881.		
January 19,	Received of Grand Secretary	189.00
		$443.79

1880. CR.

January 22,	By paid Grand Secretary,	Vr. 1,	$ 76.30	
" 22,	" " Grand Chaplain,	Vr. 2,	10 00	
" "	" " Gr. High Priest,	Vr. 3,	10.00	
" "	" " Gr. Guard,	Vr. 4,	10.00	
" "	" " Comp. Escassi,	Vr. 5,	10.00	
" "	" " Gr. Sec.,	Vr. 6,	125.00	
" "	" " " " POSTAGE, &C.,	Vr. 7,	8.00	
	Balance, Cash on hand		194.49	$443.79

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

Companion WILLIAM A. MCLEAN was duly elected M. E. G. H. P.

Companion WILLIAM E. ANDERSON was duly elected R. E. D. G. H. P.

Companion WARREN F. SCOTT was duly elected R. E. G. K.

Companion JOHN G. ELLIS was duly elected R. E. G. S.

Companion LUTHER MCCONIHE was duly re-elected R. E. Gr. Tr.

Companion DEWITT C. DAWKINS was duly re-elected R. E. Gr. Sec'y.

Companion JOHN PENNY was duly re-elected Rt. Rev. Gr. Chaplain.

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

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

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to report, that they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made, to-wit:

For printing proceedings of 1880	$ 58.40
For postage and stationery	11.09
For Grand Chaplain	10.00
For Grand Guard	5.00
For salary of Grand Secretary	100.00
	$184.49

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

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

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

W. A. McLEAN,
Grand High Priest.

APPENDICES.

AT REST.

ENOCH CHADWICK,

SANTA ROSA ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 6.

July 21, 1880.

CHARLES H. BRAM,

JACKSONVILLE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 12,

January 12, 1880.

SILAS WEEKS,

LAKE BUTLER ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NO. 19.

No record of Date.

JOHN A. J. McKINNEY,

LAKE BUTLER ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 19.

October 9, 1880.

FREDERICK FILER,

ISLAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 21,

August 2d, 1880.

TABULAR ABSTRACT FROM RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS, A. D. 1881.—A. I. 2411.

CHAPTERS.	No.	REPRESENTED BY	Membership last year.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Restored.	Ministers exempt.	Amount of dues.	Amount paid.	Present membership.
Gainesville	2	M Endel, proxy H P. H Glogowski, proxy for K	20	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	$18 00	$18 00	19
Santa Rosa	6	J G Ellis, H P	30	..	..	..	1	3	..	4	..	..	.....	.....	26
Mount Horeb	11	A L Williams, proxy Officers	16	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	18 00	18 00	16
Jacksonville	12	L McConihe, H P; J F Clark, K; T S Wilmarth, S	50	1	1	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	51 00	51 00	47
Lake Butler	19	M L McKinney, proxy for H P	31	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	31 00	31 00	32
Island	21	F W Johnson, pr'y for H P; J W, V R Plummer, pr'y for S	52	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	56 00	56 18	52
Nassau	23	W F Scott, H P	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	18 00	18 00	12
			211	9	1	2	4	6	6	6	..	2	192 00	192 00	205

Charter of No 1 forfeited.
No returns from Nos. 20 and 24.
Dues of No. 6 wanted for two years.
Total number of members is about 205, with a decrease of 6 or 8.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

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

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

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

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M.·. E.·. GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF FLORIDA.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

1882.

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

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

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

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

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

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

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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

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

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

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

On Finance and Accounts.—Companions L. MCCONIHE, J. W. V. R. Plummer, and M. ENDEL.

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

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

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

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

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

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESENT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted.

E. WASGATE,
M. ENDEL,
R. J. PERRY,
Committee.

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

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

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials beg leave to submit the following report.

We have examined the returns of six Chapters, all that have come in, and find them correct, excepting No. 19; we have also examined the credentials and find that the said Chapters are duly represented as follows:

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

Mount Horeb Chapter No. 11.—G. S. Hallmark, proxy for officers.

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.—L. McConihe, Hight Priest; T. S. Wilmarth, King; W. B. Barnett, Scribe.

Lake Butler Chapter No. 19.—F. M. Rivers, proxy for High Priest and G. W. Epperson, proxy for King.

Island Chapter No. 21.—J. W. V. R. Plummer, High Priest, no date of exaltation of two companions; otherwise correct.

Nassau Chapter No. 23.—W. F. Scott, High Priest; N. Martin, King.

Fraternally submitted.

M. ENDEL,
J. F. CLARK,
M. M. ESCASSI,
Committee.

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

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

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To amount received from Nassau Chapter No. 23, balance on 1880		
To amount received from Nassau Chapter No. 23	$ 3.00	
" " received from Gainesville Chapter No. 2	31.00	
" " received from Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11	21.00	
" " received from Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12	18.00	
" " received from Island Chapter, No. 21	46.00	
" " received from Lake Butler Chapter No. 19	56.00	
Charter fee of Tampa Chapter	27.00	
	50.00	—$252.00

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By paid Grand Treasurer	$202.00	
" " " "	50.00	—$252.00

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

I herewith submit my annual report as Grand Treasurer:

1881.			
January 19, to balance cash on hand			$194.49
1882.			
January 17, Received of Grand Secretary	$100.00		
" " " " " "	75.00		
" " " " " "	27.00		
January 18 " " " "	50.00	—$252.00	
			$446.49
January 20th, 1881, By paid Grand Chaplain	$ 10.00		
January 21st, " " " Grand Secretary	100.00		
" " " " " "	11.09		
" " " " " Grand Guard	5.00		
" " " " " Ashmead Brothers	58.40		
Balance cash on hand	$262.00	—$446.49	

L. McCONIHE, Grand Treasurer.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed as a Special Committee, on so much of the Grand High Priest Address as relates to the condition of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, W. E. Anderson, R. J. Perry and W. F. Scott.

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

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

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

For printing proceedings for 1881, 500 copies	$ 40.00
" postage	10.50
" Grand Chaplain	10.00
" Grand Guard	5.00
" salary of Grand Secretary	100.00
	$165.50

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

Fraternally submitted.

MARCUS ENDEL,
J. W. V. R. PLUMMER,
L. McCONIHE,
Committee.

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

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

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

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

W. A. YOUNG, Secretary.

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

Companion W. A. MCLEAN, re-elected Grand High Priest.
Companion W. E. ANDERSON, Deputy Grand High Priest.
Companion WARREN F. SCOTT, Grand King.
Companion G. S HALLMARK, Grand Scribe.
Companion L. MCCONIHE, Grand Treasurer.
Companion D. C DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.
Companion JOHN PENNY, Grand Chaplain.

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

JANUARY 19, 3 P. M.

PRESENT.

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

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

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

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

We recommend the approval of the action of the Grand High Priest in granting dispensations to Providence Royal Arch Chapter, No. 20, authorizing said Chapter to change its place of meeting from Pasco back to Providence, and to elect its officers for the present Masonic year.

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

Fraternally submitted.

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

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

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

Fraternally submitted.

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

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

Add to section 29 these words:

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

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

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

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

Our peculiar duties as Free-Masons, individually and collectively, begin with our acceptance and entrance upon the threshhold of Our Mystic Temple; and end not, until the Supreme High Priest transfers us to the Tabernacle beyond the tomb. This probationary period is brief; the paths we tread therein "rough and rugged," and our confederated engagement is to aid each other, and every weary traveler, through them, and to the "outer courts of the Tabernacle" of perpetual brilliancy armed with the immortal signet of the Holy Royal Arch.

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

OUR DEPARTED COMPANIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

W. A. McLEAN,
Grand High Priest.

W. A. YOUNG, Acting Grand Secretary.

The foregoing minutes are compiled and recorded by

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

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

APPENDICES.

AT REST.

GEORGE GENNEY,

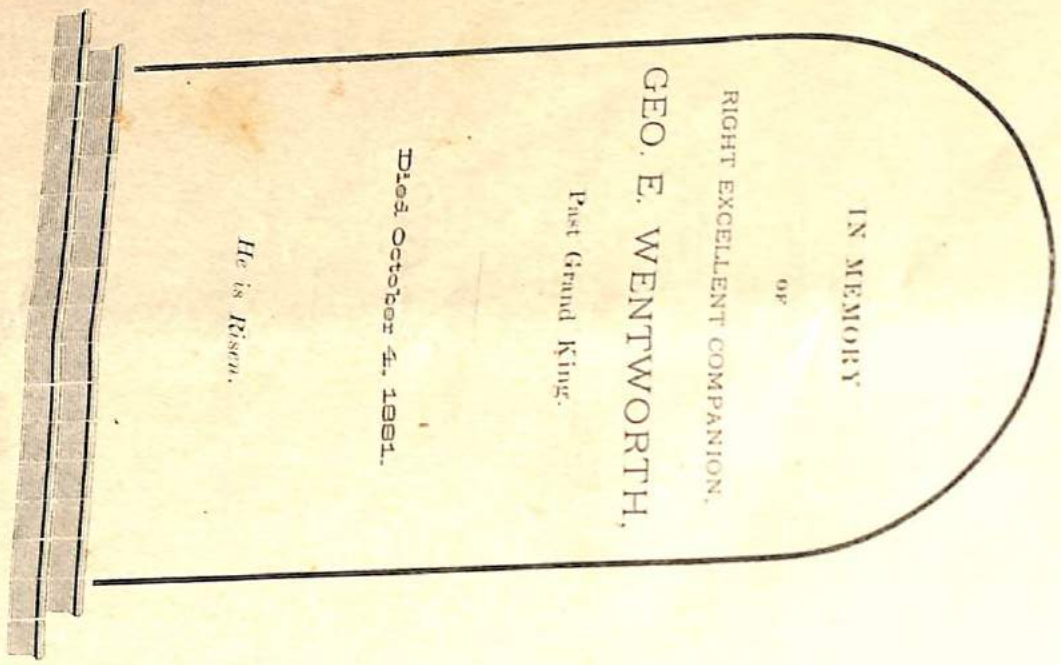
MOUNT HOREB ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 11.

January 25th, 1881.

GEORGE E. WENTWORTH,

MOUNT MORIAH ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No 24.

October 4th, 1881.



DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS, *as per Returns.*

CHAPTERS.	No.	HIGH PRIESTS.	KINGS.	SCRIBES.	TREASURERS.	SECRETARIES.	CONVOCATIONS.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Gainesville ...	2	E P Carter.....	C V Waugh...	A D Jernigan	R McClellan..	H. Glogowski...	1 Tuesday	Gainesville.
Mount Horeb	11	C McK Oerting.....	J McDonald...	T Stearnes.....	B A Philibert	G. S. Hallmark	3 Monday	Warrington.
Jacksonville.	12	L McConihe.....	T S Wilmarth	W B Barnett..	H Koopman...	W. A. Young...	Last Friday.....	Jacksonville.
Lake Butler*	19	T E Dekle.....	J A Cason.....	F M Rivers.....	P S Crews.....	H F. York.....	1 Thursday.....	Lake Butler.
Island.....	21	J W V R Plummer	M L Hellings..	J J Delaney...	S Filer.....	Geo. H. Curry...	2 & 4 Wed'esday	Key West
Nassau.....	23	W F Scott.....	N Martin.....	A O McDonell	J H Prescott..	W. A. Jones.....	Wed af Lodge 47	Fernandina.

*Old Officers.

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

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

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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

STATISTICS, *as per Returns.*

CHAPTERS.

	Number.	Number of Members last Return.	Added.	Total.	Lost.	Present Membership.	Exemptions.	Amount of Dues.	Amount Paid.
Gainesville	2	19	1	20		20	2	$ 31 00	$ 31 00
Mount Horeb	11	16	2	18		18		18 00	18 00
Jacksonville	12	47	2	49	2	47	3	46 00	46 00
Lake Butler	19	32		32		32		16 00	16 00
Island	21	32		32		32		32 00	32 00
Nassau	23	32		32		32	5	25 00	25 00
		13	4	17	1	17		24 00	24 00
Totals	6	179	17	196	5	191	10	$ 199 00	$ 199 00

Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter No. 6, Charter Forfeited.
Micanopy R. A. Chapter No. 16, Charter Forfeited.
Providence R. A. Chapter No. 20, no Returns for two years.
Mount Moriah R. A. Chapter No. 21, no Returns for two years.

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

Year	Where Held.	G.·. G.·. High Priests.	D.·. G.·. G.·. High Priests.	G.·. G.·. Kings.	G.·. G.·. Scribes.	G.·. G.·. Treasurers.	G.·. G.·. Secretaries	G.·. G.·. Chaplains	G.·. G.·. Marshals.
1798	Hartford, Ct	E Kirby		Benj Hurd, Jr	T S Webb	S T Hosmer	Wm Woart	A L Clarke	Gurdon Lathrop
1798	Middletown, Ct	E Kirby		Benj Hurd, Jr	T S Webb	S T Hosmer	Wm Woart	A L Clarke	Gurdon Lathrop
1799	Providence, R I	E Kirby*		Benj Hurd, Jr	T S Webb	J Huntington	Wm Woart	A L Clarke	John C TenBroeck
1806	Middletown, Ct	Benj Hurd, Jr*		Thos S Webb	Ezra Ames*	Jas Harrison	O Ammidon	J Nye	Jos Huntington
1816	New York City	D Clinton	Thos S Webb*	Jno H Lynde*	P P Eckel	P Grennell	John Abbott	J Nye	John Harris
1819	New York City	D Clinton	Henry Fowle*	John Snow	P P Eckel*	P Grennell	John Abbott	J Nye	David G Cowans
1826	New York City	D Clinton*	John Snow*	John L Wilson*	Paul Dean	P Grennell	L Chapman	J Nye	William G Hunt
1829	New York City	Ed Livingston	J R Poinsett	Paul Dean	J K Stapleton	P Grennell	L Chapman	J Nye	Amos Nourse
1832	Baltimore, Md	Ed Livingston	J R Poinsett	Paul Dean	J K Stapleton	P Grennell	Jas Herring	C S Williams	Mordecai Meyers
1835	Wash'gton, D C	Ed Livingston*	J R Poinsett*	Paul Dean	J K Stapleton	E A Raymond	Chas Gilman	F Clark	I W Crawford
1838	Boston, Mass	Paul Dean	J K Stapleton	J T B V'nVetchen*	I W Crawford	E A Raymond	Chas Gilman	David Butler	Ezra S Barnum
1841	New York City	Paul Dean	J K Stapleton	I W Crawford	E S Barnum	E A Raymond	Chas Gilman	R Punshon	Nathan B Haswell
1844	New Haven, Ct	Paul Dean*	J K Stapleton	I W Crawford*	E S Barnum	E A Raymond	Chas Gilman	R Punshon	Nathan B Haswell
1847	Columbus, O	Robt P Dunlap	J K Stapleton	Willis Stewart	E S Barnum*	E A Raymond	Chas Gilman	A Clarke	Nathan B Haswell
1850	Boston, Mass	Robt P Dunlap	J K Stapleton*	Willis Stewart	T H Lewis*	E A Raymond	B B French	Paul Dean	Nathan B Haswell
1853	Lexington, Ky	Robt P Dunlap*	Willis Stewart*	Charles Gilman	A V Rowe*	E A Raymond	B B French	N B Haswell†	G H C Melody‡
1856	Hartford, Ct	Chas Gilman*	P C Tucker*	Amos Adams*	Jno L Lewis	E A Raymond	B B French*	J R Hartstock	David Clark
1859	Chicago, Ill	A G Mackey	Jno L Lewis	Ira A W Buck	G M Hillyer*	James Penn	Sam'l G Risk*	J McClellan	William Hacker
1865	Columbus, O	John L Lewis	Ira A W Buck	A T C Pierson	J Q A Fellows	J McClellan	J D Caldwell	W Hacker	James L Gould
1868	St. Louis, Mo	Jas M Austin	Robt S Bruns*	William Hacker	M Collins	J McClellan	J D Caldwell	Isaac S Titus	Orlin H Miner
1871	Baltimore, Md	J H Drummond	E H English	Charles H Ohr	Chas Marsh*	J McClellan	C G Fox	Jos Yates	D C Dawkins
1874	Nashville, Tenn	E H English	John Frizzell	Robert F Bower	A F Chapman	J McClellan	C G Fox	N D Larner	Henry Bostwick
1877	Buffalo, N Y	John Frizzell	Robt F Bower	A F Chapman	N D Larner	J McClellan*	C G Fox	H Bostwick	David F Day
1880	Detroit, Mich	Robt F Bower*	A F Chapman	Noble D Larner	H Bostwick	R C Lemmon	C G Fox		

*Dead. †Office changed to "Captain of the Host." ‡Office changed to "Royal Arch Captain."

CHRONOLOGICAL MEMORANDA OF IMPORTANT TRANSACTIONS.

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

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M.·. E.·. GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF FLORIDA.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Chapter of Florida.

Thirty-Seventh Annual Convocation.

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

PRESENT:

M. E.—William A. McLean.....Grand High Priest
R. E.—William E. Anderson.....Deputy Grand High Priest
" W. W. Tucker.....as Grand King
" George S. Hallmark.....Grand Scribe
" Thomas S. Wilmarth.....Grand Treasurer
" DeWitt C. Dawkins.....Grand Secretary
E.—Enos Wasgate.....as Grand Captain of the Host
" Marcus Endel.....Grand Principal Sojourner
" Joseph Hicks.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
" George H. Thom.....as Grand Master of the Third Vail
" H. C. Cushman.....as Grand Master of the Second Vail
" Augus Paterson .....as Grand Master of the First Vail
" Milton N. Parcells.....Grand Guard
M. E.—Past Grand High Priests....D. C. Dawkins and E. Wasgate.
R. E.—Past Deputy Grand High Priest...Geo. S. Hallmark.
R. E.—Past Grand Kings, W. W. Tucker and W. E. Anderson.

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

And constituent Chapters as follows, to wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES TO WIT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

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

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

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

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS,
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

To all the Exalted and Enlightened Throughout the Globe:

Sorrow has fallen upon our house! Clouds and darkness are round about us! but the "Lord reigneth," and his mercy endureth forever.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Deputy Gen.·. Gr.·. High Priest.

Attest, CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
Grand Secretary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESENT:

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

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

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

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

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

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

PRESENT:

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

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

such offices as might be made vacant by such election.

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

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

I herewith submit my annual report as Grand Treasurer:

1882.

January 18,	To balance	$262.00	$262.00
	Cr.		
January 19,	By paid Grand Chaplain	10.00	
" 19,	" Grand Guard	5.00	
" 26,	Printing Proceedings 1881	40.00	
" 26,	Postage and Stationery	10.50	
" 26,	Grand Secretary	100.00	165.50
	Balance received from late treasurer		96.50

1883.

Dr.

January 1,	To balance	$ 96.50
" 16,	To amount received from Grand Secretary	256.00
	Balance on hand	$352.50

THOMAS S. WILMARTH,
Grand Treasurer.

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

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

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

PRESENT:

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

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

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

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To M. E, Grand Chapter :

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

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

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

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

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter :

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

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

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

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

Augus Paterson, Grand Master of the First Vail.
Milton N. Parcells, Grand Guard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The foregoing minutes were read, and confirmed.

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

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDICES.

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

Augus Paterson, High Priest.
William H. Hausman, King.
Albert J. Dozier, Scribe.

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

AT REST.

C. S. Emery, 1882,
Henry Hewlett, May 4, 1882,
Luther McConihe, May 10, 1882,
Asa Sawyer. 1882,
Of Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12.

Jacob Rain, December 14, 1882,
Of Island R. A. Chapter No. 21.

IN MEMORY

OF

MOST EXCELLENT

ROBERT FARMER BOWER,

GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

DIED MAY 19th, 1882.

LIFE'S WORK WELL DONE.

MERIT AND HONOR UNITED.

"NEARER TO THEE, MY GOD."

IN MEMORY

OF

MOST EXCELLENT

Luther McConihe,

GRAND TREASURER

OF THE

M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
THE STATE OF FLA.,

—AND—

PAST HIGH PRIEST OF
JACKSONVILLE R. A.
CHAPTER NO. 12.

DIED MAY 10th, 1882.

A LIFE REPLETE WITH NOBLE ACTS

A LIFE FULL OF CHARITABLE DEEDS

PEACE IN THE LIFE ETERNAL.

STATISTICS AS PER RETURNS.

CHAPTERS.	No.	No. of Members Last Year.	Added.	Total.	Lost.	Present Membership.	Exemptions.	Amount of Dues.	Amount paid.
Gainesville....	2	26	0	26	1	25	3	$23	$23
Mount Horeb...	11	16	0	16	1	15	0	16	16
Jacksonville ...	12	47	5	52	6	42	4	52	52
Lake Butler...	19	34	0	34	1	33	4	30	30
Island.....	21	53	3	56	2	54	0	58	58
Nassau.....	23	17	5	22	0	22	0	27	27
*Mt. Moriah ...	24	23	0	23	0	23	1	22	22
Totals,	7	216	13	229	11	214	12	$228	$228

*Returns received since Grand Convocation.

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

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

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

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

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTER.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
L. A. Pindal	Arkansas	W. B. Barnett.
James Moffitt	Canada	Robert J. Perry, Key West.
Roger W. Woodberry, Denver	Colorado	
John Lockie, Washington	Dist of Columbia	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Wm. L. Orr	Illinois	
E. D. Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls	Kansas	Theodore Ball, Jacksonville.
James W Staton, Brooksville	Kentucky	W. McClintock, Key West
J. C. Batchelor, M. D., N. Orleans	Louisiana	W. A. McLean, Jacksonville.
Henry L. Paine, Portland	Maine	Enos Wasgate. "
Nathan Lehman	Maryland	
Alexander K. Bryer	Massachusetts	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
B. H Langley Winona	Minnesota	Wm. B. Taylor, Live Oak.
J. L. Power, Jackson	Mississippi	
Rev. C. C. Wood, Kansas City	Missouri	
John B. McCabe	Nebraska	H. W. Long, Cotton Plant
Edward L. Tillou Elizabeth	New Jersey	Robert J. Perry, Key West.
Rees G. Williams, Utica	New York	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
James Gossip, Halifax	Nova Scotia	W. M. McIntosh, Tallahassee.
A. G. Adams	Quebec	Robert J. Perry, Key West.
Charles R Cutler, Warren	Rhode Island	
Aug. T. Smythe, Charleston	South Carolina	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
B. R. Harris	Tennessee	
E. C. Houghton, N. Bennington	Vermont	
Thomas A. Logan Wheeling	West Virginia	John Carlovitz, Milton.
Fred. Ring, Jr., LaCrosse	Wisconsin	

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M.·. E.·. GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons of Florida

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

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

PRESENT:

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

M. E. Past Grand High Priests...D. C. DAWKINS, E. WASGATE and W. A. McLEAN.

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

And the constituent Chapters as follows, to-wit:

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

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

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

And returns from Tampa Chapter, No. 3.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

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

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES TO-WIT:

On Returns and Credentials.—D. C. Dawkins, M. Endel and J. W. V. R. Plummer.

On Dispensations and By-Laws.—W. E. Anderson. R. J. Perry and G. W. Epperson

On Jurisprudence.—W. F. Scott, H. J. Stewart and C. J. Allred.

On Propositions and Grievances.—A. Paterson, E. Wasgate and W. W. Tucker.

On Finance and Accounts.—T. S. Wilmarth, J. J. Delaney and G. H. Thom.

On Memorials.—W. A. McLean, S. Pasco and T. S. Swaim.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OBITUARY.

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

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

OFFICIAL.

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

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

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

Fraternally,
GEORGE S. HALLMARK, G. H. P.

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

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

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

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

PRESENT:

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

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

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

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

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

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

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

To the Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

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

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

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr.

To amount collected since last report..... $262

Cr.

By amount paid Grand Treasurer as per voucher..... 262

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

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

1883

Dr.

To balance on hand, at last report..... $352.50

Cr. as per appropriations.

By paid D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary	$	125.00
" " for postage " "		10.00
" " Ashmead Bros. for printing proceedings for 1882		54.00
" " M. N. Parcells, Guard		5.00
" " Mrs. Penny		15.00
" " Companion Plummer		25.00
for Printing proceedings for 1883		39.00
	$	273.00
January, 1884, balance on hand	$	79.50
Received from D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary		262.00
	$	341.50

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

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

PRESENT:

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

Constituent Chapters and others, as before.

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

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

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

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

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

PRESENT:

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

E. Enos Wasgate.....as Grand Captain of the Host
" George H. Thom.....Grand Principal Sojourner
" H. Glogowski.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
" G. W. Epperson.....Grand Master of the Third Vail
" John O. Boag.....Grand Master of the Second Vail
" A. Paterson.....Grand Master of the First Vail
" W. H. Young.....Grand Guard

with Constituent Chapters and others, as before.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

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

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

M. E. Grand High Priest:

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

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

P. S. Goodrich.....High Priest
C. H. Wright.....King
A. L. Wellman.....Scribe

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

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. Anderson,
R. J. Perry,
G. W. Epperson. } Com.

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

W. F. Scott,
H. J. Stewart,
C. J. Allred. } Com.

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

Printing Proceedings of 1883	$ 39.00
Grand Secretary	150.00
Grand Guard	5.00
Companion J. W. V. R. Plummer	25.00
	$ 219.00

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

Fraternally submitted,

T. S. Wilmarth,
J. J. Delaney,
Geo. H. Thom. } Com.

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fraternally submittted,

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

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

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

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

IN MEMORY

OF

Rev. John Penny,

GRAND CHAPLAIN

OF THE

M.·. E.·. GRAND CHAPTER OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE STATE OF

FLORIDA.

DIED JANUARY 17, 1883.

THE WILL OF GOD

IS ACCOMPLISHED.

SO MOTE IT BE. AMEN!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESENT:

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

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

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

Labor was resumed in the Grand Chapter.

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

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

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

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

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS AS PER RETURNS OF ALL THE CHAPTERS.

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

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

ESTIMATE:

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

Showing a decrease of 5.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M.·. E.·. GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons of Florida

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION.

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DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

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

(*) No return; officers for 1883.

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

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Wisconsin	John W. Lafflin	Oshkosh.
General Grand Chapter	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTER.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
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PROCEEDINGS

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GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

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

PRESENT:

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

Past Grand High Priests—D. C. DAWKINS, E. WASGATE, W. A. MCLEAN.

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

And Constituent Chapters represented as follows, to-wit:

St. Johns R. A. Chapter, No. 5—F. S. Goodrich, High Priest, S. M. Fowler, King, and C. H. Wright proxy for Scribe.

Santa Rosa R. A. Chapter, No. 6—J. G. Ellis, High Priest.

Madison R. A Chapter, No. 8—Angus Paterson, High Priest.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12—D. C. Dawkins, High Priest, J. F. Clark, King, and T. S. Wilmarth, Scribe.

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

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Returns and Credentials.—D. C. Dawkins, F. S. Goodrich and J. O. Boag.

On Dispensations and By-Laws.—A. Paterson, D. B. Givens and J. J. Delaney.

On Jurisprudence.—W. A. McLean, S. M. Fowler and S. Pasco.

On Propositions and Grievances.—T. S. Wilmarth, C. H. Wright and G. S. Hallmark.

On Finance and Accounts.—J. W. V. R. Plummer. E. S. Tyner and J. O. Boag.

On Memorials.—W. A. McLean, R. J. Perry and M. Endel.

On Foreign Correspondence.—E. Wasgate, W. A. McLean.

On Printing.—D. C. Dawkins, T. S. Wilmarth.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

W. E. ANDERSON,
Grand High Priest.

January 19, 1885.

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

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

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

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

PRESENT.

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

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

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

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

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,
F. S. GOODRICH,
J. O. BOAG. } Com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

W. A. MCLEAN,
R. J. PERRY,
M. ENDEL. } Com.

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

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

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

R. E. ANGUS PATERSON was elected Grand King.

R. E. MARCUS ENDEL was elected Grand Scribe.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1885.

Dr.

January 19—For dues of St. Johns Chapter, No. 5	$11 00
For dues of Gainesville Chapter, No. 2	19 00
For dues of Madison Chapter, No. 8	28 00
For dues of Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6	19 00
For dues of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12	43 00
For dues of Island Chapter, No. 21	52 00
For dues of Nassau Chapter, No. 23	20 00
	$192 00

Cr.

By cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers $192 00

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

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., January 21, 1885.

M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

1884.

Dr.

Jan. 1, To Balance	$118 50
" 16, " Amount from Grand Secretary	262 00

1884.

Cr.

——Times Union, 1883	$ 39 00
Jan. 17, Grand Guard Young	5 00
" 17, Companion Plummer	25 00
" 21, Grand Secretary Dawkins	150 00
" 21, General Grand Chapter	8 93
Balance	152 57
	$380 50

1885.

To Balance	$380 50
Jan. 21, " Received from Grand Secretary	$152 57
	192 00
Subject to Appropriation	$344 57

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

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

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

PRESENT:

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

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

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

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

ENOS WASGATE,
J. W. V. R. PLUMMER,
MARCUS ENDEL,
} Committee.

R. E. Companion Paterson, as High Priest of Madison Chapter, offered the following preamble and resolution, which were duly seconded and adopted, to-wit:

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

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

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

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

Printing Proceedings of 1884	$ 39 00
Grand Secretary, salary	150 00
Grand Guard	5 00
Jacksonville Chapter No. 12	15 00

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

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

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

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS AS PER RETURNS.

CHAPTER.	No.	No. of Members last year.	Affiliated.	Exalted.	Total.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Present Membership.
Gainesville	3	24	1	3	25					25
Tampa	6	17	2		25	2		5		19
Santa Rosa	8	26		5	26					26
Madison	11	12			14	1	3			13
Mt. Horeb	12	14		4	33	2	1			38
Jacksonville	21	39			52	1				50
Island	22	32			20	2				18
Nassau	23	20								

ESTIMATE:

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

Showing a decrease of 1.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS.

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

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	RESIDENCE.
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Maryland	Geo. A. McCahan	Baltimore.
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Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson City.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	George B. Edwards	Jersey City.
New York	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	James Gossip	Halifax.
Ohio	James Nesbitt	Troy.
Oregon	Rocky P. Earhart	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer	Masonic Temple, Phila.
Prince Edward Island	G. W. Wakeford	Charlottetown.
Quebec	David Seath	Montreal.
Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence.
South Carolina	J. E. Burke	Charleston.
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West Virginia	Odell S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Lafflin	Oshkosh.
General Grand Chapter	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTER.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
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James Moffitt	Canada	Robert J. Perry, Key West
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James W. Staton, Brooksville	Kentucky	W. McClintock, Key West
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Henry L. Paine, Portland	Maine	Enos Wasgate, Jacksonville
Nathan Lehman	Maryland	
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J. L. Power, Jackson	Mississippi	
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A. G. Adams	Quebec	Robert J. Perry, Key West
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Thomas A. Logan, Wheeling	West Virginia	
Fred. Ring, Jr., Lacrosse	Wisconsin	

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GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

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

PRESENT:

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

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

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

And constituent Chapters as follows, to-wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE:

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

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

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I have granted the following dispensations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I have appointed Grand Representatives as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

W. E. ANDERSON,
Grand High Priest.

On motion, duly seconded and adopted, the foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a special committee of three for distribution of subjects, and the R. Excellent Grand King announced Companions R. A. Montsalvatge, J. J. Delaney and James Ellenwood as such committee

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

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

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

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

PRESENT:

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

M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, P. G. H. P.....Grand Secretary
M. E. William A. McLean, P. G. H. P...as Grand Chaplain
E. John J. Delaney.....Grand Captain of the Host
E. H. Glogowski.....Grand Principal Sojourner
E. John O. Boag.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
E. John G. Ellis.....as Grand Master Third Vail
E. Fred. S. Goodrich.....Grand Master Second Vail
E. John S. Wharton.....as Grand Master First Vail
E. James F. Clark.....Grand Guard

Constituent Chapters as follows, to-wit:

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

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

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

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

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

Fraternally submitted,
ANGUS PATERSON,
R. R. SHEPPARD,
R. A. MONTSALVATGE,
Committee.

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
R. ALFRED MONTSALVATGE,
JOHN J. DELANEY,
JAMES ELLENWOOD,
Committee.

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

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

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

The following questions were propounded by Companion Marcus Endel:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As to the second question we say, that under ordinary circumstances the officers of a Chapter cannot remove to another place and hold a meeting. All meetings of the Chapter should be held at the regular place of meeting.

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

Fraternally submitted,
W. A. McLEAN,
ANGUS PATERSON,
W. M. McINTOSH,
Committee.

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

My statement of account is hereunto appended, and while it

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

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

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

Dr.

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

Cr.

By paid Grand Treasurer, as per voucher	$240 00

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

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

1884. *Dr.*

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

Cr., as per appropriation.

By paid D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary	$150 00	
By paid *Times-Union* printing proceedings 1884	39 00	
By paid Jacksonville Chapter	15 00	
By paid Grand Guard Young	5 00	
	$209 00	
Balance on hand	135 57	$344 57
January, 1886, received from D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary	240 00	
	$375 57	

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

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to report:

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

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

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

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

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEORGE S. HALLMARK,
THOMAS S. WILMARTH.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On motion of Companion Endel, duly seconded and adopted the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter is to be held in the City of Jacksonville at 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday next preceeding the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1887.

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

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

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

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

H. C. Bunkins

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF THE UNITED STATES.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

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

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter shall consist:

1. Of the following officers, that is to say: General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Principal Sojourner, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, Three General Grand Masters of the Vails, and General Grand Sentinel.

2. Of the Past General Grand High Priests, Past Deputy General Grand High Priests, Past General Grand Kings, and Past General Grand Scribes.

3. Of the Past Grand High Priests of Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction.

4. Of the Grand High Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings and Grand Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction.

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS.

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

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

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

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

POWERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELECTIONS.

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

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

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

COMMITTEES.

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

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

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW CHAPTERS.

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

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

DUTIES OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

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

DEGREES.

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

FEES AND DUES.

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

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

APPEALS.

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

ARTICLE II.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

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

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 24. Grand Chapters shall consist:

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE III.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REJECTED CANDIDATES.

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

QUORUM.

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

ARTICLE IV.

AMENDMENTS.

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

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

AS AMENDED TO JANUARY, A. D. 1886.

ARTICLE I.

STYLE.

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

POWER AND AUTHORITY.

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

MEMBERS.

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

ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS AND QUORUMS.

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

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

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

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

ELIGIBILITY.

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

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

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

ELECTION.

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

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

INSTALLATION.

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

MEMBERS AND QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

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

VOTES AND VOTERS.

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

PAY OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

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

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

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

SUCCESSION IN OFFICE.

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

GRAND TREASURER.

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

GRAND SECRETARY.

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

OTHER OFFICERS.

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

ARTICLE II.

CHAPTERS.

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

DISPENSATION AND PETITIONERS.

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

FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

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

OFFICERS OF CHAPTERS.

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

OFFICERS—WHEN AND HOW CHOSEN.

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

VOTERS AND ELIGIBILITY.

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

INSTALLATION.

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

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

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

VACANCIES—HOW FILLED.

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

BY-LAWS.

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

DUES.

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

ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES TO THE GRAND CHAPTER.

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

CHAPTER—HOW DISSOLVED.

SEC. 3. A Chapter can only be dissolved by act of the Grand Chapter, or by a voluntary surrender of its warrant, pursuant to a vote of a majority of its members when duly summoned for that purpose, with notice of the object of the Convocation.

WARRANT—HOW FORFEITED OR SUSPENDED.

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

4. A Book of Marks.

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

PETITION AND FEES FOR DEGREES.

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

REJECTED CANDIDATES.

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

JURISDICTION OVER CANDIDATES.

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

PROXIES.

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

AMENDMENTS.

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

REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

ADVANCEMENT.

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

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

APRON.

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

BALLOTING.

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

BUSINESS.

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

CEREMONIES.

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

CHAPTERS—LIST OF, TO 1878.

Date of organization, etc., 1878, 233.

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

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

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

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

CHAPTERS U. D.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHARTERS.

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

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

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

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

CONVOCATIONS.

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

DUES.

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

EMERGENCY.

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

EXEMPTION.

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

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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

INSTALLATION.

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

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

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

JURISDICTION.

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

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

MEMBERSHIP.

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

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

MONITOR.

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

NAMES TO BE PRINTED, ETC.

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

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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

PAST MASTERS' DEGREE.

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

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

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

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

PETITIONS.

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

PLACE OF MEETING.

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

PRINTING.

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

QUORUM.

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

ROLL OF MEMBERS, CALLING, ETC.

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

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

SUBSTITUTES.

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

SUSPENSION.

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

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

WORK.

Resolution anent—1863, 28.

Committee of Five on Work to be appointed—1883, 377.

STATISTICS AS PER RETURNS OF CHAPTERS.

R. A. CHAPTERS.	NUMBER	NO. MEMBERS LAST YEAR.	AFFILIATED.	EXALTED.	TOTAL.	DIED.	DEMITTED.	SUSPENDED.	EXPELLED.	PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.
Gainesville	2	25	.....	.....	25	1	.....	.....	.....	24
*Tampa	3	17	2	3	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
St. John's	4	20	.....	1	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
Santa Rosa	6	19	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
Madison	8	26	3	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	1	28
*Mount Horeb	11	14	.....	.....	14	1	.....	.....	.....	13
Jacksonville	12	38	.....	1	39	.....	.....	4	.....	35
Island	21	50	.....	.....	50	1	.....	1	.....	48
*Nassau	23	20	.....	.....	20	2	.....	.....	.....	18

* From returns of 1884.

ESTIMATE.

Number of members last year	229
Affiliated, 5; exalted, 5	10
Total	239
Died, 5; dimitted, —; suspended, 5; expelled, 1	11
Present membership	228

Showing a decrease of 1.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

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

(*) No return ; officers for 1884.

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

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

PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

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

* or † Dead.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTER.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
L A Pindal	Arkansas	W B Barnett, Jacksonville
James Moffitt	Canada	R J Perry, Key West
Roger W Woodberry, Denver	Colorada	
John Lockie, Washington	Dist. of Columbia	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
William L Orr	Illinois	
Elmer Crocket, South Bend	Indiana	R R Shepard, Milton
E D Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls	Kansas	
James W Statton, Brooksville	Kentucky	W McClintock, Key West
J C Bachelor, New Orleans	Louisiana	W A McLean, Jacksonville
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Nathan Leyman	Maryland	
Alexander K Bryer	Massachusetts	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
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J L Powers, Jackson	Mississippi	
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John B McCabe	Nebraska	H W Long, Cotton Plant
Ed L Tillow, Elizabeth	New Jersey	R J Perry, Key West
Rees G Williams, Utica	New York	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
B H Landis, Halifax	Nova Scotia	W M McIntosh, Tallahassee
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Fred Ring, Jr, Lacrosse	Wisconsin	

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FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

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

PRESENT.

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

Past Grand High Priests D. C. DAWKINS, GEO. S. HALLMARK, W. A. MCLEAN.

Past Grand King, W. W. TUCKER.

Past Grand Secretary, W. M. MCINTOSH.

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

Constituent Chapters represented as follows, to-wit:

Eureka, No. 7—C. H. Munger, H. P.

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

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

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

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

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

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

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

The Grand High Priest delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida.

As it is the custom, and law, that the Grand High Priest shall communicate in writing, at each annual Grand Convocation, a statement of his official acts during recess; it now becomes my duty and privilege to fulfill that requirement.

I have issued dispensations as follows to wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I made rulings as follows, to wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

His letter and a copy of my answer hereto attached.

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

March 2d. I have appointed Grand Representatives as follows:

I appointed Companion James L. Avis, as our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and recommended the appointment of E. Companion W E. Anderson, as a suitable Representative to the Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I recommend the following changes, to-wit:

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

In the regulations, in the proceedings of 1886, there is a discrepancy between the one on page 48, under the head of "Membership," and the one on page 50, under the head of "Suspension," first paragraph; the last regulation was passed in 1886. I think the language used by the committee is stronger than they intended. The regulations had not been published, and the committee was probably not aware of the existence of the first mentioned regulation. I, therefore, recommend the abrogation of the first paragraph under the head of "Suspension," on page 50, of the proceedings, as published in 1886. This will leave the law as it is under the head of "Membership," on page 48. The intention of the regulation is, that when a member is suspended or expelled from the Lodge, and his Chapter notified of it, the Chapter may act without a formal trial, and suspend or expel the companion, if they so choose. It is not intended that expulsion from the Lodge *per se* expels from the Chapter.

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

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

ORLANDA, FLA., October 9, 1886.

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

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

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

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

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

Hoping you will grant my request, I remain yours, Fraternally,

CHARLES A. FULTON,
P. H. P. of Gate of the Temple Chapter, No. 208,
Brooklyn, New York.

My present address is: P. O. Box 97, Orlando, Fla.

MADISON, FLA., October 13, 1886.

Mr. Charles A. Fulton, P. O. Box 97, Orlando, Fla.:

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION: Yours of the 9th inst., asking questions about the work of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, has been received. In reply, I would state that such has been the work in many Chapters in our jurisdiction. All business connected with the Chapter must be done in the R. A., but after a candidate has been balloted for, M. M. Lodge may be called by the H. P. and the M. M. Degree conferred without opening the R. A. I am aware that this is not the work of some jurisdictions, and our Grand Chapter does not require that the R. A. should be opened at all convocations, but it may be infered from the regulations that the work of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, to which you refer, is the work allowed. See proceedings of Grand Chapter 1886, page 49, under the head "quorum," this shows that a Lodge can not be opened below with a less number than is necessary to open a Chapter We may infer that an equal number or greater, can open after the R. A. is closed, and this will be the work until the Grand Chapter changes it.

Yours, Fraternally.
ANGUS PATERSON.

PICOLATA, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLA., Sept. 14, 1886.

To the E. G. H. P. Angus Paterson:

M. E. SIR AND COMPANION: Being placed in a most unpleasant position, I am impelled to come to you, as Supreme Head of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida, for advice and direction. I am a Companion of Royal Arch under the English Constitution. On my coming out to this State, four years ago, with introduction from the Crand Secretary of Grand Lodge of England and Grand Scribe E. S., most kindly and courteously received by both the Brethren and Companions. but was informed that to enable me to visit in Chapter, it would be necessary for me to take certain degrees necessary in R. A. Masonry in this country, but not recognized or given in that of England, viz: Mark Master, Past Master and Excellent Master. The Mark Degree I had already received from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, this being recognized here, I had only to take the two latter degrees which were conferred on me in Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and I subsequently visited both this Chapter and also Grand Chapter receiving most cordial and courteous attention. It was my intention, as I was about to settle in this State for some years, to affiliate with both a Lodge and Chapter. With the former I did so, and was last year elected to Duval Lodge, but by an event which has occurred, was prevented for applying for application to Chapter as I had intended, such intention being well known to many Companions who wished me to do so. By this occurrence I am also now prevented from either joining or even visiting. In 1885, in consequence of certain events, a resolution was passed in Grand Chapter severing fraternal relations with Grand Mark Lodge of England, and forbidding fraternal intercourse with all Mark Masons owing allegience to that body. I was then informed quietly and courteously, by certain Companions, that in consequence, I would not be admitted to Chapter and asked not to present myself for admission.

I thus find myself as a Royal Arch Mason owing allegiance to a body, viz: G. Royal Arch Chapter of England in amiable relations with G. R. A. Chapter of Florida and one in which Mark Degree is not given debarred from fraternal intercourse with Companions in Florida, and unable to enter a Chapter in which I have had conferred on me (after paying the fees) two degrees, for the reason that I hold my mark under the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

It is a position of great unpleasantness and peculiarity, in which I must come to you, M. E. sir, for direction and guidance, as I feel it hard that as a genuine Royal Arch Mason belonging to a body recognised and in the most friendly and fraternal relations with a corresponding body in this State, I am yet prevented from visiting or affiliating with the latter body after having resigned my membership in Chapters in England for that express purpose.

Hoping for that advice and guidance which I seek, I remain, M. E. Sir and Companion, yours truly and Fraternally,

CHARLES E. BELL.

Master Mason, Companion, Royal Arch, Mark Master, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, Grand Representative of Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Florida.

MADISON, FLA., October 21, 1887.

Mr. Charles E. Bell, Picolata, St. Johns County, Fla.:

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION: Yours of the 14th ultimo reached me only a few days ago. The Grand Secretary sent it to me from New York. He says that he received it just before leaving home. I suppose that he expected to give it to me at the meeting of the G. G. C. at Washington, but he failed to reach there on account of sickness. He forwarded it to me since my arrival home. He has not returned yet, but will probably return on the 23d instant.

In answer to your inquiries I would say that, to my mind, there is no difficulty in your case. You state that you were a member of the G. R. A. C. of England, which is and was on fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Florida; that the three degrees, M. M., P. M. and M. E. M., are conferred in our Chapter, and not required in the Grand Chapter of England; that it would be necessary for you to take these three degrees in order that you might be healed before becoming a Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction; that you applied for and obtained these degrees, and thereby became healed and a R. A M. in our jurisdiction. That is to say, you took two of the degrees, the P. M. and M. E. M., in Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and the M. M. you had previously taken in the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters in England, which was at the time also recognized by, and on fraternal relations with, our Grand Chapter, and that degree which you had taken was recognized by the Jacksonville Chapter; that since that time recognition and fraternal relations have been withdrawn from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England.

This action, in my opinion, does not effect you, because you have been healed and become a regular Royal Arch Mason of this jurisdiction.

See Constitution G. G. C., Article 3, Section 40.

I apprehend that you occupy the same position as if the Jacksonville Chapter had conferred all three of the degrees upon you, for that Chapter had no right to confer the P. M. and M. E. M. until the M. M. was conferred, and that Chapter recognized you as a Mark Master, hence you hold your three degrees from the Chapter at Jacksonville, by which you were healed. I see nothing in the way of your affiliating with the Chapter nearest your residence, or any one in this jurisdiction. You will have to unite in the withdrawal of recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England.

Yours fraternally,

ANGUS PATERSON,
G. H. P., Florida.

P. S. If you desire to affiliate with a Chapter here, present your demit from the G. R. A. Chapter of England; all that will be required of you is to be healed. You can then present the certificate of Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12; it shows that you have already taken the three degrees, and your having been recognized by our Grand Chapter. This ought to admit you as a member of any Chapter in our jurisdiction without any reference to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England, if the way be otherwise clear.

Yours fraternally,

ANGUS PATERSON,
G. H. P., G. R. A. C., Florida.

The foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was, on motion, adopted; ordered to be referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects, and the Grand King announced Companions, Wm. M. McIntosh, J. W. Boyd and T. S. Wilmarth as said committee.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, duly seconded and adopted, the dues of Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22, were remitted to December 27, 1886.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *On Returns and Credentials.*—WM. M. MCINTOSH, CHAS. H. MUNGER, W. H. HAUSMAN.
2. *On Masonic Jurisprudence.*—F. S. GOODRICH, C. A. G. BLOMQUIST, E. A. RICHARDS.
3. *Unfinished Business.*—E. A. RICHARDS, JNO. O. BOAG, J. W. BOYD.
4. *Proposition and Grievances.*—J. W. BOYD, W. A. MCLEAN, F. S. GOODRICH.
5. *On Finance and Accounts.*—T. S. WILMARTH, C. H. MUNGER, W. H. HAUSMAN.
6. *On Memorials.*—S. B. WRIGHT, W. A. MCLEAN, C. H. MUNGER.
7. *On By-Laws and Dispensations.*—E. A. RICHARDS, J. W. BOYD, S. B. WRIGHT.

The dispensation and other papers of Florida Royal Arch Chapter, U. D., were presented by the Grand Secretary and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock p. m.

1887, January 17, 3 p. m.

PRESENT:

M. E. Angus Paterson, Grand High Priest, and others, as at the morning session, with the addition of F. S. Goodrich, Grand King, and representing St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, as King, and also Companion S. B. Wright, of said Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The following petition from St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, for relief was read, to wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter, R. A. M., State of Florida:

COMPANIONS: By order of our Chapter, I beg to present you this our petition, asking that the dues of our Chapter be remitted for the year 1886. Our Chapter Room, with all furniture, regalia and jewels, was burned in the big fire in our town, in September, 1886, and we are so impoverished as to be unable to pay our debts and to provide a new outfit. We regret to be obliged to make this request, and we do so with full confidence that in our distress we will not appeal in vain. Very truly and fraternally yours,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,
Secretary. St. Johns Chapter, No. 4.

DELAND, FLA., 16th January, A. D. 1887.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, duly seconded and adopted, the prayer of the foregoing petition was granted.

The Dispensation and other papers of Eustis Chapter, U. D., were presented by the Grand Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials report that we have examined the returns of Chapters presented to us by the Grand Secretary and find them generally correct, and we recommend that the Grand Secretary supply the usual statistical table.

We have also examined the credentials presented and find the organization, as reported by the Grand Secretary, correct.

No matters of conflict have been referred to us, or heard of, and we congratulate the Grand Chapter upon the unbroken harmony in the assembling of this Grand Convocation and bespeak its continuance to the end.

The signs of prosperity are with us; for a time it may yet be slow, to be followed with pleasant accelleration in time not very far distant. Such, at least, we may all agree, is our fervent hope.

WM. M. McINTOSH,
CHARLES H. MUNGER,
W. H. HAUSMAN,
Committee.

M. E. Companion McLean, presented an excuse for non-attendance of M. E. Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P., and was instructed to return reciprocal greeting to said companion.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

1887, January 18, 3 p. m.

PRESENT:

M. E. ANGUS PATERSON.....Grand High Priest.
R. E. MARCUS ENDEL .....Deputy Grand High Priest.
M. E. FREDERICK S. GOODRICH.....Grand King.
R. E. HENRY W. LONG, P. G. H. P..... .as Grand Scribe.
R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH.....Grand Treasurer.
M. E. C. A. J. BLOMQUIST.....as Grand Secretary.
E. WM. A. McLEAN, P. G. H. P.....Grand Chaplain
E. HERMAN GLOGOWSKI.....Grand Captain of the Host.
E. SAMUEL B. WRIGHT.....Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. JOHN O. BOAG.....Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. RAMON A. MONTSALVATGE...Grand Master Third Vail.
E. CHARLES H. MUNGER.....Grand Master Second Vail.
E. EDGAR A. RICHARDS.....as Grand Master First Vail.
E. JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Guard.

And others, as at the foregoing session, and also M. E. Robert J. Perry, P. G. H. P., and Island Chapter No. 21, represented by R. A. Montsalvatge, H. P. and John J. Delaney, Scribe, and Gainesville Chapter No. 2, represented by M. Endel, proxy for H. P., and Julius Stark, K.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

Prayer conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

The Special Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest beg leave to report as follows:

That so much thereof as relates to Dispensations and By-Laws be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That the rulings, decisions and recommendations thereon be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, except the recommendation to change the time of holding the Annual Sessions of the Grand Chapter, which, being a question of policy, we refer to the body of the Grand Chapter.

We recommend that the appointment of the following representatives be confirmed:

James L. Avis, near the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

Benjamin L. Landis, near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

Henry R. Taylor, near the Grand Chapter of Maine.

We approve the recommendations made by the M. E. Grand High Priest of representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Florida, viz.:

Comp. W. E. Anderson, from the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

Comp. W. A. McLean, from the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

Comp. Henry R. Taylor, from the Grand Chapter of Maine.

But we find that Companion Wm. M. McIntosh, of Tallahassee, was at the time the recognized representative from the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia near this Grand Chapter.

We are pleased to commend the able and efficient manner and the evident zeal and care with which our M. E. Grand High Priest discharged the manifold duties devolving upon him during his term and recommend that his address be printed in the published proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

W. M. McINTOSH,
J. W. BOYD,
THOMAS S. WILMARTH,
Committee.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws report that we have considered the matters referred to us and recommended that

Concerning so much of the address of the M. E. G. H. P. as was referred to them; they recommend that the Dispensations to Island Chapter, No. 21, to meet and work, their charter having been destroyed by fire, be confirmed and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue to them a duplicate or certified copy of the Charter.

That the Dispensations granted to Eureka Chapter, No. 7, Gainesville No. 2, to Mount Moriah No. 24, and to Thos. Brown, No. 20, be approved and confirmed.

We also recommend that the stated Convocations of Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 22, being fixed for Saturday on or before each full moon be approved.

We have carefully considered the matter of new Chapters referred to us, and recommend that charters to be granted as follows, to-wit:

For Florida Royal Arch Chapter to be located in the city of Tallahassee, of which companions William M. McIntosh shall be High Priest; William A. Griffith shall be King; and Edward M. West shall be Scribe. We recommend approval of By-Laws as amended and we recommend that the Number 1 be assigned to said Chapter.

For Putnam Royal Arch Chapter to be located in the city of Palatka, of which companions William J. Winegar shall be High Priest; George P. Fowler shall be King; and Peter Gardner shall be Scribe. We recommend approval of their By-Laws; and that the Number 9 be assigned to said chapter.

For Eustis Royal Arch Chapter to be located in the town of Eusts, of which companions Daniel W. Herrick shall be High Priest; Samuel C. Fowler shall be King; Winfield S. McClelland shall be Scribe. We recommend that the proposed By-Laws be approved, and the Number 10 be assigned to said Chapter. Fraternally submitted,

E. A. RICHARDS,
J. W. BOYD,
S. B. WRIGHT.
Committee.

The Grand Secretary entered and took his place in Grand Chapter.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

On motion adopted, Providence R. A. Chapter is allowed until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter to make returns.

M. E. William A. McLean, P. G. H. P., presented the following copy of letter posted by him which was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to-wit:

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA,
IN GRAND ANNUAL CONVOCATION,
AT JACKSONVILLE, January 17, 1887

M. E. Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P., Most Excellent Companion and Dear Bro.:

At the session of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, in Grand Annual Convocation this day, it was my pleasure to present on your behalf and in your name Fraternal Greetings to this body, in which no member of the Royal Craft is more highly esteemed and revered. And I now have the distinguished honor and sincere pleasure of communicating to you the fact that, by unanimous vote of the Grand Chapter, it devolves upon me to express to you the regrets of this body collectively and individually resulting from your inability to be present with us on this occasion of our annual reunion, you may be well assured most excellent companion that I express the sentiment of every companion and brother in saying that your absence at this and all other times creates in our ranks a void difficult indeed to measure, but far more difficult to fill. Your unselfish devotion to duty, your zeal in the cause of Masonry will be kindly remembered and tenderly cherished by your companions in Florida, far beyond the period when you shall have surrendered the working tools of your profession.

By direction, and on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

W. A. McLEAN.

On motion of Companion Goodrich, duly seconded and adopted, the selection of Grand officers is to be the first business of the Grand Chapter at the session of Thursday next.

A ritualistic edict was made which the companions present are expected to remember. * * * * * * * * *

R. E. Companion F. S. Goodrich made some very forcible and appropriate remarks recommending to the serious consideration of the Grand Chapter and Masonic Fraternity generally, the importance of preparing the way for and of finally erecting a Masonic Temple for the use of the Craft in Florida, whereupon the Grand Secretary offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be to call the subject matter of providing for the erection of a Masonic Temple to the attention of the Grand Lodge of Florida now in session, and that said committee be authorized to confer with any similar committee that the Grand Lodge may be pleased to appoint upon the subject.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed F. S. Goodrich, H. S. Ely, and D. C. Dawkins to constitute the special committee provided for in the foregoing resolution.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was concurred in, to-wit:

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to make the following report:

We have carefully examined the last annual report and find no unfinished business requiring our attention, the matter of procuring a new set of jewels for the Grand Chapter being in the hands of a committee who has been unable as yet to comply with the order on account of low rate of funds of the Treasury of the Grand Chapter. We would recommend the purchase of the jewels at as early a date as possible.

The question of exemplifying the several degrees of the Chapter during the annual Convocation having been brought up at previous annual Grand Convocations, we take the liberty to call the attention of this Grand Chapter to the fact that no action has yet been taken in this matter. This is a matter highly important to us all, from the fact that through the united action of the eye and ear, a lesson can be more briefly and substantially taught than by the use of the ear alone, all of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. RICHARDS,
J. W. BOYD,
J. O. BOAG,
Committee.

R. E. Companion Endel moved that when the Grand Chapter be called off, that it be called to refreshment until 3 o'clock p. m. next Thursday, which motion was duly seconded and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock p. m., on Thursday the 20th inst.

1887, January 20th, 3. p. m.

PRESENT:

M. E. ANGUS PATERSON.....Grand High Priest
R. E. MARCUS ENDEL .....Deputy Grand High Priest
R. E. FRED. S. GOODRICH.....Grand King
M. E. HENRY W. LONG, P. G. H. P. ....as Grand Scribe
R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH.....Grand Treasurer.
M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P.....Grand Secretary
M. E. WILLIAM A. MCLEAN, P. G. H. P... ..Grand Chaplain
E. EDGAR A. RICHARDS.....Grand Chaplain of the Host
E. SILAS B. WRIGHT.....Grand Principal Sojourner
E. JOHN O. BOAG.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
E. RAMON A. MONTSALVATGE, Grand Master of Third Vail
E. CHARLES H. MUNGER.....Grand Master of Second Vail
E. WM. M. MCINTOSH.....Grand Master of First Vail
E. JAMES F. CLARK..... .....Grand Guard

and others as at the session of last Tuesday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to previous appointment, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when the following were duly elected:

ANGUS PATERSON, re-elected.....Grand High Priest.
MARCUS ENDEL, " .....Deputy Grand High Priest.
FREDERICK S. GOODRICH, " .....Grand King.
RAMON A. MONTSALVTGE, elected.....Grand Scribe.
THOMAS S. WILMARTH, re-elected.....Grand Treasurer.
DEWITT C. DAWKINS, " .....Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM A. MCLEAN; " .....Grand Chaplain.

On motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Charter of the late Florida R. A. Chapter, No 1, was declared forfeited, and the Charter thereof was ordered to be placed in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Since the last annual Grand Convocation your proceedings were printed and distributed as usual. By order of the Grand High Priest the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and that of this Grand Chapter were printed with the proceedings, and have doubtless been useful.

Pursuant to your instructions on page 15, Printed Proceedings, 1886, I sent a circular notice to all delinquent Chapters, or the last officers thereof, reported officially to this Grand Chapter, of which the following is a blank copy:

M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS,
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., August, 1886.

.....R. A. Chapter No.....

is hereby notified that charges will be preferred against it at the next Annual Convocation of said Grand Chapter, to be holden in the city of Jacksonville, commencing on the.....day of January, next, A. D. 1887, for delinquency, unless something sooner be done by said Chapter to prevent the same.

By order of the Grand Chapter.

Witness my hand and seal of said Grand Chapter.

.....
Grand Secretary.

Notice according to the foregoing blank was sent to Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, Olive, No. 10, Mt. Horeb, No. 11. Newnansville, No. 13, Micanopy, No. 16, Concord, No. 18, Lake Butler, No. 19, Providence, No. 20, Thomas Brown, No. 22, Nassau, No. 23, and Mt. Moriah, No. 24. All other Chapters not now upon the roll being considered defunct since 1879; and see, also, proceedings of 1878.

Olive, No. 10, Newnansville, No. 13, Micanopy. No. 16, and Concord, No. 18, have long since surrendered their Charters. Thomas Brown, No. 22, has revived, and so others may do so, but the Grand Secretary is ready to prefer charges of delinquency against any Chapters when specially instructed to do so.

By resolution last year, on page 16, the Grand Secretary was instructed to compile and print the regulations of this Grand Chapter

up to that time, which he did, and put them in alphabetical order, for more practical reference and use, but it is easy to see that the compilation needs harmonizing and revising. All matters appertaining to the office of Grand Secretary are subject and in readiness for your inspection, and my statement of account is herewith submitted,

Fraternally,

D. C. DAWKINS.
Grand Secretary.

D. C. DAWKINS, *Grand Secretary, in Account with Grand Chapter:*

Dr.

Jan. 1887.	To dues of Eureka Chapter, No. 7	$40 00
"	To dues of Madison Chapter, No. 8	29 00
"	To dues of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12	40 00
"	To dues of Tampa Chapter, No. 3, for 1885	21 00
"	To dues of Tampa Chapter, No. 3, for 1886	21 00
"	To dues of Island Chapter, No. 21	48 00
"	To dues of Gainesville Chapter, No. 2	25 00
"	To Charter fees of Florida Chapter	50 00
"	To Charter fees of Eustis Chapter	50 00
"	To Charter fees of Putnam Chapter	50 00
		$ 374 00

Cr.

1887.	By paid Grand Treasurer as per voucher	374 00

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

T. S. WILMARTH, *Grand Treasurer in account with Grand Chapter:*

1886.

Dr.

To balance on hand from last report	$135 57	
January 21—Amount received from Grand Secretary D. C. Dawkins	240 00	—$375 57

Cr.

Voucher 1—By printing proceedings 1885	30 00	
" 2—By Grand Secretary Seal	8 00	
" 3—By Grand Chaplain	10 00	
" 4—By Grand Guard	5 00	
" 5—By Grand Secretary, D. C. Dawkins	150 00	
" 6—By Companion Montsalvatge, Island Chapter, No. 21	20 00	
By balance	152 57	—$375 57

1887	To balance	152 57
January 20—	To amount received from Grand Secretary, D. C. Dawkins	374 00
		$ 526 57

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, presented the following report, which was received:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, respectfully report that nothing has been referred to this Committee for its consideration.

J. W. BOYD.
F. S. GOODRICH,
W. A. McLEAN,
Committee.

The Committe on Masonic Jurisprudence, made the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence report as follows: Upon matters submitted for their consideration, so much of the G. H. P. address as is referred to this Committee, be approved by the Grand Chapter with the following exception, to wit: We recommend that the General Grand Chapter ritualistic edict be considered in open Grand Chapter direct. We further recommend that the words on page 48, Printed Proceedings, 1886, as follows: "And an action of the Chapter requiring the same be done," be dropped and made to conform to ancient usage and custom, also with Article on page 50, *id.*, and with report of Committee on Jurisprudence in Convocation January, 1886, signed by our Grand H. P.

F. S. GOODRICH,
C. A. G. BLOMQUIST,
E. A. RICHARDS,
Committee.

The Grand High Priest duly installed Companion Ramon A. Montsalvatge into the office of Grand Scribe, and also appointed and installed the following Grand Officers:

SILAS B. WRIGHT.....Grand Captain of the Host.
JOHN O. BOAG.....Grand Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES H. MUNGER.....Grand Royal Arch Captain.
WILLIAM M. McINTOSH.....Grand Master of the 3d Vail.

JAMES W. BOYD.....Grand Master of the 2d Vajl.
EDWARD A. RICHARDS.....Grand Master of the 1st Vail.
JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Guard.

Companion D. C. Dawkins proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was approved and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and await final action next year.

DISPENSATION AND PETITIONERS.

SEC. 19. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such; *and no charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill, by labor, under dispensation for at least three months.*

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following peport, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to report that they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer $526.57

We recommend the payment of the following bills, to-wit:

	$ 63 10
Printing the proceedings of 1886	20 00
Charters, returns, blanks, etc	3 00
Dispensations	12 00
Book shelf for Grand Secretary's office	12 00
Grand Chapter seal	150 00
Grand Secretary's salary	10 00
Grand Guard	10 00
Grand Chaplain	
Companion R. A. Montsalvatge, Representative of Island Chapter No. 21, Key West	20 00
	$300 10
	$226 47
Balance	

We recommend the purchase of jewels for this Grand Chapter.

We also recommend that the Grand Treasurer be empowered to pay for printing the proceedings of this Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,
CHAS. H. MUNGER, Chairman.
THOMAS S. WILMARTH.

On motion adopted, the Grand Secretary was authorized to procure a set of jewels for the Grand Chapter.

On motion adopted, the thanks of this Grand Chapter were tendered to Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, for the use of its hall.

Companion S. B. Wright offered the following resolution, which was duly seconded and adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m., on the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1888.

Companion Goodrich, for the Committee of Conference, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:

Your committee appointed to confer with similar committee from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of this State to devise ways and means and offer suggestions looking to the erection of a Masonic Temple for the use of the Fraternity in this State, would respectfully recommend that this Grand Chapter co-operate with the Grand Lodge in any action it may take in the premises.

F. S. GOODRICH, Chairman.
D. C. DAWKINS,
HENRY S. ELY.

The Grand High Priest duly installed Gompanion William M. McIntosh into the office of High Priest of Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, and authorized him to install the remaining officers thereof, and to fully organize said Chapter.

The Grand High Priest duly installed Companion Daniel W. Herrick into the office of High Priest of Eustis Royal Arch Chapter, No. 10, and authorized him to install the remaining officers thereof and to fully organize said Chapter.

Companion F. S. Goodrich offered the following resolution which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise, harmonize and systematize the regulations of this Grand Chapter, whereupon the Grand High Priest appointed as such committee, F. S. Goodrich, D. C. Dawkins, and C. H. Munger.

It appearing from the facts as presented that there was some irregularity attending the election and installation of the officers of Gainesville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, on motion duly seconded and adopted, said irregularity was declared duly healed.

The foregoing minutes of the Grand Chapter were read and confirmed.

There appearing no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

H. C. Bankhead

Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS AS PER RETURNS OF CHAPTERS.

R. A. CHAPTER.	Number.	No. Members Last Year.	Affiliated.	Exalted.	Total.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Present Membership.
*Florida	1	†11	0	3	14	0	0	0	0	14
Gainesville	2	24	1	2	27	0	0	2	0	25
Tampa	3	23	1	0	23	2	1	0	0	20
St. Johns	4	20	1	1	22	1	1	0	0	20
*Eureka	7	12	1	14	27	1	0	0	0	26
Madison	8	28	1	3	32	1	0	0	0	32
*Putnam	9	†14	0	3	17	0	0	0	0	17
Eustis	10	† 9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
Jacksonville	12	37	1	0	38	1	1	4	0	32
Island	21	48	1	0	48	2	1	0	0	45
Thomas Brown	22	22	4	0	26	6	1	0	0	19
Total	11	248	9	26	283	13	5	6	0	259

* Chartered 1887.
† Under dispensation.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTER.	NO.	HIGH PRIESTS.	KINGS.	SCRIBES.	TREASURERS.	SECRETARIES.	P. O. ADDRESS
Florida	1	W. M. McIntosh.	W. A Griffith	E. M. West	.....	.....	Tallahassee.
Gainesville	2	R. McClellan	Julius Stark.	I. E. Webster	M. F. Miller	M. Endel	Gainesville.
Tampa	3	T A. Carruth	J. B. Wall	D. B. Givens.	W.B.Henders'n	W. A. Givens.	Tampa.
St. Johns	4	A. L. Wellman.	F. S. Goodrich.	J. D. Ross.	W. M. Dunn	S. B. Wright	DeLand.
*Sa ta Rosa	6	J. G. Ellis.	R. R. Shepard	J. G. Ward	J. A. Chaffin	John Carlovitz.	Milton.
Eureka	7	C. H. Munger	G. W. Burden	W.C.Stubblefi'd	T. C. Gray	W. F. Barnes.	Orlando.
Madison	8	A. Paterson	H. J. McCall.	J. B. Brinson	H.J.Parramore	J. P. Peeler	Madison
Putnam	9	W. J. Winegar.	Geo. P. Fowler.	P. Gardener.	.....	.....	Palatka.
Eustis	10	D. W. Herrick	S. C. Fuller.	W S McClelland	.....	.....	Eustis.
*Mt. Horeb	11	C. McK. Oerting.	J. McDonald	T. Stearns	B. A. Filbert.	G. S. Hallmark.	Pensacola.
Jacksonville	12	W. A. McLean	J. O. Boag	J. I. Mackey.	H. Koopman	H. S. Ely	Jacksonville.
*Lake Butler	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	H. F. York	Lake Butler.
Providence	20	J. F. Niblack.	R. C. Martin	A. C. Odom.	J. H. Weeks	W. T. Weeks	Providence.
Island	21	RA Montsalvatge	J. Y. Porter	J. J. Delaney	S. Filer.	G. F. Ferguson	Key West.
Thomas Brown	22	J. W. Boyd	J. T. Wilson	F. N. Varn	W. B. Varn.	P. W. Daniel	Bartow.
*Nassau	23	W. F. Scott	J. S. Lee	A. O. McDonell.	J. H. Prescott	W. A. Jones	Fernandina.
Mt. Moriah	24	J. B. Roberts	H. C. Cushman	Henry White.	G. Forcheimer	W. D. Maclay	Pensacola.

*No returns. Old officers.

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Daniel Savre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas S Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	Davie McOlellan	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Ed C Parmalee	Georgetown
Connecticut	James K Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Thomas J. Wildsr	Casselton.
Delaware	James H. Price	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Louis G. Stephens	Washington.
England	Frederick K. Brinklee	London, W. C.
Georgia	A. M. Wollihin	Macon.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	John C. Parish	Des Moines.
Ireland	Samuel B. Oldham	F. M. Hall, Dublin.
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Kentucky	Joseph H. Branham	Louisville.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor	Box 872, New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George A. McCahan	Baltimore.
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Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	W. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson City.
New Hampshire	George P Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	George B Edwards	Jersey City.
New York	Chris'opher G. Fox	Buffalo.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren	Halifax.
Ohio	Emmet V. Rhoads	Saint Paris.
Oregon	Rocky P Earhart	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Myer	Masonic Temple, Phil.
Prince Edwards Island	G. W. Wakeford	Charlottetown.
Quebec	David Seath	Montreal.
Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence.
South Carolina	J. E. Burke	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston.
Vermont	W. H. S. Whitcomb	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
West Virginia	W. H. Riggs	Martinsburg.
Washington Ty	T. M. Reid	Olympia.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Oshkosh.
General Grand Chapter	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo.

PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1847	Thos Douglas*	John P Duval*	Harry R Taylor*	Geo W McRae*	Edwin D Nash*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1848	John P Duval	Isaac H Bronson*	Geo W McRae*	D S Graham*	Thomas Brown*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1849	Isaac H Bronson*	Harry R Taylor*	D S Graham*	R A Shine*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1850	Harry R Taylor*	D S Graham*	R A Shine*	Gad Humphreys*	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1851	Thomas Brown*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A Fisher.	Benj Sawyer	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	GeoM McDonald
1852	R A Shine*	Saml R Stephens*	Sam'l Boardman	Dani G McLean	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1853	Saml Boardman	J M W Davidson*	C A M Mitchell	James S Rust*	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	A G OOag
1854	J Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y Henry*	James Ellenwood	Jno L McKinnon*	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Homer Hender
1855	J Wayles Baker*	Edward R Ives*	Joseph S May	Jasmes M Baker	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Homer Hender
1856	Thos Hayward*	Edward R Ives*	JnoL McKinnon*	Jas Ellenwood	R A Shine*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1857	Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood	JnoL McKinnon*	David S Walker	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	J R Plummer
1858	Thos Haywood*	James Ellenwood	D P Holland*	Charles E Dyke*	John T Bond*	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1859	D P Holland	James M Baker	George F Baltzell	Calvin Davis*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1860	Thos Y Henry*	George F Baltzell	George D Fisher*	Josiah Paine	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1861	Geo F Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Frank'n Branch*	Charles Slager*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1862	Geo F Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Charles Slager*	D C Dawkins	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1863	Geo F Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Green H Hunter	Wm H Arendell*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Thos A Carruth
1864	Geo F Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Thos K Leonard	Wm H Arendell*	Thos Hayward*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1865	David Jones*	D C Dawkins	B S Fuller	Elias Earle	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1866	David Jones*	D C Dawkins	Elias Earle	A J Lea*	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1867	David Jones*	Wm Morril*	Charles Slager*	Chas K Sparhawk*	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Samuel C Craft
1868	Jas Ellenwood	Wm Morril*	Charles Slager*	M M T Hutchingson	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Wm A McLean
1869	D C Dawkins	M M T Hutchingson	H H Rerry	Michael Bowes	T Preston Tatum*	Edwd Bradford Jr*	Thos A Carruth
1870	D C Dawkins	Charles Slager†	Charles Mundee*	Samuel Pasco	T Preston Tatum*	Edwd Bradford Jr*	Thos A Carruth
1871	D C Dawkins	James Ellenwood	William Morrill*	Theodore Ball	T Preston Tatum*	W M McIntosh	Edwin L T Blake
1872	Wm Morrill*	Hugh A Corley	John C Ley.	James L Taylor	T Preston Tatum*	W M McIntosh	Thos A Carruth
1873	Michael Bowes.	Samuel Pasco	John S Driggs	Benj G Alderman*	Daniel L Gakley	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1874	Michael Bowes.	John S Driggs	Ben G Alderman*	David C Wilson.	Wm A Young	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1875	Henry W Long	Edward P Jordan*	Wm T Weeks	W W Tucker	Daniel L Oakley	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1876	John S Driggs	Charles J Alred.	W W Tucker	John T Miller	Daniel L Oakley	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1877	John S Driggs	George R. Jones*	W W Tucker	John T Miller	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1878	Enos Wasgate	Robert J Perry	G E Wentworth*	George S Hallmark	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1879	Robert J Perry.	Geo E Wentworth*	Geo S Hallmark	Hugh A Corley	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1880	Robert J Perry.	George S Hallmark	Wm E Anderson	Wm A McLean	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1881	W A McLean.	Wm E Anderson.	Warren F Scott	John G Ellis	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1882	W A McLean.	Wm E Anderson.	Warren F Scott	G S Hallmark	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1883	Geo S Hallmark	Wm E Anderson.	Warren F Scott	J W V R Plummer	T S Wilmarth*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1884	Wm E Anderson	Warren F Scott	J W V R Plummer	Angus Paterson.	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1885	Wm E Anderson	J W V R Plummer	Angus Paterson	Marcus Endel	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1886	Angus Paterson.	Marcus Endel	F S Goodrich	John G Ellis	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1887	Angus Paterson.	Marcus Endel	F S Goodrich	R A Montsalvatge	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	John S Wharton
						DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean

* Dead.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	GRAND CHAPTER.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPERS IN FLORIDA.
.....	Alabama	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.
L A Pindal	Arkansas	W B Barnett, Jacksonville
James Moffitt	Canada.	R J Perry, Key West.
Roger W. Woodberry, Denver	Colorado	W A McLean, Jacksonville.
John Lockie, Washington	Dis't of Columbia	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
William L Orr	Illinois	.....
Elmer Crockett, South Bend	Indiana	R R Shepard, Milton.
E D Hillyer, Grasshopper F'ls	Kansas	.....
James W Statton, Brooksville	Kentucky	W McClintock, Key West
J C Bachelor, New Orleans	Louisiana	W A McLean, Jacksonville.
Henry R Taylor, Machias.	Maine	Enos Wasgate, Jacksonville.
Nathan Leyman	Maryland	W W Tucker, Jacksonville.
Alexander K Bryer	Massachusetts	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
B H Langley, Winona	Minnesota	.....
J L Powers, Jackson	Mississippi	.....
Rev C C Wood, Kansas City	Missouri	.....
John B McCabe	Nebraska	H W Long, Cotton Plant
Ed L Tillow, Elizabeth	New Jersey.	R J Perry, Key West.
Rees G Williams, Utica	New York	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
B H Lands, Halifax	Nova Scotia	W A McLean, Jacksonville.
R G Adams.	Quebec	R J Perry, Key West.
Charles R Cutler, Warren.	Rhode Island	.....
.....	Scotland	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.
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B R Harris	Tennessee	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.
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James L Avis	Virginia.	W E Anderson, Blackwater.
Milburn Reid.	Washington Ty	F S Goodrich, DeLand.
Thomas A Logan, Wheeling.	West Virginia.	.....
Fred Ring, Jr, Lacrosse	Wisconsin	.....

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M.·.E.·. GRAND CHAPTER

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OF THE STATE OF

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OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Hall in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, the 17th day of January, A. D. 1888, A. I. 2418.

PRESENT.

M. E. ANGUS PATERSON . . . . . Grand High Priest.
R. E. MARCUS ENDEL. . . . . Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. HENRY W. LONG. . . . . *as* Grand King.
R. E. RAMON A. MONTSALVATGE. . . . . Grand Scribe.
R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH. . . . . Grand Treasurer.
R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS. . . . . Grand Secretary.
E. WILLIAM A. McLEAN. . . . . Grand Chaplain.
E. J. W. V. R. PLUMMER . *as* Grand Captain of the Host.
E. JOHN O. BOAG . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. CHARLES H. MUNGER . . Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. WILLIAM M. McINTOSH . . Grand Master Third Vail.
E. JAMES W. BOYD . . . . . Grand Master Second Vail.
E. EDGAR A. RICHARDS. . . . . Grand Master First Vail.
E. JAMES F. CLARK . . . . . Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priests D. C. DAWKINS, H. W. LONG, W. A. McLEAN and W. E. ANDERSON.

Past Deputy Grand High Priest, J. W. V. R. PLUMMER.

Past Grand King, W. W. TUCKER.

Past Grand Secretary, W. M. McINTOSH.

Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters of Colorado, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, Nova Scotia and Virginia.

And Constituent Chapters were represented as follows, to wit:

Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1—W. A. Griffith, H. P.; W. M. McIntosh, K.

Gainesville R. A. Chapter, No. 2—Marcus Endel, proxy for H. P.

Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 3—R. B. Thomas, proxy for H. P.; H. Glogowski, K.

St. Johns R. A. Chapter, No. 4—A. L. Wellman, proxy for H. P.

Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 7—C. H. Munger, H. P.; E. A. Richards, K.

Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8—A. Paterson, H. P.; W. S. Jordan, S.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12—W. A. McLean, H. P.; W. L. Baldwin, K.; Chas. H. Mallett, S.

Providence R. A. Chapter, No. 20—John F. Niblack, H. P.

Island R. A. Chapter, No. 21—R. A. Montsalvatge, H. P.

Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22—D. W. Stanley, H. P.

There appearing to be present, and answering to roll-call, a constitutional quorum and numbers, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the Grand Chaplain, within the Sanctuary, led in fervent and appropriate devotion.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees, viz:

On Returns and Credentials—W. L. BALDWIN, H. GLOGOWSKI and W. S. JORDAN.

On Unfinished Business—J. T. NIBLACK, W. A. GRIFFITH and R. B. THOMAS.

On Propositions and Grievances—M. ENDEL, E. A. RICHARDS and D. W. STANLEY.

On Dispensations and By-Laws—W. A. McLEAN, J. W. BOYD and R. A. MONTSALVATGE.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—H. W. LONG, W. A. McLEAN, and W. W. TUCKER.

On Finance and Accounts—C. H. MUNGER, J. O. BOAG and D. W. STANLEY.

On Memorials—C. H. MUNGER, W. M. McINTOSH and C. H. MALLETT.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Returns and Credendials report that they have examined the Returns of Chapters presented to us by the G. S., and find the following:

Correct—1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 22, 23.

Incorrect—7 in members, 9 in members, 20 in members.

No Report—5, 6.

No Seal—10, 12, 20, 21. (Seal of 21 burned).

Florida, No. 1—W. A. Griffith, H. P.; W. M. McIntosh, Sr., K.

Gainesville, No. 2—Marcus Endel, for H. P.

Tampa, No. 3—H. Glogowski, K.; R. B. Thomas, proxy for H. P.

Eureka, No. 7—Companion Charles H. Munger, H. P.; Edgar A. Richards, S.

Madison, No. 8—Companion A. Paterson, M. E. H. P.; Wm. S. Jordan, S.

Putnam, No. 9—Officers.

Eustis, No. 10—Companion H. W. Bishop, proxy for H. P., K. and S.

Jacksonville, No. 12—W. A. McLean, H. P; W. L. Baldwin, K.; Charles H. Mallett, S.

Providence, No. 20—Companion John F. Niblack, H. P.

Island, No. 21—R. A. Montsalvatge, H. P.

Thomas Brown, No. 22—D. W. Stanly, H. P.; J. F. Wilson, S.

St. Johns, No. 4—F. S. Goodrich, H. P.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. L. BALDWIN,
H. GLOGOWSKI,
WM. S. JORDAN.

The Grand High Priest delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions:

Another year, with all its scenes and events, has come to a close. And as we stand at the beginning of a new year, are we encouraged to hope that it is the beginning of a new and brighter era for capitular Masonry in the State of Florida? Our Grand Chapter is young, and although its days have not been those of darkness and gloom, but rather the contrary, yet it has not attained that degree of usefulness and power that belong to those old mysteries that are ever new, and the landmarks of an order that had its origin before the dawn of history, and has kept pace with the ages, teaching the brotherhood of man and universal good will, and by its benign influence has made an impress upon the civilization of the world. It has always been one of the brightest stars in the great galaxy of institutions among men, and now sends forth a light that shows itself worthy of this golden age in which we live, and will continue through all coming time wherever man is found. This feeds the soul, that immortal part, whose aspirations fall not short of the immediate presence of the *Great I Am.*

The Mason is always searching for truth, and if he displays the swiftness, endurance and courage of those below him in the scale of being, together with the wisdom of man, his attainments will be his reward.

This institution of Masonry has been handed to us from the past ages. May we also transmit it to the generation to come unimpaired.

Several new Chapters have been formed during the year, and added to our lists. One or two old ones have been revived, and the outlook is encouraging.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

January 29. To Providence R. A. Chapter, No. 20, to elect and install officers, they having failed in time.

May 13. To St. Johns R. A. Chapter, No. 4, DeLand, to confer the degrees on Brother A. A. Stewart, who had taken two degrees in Lake City Chapter, which has since become dormant. The ruling was, that if Brother Stewart could convince the R. A. Chapter that he had taken two degrees the Chapter might confer the other degrees on him; if not, then the Chapter would confer all the degrees as on other candidates.

June 4. To Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 7, to confer the degrees before the time upon two brothers who were about to leave the State for the summer.

November. To Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8, to re-ballot for a candidate who had been rejected through mistake, provided that all would be present at the time who were present at the first ballot.

November 24. To Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12, to ballot for candidates before the expiration of the time. I being present witnessed the mark degree conferred upon the same candidates.

December 3. To Ocala Chapter, U. D., to meet and confer the degrees, at a called meeting.

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January 9. To Putnam R. A. Chapter, No. 9, to publicly install the officers elect; they having failed to install on the 27th of December.

APPOINTMENTS.

June 8. Appointed Thomas G. Reams to be Grand Representative near the Grand R. A. Chapter of Oregon, who was recommended by Wallace Baldwin, G. H. P.

RITUAL.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States adopted a ritual some years ago. It was sent out to the several Grand Chapters, to make such use of it as they might see fit; at my request it was sent to me; no one was allowed to keep it longer than eleven days; I kept it that long. I had it copied for the use of our Grand Chapter. I sent it to such as applied for it. Several of the Chapters had it, but not all of them.

I was absent from the State during the months of July, August and September; spent most of the time in England and Scotland. I visited many Lodges and some Chapters, but did not see the work of the Chapters. The work was explained; it is done mostly by lecture.

During my absence from the State, R. E. Companion Marcus Endel, D. G. H. P. transacted the business, and will communicate his official acts and doings.

I recommend that the Chapter hold its convocation at a different time from that of the Grand Lodge, say about the first of May.

I also recommend that a convention of the order of High Priesthood be formed, and that in order to get a sufficient number for the convention, the degree be conferred on all or several of the High Priests by those who have the degree.

On motion of Companion Plummer, duly seconded and adopted, the foregoing address of the Grand High Priest was

referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects, and the Deputy Grand high Priest announced Companions Plummer, Boag and Griffith as such committee.

The Deputy Grand High Priest presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Special Committee on Address of Grand High Priest:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

On June 23 I received a communication from M. E. Angus Paterson, Grand High Priest, informing me of his immediate departure from this Grand Jurisdiction, and directing me to assume the duties of Grand High Priest during his absence. I now have the honor to present for your consideration a statement of my official doings while thus acting:

July 7. I appointed E. Companion H. Scheofferes, of Houston, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Texas, and recommended for reciprocal appointment M. E. Companion Angus Paterson.

September 31. I directed our Grand Secretary to forward commission to Companion John J. Monell, of Omaha, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and for the appointment of a reciprocal representative I recommended Companion Robert McClellan, of Gainesville.

October 1. Dispensation granted to companions at Ocala to form a new Chapter, appointing Companion Henry W. Long, H. P.; Nathan Crown, K.; Edwin Spencer, S.; the petition for same being duly recommended by Gainesville Chapter, No. 2.

September 5. I received the official announcement of the death of of M. E. James E. Morrison, P. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of New York, which occurred June 14, in the city of Buffalo. I immediately addressed a letter to M. E. William E. Sherer, G. H. P., expressive of the condolence of our Grand Chapter with the Companions of New York in their bereavement.

September 6. Received, through our Grand Secretary, proceedings of a convention and organization of a new Grand Chapter, in and for the Province of New Brunswick; also, a memorial circular from that Grand Body, requesting our recognition and the establishment of fraternal communication between our respective Grand Chapters. It not appearing that our Grand Chapter had appointed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the past year, and anticipating the early return of our Grand High Priest, I deemed it best to defer action in the premises, in order that the request might receive his personal attention. The Grand High Priest, however, returned the papers to me, with

the suggestion that this matter, together with everything pertaining to my administration, be reported directly to the Grand Chapter. I therefore attach herewith the proceedings and circular of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, and present same for your consideration and action.

October 22. I approved amendments to By-Laws of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, the same being in accord with our constitutional requirements.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
D. G. H. P.

The Grand Secretary presented a petition for charter for a Chapter to be called Ocala Chapter, which was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

Companion Griffith offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, viz.:

Resolved, That the commissions of all present representatives of the Grand Chapter of Florida to other Grand Chapters shall terminate on the 24th of June, 1889, and that the terms of office of such representatives shall thereafter be three years, and that no Companion shall represent more than one Grand Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Companion J. F. Niblack moved that when the Grand Chapter be called off, that it be called to refreshment until 3:30 P. M. to-morrow, which motion was duly seconded and adopted.

Companion W. A. McLean moved that the election of Grand Officers take place during the afternoon session of to-morrow, which was duly seconded and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 3:30 P. M. to-morrow.

1888, January 18, 3:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. ANGUS PATERSON, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday, with the addition of
F. S. GOODRICH . . . . . Grand King.
R. A. MONTSALVATGE . . . . . Grand Scribe.
and J. F. NIBLACK . . . . . *as* Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Special Committee on address of Grand High Priest presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. H. P. and the report of the M. E. Deputy High Priest, respectfully recommend that so much thereof as relates to dispensations and by-laws be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That the rulings, decisions and recommendations be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, except the recommendation to change the time of holding the annual grand convocations of the Grand Chapter which we suggest be referred to the Grand Chapter as a whole, and except also the matter of ritual, which we recommend to be referred to a select committee for consideration.

That the appointments and recommendations made of Grand Representatives be confirmed.

That the recommendation that a convention of the Order of High Priesthood be formed, meets our hearty approval, and we respectfully recommend that this matter be referred to a special committee.

That the official announcement of the death of M. E. James E. Morrison, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of New York, be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That the matter of establishing fraternal relations with the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the Province of New Brunswick be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. V. R. PLUMMER,
J. O. BOAG,
W. A. GRIFFITH,
Committee.

On motion of Companion Goodrich, duly seconded and adopted, the Grand High Priest appointed the following Committee on Ritual, to-wit: F. S. Goodrich, W. A. McLean, M. Endel, W. M. McIntosh.

The Grand Secretary entered and took his place.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

On motion, duly seconded and adopted, it was decided to make no change in the time of meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws would report that they have examined the application of Ocala Chapter, U. D., copy of the Records and By-Laws of same, and would report as follows:

We recommend that a Charter be granted to Ocala Chapter, U. D., under the name of Ocala R. A. Chapter, and that No. 13 be assigned; also recommend that the By-Laws be approved and that Henry W. Long be H. P., Nathan Crown be King, and Edwin Spencer, Scribe.

Fraternally submitted,
W. A. McLEAN,
J. W. BOYD,
R. ALFRED MONTSALVATGE.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

The Proceedings of your last Convocation were printed and distributed as usual, and other matters appertaining to the office of Grand Secretary have been attended to.

I purchased a full set of Jewels for the Grand Chapter, at a cost of $126, and drew upon the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the same. This was a discount of 10 per cent., and the Jewels are nice ones.

A very pretty little incident is worth recording. A brother Mason handed us a beautiful gold charm, picked up in the streets of Jacksonville, having the mark of a Mark Master Mason, with *Allen B. Strong* and *Ancient Chapter No. 1* inscribed thereon. Failing to find an owner, and finding that *Ancient Chapter No. 1* was located in the city of New York, and perhaps the oldest R. A. Chapter on the continent, I entered into correspondence with said Chapter, and found that Allen B. Strong dimitted from said Chapter in 1808. By request of said Chapter I sent it the said charm, where it is appreciated in a large collection of relics and curiosities carefully preserved. My correspondence was with the High Priest of said Chapter, M. E. Companion Edward P. Wilder, who extends a cordial invitation

to the Companions of this Grand Chapter to visit his Chapter at any convenient season, with the assurance that they may see the most antique Royal Arch work in existence, and beautiful as old.

I have collected during the year as follows:

Dues for 1887, from Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1	$17
" " from Gainesville R. A. Chapter, No. 2	22
" " from Tampa R. A. Chapter, No. 3	32
" " from Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 7	44
" " from Madison R. A. Chapter, No. 8	44
" " from Putnam R. A. Chapter, No. 9	38
" " from Eustis R. A. Chapter, No. 10	19
" " from Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12	67
" " from Providence R. A. Chapter, No 20	17
" " from Island R. A. Chapter, No. 21	44
" " from Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22	25
Charter fee of Ocala R. A. Chapter, U. D	50
Total	$419

Which amount has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Your scrutiny is invited as to all matters appertaining to the office of the Grand Secretary.

D. C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Treasurer, after paying the bills recommended by the Finance Committee and ordered by the Grand Chapter, as per printed Proceedings of 1887 (see page 80), has a balance in his hands of $226 47

January 19, received from Grand Secretary Dawkins 419 00

Total $645 47

Your Treasurer has paid the following bills, which he asks to have your approval:

Printing Proceedings of 1887	$48 60	
Printing Certificates Grand Secretary	8 00	
Enclosing Book Case Grand Secretary	6 50	
Printing R. A. M. Dispensations	3 50	
Grand Chapter Jewels	126 00	
Binding Book Grand Secretary	1 50	
Express on Jewels	90	$195 00
Balance at disposal of Grand Chapter		$450 47

Fraternally submitted,

T. S. WILMARTH, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election of Grand Officers, when the following Companions were *all unanimously* elected to fill the offices set in apposition with their respective names, to-wit:

Marcus Endel	Grand High Priest.
Fred. S. Goodrich	Deputy Grand High Priest.
William M. McIntosh	Grand King.
Charles H. Munger	Grand Scribe.
Thomas S. Wilmarth	Grand Treasurer.
DeWitt C. Dawkins	Grand Secretary.
William A. McLean	Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Companion Goodrich, duly seconded and adopted, it was decided that the installation of the Grand Officers take place and be the first business of the session on to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

1888, January 19th, 3:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Angus Paterson, Grand High Priest, and others as at session of yesterday, except H. Glogowski, as Grand Scribe.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and concurred in:

M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined the last annual report and find that there was a committee of three which was appointed by the Grand High Priest to revise, harmonize and systematise the regulations of this Grand Chapter, said Committee consisting of Companions Goodrich, Dawkins and Munger.

The exemplification of the several degrees of the Chapter, during the last Annual Convocation, and at previous Convocations, have been brought before this Grand Chapter. We are satisfied that the exemplification of the work would be appre-

ciated and instructive to those Companions in attendance on the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,
JNO. F. NIBLACK, Chairman.
M. ENDEL,
W. A. GRIFFITH,
D. W. STANLEY,
E. A. RICHARDS,
R. B. THOMAS.

The special Committee on Regulations presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

Your Committee appointed at the Annual Convocation in 1887, to revise and systematize the regulations of the Grand Chapter, would respectfully report, that they have attended to that duty and would recommend that the subject of membership, on page 48, be revised and the words: "And an action of the Chapter requiring the same to be done," be dropped; and on page 50, subject of suspensions, be added the words: "After notice from the Lodge."

Fraternally submitted,
F. S. GOODRICH,
CHAS. H. MUNGER,
Committee.

Companion W. H. Long offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That all irregularities that may have been committed by the several Chapters, because of the omission of a clause in the Constitution in republishing the same in the Proceedings of 1886, be and are hereby healed.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to print and distribute as many copies of the missing section as may be necessary to supply the omission, with instructions for pasting in the same where it belongs.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances respectfully report that no matter requiring consideration has been referred to it.

MARCUS ENDEL,
E. A. RICHARDS,
D. W. STANLEY.
Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was received and adopted, viz:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence would respectfully recommend, that so much of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address as refers to Masonic Law be approved.

We would further recommend that the resolution submitted to us as the terms of office of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters, and as to our comparison, representing more than our Grand Chapter, be not approved.

H. W. LONG,
W. A. McLEAN.

Companion Robert McClellan, being introduced by the Deputy Grand High Priest, presented his commission as Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Nebraska, near this Grand Chapter, and was received as such.

M. E. Angus Paterson presented his commission and was received as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Texas, near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

The Grand High Priest installed the following newly elected Grand Officers, to-wit:

MARCUS ENDEL . . . . . M. E. Grand High Priest.
FRED. S. GOODRICH . . . . R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH . . . . . R. E. Grand King.
CHARLES H. MUNGER . . . . . R. E. Grand Scribe.

M. E. Marcus Endel, Grand High Priest, appointed the following Grand Officers, who were duly installed by M. E. Angus Paterson, viz:

WILLIAM L. BALDWIN . . . . . Grand Captain of the Host.
JAMES W. BOYD . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner.

EDGAR A. RICHARDS . . . . . Grand Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN O. BOAG . . . . . Grand Master Third Vail.
JOHN F. NIBLACK . . . . . Grand Master Second Vail.
WILLIAM A. GRIFFITH . . . . . Grand Master First Vail.
JAMES F. CLARK . . . . . Grand Guard.

M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., moved that when the Grand Chapter be called off, that it be called to refreshment until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, which was adopted.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following necrological report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:

The Committee on Memorials beg leave to present the following report:

We take pleasure in announcing that the grim destroyer, Death, has made no break in our ranks since our last Grand Annual Convocation, so far as we have learned, for which we all should be truly grateful.

From correspondence we learn that the Grand Chapter of the State of New York has been bereaved by the death of the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, James E. Morrison, and that the action of our M. E. G. H. P. in that our Grand Secretary tendering the condolence of this Grand Chapter to said Grand Chapter of New York be approved by this Grand Chapter.

CHARLES H. MUNGER,
W. M. McINTOSH,
C. H. MALLETT,
Committee.

The amendment proposed to the Constitution last year, on page 80 of the printed Proceedings, was taken up, put to a vote and unanimously adopted; whereby Section 19 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter was amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

DISPENSATION AND PETITIONERS.

SECTION 10. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such; *and no charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill, by labor under dispensation for at least three months.*

Companion F. S. Goodrich offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 P. M., on Monday next preceding the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1889.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

1888, JANUARY 20, 10 A. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. MARCUS ENDEL . . . . Grand High Priest.
R. E. WILLIAM M. McINTOSH. Grand King.
R. E. CHARLES H. MUNGER. . Grand Scribe.
R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH. . Grand Treasurer.
R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS. . Grand Secretary.
R. E. WILLIAM A. McLEAN . Grand Chaplain.
E. ANGUS PATERSON . . *as* Grand Captain of the Host.
E. JAMES W. BOYD . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. EDGAR A. RICHARDS. . Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. WILLIAM S. JORDAN. . *as* Grand Master Third Vail.
E. D. W. STANLEY . . *as* Grand Master of Second Vail.
E. W. A. GRIFFITH . . . Grand Master of First Vail.
E. JAMES F. CLARK . . . Grand Guard.

and constituent Chapters represented as before.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor with appropriate devotion.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to present the following report:

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

We have read with interest the correspondence between the Grand Secretary and M. E. Companion Edward P. Wilder, of New York, and think that the transfer of the Mark and Charm of a Companion, Allen B. Strong, to said Chapter, who dimitted therefrom in 1808, is a very pretty Masonic incident.

We find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of $645 47

and we recommend that the payment of the following bills be approved:

Printing Proceedings of 1887	$ 48 60	
Printing Certificates	8 00	
Enclosing Book Case	6 50	
Printing Dispensations	3 50	
Grand Chapter Jewels	126 00	
Binding Chapter Returns	1 50	
Express on Jewels	90	$195 00
		$450 47

Leaving a balance of . . . . . .

We recommend the following appropriations, to-wit:

Salary of Grand Secretary for 1887	$150 00
Salary Grand Chaplain	10 00
Salary Grand Guard	30 00

Leaving unappropriated, $260.47, out of which the Grand Treasurer is authorized to pay the printing and other necessary running expenses during the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES H. MUNGER,
JOHN O. BOAG,
D. W. STANLEY,
Committee.

The Grand High Priest installed Companion Henry W. Long into the office of High Priest of Ocala R. A. Chapter, No. 13, and authorized him to install the remaining officers and consecrate said Chapter in due form.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

There appearing to be no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

D. W. Stanley

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

At a Convocation of High Priests at the Masonic Hall in the City of Jacksonville, on the 19th day of January, 1888, there were present DeWitt C. Dawkins, P. G. H. P., George S. Hallmark, P. G. H. P., and James W. Boyd, P. H. P.; all of the Degree and Order of High Priesthood.

The Order of High Priesthood was duly communicated to and conferred upon the following Companions, to-wit: Angus Paterson, Henry W. Long, William A. McLean, D. Warwick Stanley, Charles H. Munger, John F. Niblack, Fred. S. Goodrich, William A. Griffith, William M. McIntosh and W. W. Tucker.

The Convocation was then called off until to-morrow.

JANUARY 20, 1888.

Convocation reassembled,

Present: Angus Paterson, Henry W. Long, Charles H. Munger, Wm. M. McIntosh, Wm. A. Griffith and James W. Boyd.

The Degree and Order of High Priesthood was regularly conferred upon Companions James F. Clark, Wm. E. Anderson, William M. Somerville and Marcus Endel—all being eligible to said Order—M. E. Angus Paterson presiding and James W. Boyd acting as Secretary.

The Convocation then dissolved.

JAMES W. BOYD,
Secretary.

Friendly criticism upon the above record is solicited, that we may know the better how to proceed the next time.

REGULATIONS OF 1888.

When a candidate has been rejected through a mistake, and all the voters are present, another ballot may be taken. Pages 95–103.

For exemplification of work, the presence of the G. H. P. is a sufficient basis for dispensation to ballot on a well-known candidate. Pages 95–103.

A Dispensation may issue authorizing a Chapter U. D. to meet and confer the degrees at a called meeting. Pages 95–103.

When an elected applicant is about to leave the State for the summer a dispensation may be granted to confer the degrees short of the usual time. Pages 94–103.

When a chapter fails to install its officers on the 27th of December, it may install them afterwards publicly, under a dispensation from the Grand High Priest. Pages 95–103.

When an applicant shows satisfactorily that he has taken one or more of the Chapter degrees in a regular Chapter that has since become dormant or defunct, the Chapter to which he applies may confer the remaining degrees. Pages 94–103.

The name of a Companion cannot be dropped or stricken from the roll of Chapter members in consequence of suspension or expulsion from his Lodge, until after official notice from his Lodge. Page 102. (*Changing law in 1886. Page 48.*)

Suspension from the Lodge works suspension in the Chapter. No action whatever is required on the part of the Chapter in such case, the suspension being complete in Chapter by action of the Lodge, after notice from the Lodge. Page 102. (*Changing law in 1886. Page 50.*)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Section 23 of the Constitution is amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

SEC. 23. Every member of a Chapter in good standing is entitled to one vote; but only High Priest and Past High Priests, Kings and Past Kings, Scribes and Past Scribes are eligible to the office of High Priest. 1877, page 203, and 1888, page 102.

SEC. 10. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons and in good standing as such. And no charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under dispensation for at least three months. Page 104.

STATISTICS FROM RETURNS.

CHAPTER.	No.	No. Members Last Year.	Affiliated.	Exalted.	Total.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Present Membership.
Florida	1	17	0	1	18	1	0	0	0	17
Gainesville	2	25	1	2	28	1	1	0	0	26
Tampa	3	20	2	6	28	1	0	0	0	27
St. Johns	4	21	0	0	21	0	3	0	0	18
Eureka	7	26	1	9	36	0	1	0	0	35
Madison	8	32	0	10	42	0	1	0	0	41
Putnam	9	14	1	12	27	0	0	0	0	27
Eustis	10	9	2	4	15	0	0	0	0	15
Jacksonville	12	32	6	15	53	1	2	0	0	50
*Ocala	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Providence	20	25	0	0	25	1	1	0	0	23
Island	21	45	0	0	45	1	0	1	0	43
Thomas Brown	22	19	1	3	23	1	0	0	0	22
Total	12	285	14	62	361	7	9	1	0	364

* Chartered January, 1888.

RECAPITULATION.

Members last year	285
Affiliated	14
Exalted	62
Total	361
Loss	17
	344
New at Ocala	20
	364
	285
Net gain	79

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTERS.	No.	HIGH PRIESTS.	KINGS.	SCRIBES.	TREASURERS.	SECRETARIES.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Florida	1	W. A. Griffith	W. M. McIntosh	E. M. West	Robert Gamble	S. A. Wauchope	Tallahassee.
Gainesville	2	Julius Stark	M. F. Miller	D. W. Webb	Marcus Endel	Theo. A. Carroll	Gainesville.
Tampa	3	D. B. Givens	H. Glogowski	C. R. Abbott	W. B. Henderson	John T. Gunn	Tampa.
St. Johns	4	F. S. Goodrich	R. O. Knowles	A. E. Gleason	J. B. Jordan	S. B. Wright	DeLand.
Santa Rosa†	6	J. G. Ellis	R. R. Sheppard	J. G. Ward	J. A. Chaffin		Milton.
Eureka	7	Chas. H. Munger	Mahlon Gore	E. A. Richards	Sidney E. Ives	Wm. F. Barnes	Orlando.
Madison	8	A. Paterson	H. J. McCall	W. S. Jordan	H. J. Paramore	J. E. Pound	Madison.
Putnam	9	Wm. J. Winegar	C. J. Hayes	F. P. Meoserean	A. V. Mount	C. J. Joseph	Palatka.
Eustis	10	D. W. Herrick	W. S. McClelland	S. C. Fuller	H. E. Bishop	H. W. Bishop	Eustis.
Jacksonville	12	W. A. McLean	W. L. Baldwin	C. H. Mallett	H. Koopman	W. W. Tucker	Jacksonville.
Ocala*	13	H. W. Long	N. Crown	E. Spencer			Ocala.
Providence	20	J. F. Niblack	R. C. Martin	J. J. Bunch	B. M. Williams	W. T. Weeks	Providence.
Island	21	J. J. Delaney	J. Y. Porter	Wm. McClintock	Samuel Filer	Geo. F. Ferguson	Key West.
Thomas Brown	22	D. W. Stanley	S. N. Page	J. T. Wilson	F. F. Beville	J. W. Boyd	Bartow.

†Old officers. No returns for 1886 or 1887.

*Chartered January, 1888.

GRAND CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	David McClellan	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmalee	Pueblo.
Connecticut	James K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Thomas J. Wilder	Casselton.
Delaware	James H. Price	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Louis G. Stephens	Washington, D. C.
England	Frederick K. Brinklee	London, W. C.
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	John C. Parish	Des Moines.
Ireland	Samuel B. Oldham	F. M. Hall, Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Joseph H. Branham	Louisville.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor	Box 872, New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George A. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	A. F. Chapman	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	L. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	W. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	T. Nisbett Robertson	Carson City.
New Brunswick	Chauncey N. Noteware	St. John, N. B.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	George B. Edwards	Jersey City.
New York	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren	Halifax.
Ohio	Emmet V. Rhoads	Saint Paris.
Oregon	Rocky P. Earhart	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer	Masonic Temple, Phila.
Prince Edwards Island	G. W. Wakeford	Charlottetown.
Quebec	David Seath	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Wm. R. Greene	Providence.
South Carolina	J. E. Burke	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	Wm. B. Isaacs	Richmond.
West Virginia	W. H. Riggs	Martinsburg.
Washington Territory	T. M. Reid	Olympia.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Oshkosh.
General Grand Chapter	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo.

PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE

	GRAND HIGH PRIEST.	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	GRAND CHAPLAINS.
1847	Thos Douglas*	John P Duval*	Harry R Taylor*	Geo W McRae*	Edwin D Nash*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1848	John P Duval*	Isaac H Bronson*	Geo W McRae*	D S Graham*	Thomas Brown*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1849	Isaac H Bronson*	Harry R Taylor*	D S Graham*	R A Shine*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1850	Harry R Taylor*	D S Graham*	R A Shine*	Gad Humphreys*	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1851	Thomas Brown*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A Fisher	Benj Sawyer	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Geo M McDonald
1852	R A Shine*	Saml R Stephens*	Saml Boardman	Danl G McLean	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1853	Saml Boardman	J M W Davidson*	C A M Mitchell	James S Rust *	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	A G Oag
1854	J Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y Henry	James Ellenwood	Jno L McKinnon*	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Homer Hender
1855	J Wayles Baker*	Edward R Ives*	Joseph S May	James M Baker	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Homer Hender
1856	Thos Haywood*	Edward R Ives*	John L McKinnon*	James Ellenwood	R A Shine*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1857	Thos Haywood*	James Ellenwood	John L McKinnon*	David S Walker	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	J R Plummer
1858	Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood	D P Holland*	Charles E Dyke	John T Bond	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1859	D P Holland	James M Baker	George F Baltzell	Calvin Davis*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1860	Thos Y Henry*	George F Baltzell	George D Fisher*	Josiah Paine	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1861	Geo F Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Franklin Branch*	Charles Slager*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1862	Geo F Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Charles Slager*	D C Dawkins	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1863	Geo F Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Green H Hunter	Wm H Arendell*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Thos A Carruth
1864	Geo F Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Thos K Leonard	Wm H Arendell*	Thos Hayward*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1865	David Jones*	D C Dawkins	B S Fuller	Elias Earle	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1866	David Jones*	D C Dawkins	Elias Earle	A J Lea	T Preston Tatum	Hugh A Corley	Samuel C Craft
1867	David Jones*	Wm Morrill*	Charles Slager*	Chas K Sparhawk*	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Wm A McLean
1868	Jas Ellenwood	Wm Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M M T Hutchingson	T Preston Tatum	Hugh A Corley	Thos A Carruth
1869	D C Dawkins	M M T Hutchingson	H H Rerry	Michael Bowes	T Preston Tatum	Ewd Bradford, Jr*	Thos A Carruth
1870	D C Dawkins	Charles Slager*	Charles Mundee*	Samuel Pasco	T Preston Tatum*	Ewd Bradford, Jr*	Edwin L T Blake
1871	D C Dawkins	James Ellenwood	Wm Morrill*	Theodore Ball	T Preston Tatum*	W M McIntosh	Thos A Carruth
1872	Wm Morrill*	Hugh A Corley	John C Ley	James I. Taylor	T Preston Tatum*	W M McIntosh	Thos A Carruth
1873	Michael Bowes	Samuel Pasco	John S Driggs	Benj J Alderman*	Daniel L Oakley	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1874	Michael Bowes	John S Driggs	Ben G Alderman*	David C Wilson	Wm A Young	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1875	Henry W Long	Edward P Jordan*	Wm T Weeks	W W Tucker	Daniel L Oakley	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1876	John S Driggs	Charles J. Alred	W W Tucker	John T Miller	Daniel L Oakley	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1877	John S Driggs	George R Jones*	W W Tucker	John T Miller	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1878	Enos Wasgate	Robert J Perry	G E Wentworth*	George S Hallmark	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1879	Robert J Perry	G E Wentworth*	Geo S Hallmark	Hugh A Corley	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1880	Robert J Perry	Geo S Hallmark	Wm E Anderson	Wm A McLean	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1881	W A McLean	Wm E Anderson	Warren F Scott	John G Ellis	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1882	W A McLean	Wm E Anderson	Warren F Scott	G S Hallmark	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1883	Geo S Hallmark	Wm E Anderson	Warren F Scott	J W V R Plummer	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1884	Wm E Anderson	Warren F Scott	J W V R Plummer	Angus Paterson	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1885	Wm E Anderson	J W V R Plummer	Angus Patterson	Marcus Endel	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1886	Angus Paterson	Marcus Endel	F S Goodrich	John G Ellis	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	John S Wharton
1887	Angus Paterson	Marcus Endel	F S Goodrich	R A Montsalvatge	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1888	Marcus Endel	Fred S Goodrich	Wm M McIntosh	Charles H Munger	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean

*Dead.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTER.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
.....	Alabama	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.
L A Pindal.....	Arkansas.....	W B Barnett, Jacksonville.
James Moffit.....	Canada	R J Perry, Key West.
Roger W Woodberry, Denver...	Colorado	W A McLean, Jacksonville.
John Lockie, Washington	Dist of Columbia..	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Wm L Orr.....	Illinois	.....
Elmer Crockett, South Bend....	Indiana.....	R R Shepard, Milton.
E D Hillyer, Grasshopper F'ls..	Kansas.....	.....
James W Statton, Brooksville ..	Kentucky	W McClintock, Key West.
J C Bachelor, New Orleans.....	Louisiana	W A McLean, Jacksonville.
Henry R Taylor, Machias.....	Maine.....	Enos Wasgate, Jacksonville.
Nathan Leyman.....	Maryland.....	W W Tucker, Jacksonville.
Alexander K Bryer.....	Massachusetts.....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
B H Langley, Winona.....	Minnesota	.....
J L Powers, Jackson.....	Mississippi.....	.....
Rev C C Wood, Kansas City....	Missouri.....	.....
John J Monell, Omaha.....	Nebraska.....	R McClellan, Gainesville.
Ed L Tillow, Elizabeth.....	New Jersey.	R J Perry, Key West.
Rees G Williams, Utica..	New York.....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
M Bowes, Raleigh.....	North Carolina ...	.....
B H Lands, Halifax.....	Nova Scotia.....	W A McLean, Jacksonville.
Thomas G Reams.....	Oregon	.....
R G Adams.....	Quebec	R G Perry, Key West.
Charles R Cutler, Warren.....	Rhode Island.....	.....
.....	Scotland	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.
A T Smythe, Charleston.....	South Carolina....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
B R Harris.....	Tennessee.....	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.
H Sheofferes, Houston.....	Texas.....	Angus Paterson, Madison.
E C Houghton, N Bennington..	Vermont	John Carlovitz, Milton.
James L Avis.....	Virginia.....	W E Anderson, Blackwater.
Milburn Reid.....	Washington Ty...	F S Goodrich, DeLand.
Thomas A Logan, Wheeling....	West Virginia.....	.....
Fred Ring, Jr, Lacrosse.....	Wisconsin	.....

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GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand Convocation in the Masonic Hall at the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m. on Monday the 14th day of January A. D. 1889, A. I. 2419.

PRESENT:

M. E. Marcus Endel ..... Grand High Priest
R. E. Fred S. Goodrich ..... Deputy Grand High Priest
R. E. Samuel E. Wauchope ..... as Grand King
R. E. Charles H. Munger ..... Grand Scribe
R. E. Thomas S. Wilmarth ..... Grand Treasurer
R. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins ..... Grand Secretary
R. E. E. R. Richardson ..... as Grand Chaplain
E. Angus Paterson ..... as Grand Captain of the Host
E. James W. Boyd ..... Grand Principal Sojourner
E. John H. Stephens ..... as Grand Royal Arch Captain
E. P. W. Daniel ..... as Grand Master 3d Vail
E. John F. Niblack ..... Grand Master 2d Vail
E. Peter Brown ..... as Grand Master 1st Vail
E. James F. Clark ..... Grand Guard

Past Grand High Priests:

DeWitt C. Dawkins,
William A. McLean,
Angus Paterson.

M. E. Marcus Endel, G. H. P. read the following Annual Address:

COMPANIONS:

With gratification and pleasure I extend to you fraternal greeting, and a most hearty and cordial welcome to the Forty-Third Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter. By the favor of our Heavenly Benefactor we are permitted once again to assemble around our consecrated altar, and, with contrite hearts and a due appreciation of His blessings, devoutly offer up our grateful thanks for the many mercies and kindnesses accorded us in the past, and, with profound humility, pray to Him for a continuance of His divine protection.

Having assembled for the purpose of reviewing the work of the year just past, and to mark off the designs upon the trestle-board, by which the labors of the Craft can be continued during the one just commenced, let us hope that our deliberations will be marked with that spirit of brotherly love and affection, that zeal and harmony which has characterized your former faithfulness and devotion, that we may be able to discharge the duties and responsibilities resting upon us as the representatives of the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction in such a manner as shall redound to the benefit and advancement of our beloved and time honored institution.

During the summer a wide-spread calamity has befallen our State by the appearance of yellow fever in five or six communities, and the terrible scourge, so destructive to human life, has brought sorrow and affliction to many families of our brethren and companions.

Our own circle has not been spared devastation and bereavement by the ravages of the dread scourge. We are called upon to mourn the loss of several valuable and highly esteemed companions. Prominent among the victims we note Companion Wm. L. Baldwin, Grand Captain of the Host of this Grand Chapter.

Companion Baldwin was W. M. of Duval Lodge, of Jacksonville, and a member of the Grand Committee on Work in the Grand Lodge, and E. King of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12. He was a devoted member of our fraternity, and one who, in an eminent degree, embodied and illustrated the virtues which our order inculcates; a genial, kindly gentleman of unassuming and retiring demeanor, manifesting always in his daily intercourse with the fraternity and outside world a thoughtful appreciation of the object and teachings of the

Craft. He was stricken down while doing noble duty as a member of the Jacksonville Masonic Relief Committee, and died on September 4th.

A tried and true companion, may he rest in peace.

The list of our other deceased companions will be furnished to the Committee on Memorials by our Grand Secretary, that their memories may receive just tribute at the hands of the Grand Chapter.

I have received from the G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of New York, a notice of their bereavement, in the loss of M. E. John S. Perry, P. G. H. P., who died in the city of Troy, on May 30th.

I have received many letters from officers of Chapters throughout the State, requesting information, and my interpretation of the law. In every instance, however, they were answered by a reference to our State and General Grand Chapter Constitution and Regulations; therefore, I do not deem it necessary to report them.

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony reigns throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, and that our relations with the other Grand Chapters continue of the most pleasant character.

I have appointed Grand Representatives of our Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters as follows:

Arkansas—Companion W. H. Gee, of Dardanelle.
Dakota—Companion John F. Schrader, of Rapid City.
Georgia—Companion Wm. A. Davis, of Macon.
Scotland—Companion Geo. Fisher, of Edinburgh.

I have also recommended for appointment as Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near our own:

Illinois—Companion Chas. H. Munger, of Orlando.
Kansas—Companion W. J. Winegar, Palatka.
Minnesota—Companion Wm. M. MacIntosh, Sr., Tallahassee.
Mississippi—P. G. H. P., S. Pasco, Monticello.
Nebraska—Companion J. J. Delaney, Key West.
North Carolina—Companion J. F. Niblack, Lake Butler.
Oregon—Companion Thos. S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville.
Rhode Island—Companion Julius Stark, Gainesville.
West Virginia—Companion H. W. Long, Martel.
Wisconsin—Companion R. B. Thomas, Tampa.
Georgia—P. G. H. P., D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.

The Grand Secretary takes this opportunity to suggest that, in his opinion, it would be well for the Grand Chapter to have its laws printed with this year's Proceedings, and two hundred extra copies in separate pamphlet form. This, of course, includes the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, as amended to date, and the Standing Regulations, as enacted and amended to date.

The condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida is quite encouraging, as may be easily discovered from the number of working Chapters now on the roll, compared with the status of but a few years back; but something seems to be needed to close up the gappy rank of their numbers and thereby present a more solid appearance to our front, and make a nicer basis for assigning consistent numbers to Chapters hereafter to be organized; and this is, therefore, recommended to your consideration.

Pursuant to an order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, I issued notices to the High Priests, Kings, Scribes, Treasurers and Secretaries of Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5; Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 11; Lake Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 19; Nassau R. A. Chapter, No. 23, and Mt. Moriah R. A. Chapter, No. 24, and the following are copies of said notices:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., July, 25, 1888.

To James Turnbull, H. P.: John W. Jordan, K.: Jesse D. Cole, S.: Samuel Pasco, Tr., of Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5, Monticello, Fla.:

DEAR BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS: The latest return of your said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, on file in this office, is for the year ending December 27, A. D. 1877, and you are the officers of said Chapter therein stated.

The Constitution provides that "neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues for two consecutive years, are acts for which a charter may be forfeited." I am instructed by our M. E. Grand High Priest to notify you, that unless you resume work and make returns to the Grand Chapter for this year, 1888, or else voluntarily surrender its charter, that charges will be preferred against it at the next annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in January, A. D. 1889.

Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Grand Chapter.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., July 25, 1888.

To C. McK. Oerting, H. P.: James McDonald, K.: Thomas Stearne, S.: B. A. Philibert, Tr., and George S. Hallmark, Sec., of Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter, No. 11, Warrington, Fla.:

DEAR BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS: The latest return of your said chapter to the Grand Chapter, on file in this office, is for the year ending December 27, A. D. 1874, and you are the officers of said Chapter therein stated.

The Constitution provides that "neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues for two consecutive years, are acts for which a charter may be forfeited." I am instructed by our M. E. Grand High Priest to notify you, that unless you resume work and make returns to the Grand Chapter for this year, 1888, or else voluntarily surrender its charter, that charges will be preferred against it at the next annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in January, A. D. 1889.

Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Grand Chapter.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, July 25, 1888.

To M. L. McKinney, H. P.: J. M. Johns, K.: O. B. Walton, S.: R. Thomas, Tr.: H. F. York, Sec., of Lake Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 19, Lake Butler, Fla.:

DEAR BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS: The latest return of your said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, on file in this office, is for the year ending December 27, A. D. 1883, and you are the officers of said Chapter therein stated.

The Constitution provides that "neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues for two con-

secutive years, are acts for which a charter may be forfeited.' I am instructed by our M. E. Grand High Priest to notify you, that unless you resume work and make returns to the Grand Chapter for this year 1888, or else voluntarily surrender its charter, that charges will be preferred against it at the next annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in January A. D. 1889.

Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Grand Chapter.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, July 25, 1888.

To W. F. Scott, H. P.; John M. Lee, K.; A. O. MacDonell, S.; J. H. Prescott, Tr.; W. A. Jones, Sec., of Nassau R. A. Chapter, No. 23, Fernandina, Fla.:

DEAR BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS: The latest return of your said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, on file in this office, is for the year ending December 27, A. D. 1884, and you are the officers of said Chapter therein stated.

The Constitution provides that "neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues for two consecutive years, are acts for which a charter may be forfeited." I am instructed by our M. E. Grand High Priest to notify you, that unless you resume work and make returns to the Grand Chapter for this year, 1888, or else voluntarily surrender its charter, that charges will be preferred against it at the next annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in January, A. D. 1889.

Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Grand Chapter.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, July 25, 1888.

To J. B. Roberts, H. P.; H. C. Cushman, K.; Henry White, S.; G. Forcheimer, Tr.; A. Goldstucker as Sec., of Mt. Moriah R. A. Chapter, No. 24, Pensacola, Fla.:

DEAR BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS: The latest return of your said Chapter, on file in this office, is for the year ending

December 27, A. D. 1882, and you are the officers of said Chapter therein stated.

The Constitution provides that "neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues for two consecutive years, are acts for which a Charter may be forfeited." I am instructed by our M. E. Grand High Priest to notify you, that unless you resume work and make returns to the Grand Chapter for this year, 1888, or else voluntarily surrender its charter, that charges will be preferred against it at the next annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in January, A. D. 1889.

Please take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Grand Chapter.

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

One of the aforesaid notices was placed in an envelope, sealed, addressed, postage prepaid and mailed to the last known postoffice address, separately and singly, of each and every person, companion and officer named in each and all of said notices; and each and every one of said envelopes had printed thereon the words, "If not called for in 10 days, return to D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville, Fla."

The foregoing proceedings were duly reported to the M. E. Grand High Priest, and were approved by him, with the expressed hope that a revival of interest in those Chapters would result.

The notices sent to John W. Jordan, as King of Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, and to O. B. Walton, as Scribe of Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, were returned, unopened, by post to the writer, and the charter of Nassau Chapter, No. 23, was surrendered and forwarded to me by the High Priest of said Chapter.

Upon these matters being reported to the Grand High Priest, he instructed me to prefer charges, at this annual Convocation, against Jefferson Chapter, No. 5; Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 11; Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, and Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 24, which are herewith presented, as follows, to-wit:

I, DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, do hereby charge Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, located at Monticello, in Jefferson County, Florida, with delinquency, and with the violation of Section 21 of the Constitu-

tion of said Grand Chapter, in this, to-wit: that said Chapter has made no returns and paid in no dues to said Grand Chapter since for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1877.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

I, DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, do hereby charge Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11, located at Warrington, in the county of Escambia, Florida, with delinquency, and with the violation of Section 21 of the Constitution of said Grand Chapter, in this, to-wit: that said Chapter has made no returns and paid no dues to said Grand Chapter since for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1874.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

I, DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, do hereby charge Lake Butler Royal Arch Chapter, No. 19, with delinquency, and with the violation of Section 21 of the Constitution of said Grand Chapter, in this, to-wit: that the said Chapter has made no returns and paid no dues to said Grand Chapter since for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1883.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

I, DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, do hereby charge Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 24, with delinquency, and with the violation of Section 21 of the Constitution of said Grand Chapter, in this, to-wit: that said Chapter has made no returns and paid no dues to said Grand Chapter since for the Masonic year ending December, A. D. 1882.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

Since the last annual Convocation the Grand Secretary has collected and turned over to the Grand Treasurer the sum of three hundred and thirty-two dollars, and has vouchers for the same.

The Grand Secretary cheerfully submits all matters appertaining to his office to your inspection and control.

The Grand Secretary has issued all commissions or credentials ordered by the Grand High Priest; has complied with all other orders and instructions from him; and took the liberty of suggesting him for appointment of Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Dakota, near this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary feels that he can not close this report without first tendering his kindly and brotherly regards to the M. E. Grand High Priest, who has ever been a firm, yet amiable chief.

Fraternally submitted,
D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

The foregoing report of the Grand Secretary was, on motion made, seconded and adopted, referred to the committee on Address of the Grand High Priest, for distribution.

R. E. Companion Goodrich moved that the election of Grand Officers be set down as the first business of the morning session of to-morrow; which, being duly seconded, was adopted.

On motion of R. E. Samuel A. Wauchope, all Regular Royal Arch Masons in good standing are invited to seats in this Grand Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to refreshment, with appropriate devotion conducted by the Grand Chaplain, until 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

1889, JANUARY 15, 3 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Marcus Endel, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns report: That we find the roll-call of the Grand Secretary correct, and that

therefore, the Grand Officers and other members of this Grand Chapter therein named as such are entitled to seats and to vote in this Grand Convocation.

We have examined the returns of Constituent Chapters, which have been placed in our hands by the Grand Secretary, and find very few irregularities. Numbers 3, 4, 20 and 21 have sent up their returns without seals. The seals of 4 and 20 are reported to us as being broken. We hope for a better record on this subject next time.

No. 21 reports three emeritus members and only gives the names of two. Of course only the two reported can be allowed.

Excepting what has been said as to missing seals, we find the following correct: Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12 and 20.

Fraternally submitted.

J. W. BOYD,
JOHN F. NIBLACK,
JAS. VEIT,
Committee.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to election of Grand Officers, when the following were duly elected:

MARCUS ENDEL—Grand High Priest.
FRED. S. GOODRICH—Deputy Grand High Priest.
JAMES W. BOYD—Grand King.
CHAS. H. MUNGER—Grand Scribe.
THOMAS S. WILMARTH—Grand Treasurer.
DEWITT C. DAWKINS—Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM A. MCLEAN—Grand Chaplain.

The committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

The special committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and the report of the R. E. Grand Secretary, for division of subjects, and reference to appropriate committees, would respectfully report as follows, to wit:

We recommend: That all that part of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address pertaining to Dispensations granted by him be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That the necrological part thereof be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That all that part of said address which relates to delinquent Chapters, and the corresponding part of the Grand Secretary's report, be referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

And that all that part of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to the printing of the Minutes, and also the recommendation to print two hundred extra copies, be referred to the committee on Finance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANGUS PATERSON,
J. W. BOYD,
W. A. MCLEAN,
Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

1889, JANUARY 16, 3 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Marcus Endel, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to order. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Treasurer, after paying the bills recommended by the Finance Committee and ordered by the Grand Chapter,

as per printed Proceedings of 1888, (see page 106) has a balance in his hands of $260 47
January 31, Received from Grand Sec. Dawkins, 20 00
Jan. 16, 1889, " " " " " 332 00

Total, ... $612 47

Your Treasurer has paid the following bills, which he asks to have your approval:

Printing Proceedings, 1888,	$48 60	
Printing Dispensation—DaCosta,	5 00	
Trunk for Jewels,	75	
500 Sticks,	1 25	
500 Letter Heads,	2 50	
Circulars—Vance,	1 25	$59 35

Balance at disposal of Grand Chapter, $553 12

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS S. WILMARTH,
Grand Treasurer.

The following Companions presented their credentials and were received with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry as representating Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, to wit:

MARCUS ENDEL, for Grand Chapter of Dakota.
JULIUS STARK, for Grand Chapter of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.
DEWITT C. DAWKINS, for Grand Chapter of Georgia.
WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH, for Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

M. E. Companion Paterson moved that the subject matter of the time and place for holding the next Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, with instructions to report, by resolution or otherwise, during this Grand Convocation, which was duly seconded and adopted.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee, to whom was submitted that portion of the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest relating to Dispensations and By-Laws, beg leave to report as follows:

That all dispensations granted since the last annual convocation, and reported to this body in said address, be approved.

That amendments to By-Laws approved by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as follows:

Madison Chapter No. 8, changing time for holding regular meetings from 1st Monday in each month to 2d and 4th Wednesdays in each month; also for same Chapter, changing fees for degrees from $20 to $30.

For Tampa Chapter No. 3, substituting for "shall" in Article 6, Part 3d, the word "may," and adding "By a majority of the companions present," we report to this Grand Chapter for approval and confirmation.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. STEPHENS,
ROBERT MCCLELLAN,
THOMAS S. WILMARTH,
Committee.

The Grand High Priest installed Companion JAMES W. BOYD into the office of Grand King.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Grand Officers, to wit:

HERMAN GLOGOWSKI—Grand Captain of the Host.
JOHN H. STEPHENS—Grand Principal Sojourner.
ROBERT MCCLELLAN—Grand Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN O. BOAG—Grand Master of Third Vail.
JOHN F. NIBLACK—Grand Master of Second Vail.
JAMES VEIT—Grand Master of First Vail.
JAMES F. CLARK—Grand Guard.

The Grand High Priest duly installed all the aforesaid newly appointed Grand Officers.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report, that we have examined the Proceedings of last Grand Convocation and find nothing to report for your action.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN F. NIBLACK,
JAMES VEIT,
PETER BROWN,
Committee.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to refreshment until 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

1889, JANUARY 17, 3 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. MARCUS ENDEL ..... Grand High Priest.
R. E. FRED. S. GOODRICH ..... Deputy Grand High Priest.
R. E. JAMES W. BOYD ..... Grand King.
R. E. CHAS. H. MUNGER ..... Grand Scribe.
R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH ..... Grand Treasurer.
R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS ..... Grand Secretary.
R. E. W. A. MCLEAN ..... Grand Chaplain.
E. HERMAN GLOGOWSKI ..... Grand Captain of the Host.
E. JOHN H. STEPHENS ..... Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. ROBERT MCCLELLAN ..... Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. JOHN O. BOAG ..... Grand Master of the Third Vail.
E. JOHN F. NIBLACK ..... Grand Master of Second Vail.
E. JAMES VEIT ..... Grand Master of the First Vail.
E. JAMES F. CLARK ..... Grand Guard.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Florida:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances would respectfully report: That we have taken under consideration the actions of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, with reference to *delinquent Chapters*, and especially to numbers 11 and 24, to which our attention has been directed, and after careful consideration would recommend,

First, That this Grand Chapter do use its prerogative of mercy for *one more year* to all of said Chapters.

Second, We recommend the consolidation of numbers 11 and 24 under the charter and name of that Chapter which may have the largest number of companions going to form the new, and that the charter of the other Chapter be surrendered.

No other subject has been submitted to the attention of the committee.

Respectfully,
S. A. WAUCHOPE,
C. W. JOHNSON,
P. W. DANIEL,
Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, in verbal report, offered the following resolution in writing, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville at 12 M. on the first Tuesday in May, A. D. 1890, A. I. 2420.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report as follows:

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

We find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of		$612 47
We recommend the payment of the following bills:		
Printing Proceedings of 1888, ...	$48 60	
Printing Dispensations, ...	5 00	
Trunk for Jewels, ...	75	
500 amendment Const. slips, ...	1 25	
500 Letter Heads, ...	2 50	
Circulars, ...	1 25	$ 59 35
Leaving a balance of		$553 12

We recommend the following appropriations, to wit:

Salary of Grand Secretary for 1888,	$150 00	
Salary of Grand Chaplain,	10 00	
Salary of Grand Guard,	30 00	
Postage, and other expenses of Grand Secretary's office,	69 00	$259 00
Leaving unappropriated the sum of,		$254 12

We also recommend the printing of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, as recommended by the Grand Secretary in his annual report.

CHAS. H. MUNGER,
H. GLOGOWSKI,
Committee.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

For two years past your Committee on Memorials have filled a sinecure—the appointment was in accordance with custom and usage, but for service within our own bounds the necessity did not exist. This year, we regret to say, the record is different.

We have very much to be thankful for, that the grim reaper who stalked through our Jurisdiction with the pestilence and desolated so many homes since our last Grand Annual Convocation, has spared so many of our companions. But we are pained to notice vacant seats, and we have received information that Death was not a stranger in other jurisdictions.

COMPANION SOLOMON F. HALLIDAY

Assisted in the organization of Gainesville Chapter in 1878, under a dispensation issued by Grand High Priest Wasgate, and was appointed Master of the Second Vail. He died October 24, 1888.

"Who shrinks from Death: come when he will or may,
The night he brings will bring the rising day."

COMPANION M. F. MILLER

Received the degrees of Capitular Masonry in Gainesville Chapter during the month of September, 1878. He served in the office of Principal Sojourner during the years 1879, 1880 and 1884; was Secretary during 1886; Treasurer and Captain of the Host in 1887; and King in 1888. Fervency and zeal were characteristics of his nature. Regular in attendance, skillful in his work, his companions were rewarded when they honored him with office, and Gainesville Chapter mourns the loss of a beloved and useful member. He received his crown of life on the 24th of September, 1888.

"Oh! when our sun is setting may we glide
Like summer evening down the golden tide,
And leave behind us, as we pass away,
Sweet starry twilight round our sleeping clay."

COMPANION BASIL B. BENNETT

Was born in Taylorsville, Ky., April 22, 1830. His early youth and manhood was spent in Louisville, where he studied the Universalist faith and doctrine under Dr. J. D. Williamson. He officiated as minister of the Universalist Church of Oxford, Ohio, where he resided for several years. He removed to Wabash, Ind., in 1859, where he studied medicine under Dr. H. H. Gillen. At the commencement of the civil war he entered the service of the United States as Major of the 101st Regiment Indiana Volunteers. After six months of service he resigned, on account of failing health, and went to Philadelphia, where he completed his medical studies. He rejoined his regiment as Surgeon, and remained until the close of the war. Dr. Bennett was exalted in Brooksville Chapter, No. 16, Indiana, in 1856. He removed to Volusia county, Fla., in 1877, and was a charter member of St. John's Chapter, No. 4, and of St. John's Lodge, No. 37. He was the postmaster of DeLand for eight years. While at Sea Breeze, on the Atlantic coast, he entered into rest on the 30th of July, 1888.

"How passing beautiful that sleep
That gently falls upon the silvered brow of years,
And shuts the weary eyelids, filled with tears,
And opens them, never more to weep."

COMPANION THOMAS CHARLES GREY

Was born of English parentage, in the State of Pennsylvania Shortly after his birth his father died, and soon after his

mother returned to England, where he remained until about sixteen years of age, when he returned to America. He finally located in New Hampshire, where he resided until he removed to Orlando, Fla., in 1883. For over three years he was connected with Sinclair's real estate agency, where his integrity and fine business qualities gained him an enviable reputation. Upon the organization of the Citizens' National Bank, of Orlando, he was tendered the position of book-keeper, which position he acceptably filled until disabled by his last illness. He was called to his eternal home December 13, 1888, leaving a wife and two young sons to mourn an irreparable loss. His funeral occurred at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, of which he was a communicant. Olivet Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, took charge of the remains, and he was buried with the honors of Christian knighthood. The Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Orlando Guards, of which bodies he was a member, joined in the funeral procession. Companion Grey assisted in the organization of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, being its first Secretary, prompt and faithful in the discharge of every duty. He was a genial companion, and a useful citizen.

"Our spear and shield no cloud of earth can dim;
He triumphs o'er us; we conquer him."

COMPANION JAMES ARCHER GRESHAM

Had but a brief career as a Royal Arch Mason. He was exalted in Madison Chapter, No. 8, February 4, 1884, and died of consumption, at Welborn, Fla., April 24, 1888, in the 38th year of his age. A wife and two children mourn with us his untimely departure. He was a native of Chickasaw county, Miss., coming to Florida, with his parents, in his fourteenth year. In 1879 he embarked in business for himself, as a merchant, at Live Oak. A few years ago he removed to Welborn, uniting with Welborn Lodge, No. 13, and was engaged as farmer and merchant at the time of his death.

"Death doth not rob us of one gem;
We mourn the casket where the priceless jewel lay,
The while the guardian angel bears it swift away
To grace our Father's diadem."

COMPANION EZRA GRAY,

A member of a Chapter in New Jersey, name and number not known, died in Jacksonville, September 15, 1888. The last

four were victims of the yellow fever, which visited Jacksonville last year.

"One by one the loved ones perished,
But they left the chain still wound;
Every virtue that they cherished,
Here is found as they are found.
Thus, in heaven,
Blessed souls with ours are bound.

R. E. COMPANION WILLIAM L. BALDWIN

Died in Jacksonville, September 4, 1888. He was a member and the E. K. of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and, at the time of his death, W. M. of Duval Lodge, No. 18. He was a zealous Mason, a genial companion, and a useful citizen. To his energy and zealous attachment to the pure principles of the institution is due, in large measure, the present prosperity of the various Masonic bodies in the city of Jacksonville.

"He's dead! and wafted to the heavenly bourne,
To gladden angels—making mortals mourn;
Gone to that distant awe-inspiring sphere,
Whose joys are wrung from tears of sorrow here."

COMPANION CHARLES S. BARON

Came to Florida about the year 1850, and settled at Biscayne, on the East Coast. In 1861 he moved to Key West. He assisted in the organization of Island Chapter, No. 21, in 1869, and the records mention him as a Past High Priest, but do not give the Jurisdiction. He was elected Treasurer of the Chapter, which office he held for six years. Dr. Baron took an interest in the various branches of our Order, and was always noted for his zeal and fidelity. He was Treasurer of Monroe Council, Royal and Select Masters, for several years. In 1872 Baron Commandery, No. 3 (named in his honor), was granted a dispensation, and he was named as the first Eminent Commander, which office he filled for three years. In the State he held important positions for long terms—Probate Judge, Deputy Collector of Revenue, etc.—and always satisfactorily discharged the duties that devolved upon him. Companion Baron was one of those genial souls that this world can ill afford to lose, sympathizing, unselfish, ever ready to minister in time of need, with open purse, or medical skill, or good advice. Af-

ter a faithful pilgrimage on Deity's footstool he went home on the 3d of November, 1888.

"Death leads the weary pilgrim home,
Foot-sore and feeble, waiting on the hither sand;
With death the tide he crosses, gains the heavenly strand,
The golden harp, the starry crown."

M. E. COMPANION JOHN S. PERRY,

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, entered upon his reward for a life well spent, from the city of Troy, on the 30th of May, 1888.

This completes the record of the companions who have left us since we last met in annual convocation.

"They have laid aside the trestle-board,
The compasses and square;
They have resigned the purple robe
For brighter raiment there.
Their toil is o'er; their work is done,
The capstone's laid, the triumph won."

Our companions have only gone before. They have merely laid down to the rest that, sooner or later, will come to us all. Let us emulate their virtues, and when the rough and rugged parts of this life have been completed, may we enter that peaceful place "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary shall find rest."

CHAS. H. MUNGER,
For the Committee.

The foregoing Minutes were read and confirmed.

There appearing no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, with devout prayer, conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

D. C. Dawkins

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF THE UNITED STATES.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known and designated as the "GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter shall consist:

1. Of the following officers, that is to say: General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Principal Sojourner, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, Three General Grand Masters of the Vails, and General Grand Sentinel.

2. Of the Past General Grand High Priests, Past Deputy General Grand High Priests, Past General Grand Kings, and Past General Grand Scribes.

3. Of the Past Grand High Priests of Grand Chapters in this Jurisdiction.

4. Of the Grand High Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings and Grand Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the Grand Chapters in this Jurisdiction.

5. Of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the constituted Chapters chartered by the General Grand Chapter.

No one shall be, or continue an officer or member of the General Grand Chapter who is not a member in good standing of a Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

None but Present or Past High Priests shall be eligible to the first four offices in the General Grand Chapter.

The proxy of a Grand Officer must be a member of a Chapter in his own Jurisdiction. The proxy of an officer of a subordinate Chapter may be held by any affiliated Royal Arch Mason within the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 3. The Stated Convocation of the General Grand Chapter shall be holden triennially, at such time and place as shall, from time to time, be designated for that purpose.

SEC. 4. Special Convocations may be called by the General Grand High Priest upon the request of the officers of three Grand Chapters, and shall be called upon the request of the Grand High Priests of ten Grand Chapters, timely notice thereof being given to all those entitled to membership in the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest, there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any convocation being held at the time appointed, he may change the time and place of the particular convocation; in which event he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary, who shall forthwith give notice to all the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

SEC. 6. No business shall be transacted in the General Grand Chapter unless nine Grand Chapters shall be represented therein.

POWERS.

SEC. 7. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the relations subsisting between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to Royal Arch Masons individually.

It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in those States, Districts, Republics and Territories which recognize this Jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its own immediate jurisdiction, and all that may be referred to for its decision by any Grand Chapter by formal vote; and its decision so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort.

It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted, nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapters, nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter preferred by any Subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that Jurisdiction or elsewhere; but it may, upon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference), act as final arbiter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members. It shall see that the ancient work of the Order is preserved in the several degrees, and establish uniform formulas for installation of its own officers and those of Grand and Subordinate

Chapters, for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters; and it may suspend the proceedings of any Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction in any State, District or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter, for any willful violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution, or for gross, unmasonic proceedings or conduct.

ELECTIONS.

SEC. 8. The officers of the General Grand Chapter (except the General Grand Chaplain and Sentinel) shall be chosen at each Triennial Convocation, by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast.

The General Grand Chaplain and General Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and, in all cases, the General Grand officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

SEC. 9. Each member of the General Grand Chapter, except the General Grand Sentinel, shall have one vote in his own right, and no more; if, however, any officer of a Grand Chapter be not present, in person or by proxy, when any vote is taken, then the senior officer present shall cast the votes of those not present. Officers, or their proxies, of the subordinate Chapters shall collectively have one vote.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 10. At each Triennial Convocation the General Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each consisting of seven members: 1, On Credentials; 2, On Reports of General Grand Officers; 3, On Finance; 4, On Jurisprudence; 5, On Charters and Dispensations; 6, On Grievances; 7, On Correspondence; 8, On Ritual; 9, On Memorials of the Dead. The General Grand High Priest may appoint other committees as circumstances may require.

Upon these committees shall devolve such duties as may, from time to time, be required by the General Grand Chapter.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, and he has the power, to preside in the General Grand Chapter; to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it is not in session; to convene any Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; to preside therein; to inspect its proceedings, and require conformity to Masonic law, usage and custom; to require the attendance of, and information from, any General Grand officer respecting his office, and, when, in his opinion, it is proper so to do, to suspend such officer and appoint a suitable person to act in his stead until the next convocation of the General Grand Chapter, when report thereof shall be made for its action; to appoint such General Grand officers as may be necessary to fill vacancies, and to perform such other duties and exercise such other powers and prerogatives as properly pertain to the position, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 12. In case of the death, absence or inability to act of the General Grand High Priest, or a vacancy in his office, the Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, shall, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes. In the absence of all these officers the oldest Past General Grand officer present, according to rank, shall preside at all convocations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds and property of the General Grand Chapter; to pay out no money, except upon order of the General Grand Chapter, certified by the General Grand Secretary; but when the amount to be paid shall not be fixed by the General Grand Chapter the claim shall be audited and approved by the General Grand High Priest; to report to each Triennial Convocation, and oftener, if required by the General Grand Chapter, or the General Grand High Priest, the amount of his receipts and expenditures by items, and from whom received, and to whom paid, and the amount of funds and prop-

erty in his hands, and to execute and deposit with the General Grand High Priest an official bond within thirty days after his election, payable to the General Grand High Priest, and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe, or a majority of them, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, unless a different sum shall be fixed by the General Grand Chapter, conditioned that he pay or deliver, on demand, to the General Grand Chapter, or to his successor in office, or properly account for, all funds and property of the General Grand Chapter that shall come to his hands as General Grand Treasurer; and if the General Grand Treasurer-elect shall fail or refuse to execute a bond as herein required, then the General Grand High Priest shall appoint another General Grand Treasurer, who shall execute the required bond.

SEC. 14. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the General Grand Chapter; to receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and documents of the General Grand Chapter; to prepare, sign and certify all charters, dispensations and other instruments emanating from the General Grand Chapter, and, when necessary, affix its seal thereto; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the General Grand Chapter, and to pay over the same to the General Grand Treasurer; to report to each Triennial Convocation, and oftener, if required by the General Grand Chapter, or the General Grand High Priest, the amount of moneys received by him, by items, and the specific sources from which received; also, the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, that have neglected to render proper returns, and are in arrears, and such general information as to the state of the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, in this Jurisdiction, as may be proper, for the information or action of the General Grand Chapter; to conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter; to attend, with all necessary books and papers under his control, on all convocations of the General Grand Chapter; to execute and deposit with the General Grand High

Priest an official bond, within thirty days after his election, payable to the General Grand High Priest and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe, or a majority of them, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, unless a different sum shall be fixed by the General Grand Chapter, conditioned that he will promptly pay over or deliver, on demand, to the General Grand Treasurer, or properly account for, all funds or other property of the General Grand Chapter that may come to his hands as General Grand Secretary, and, if the General Grand Secretary-elect shall fail or refuse to execute such bonds as herein required, then the General Grand High Priest shall appoint another General Grand Secretary, who shall execute the required bond.

SEC. 15. The remaining General Grand officers shall perform such duties as pertain to their respective stations, according to the custom and usages of the Craft, and as may be required by the General Grand Chapter.

NEW CHAPTERS.

SEC. 16. The General Grand High Priest shall have power and authority, upon the petition of nine or more regular Royal Arch Masons, to grant dispensations, for a limited time, for the formation of Subordinate Chapters, under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, in all cases where the General Grand Chapter has authority to establish Chapters under the provisions of his Constitution, when, in his opinion, the good of the Craft may require the same; the time, in no case, to extend beyond the close of the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. But no new Chapter shall be thus established when there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance in this Jurisdiction, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located.

Chapters under dispensation have the same powers as chartered Chapters, except the election and installation of officers, and the rights growing out of such election and installation.

DUTIES OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

SEC. 17. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe to improve and perfect themselves in the work and lectures pertaining to the degrees conferred in this Jurisdiction, as shall be prescribed by the General Grand Chapter, and to disseminate the same in the manner which, in their opinion, will best secure the desired end, or as may be required, from time to time, by the General Grand Chapter.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 18. The officers of every Chapter, Grand and Subordinate, in this Jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of the functions of their respective offices, and every candidate upon his admission, shall take an obligation to support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

DEGREES.

SEC. 19. The degrees recognized by the General Grand Chapter to be conferred in Chapters in this Jurisdiction are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason.

FEES AND DUES.

SEC. 20. The General Grand Chapter shall, from time to time, fix the amount to be paid in the treasury thereof for the organization of and as dues from subordinate Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, and also the assessments to be paid by Grand Chapters.

SEC. 21. The fees for conferring the several degrees by the Chapters in this Jurisdiction shall not be less than twenty dollars.

APPEALS.

SEC. 22. An appeal shall, in all cases, lie to the General Grand Chapter from the decision of the General Grand High Priest; but his opinion and decision shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter, unless it shall be otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE II.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

SEC. 23. Whenever there shall be three Subordinate Chapters regularly chartered and constituted in any State, District, Republic or Territory by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter may be established as soon as convenience and propriety may dictate; provided, that the approbation of the General Grand High Priest shall have been first obtained. And any Grand Chapter thus established shall have and possess all the rights, privileges and prerogatives conferred upon Grand Chapters by this Constitution.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 24. Grand Chapters shall consist:

1. Of the following elective officers, that is to say: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

2. Of the following appointed officers, that is to say, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Royal Arch Captain and Grand Sentinel. Grand Chapters may, however, provide for the election of these officers, or any of them, by provisions to that effect in their Constitution or By-Laws, and may also, in the same manner, provide for the election or appointment of such other officers as they may see proper, not in contravention of this Constitution, and the usages and customs of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

3. Of the Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings and Past Grand Scribes of any Grand Chapter in this Jurisdiction, while they continue members of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter in which they seek admission.

4. Of the Past High Priest of the chartered Chapters under their respective Jurisdictions; also, such Past High Priests of other Jurisdictions who have removed thereto and become affiliated with a chartered Chapter, who may be elected to permanent membership by the Grand Chapter; provided, the Grand Chapter shall have first so prescribed in its Constitution or By-Laws.

5. Of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the chartered Chapters under their respective Jurisdictions, or, in their absence, then, in their stead, a representative appointed by the Chapter.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 25. The Stated Convocations of Grand Chapters shall be holden, at least, once in every two years, and oftener, if they shall consider it expedient or necessary, and at such time and place as they shall respectively determine.

ELECTIONS.

SEC. 26. At each Annual or Biennial Convocation the elective officers shall be chosen, by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast.

VOTING.

SEC. 27. Each member of a Grand Chapter has one vote, and no more, in his own right; but if any officer of a Chapter is not present, in person or by proxy, his vote may be cast by the senior officer present, or, if none, by the proxy of the senior officer; if no officer or his proxy is present, the representative of the Chapter shall be entitled to three votes.

POWERS.

SEC. 28. Grand Chapters have the sole government and superintendence, except as herein otherwise specially provided, of the several Subordinate Chapters within their respective Jurisdictions; to assign their limits, and to settle any controversies which may arise between them; and shall have

power, in such manner and under such restrictions as they may severally determine, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, to establish new Subordinate Chapters within their respective Jurisdictions.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 29. The officers of Grand Chapters shall severally perform such duties, and shall possess and enjoy such powers, prerogatives and privileges within their respective Jurisdictions as are required, possessed and enjoyed by the officers of the General Grand Chapter of like grade, under the provisions of this Constitution, so far as the same may be applicable.

Grand Chapters may require their grand officers to perform such other duties as may be deemed appropriate, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution or the usages of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

SEC. 30. Grand Secretaries of Grand Chapters shall severally make an annual communication to each other, and also to the General Grand Secretary, containing a list of grand officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the mutual benefit and information of the Grand Chapters, and shall also transmit to the General Grand Secretary a copy of all their By-Laws and Regulations, and, annually, a copy of the Proceedings to each of the officers of the General Grand Chapter.

REVENUE.

SEC. 31. Grand Chapters may make upon the Subordinate Chapters within their respective Jurisdictions such assessments for revenue as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Grand Chapter, and may prescribe the time and manner of the payment thereof, and may also require of their respective Subordinate Chapters, at stated times, such information as to their condition as may be deemed proper, and may prescribe penalties for a failure to do these things.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 32. Grand Chapters, in the formation of Subordinate Chapters in their respective Jurisdictions, shall observe the requirements and provisions of this Constitution in relation to the establishment of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, so far as the same may be applicable.

SEC. 33. Grand Chapters may concede territorial jurisdiction to each other over territory nearer to a Chapter in another Jurisdiction than to one in their own.

ARTICLE III.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SEC. 34. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this Jurisdiction shall have a dispensation or a charter, issued under the authority of the General Grand Chapter, or some Grand Chapter in this Jurisdiction; and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter in this Jurisdiction, or any member thereof, and any Chapter or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, or any member thereof, or any person exalted or advanced therein. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which was established before the adoption of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, January 27, 1798.

SEC. 35. No dispensation or charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past or Mark Masters independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SEC. 36. Charters for instituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons shall contain also the power to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King and Scribe, for the time being, to be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges.

SEC. 37. It is the duty of the High Priest of every Chapter, as appertaining to his office, to see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter by authority of which his Chapter is working be duly observed; that all the subordinate officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the transactions of the Chapter by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that the regular returns be made by the Secretary to the Grand Chapter, and the annual dues thereto be regularly and punctually paid. The charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter together at pleasure upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require a meeting. It is also his duty, together with the King and Scribe of his Chapter, to attend the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

SEC. 38. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand High Priest, or a Grand High Priest, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install officers, he shall have power and authority to appoint some Worthy High Priest, or Past High Priest, to perform the necessary ceremonies.

SEC. 39. No person having been a member of a Chapter shall be admitted a member of any Chapter in this Jurisdiction until he shall have produced a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, was dismissed and recommended, unless such Chapter has ceased to exist, in which case the certificate of the General Grand or Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction in which such Chapter had existed, as the case may be, shall be held sufficient.

SEC. 40. Chapters in this Jurisdiction are authorized to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Ex-

cellent Master on any worthy companion from without this Jurisdiction who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, to the end that he may be healed, and thereby become a regular Royal Arch Mason, free of charge. For conferring said degrees, in such cases, Chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues.

SEC. 41. No Chapter shall confer the degress of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State, District or Territory in which there is a Grand Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Subordinate Chapter nearest the place of residence of the applicant, or when the Grand Chapter has ceded the territory on which he resides.

SEC. 42. When the High Priest of a Chapter is absent, or in case of his inability to act, his powers and prerogatives shall vest in the King and Scribe in succession. In the absence of all these officers from a Stated Convocation, or a special Convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside.

REJECTED CANDIDATES.

SEC. 43. No Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall confer the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any other Chapter, without the consent of such rejecting Chapter, provided such Chapter be in existence.

QUORUM.

SEC. 44. For all purposes, except opening and closing a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 45. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any Triennial Convocation upon the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes to which the members present may be entitled;

provided, such amendment shall have been filed with the General Grand Secretary for six months, and shall have been by him included in the notice of the meeting forwarded to the members of the General Grand Chapter; provided, also, such amendment shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. The amendment so proposed may be modified in any manner by the General Grand Chapter; provided, such modification shall not alter such proposed amendment in any substantial particular.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,

AS AMENDED TO JANUARY, 1889.

ARTICLE I.

STYLE.

SECTION 1. The style of this Grand Chapter shall be "THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA."

POWER AND AUTHORITY.

SEC. 2. This Grand Chapter is vested with the government and superintendence of Capitular Masonry within its territorial Jurisdiction, subject only to its obligation to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 3. This Grand Chapter shall be composed of its officers, both elected and appointed, as enumerated in sections five and seven of this Constitution, together with all Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, Past Grand Treasurers Past Grand Secretaries, Past Grand Chaplains and Past High Priests of Chapters, who are members of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and the first three officers of each chartered Chapter working under the authority of this Grand Chapter, or their duly appointed proxies.

ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS AND QUORUMS.

SEC. 4. The Annual Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held at such place as the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Florida may assemble, and at such time as may be designated by this Grand Chapter; and the representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST, whose title is Most Excellent;
" DEPUTY GRAND H. PRIEST, whose title is Right "
" GRAND KING, " " " "
" GRAND SCRIBE, " " " "
" GRAND TREASURER, " " " " and
" GRAND SECRETARY, " " " Reverend.
" GRAND CHAPLAIN,

ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 6. None but High Priests, or Past High Priests, shall be eligible to election to either of the first four elective grand offices above named.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

SEC. 7. The appointed officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST;
" GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER;
" GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN;
" THREE GRAND MASTERS OF THE VAILS, and
" GRAND GUARD, who shall be respectively styled Excellent.

ELECTION.

SEC. 8. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter must be chosen at each Annual Grand Convocation, by ballot, and by a majority of all the votes cast. The appointed grand officers shall be selected by the Grand High Priest, and hold

during his pleasure; and all officers of this Grand Chapter must be members, in good standing, of some Chapter or Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 9. The installation of the officers of this Grand Chapter must take place during the Annual Grand Convocation at which they are elected.

MEMBERS AND QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 10. This Grand Chapter may enlarge or diminish the numbers and qualifications of its members only by a provision or change of this Constitution.

VOTES AND VOTERS.

SEC. 11. Each and every member of this Grand Chapter present is entitled to one vote, and the Acting Grand High Priest to an additional vote in case of an equal division, and each Chapter represented to three votes.

PAY OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 12. Each officer and one representative of each Chapter attending the Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to receive from its funds such compensation as may be appropriated from time to time by the Grand Chapter; provided, that no one shall be paid in more than one capacity.

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

SEC. 13. The Grand High Priest shall exercise all the executive functions of the Grand Chapter during recess, and shall at each Annual Grand Convocation communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during recess, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

SUCCESSION IN OFFICE.

SEC. 14. In case of the death, absence from the Grand Jurisdiction, or inability of the Grand High Priest, the

Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe will, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes; but there is no succession to any other office.

GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 15. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds, securities and vouchers of this Grand Chapter; to pay all orders signed by the presiding officer, and attested by the Grand Secretary, predicated upon a previous action of the Grand Chapter; to report annually to the Grand Chapter his receipts and disbursements by items, and the amount and securities in his hands.

GRAND SECRETARY.

SEC. 16. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the Grand Chapter; to keep a registry of members of the Chapters; to receive, duly file and keep all papers and documents of the Grand Chapter; to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Chapter, and its authority; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the Grand Chapter and pay the same, without delay, to the Grand Treasurer, and report the same by items to the Grand Chapter annually; to report the Chapters that have neglected to render proper returns of their elections, members and dues; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter; to provide blank charters and dispensations for new Chapters; to furnish blanks for the annual returns of the Chapters to the Grand Chapter, and to prescribe requisite instructions for making out the same, and to perform all other duties appertaining to his office. He is authorized to certify under seal of the Grand Chapter all regular diplomas and other documents for the benefit of worthy Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, and to receive a fee of one dollar in each case. He is also the custodian of the Grand Chapter Library, the constant and steady improvement of which should be an object of his special care and attention.

OTHER OFFICERS.

SEC. 17. It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Grand Chapter, in addition to the duties herein specified, to perform such other duties appertaining to their offices as shall, from time to time, be directed by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICTE II.

CHAPTERS.

SEC. 18. A Chapter can only be organized by dispensation from the Grand High Priest, or charter from the Grand Chapter, and in each case only upon the application of not less than nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

DISPENSATION AND PETITIONERS.

SEC. 19. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such. And no charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under dispensation for at least three months.

FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

SEC. 20. The fee for a dispensation to form a new Chapter shall be five dollars to the Grand Secretary, and for a charter fifty dollars for the Grand Chapter, and five dollars for the Grand Secretary, which must accompany the petition; and a fee of ten dollars shall be paid to the Grand Chapter for all other dispensations, except such as may, for good cause, be remitted by the Grand High Priest.

OFFICERS OF CHAPTERS.

SEC. 21. The Chartered Chapters shall consist of a High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain, of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Master of the Third Vail, Master of the Second Vail, Master of the First

Vail, and a Guard, or Sentinel, and as many members as may be congregated and working, by virtue of their charter, and at the place therein designated.

OFFICERS—WHEN AND HOW CHOSEN.

SEC. 22. The first five officers named in the last preceding section shall be elected annually by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast at the regular Convocation of the Chapter next preceding St. John's (the Evangelist) day, and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest.

VOTERS AND ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 23. Every member of a Chapter, in good standing, is entitled to one vote; but only High Priests and Past High Priests, Kings and Past Kings, Scribes and Past Scribes are eligible to the office of High Priest.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 24. The installation of Chapter officers shall take place at the time of election, or as soon thereafter as expedient.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

SEC. 25. Vacancies in elective offices of Chapters can occur only by death, resignation, dimit, or removal after election beyond the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, promotion at an election to fill vacancies, and by suspension or expulsion; but the first three elective offices cannot be vacated by resignation.

VACANCIES—HOW FILLED.

SEC. 26. A Chapter may fill vacancies in any of the elective offices, except that of High Priest, by ballot at any regular Convocation, but in case of vacancy by the High Priest, an election can only be held at a regular Convocation, the members being duly summoned for that purpose, and by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, which must be applied for by the King and Scribe, and a vote of two-thirds

of all the members present at a regular Convocation, to be certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 27. A Chapter has full power and authority to enact By-Laws for its own government in conformity to this Constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, but any By-Law inconsistent therewith is void.

DUES.

SEC. 28. A Chapter may make By-Laws regulating the payment of dues from its members, and provide penalties for the enforcement thereof; but no greater penalty shall be inflicted than the indefinite suspension of the companion in arrears, which shall expire upon the payment of his dues to the date of suspension; provided, that when a Chapter shall, in its Annual Return, report an aged or infirm companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of Chapter dues, such Chapter shall have credit therefor in the payment of its dues, and the Chapters shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from Chapter dues by the By-Laws thereof.

ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES TO THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 29. Every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall make annual returns to the Grand Chapter of all its work to the twenty-seventh of December, with a list of its officers and members, and pay into the Treasury of the Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each exaltation, and the sum of one dollar as annual dues for every member borne on the rolls at any time during the year; said sums to be due and payable at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter, and such returns shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of January in each year.

Provided, That when a Chapter shall, in its Annual Return, report an aged or infirm companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of Chapter dues, such Chapter shall have credit thereof in the payment

of its dues, and the Chapters shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from Chapter dues by the By-Laws thereof.

CHAPTER—HOW DISSOLVED.

SEC. 30. A Chapter can only be dissolved by act of the Grand Chapter, or by a voluntary surrender of its warrant, pursuant to a vote of a majority of its members when duly summoned for that purpose, with notice of the object of the Convocation.

WARRANT—HOW FORFEITED OR SUSPENDED.

SEC. 31. The charter of a Chapter can be forfeited only upon charges regularly made in Grand Chapter at its Annual Grand Convocation, of which due notice shall be given to the Chapter, and an opportunity of being heard in defense; but it may be suspended by the Grand Chapter, or Grand High Priest, at any time upon proper cause shown, until the next Annual Grand Convocation thereafter.

ACTS FOR WHICH A CHARTER MAY BE RECALLED.

SEC. 32. The acts for which a charter may be forfeited are contumacy to the authority of the Grand Chapter, or the Grand High Priest; violation of the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry, or of this Constitution, or neglecting to meet for one year or more, and the non-payment of dues to the Grand Chapter for two consecutive years.

CHARTER DEPRIVED OF WARRANT.

SEC. 33. The surrender or forfeiture of a charter or dispensation, when adjudged by the Grand Chapter, shall be conclusive upon the Chapter, and its members, and carries with it all the property of the Chapter, which must, on demand, be surrendered to the Grand Chapter or its authority.

CHARGES AND TRIALS.

SEC. 34. Charges, with distinct specifications of the offense charged, may, by any Royal Arch Mason in good standing, be

preferred in open Chapter against any member thereof, and it shall be the duty of the acting High Priest (except in cases of non-payment of dues) to appoint three disinterested companions, as commissioners, to try the accused upon said charges and specifications, and to report their proceedings thereon to the Chapter with all convenient speed, together with their conclusions and recommendations thereon, for the action of the Chapter. The decision of the Chapter shall be final, unless an appeal therefrom be taken to the Grand Chapter within six months thereafter.

In case of charges against a Chapter or High Priest, or by one Chapter against another, they shall be referred to the Grand Chapter, when in session, or during recess to the Grand High Priest; and when presented to the latter, he shall appoint three commissioners (who shall be High Priests or Past High Priests) from Chapters not interested in the case, and they shall hear, try and determine the matter, reporting their proceedings, conclusions and decisions thereon to the officer appointing them; and their decision, if approved by him, shall be final, unless appealed from as above.

CHARGES AGAINST HIGH PRIESTS.

SEC. 35. Charges against the High Priest of a Chapter for official misconduct must be presented during his term of office, or within one year thereafter, to the Grand High Priest, or the Grand Chapter.

OTHER RULES FOR TRIALS AND APPEALS.

SEC. 36. The Grand Chapter may establish such further regulations as to the mode and form of trials and appeals as it may deem expedient.

NEW CHAPTERS MUST BE DULY CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 37. When a charter shall issue to authorize the holding of a new Chapter, the Chapter shall be duly constituted, and its officers installed by the Grand High Priest, or his duly authorized proxy; previous to which ceremonies, no Convoca-

tion of the Chapter can be legally held, nor can it be represented in this Grand Chapter.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

SEC. 38. The High Priest shall preside at the several convocations of the Chapter, and, in case of his absence, the King and Scribe, and no other shall, in order of rank, succeed him.

APPEAL FROM DECISION OF HIGH PRIEST.

SEC. 39. No appeal to the Chapter can be taken from the decision of the High Priest.

CHAPTER SEAL AND BOOKS.

SEC. 40. Every chartered Chapter shall have a seal, and shall also keep the following books:

1. A Book of By-Laws, with the signatures of its members.

2. A Record Book of the proceedings of the Chapter.

3. A Register of the names of members, with the date of receiving the different degrees, etc.

4. A Book of Marks.

5. An Alphabetical List of Expulsions, Suspensions and Rejections, and such other books as the Chapter shall direct.

PETITION AND FEES FOR DEGREES.

SEC. 41. The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a less sum than twenty dollars, which must all be paid before receiving the Mark Degree, and then only upon Master Masons, who are members of Lodges in good standing, whose petitions have been duly presented in writing at a regular Convocation, reported upon by a committee of investigation, and unanimously accepted by the Chapter.

REJECTED CANDIDATES.

SEC. 42. A petition for the degrees having been rejected cannot again be received within six months, nor by any other Chapter than the rejecting one, without first obtaining its consent.

JURISDICTION OVER CANDIDATES.

SEC. 43. A Chapter shall not confer the degrees upon a candidate who resides nearer some other Chapter without the consent of such Chapter, nor upon a candidate who resides in another State without consent of the Chapter in whose Jurisdiction he resides, unless he be a member in good standing of a regular Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

PROXIES.

SEC. 44. Each chartered Chapter within this Jurisdiction is entitled to be represented in the Grand Chapter by its first three officers, but in case either of them cannot attend, he may appoint any other member of the Chapter to act as his proxy, and shall furnish such proxy a certificate of appointment over his official signature, attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 45. No amendment to this Constitution shall be made until it shall have been proposed at one Annual Grand Convocation, and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at the next Annual Grand Convocation.

REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA.

ADVANCEMENT.

1. The golden rule for advancement in Masonry is suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees, of which the Chapter should be fully satisfied. All the Chapter degrees cannot properly be conferred on one and the same candidate in one night.

2. The High Priest of every Chapter shall appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be fully to instruct each Mason who has received a degree before the next degree shall be conferred. *See Emergency; see Quorum.*

APRON.

3. The Royal Arch Apron is white, with crimson border.

BALLOTING.

4. All balloting takes place in the Royal Arch Degree, and all degrees conferred in a Chapter are ballotted for at one and the same time.

5. When a candidate has been rejected through a mistake, and all the voters are present, another ballot may be taken.

BUSINESS.

6. No business shall be transacted at a special or called convocation other than that for which the meeting was called; the only exception to that rule would be in a case where every member of the Chapter was present at the meeting and no objection made to the transacting such other business.

CEREMONIES.

7. Each Lodge must be opened and closed with its own peculiar ceremonies, as also the Chapter.

NEW CHAPTERS.

8. When a Companion belonging to a Chapter in this Jurisdiction signs a petition for a charter for a new Chapter and pays up his dues to the Chapter in which his membership exists, he thereby severs his membership in his Chapter and becomes a member of the newly-chartered Chapter without a dimit.

9. The names of all the original members of a new Chapter should be inserted in the body of the charter.

10. It is the duty of the Grand Secretary, upon the organization of a new Chapter within this Jurisdiction, to notify the particular Chapters in which any of the chartered members formerly held their membership, and from which they have not been dimitted, that the names of these members are upon the new charter, and that they are no longer members of their former Chapter.

11. The organization of a newly chartered Chapter terminates the connection of its members with their former Chapter or Chapters respectively, hence the necessity of a certificate from the Secretary of the Chapter or Chapters to which the petitioner or petitioners belong, that such petitioners are clear upon the records, or else a dimit must accompany the application for a charter. *See Chapters U. D.*

CHAPTERS U. D.

See Constitution, Section 19.

12. A Chapter under dispensation is a creation of the Grand High Priest, by virtue of a constitutional provision, Article 2, Section 18. It possesses no power or authority except such as is expressly granted in the dispensation. Its existence extends only to the first Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to which its authority, records and documents must be surrendered.

13. If a dispensation or charter be applied for, or a continuation of its dispensation, satisfactory evidence must appear that the petitioners are not in arrears for fees or dues to the chartered Chapters of which they are respectively members, otherwise their application will be refused.

14. The records of a Chapter U. D. should exhibit a fair specimen of that intelligence and regularity of proceedings which are characteristic of a well-regulated Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, before a charter be granted, and there should be evidence of fraternal prosperity.

15. Installations of Officers of a Chapter Under Dispensation is neither necessary nor proper.

16. Officers of a Chapter U. D. work under the immediate supervision and control of the Grand High Priest; and such official honors as continuously appertain to duly elected and installed High Priests do not accrue to them.

17. Before a dispensation or charter shall be granted by this Grand Chapter, or by its authority, the companions who are recommended to be the officers of the new Chapter shall appear in person before the Chapter, whose recommendation is made necessary by the constitution, and exhibit before such Chapter a full and complete exemplification of the work in the several degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, the opening and closing ceremonies and the lectures in the several degrees; and no Chapter shall recommend the applicants unless they have had complete and full proof that the applicants are fully qualified to teach the Royal Art.

CHARTERS.

18. The Grand Secretary is instructed to record the charter or warrant heretofore issued to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction upon the request of the Chapter, on being furnished with such warrant or charter, or a copy thereof. certified under seal of the Chapter.

19. All warrants or charters hereafter issued from this Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be recorded by the Grand

Secretary in a book to be procured and kept by him for that purpose.

20. All Chapters within this Jurisdiction which resume work and show evidence thereof at the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter, shall be exempt from the payment of all dues prior to the 27th of December, A. D. 1868; otherwise their charters shall be forfeited.

CONVOCATIONS.

21. It is improper for Convocations of Chapters to be called to refreshment from time to time with unlimited discretion, but should be regularly closed when the business of the meeting is finished. If, from any unavoidable cause, it becomes necessary for the interest of the Chapter to postpone for a few days only the consideration of any specific subject, the Chapter may be called off to some prudently designated period for the purpose; in which event any omitted business of the Chapter may be transacted, after which the Chapter should invariably be closed.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

22. For exemplification of work, the presence of the G. H. P. is a sufficient basis for dispensation to ballot on a well-known candidate.

23. A Dispensation may issue authorizing a Chapter U. D. to meet and confer the degrees at a called meeting.

24. When an elected applicant is about to leave the State for the summer a dispensation may be granted to confer the degrees short of the usual time.

25. When a Chapter fails to install its officers on the 27th of December, it may install them afterwards publicly, under a dispensation from the Grand High Priest.

DUES.

26. If a companion, in good faith and in mistaking the law and custom of the case, petitions for and becomes a member of a new Chapter while he is indebted to his old one, the old Chapter has exclusive jurisdiction of the matter, and may suspend him, which suspension will take effect in the new Chapter; but his former Chapter can charge him dues only to the date of the charter of the new one.

EMERGENCY.

27. No case of emergency should ever be brought to the consideration of a Chapter, and no degrees shall be conferred on an applicant until he has satisfied the examining committee of his suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees.

EXEMPTION.

See Constitution, Section 28.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

28. Committees on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Chapter are hereby instructed to only incorporate in their reports those points of Masonic law which have been decided by other Grand Royal Arch Chapters, or such questions as are in controversy which appertain to Royal Arch Masonry, and that none other subjects shall be incorporated in said reports; and that said committees shall not present their views on said subjects, but only present the questions for the decision of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

29. Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence must be printed in the recess of the Grand Chapter and laid before the Grand Chapter on the first day of each Annual Convocation.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

30. The Grand High Priest is requested to appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter near the several sister Grand Chapters which have appointed representatives near our own, and to as many others as in his judgment he may think proper.

31. A list of Grand Representatives must be published annually with the Grand Chapter proceedings.

INSTALLATION.

32. The ceremony of Installation of Grand Officers used by the Grand R. A. Chapter of North Carolina was adopted for the installation of the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter.

33. Installation of officers of a Chapter U. D. is neither necessary nor proper.

34. Installation cannot be denied on the ground that the officer-elect is in arrears for dues. The Chapter has the power to suspend a member for non-payment of dues, but, until such action is taken by the Chapter, the Masonic standing of the companion is not affected by the fact of his dues not having been paid.

JURISDICTION.

35. When a candidate applying to any Subordinate Chapter under this Jurisdiction for the Chapter degrees, and his petition is received, and a part of said degrees conferred on him by such Chapter, if, after which, he absents himself from said Chapter for a term of years before receiving all of said degrees, he shall not be permitted to petition or receive in any other Chapter the remaining degrees without the consent of the Chapter in which he received a part of said degrees.

36. When an applicant shows satisfactorily that he has taken one or more of the Chapter degrees in a regular Chapter that has since become dormant or defunct, the Chapter to which he applies may confer the remaining degrees.

MEMBERSHIP.

37. While it is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some Lodge, the fact of his holding a dimit does not affect his standing in the Chapter for at least twelve months; and we are of the opinion that even after that time, if he continues to be of good moral character, he should still be regarded in good standing in the Chapter, provided his failure to affiliate with a Lodge is not wilfull, but should be the result of circumstances over which he has no control.

MONITOR.

38 Mackey's Book of the Chapter is recommended for use of the Chapters.

NAMES TO BE PRINTED, ETC.

39. The names, locations, times of meeting, and names of members of the Chapters under this Jurisdiction are required to be published in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

40. The Grand Secretary is required to annex to the Proceedings a list of all Past Grand Officers entitled to vote in the Grand Chapter.

PAST MASTERS' DEGREE.

41. The degree of Past Master, as conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter, is not cognizable in a Blue Lodge.

42. The Chapters under this Jurisdiction are required, in conferring the Past Masters' Degree, to abridge the ceremonies within the narrowest constitutional limits, and to use those formerly published in the Proceedings.

43. A Past Master by degree, who has never been a Master of a Symbolic Lodge, cannot be present at conferring the Past Masters' Degree upon Masters of Symbolic Lodges.

44. The degree of Past Master is conferred in a Chapter only for the purpose of qualifying the applicant to take the degree of Royal Arch.

PETITIONS.

45. No Chapter within this Jurisdiction shall receive the petition of a Master Mason for advancement in the Chapter degrees who is not a regular member of some Lodge, and in good standing, and who has paid all dues against him, and made due proficiency in the symbolic degrees, of which he shall produce satisfactoty evidence from the Secretary of the Lodge of which he is a member before he is ballotted for.

PLACE OF MEETING.

46. Under ordinary circumstances the officers of a Chapter cannot remove to another place and hold a meeting. All meetings of the Chapter should be held at the regular place of meeting.

PRINTING.

47. The Grand Secretary is authorized to have reprinted the exhausted Proceedings of this Grand Chapter whenever, in his opinion, it is expedient to do so.

QUORUM.

48. After a candidate has been ballotted for and accepted, and the Chapter closed, no Lodge can be opened below with a less number than is necessary to open a Chapter.

ROLL OF MEMBERS, CALLING, ETC.

49. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to prepare a roll, embracing the names of all Grand and Past Grand Officers, with their Masonic grade or title; also, a list of subordinate Chapters, with the names of the principal officers, so far as the same can be ascertained, and that at the opening of each Grand Convocation, as also at each daily meeting, the roll shall be called, and the names of the absentees noted; and it shall be the further duty of the Grand Secretary to note upon the minutes daily the whole proceedings, or transcribe the same, in order that they may be read at the opening of each successive meeting; also, to record the names of all members or visitors at the time of opening, as also of such as may enter during the meeting, giving to each the Masonic title or grade to which he is entitled; and that the Grand Secretary be empowered to appoint an Assistant or Deputy Grand Secretary to aid him in the discharge of the duties, whose services shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

SUBSTITUTES.

50. The use of substitutes in conferring the degree of Royal Arch is in accordance with the laws and usages of capitular Masonry.

SUSPENSION.

51. Suspension from the Lodge works a suspension in the Chapter. No action whatever is required on the part of the Chapter in such case, the suspension being complete in Chapter by the action of the Lodge.

52. The name of a companion cannot be dropped or stricken from the roll of Chapter members in consequence of suspension or expulsion from his Lodge until after official notice from his Lodge.

53. When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Subordinate Chapter of which that brother shall be a member, or, if not a member, within whose Jurisdiction he may reside, shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to it by any member thereof, proceed to consider and decide whether such companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Masonic functions for the period for which his suspension or expulsion from Craft Masonry continues in force.

STATISTICS FROM RETURNS.

CHAPTERS.	No.	Membership last year.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Total.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Present Membership
Florida	1	17	0	2	0	19	0	0	0	0	19
Gainesville	2	26	2	0	0	28	2	2	0	0	24
Tampa	3	27	0	1	0	28	0	1	7	0	20
St. Johns	4	18	2	1	0	21	1	1	0	0	19
Santa Rosa	6	19	0	0	0	19	2	0	4	0	13
Eureka	7	35	7	1	0	43	1	1	1	0	40
Madison	8	41	13	2	0	56	1	0	0	0	55
Putnam	9	27	3	1	0	31	0	0	0	0	31
*Eustis	10	9	4	2	0	15	0	0	0	0	15
Jacksonville	12	50	5	4	0	59	2	2	0	0	55
Ocala	13	17	7	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	24
Providence Island	20	22	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	22
Thomas Brown	21	43	0	0	0	43	1	1	0	0	41
	22	22	6	0	0	28	0	1	1	0	26
	....	373	49	14	0	436	10	9	13	0	406

* 1887; no returns for 1888.

SUMMARY.

No. of members last year	373
Gain	63
	436
Total	32
Loss	104

Net gain, 31.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTERS.	No.	HIGH PRIESTS.	KINGS.	SCRIBES.	TREASURERS.	SECRETARIES.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Florida	1	W A Griffith	W M McIntosh	E M West	R M Gamble	S A Wauchope	Tallahassee.
Gainesville	2	Julius Stark	Mosely F Miller	Donald W Webb	Marcus Endel	I E Webster	Gainesville.
Tampa	3	H Glogowski	Thos A Carruth	W B Henderson	R B Thomas	John T Green	Tampa.
St. Johns	4	Silas B Wright	F S Goodrich	R O Knowles	A E Gleason	J S May	DeLand.
Santa Rosa	6	John G Ellis	R R Sheppard		Jas A Chaffin	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Eureka	7	Mahlon Gore	E A Richards	Wm H Jewel	Frank A Curtis	W F Barnes	Orlando.
Madison	8	Angus Paterson	W S Jordan	C H Dickinson	H J Paramore	Jas E Pound	Madison.
Putnam	9	T P Mersereau	B L Lilienthal	R Barnes	M Kohl	M Loeb	Palatka.
*Eustis	10	D W Herrick	W S McClelland	S C Fuller	H E Bishop	H W Bishop	Eustis.
Jacksonville	12	W A McLean	C W Johnson	J H Stephens	J C Greeley	A W Knight	Jacksonville.
Ocala	13	H W Long	N Crown	O G Finch	Wm Fox	John S Frazer	Ocala.
Providence Island	20	J F Niblack	R C Masters	W J Feagle	B M Williams	A C Odom	Providence.
Thomas Brown	21	J J Delaney	J Y Porter		Sam'l Filer	G F Ferguson	Key West.
	22	J W Boyd	Warren Tyler	P W Daniel	D W Stanley	G A K Stevens	Bartow.

*1887; no returns for 1888.

DIRECTORY OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama	Myles J Greene	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	David McClellan	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado	Ed C Parmalee	Pueblo.
Connecticut	Joseph K Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Thomas J Wilder	Casselton.
Delaware	James H Price	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Lewis G Stephens	Washington.
England	Frederick K Brinklee	London, W. C.
General Grand Chapter	Christopher G Fox	Buffalo, N. Y.
Georgia	A M Wolihin	Macon.
Illinois	Gilbert W Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	John M Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.
Ireland	Sam'l B Oldham	Dublin.
Kansas	John H Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Joseph H Branham	Louisville.
Louisiana	James C Batchelor	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George L McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Alfred F Chapman	Boston.
Michigan	Wm P Innis	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A T C Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J L Power	Jackson.
Missouri	W H Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Wm R Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N Noteware	Carson City.
New Brunswick	T Nisbett Robertson	Saint John.
New Hampshire	George P Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	George B Edwards	Jersey City.
New York	Christopher G Fox	Buffalo.
North Carolina	Donald W Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Edwin E Curran	Halifax.
Ohio	Matt H Watt	Chillicothe.
Oregon	R P Earhart	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Charles E Meyer	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island	G W Wakefield	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Joseph Mitchell	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Wm R Greene	Providence.
Scotland	D Murray Lyon	Edinburg.
South Carolina	J E Burke	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston.
Vermont	Warren G Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	Wm B Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	John W Morris	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W Laflin	Milwaukee.
Territory		

PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.	GRAND TREASURERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	GRAND CHAPLAINS.
1847	Thos Douglas*	John P Duval*	Harry R Taylor*	Geo W McRae*	Edwin D Nash*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1848	John P Duval*	Isaac H Bronson*	Geo W McRae*	D S Graham*	Thomas Brown*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1849	Isaac H Bronson*	Harry R Taylor*	D S Graham	R A Shine*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1850	Harry R Taylor*	D S Graham*	R A Shine*	Gad Humphreys*	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1851	Thomas Brown*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A Fisher	Benj Sawyer	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Geo M McDonald
1852	R A Shine*	Sam'l B Stephens*	Sam'l Boardman	Dan'l G McLean	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1853	Sam'l Boardman	J M W Davidson*	C A M Mitchell	James S Rust*	David C Wilson*	Jonn B Taylor*	A G Oag
1854	J Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y Henry	James Ellenwood	Jno L McKinnon*	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Homer Hender
1855	J Wayles Baker*	Edward R Ives*	Joseph S May		David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Homer Hender
1856	Thos Haywood*	Edward R Ives*	John L McKinnon*	James Ellenwood	R A Shine*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1857	Thos Haywood*	James Ellenwood	John L McKinnon*	David S Walker	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	J R Plummer
1858	Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood	D P Holland*	Charles E Dyke*	John T Bond	John B Taylor	John Penny*
1859	D P Holland		George F Baltzell*	Calvin Davis	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1860	Thos Y Henry*	Geo F Baltzell*	George D Fisher*	Josiah Paine	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1861	Geo F Baltzell*	James Ellenwood	Franklin Branch*	Charles Slager*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1862	Geo F Baltzell*	James Ellenwood	Charles Slager*	D C Dawkins	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1863	Geo F Baltzell*	James Ellenwood	Green H Hunter	Wm H Arendell*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Thos A Carruth
1864	Geo F Baltzell*	James Ellenwood	Thos K Leonard	Wm H Arendell*	Thos Hayward*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1865	David Jones*	D C Dawkins	B S Fuller	Elias Earle	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1866	David Jones*	D C Dawkins	Elias Earle	A J Lea*	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1867	David Jones*	Wm Morrill*	Charles Slager*	Chas K Sparhawk*	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Samuel C Craft
1868	Jas Ellenwood	Wm Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M M T Hutchingson	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Wm A McLean
1869	D C Dawkins	M M T Hutchingson	H H Berry*	Michael Bowes	T Preston Tatum*	Ewd Bradford, Jr	Thos A Carruth
1870	D C Dawkins	Charles Slager*	Charles Mundee*	Samuel Pasco	T Preston Tatum*	Ewd Bradford, Jr	Thos A Carruth
1871	D C Dawkins	James Ellenwood	Wm Morrill*	Theodore Ball	T Preston Tatum*	W M McIntosh	Edwin L T Blake
1872	Wm Morrill*	Hugh A Corley	John C Ley	James L Taylor	T Preston Tatum*	W M McIntosh	Thos A Carruth
1873	Michael Bowes	Samuel Pasco	John S Driggs	Benj J Alderman		DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1874	Michael Bowes	John S Driggs	Ben G Alderman		Wm A Young	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1875	Henry W Long	Edward P Jordan*	Wm T Weeks	W W Tucker		DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1876	John S Driggs	Charles J Allred	W W Tucker	John T Miller		DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1877	John S Driggs	George R Jones	W W Tucker	John T Miller	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1878	Enos Wasgate	Robert J Perry	G E Wentworth*	George S Hallmark	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1889	Robert J Perry	G E Wentworth*	Geo S Hallmark	Hugh A Corley	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1880	Robert J Perry	Geo S Hallmark	Wm E Anderson	Wm A McLean	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*

* Dead.

PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.	GRAND TREASURERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	GRAND CHAPLAINS.
1881.....	W A McLean.....	Wm E Anderson....	Warren F Scott.....	John G Ellis.....	L McConihe.....	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny
1882.....	W A McLean.....	Wm E Anderson. ..	Warren F Scott.....	G S Hallmark.....	L McConihe	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1883.....	Geo S Hallmark...	Wm E Anderson....	Warren F Scott	J W V R Plummer..	T S Wilmarth.	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1884.....	Wm E Anderson..	Warren F Scott.....	J W V R Plummer..	Angus Paterson.....	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1885.....	Wm E Anderson..	J W V R Plummer..	Angus Paterson.....	Marcus Endel.....	T S Wilmarth..	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1886.....	Angus Paterson..	Marcus Endel.....	F S Goodrich.....	John G Ellis.....	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins	John S Wharton
1887.....	Angus Paterson..	Marcus Endel.....	F S Goodrich.....	R A Montsalvatge..	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1888.....	Marcus Endel.....	Fred S Goodrich....	Wm M McIntosh...	Chas H Munger.....	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1889.....	Marcus Endel.....	Fred S Goodrich....	James W Boyd.....	Chas H Munger.....	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean

*Dead.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

	OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTERS.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
.....	W H Gee, Pardenell.....	Alabama	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola
.....	James Mollit.....	Arkansas.....	W B Barnett, Jacksonville
.....	R W Woodberry, Denver.....	Canada.....	R J Perry, Key West
.....	John F Schrader, Rapid City....	Colorado	Wm A McLean, Jacksonville
.....	W A Davis, Macon..	Dakota.....	Marcus Endel, Gainesville
.....	W L Orr, Carrollton.....	Georgia	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
.....	Elmer Crockett, South Bend....	Illinois.....	Chas H Munger, Orlando
.....	E D Hillyer, Grasshopper F'ls.	Indiana	R R Sheppard, Milton
.....	James W Statton, Brooksville	Kansas.....	W J Wingar, Palatka
.....	J C Batchelor, New Orleans.....	Kentucky.....	W McClintock, Key West
.....	Henry R Taylor, Machias.....	Louisiana	Wm A McLean, Jacksonville
.....	Nathan Leyman.....	Maine.....	.....
.....	Alex K Bryer.....	Maryland	W W Tucker, Jacksonville
.....	B H Langley, Winona	Massachusetts....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
.....	J L Powers, Jackson.....	Minnesota.	W M McIntosh, Tallahassee
.....	Rev C C Wood, Kansas City..	Mississippi.	Samuel Pasco, Monticello
.....	John J Mounell, Omaha	Missouri	.....
.....	Ed L Tillow, Elizabeth	Nebraska.....	R McClellan, Gainesville
.....	Rev G Williams, Utica.....	New Jersey	R J Perry, Key West
.....	M Bowes, Raleigh	New York.	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
.....	B H Lands, Halifax.....	North Carolina....	J F Niblack, Mikesville
.....	Thomas G Reams.....	Nova Scotia	Wm A McLean, Jacksonville
.....	R G Adams.....	Oregon	T S Wilmarth, Jacksonville
.....	Charles R Cutler, Warren	Quebec..... ...	R J Perry, Key West
.....	George Fisher, Edinburgh.....	Rhode Island.....	Julius Stark, Gainesville
.....	A T Smythe, Charleston.....	Scotland	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola
.....	B R Harris.....	South Carolina....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
.....	Hy Schlaffers, Houston.....	Tennessee.....	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola
.....	E C Houghton, N Bennington..	Texas	Angus Paterson, Madison
.....	James L Avis.....	Vermont	John Carlovitz, Milton
.....	Thomas M Reed, Olympia.....	Virginia.....	W E Anderson, Bagdad
.....	Thomas A Logan, Wheeling.....	Washington Ty...	F S Goodrich, DeLand
.....	Fred Ring, Jr, Lacrosse.....	West Virginia....	H W Long, Martel
.....		Wisconsin	R B Thomas, Tampa

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

A committee of Anointed High Priests of and from the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of said Grand Chapter, to anoint certain companions who have been duly elected and installed into the office of High Priests of Chapters, assembled in the hall of Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, in the city of Jacksonville on Wednesday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1889, and organized as follows, to-wit:

M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., as President.
M. E. William E. Anderson, P. G. H. P., as Vice-President.
M. E. E. R. Richardson, P. H. P., as Chaplain.
M. E. W. W. Tucker, P. H. P., as Secretary.
M. E. James W. Boyd, P. H. P., as Conductor.
M. E. Chas. H. Munger, P. H. P., as Herald.
M. E. John F. Niblack, P. H. P., as Steward.
M. E. Marcus Endel, G. H. P., as Master of Ceremonies.

And opened, as in Convention, in due form.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from the M. E. Companions Samuel Pasco, P. H. P., of Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, Florida, and Julius Stark, H. P. of Gainesville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, of Florida, were severally introduced, and consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form.

The Convocation was then called to refreshment until 11 o'clock A. M. on the 18th instant.

1889, JANUARY 18, 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., as President.
M. E. St. Augustine Wauchope, P. H. P., as Vice-President.
M. E. Wm. A. McLean, P. G. H. P., as Chaplain.
M. E. E. R. Richardson, P. H. P., as Secretary.
M. E. James F. Clark, P. H. P., as Treasurer.
M. E. James W. Boyd, P. H. P., as Conductor.
M. E. Chas. H. Munger, P. H. P., as Herald.
M. E. W. W. Tucker, P. H. P., as Steward.
M. E. Marcus Endel, G. H. P., as Master of Ceremonies.

The Convocation was duly called to labor as in Convention.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from the following M. E. Companions, to-wit:

Herman Glogowski, H. P. of Tampa Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, of Florida; Robert McClellan, P. H. P. of Gainesville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, of Florida, and J. W. V. R. Plummer, P. H. P., of Island Royal Arch Chapter, No. 21, and having previous satisfactory evidence of their having been duly elected to preside over a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, they were severally introduced, and regularly consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form.

It was voted by this committee that the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter be requested to furnish all anointed High Priests in this Grand Jurisdiction with proper certificates upon the payment of two dollars each.

The Convocation, as a Convention, closed in due form.

ANGUS PATERSON,
Chairman of Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Florida,

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand Convocation in the Masonic Hall, at the city of Jacksonville, at H. 12, on Tuesday, the 6th day of May, A. I. 2420, A. D. 1890.

PRESENT:

M. E. MARCUS ENDEL.....Grand High Priest
R. E. SAMUEL A. WAUCHOPE..*as* Deputy Grand High Priest
R. E. JAMES W. BOYD.....Grand King
R. E. W W. TUCKER.....*as* Grand Scribe
R. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH.....Grand Treasurer
M. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P....Grand Secretary
M. E. WILLIAM A. MCLEAN, P. G. H. P.....Grand Chaplain
M. E. ANGUS PATERSON, P. G. H. P....*as* G. C. of the Host
E. JOHN H. STEPHENS.....Grand Principal Sojourner
E. HENRY S. ELY.....*as* Grand Royal Arch Captain
E. R. ALFRED MONTSALVATGE...*as* Grand Master of 3d Vail
E. M. H. MOTTE.....*as* Grand Master of 2d Vail
E. WILLIAM M. SOMERVILLE....*as* Grand Master of 1st Vail
E. JAMES F. CLARK.....Grand Guard

Past Grand High Priests:

DEWITT C. DAWKINS,
WILLIAM A. MCLEAN,
ANGUS PATERSON.

Past Grand King.....W. W. TUCKER
Past Grand Scribe.....R. A. MONTSALVATGE

Grand Representatives:

WM. A. MCLEAN, P. G. H P....Grand Chapter of Colorado
MARCUS ENDEL, G. H. P.....Grand Chapter of Dakota
DEWITT C. DAWKINS, P. G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Georgia
WM. A. MCLEAN, P. G. H. P....Grand Chapter of Louisiana
W. W. TUCKER, P. G. K.....Grand Chapter of Maryland
D. C. DAWKINS, P.G.H.P...Grand Chapter of Massachusetts
D. C. DAWKINS, P.G.H.P.....Grand Chapter of New York
WM. A. MCLEAN, P.G.H.P..Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia
THOMAS S. WILMARTH, G. T.....Grand Chapter of Oregon
D. C. DAWKINS, P.G.H.P..Grand Chapter of South Carolina
ANGUS PATERSON, P.G.H.P.....Grand Chapter of Texas

And Constituent Chapters represented as follows, to-wit:

Florida R. A. Chapter No. 1:
SAMUEL A. WAUCHOPE, proxy for Scribe.

Gainesville R. A. Chapter No. 2:
MARCUS ENDEL, proxy for officers.

St. Johns R. A. Chapter No. 4:
SILAS B. WRIGHT, H. P.

Madison R. A. Chapter No. 8:
ANGUS PATERSON, H. P.

Putnam R. A. Chapter No. 9:
FRANK P. MERSEREAU, H. P.

Jacksonville R. A. Chapter No. 12:
JOHN H. STEPHENS, H. P.
HENRY S. ELY, K.
M. H. MOTTE, S

Providence R. A. Chapter No. 20:
JOHN F. NIBLACK, H. P.

Island R. A. Chapter No. 20:
R. A. MONTSALVATGE, proxy H. P., K. and S.

Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter No. 22:
JAMES W. BOYD, proxy H. P., K. and S.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the last Annual Grand Convocation having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was, on motion of Companion Paterson, dispensed with.

Upon roll of members being finished by the Grand Secretary, the Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees, to-wit:

On Returns and Credentials:
John H. Stephens,
Samuel A. Wauchope,
M. H. Mott.

On Unfinished Business:
Frank P. Mersereau,
Thomas S. Wilmarth,
John F. Niblack.

On Propositions and Grievances:
Silas B. Wright,
R. Alfred Montsalvatge,
Henry S. Ely.

On Dispensations and By-Laws:
William M. Someville,
M. H. Motte,
Thomas S. Wilmarth.

On Masonic Jurisprudence:
William A. McLean,
Angus Paterson,
W. W. Tucker.

On Finance and Accounts:
James W. Boyd,
Frank P. Mersereau,
Henry S. Ely.

On Memorials:
William A. McLean,
John F. Niblack,
R. Alfred Montsalvatge.

On motion of Companion Stephens, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing are invited to seats in this Grand Convocation.

M. E. Marcus Endel, G. H. P., read the following

ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

Companions:

After a lapse of sixteen months since its last meeting, the Grand Chapter of Florida is convened in its forty-fourth Grand Annual Convocation. It is a source of great pleasure to me to again extend to you fraternal greeting and bid you a fervent hearty welcome.

We meet again by the mercies of God, and as we enter upon the work of the session let us reverently invoke His benediction.

We have much cause, Companions, to offer up manifestations of devout thankfulness for the innumerable blessings which have been dispensed to us for the fruitful seasons, exemption from pestilence and diseases, and the general prosperity with which our beloved State has been blessed. I am happy to report that during the year the presence of the grim monster, death, has not been permitted to encroach upon our ranks and remove any of the officers or members of this Grand Chapter, and for this evidence of His favor we should be inspired with emotions of gratitude to our Heavenly Father whose providential care has protected and preserved us.

But whilst we are in the enjoyment of this blessing, some of our sister Grand Jurisdictions report that their altars are shrouded in habiliments of mourning and are in bereavement in consequence of the loss of distinguished and beloved companions. I report such as have come to my notice:

M. E. Darius A. Ogden, P. G. H. P. of Grand Chapter of New York, died May 4th. As a member of our time honored fraternity, Companion Ogden adorned every station which he filled. He was ever active in the service of the craft, and his brilliant intellectual faculties were constantly devoted to the promulgation and defense of its principles.

M. E. John Levy Lewis, P. G. H. P. of Grand Chapter of New York, died June 11th. For many years the oldest living Past Grand High Priest in that jurisdiction. His masonic wisdom, record and virtues are scattered through hundreds of pages of masonic history, and he was a Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

M. E. Salathiel C. Coffinberry, P. G. H. P. of Grand Chapter of Michigan, died September 20th. In every position of masonic trust he proved faithful, and was known as an upright Mason and a justice loving citizen.

E. Companion Joseph Beyls, Grand Tyler of Grand Chapter of Illinois, died March 9th, 1890, an honored and faithful member of the royal craft.

M. E. Benjamin Franklin Haller, General Grand Scribe of General Grand Chapter and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, died April 4th. In his unexpected and untimely death, the fraternity of his State, and Royal Arch Masonry throughout the entire country, has sustained an irreparable loss. In manners he was attractive and genial; in disposition generous and sincere; in judgment he was candid, discreet and just.

I recommend that the Grand Chapter take such action in the premises as will indicate our condolence with the companions of the various Grand Jurisdictions in their bereavement.

In 1872 the Grand Chapter met in June, while the Grand Lodge met in February, since which, now, for the first time in the history of the Grand Chapter of Florida, its Convocation is held at a different time from the Grand Lodge communications. By this severance, the dignity of the Grand Chapter has been greatly enhanced and the influence and importance of capitular masonry considerably elevated in this Grand Jurisdiction. Heretofore the labors of the larger body required such heavy demands on the time of our Grand Chapter and its members, that but little opportunity was permitted it to transact its business with that deliberation and care that its importance merited.

The opportunity is now afforded you to thoroughly canvass every subject brought up for consideration, and to comprehensively legislate for the best interests of our Order.

I feel convinced that future events will fully sustain the wisdom of the Grand Chapter in adapting itself to the necessities of this progressive movement, and that the new era in its affairs, now being so auspiciously inaugurated, will infuse additional zeal among the companions throughout the State, inspire its constituent chapters with greater energies, and awaken among them a spirit of enthusiasm and assiduity that will greatly redound to the benefit of our beloved institution.

The Twenty-Seventh Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States was held at Atlanta, Ga., commencing on November 20th and closing on the 22d. The Grand Chapter of Florida was represented by your Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion James W. Boyd, G. K.; Companion C. W. Johnson, proxy for Grand Scribe; M. E. D. C. Dawkins, P. G. H. P., and M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P.

Delegations from nearly every State and Territory were in attendance. Addresses of welcome were made by M. E. J. Taylor, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, M. W John S. Davidson, Grand Master of Georgia, and Hon. Luther Glenn, Mayor of Atlanta, which were appropriately and eloquently responded to by the General Grand Officers. A large amount of business of general interest to the Royal Craft was transacted. We were the recipients of many courtesies from our Atlanta companions, and to them we are indebted for hospitable and cordial entertainment.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted:

January 18. To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, to elect a Secretary.

February 4. To Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, to elect and install officers, the Chapter having failed to meet and hold election at constitutional time.

April 29. To Island Chapter, No. 21, to elect and install officers, they having failed to hold election at proper time.

October 8. During the temporary absence from the State of the Grand High Priest and the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion Boyd, Grand King, granted dispensation to Florida Chapter, No. 1, to confer degrees short of time.

DECISIONS.

A member of Jackson Lodge, No. 1, petitioned Florida Chapter, No. 1, for the degrees; he was elected and the M. M. degree conferred upon him. The candidate subsequently embarked in the business of whiskey selling and saloon keeping, whereupon the High Priest of the Chapter refused to advance him. The candidate appealed to the Grand High Priest for his decision as to the legality of the action of the High Priest in refusing to confer the remaining degrees. After referring the correspondence to the High Priest, and upon his statement of the case, I decided as follows:

No officer has the right to arbitrarily refuse advancement to a candidate; objection must be made in open Chapter, and the Chapter must decide whether or not it is founded upon fraternal justice; after such objection has received the consideration of the Chapter, and it shall appear that one-third of the members present are in favor of sustaining the objection, it shall be so entered upon the record, and the remaining degrees shall not be conferred, unless by unanimous consent

of the Chapter expressed at a stated convocation, notice of which shall be given at the preceding stated convocation. If the cause of the objection be not removed in a reasonable time, the candidate shall be declared rejected and the fee be returned.

In making this decision I was not guided by any precedent of our own, as our records do not contain a similar case; but inasmuch as it is in harmony with the laws of every jurisdiction that has expressed itself on the subject, I ventured to make it; it being, in my opinion, a necessary regulation.

The High Priest of Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 2, requested my decision as follows:

A Master Mason in good standing, holding a dimit, petitioned a Lodge for affiliation, and was twice rejected; can the Chapter receive and act upon his petition for the degrees, so long as his non-affiliation is not willful or delayed on his part? Answer: It would not be proper for your Chapter to entertain his petition, as under our laws he must be a member of a Lodge, in good standing, to make him eligible.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I have appointed Grand Representatives of our Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters as follows:

Iowa—Companion Caleb Lamb, of Newton.
North Dakota—Companion John W. Scott, Valley City.
Ohio—Companion William E. Evans, of Chillicothe.
Maine—Companion Henry R. Taylor, of Machias.

I have also re-commissioned such other Representatives whose terms had expired by limitation, in accordance with the laws of their Grand Jurisdiction.

For reciprocal honors, I have recommended the appointment of the following Companions as Grand Representatives of the respective Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Iowa—Companion S. B. Wright.
Ohio—Companion William A. Griffith.
Missouri—Companion J. W. Boyd.
Vermont—Companion C. McK. Oerting.
Maine—Companion H. Glogowski.

VISITATIONS.

It has been my pleasure to visit nearly every Chapter in the State during the recess. In every instance I was accorded the fraternal courtesies and honors due to the Grand High

Priest. The recollection of my visits among the Companions is a source of great pleasure and gratification. A reasonable degree of prosperity exists. Great interest was manifested in the work and lectures, and wherever the degrees were conferred the work was received with evident satisfaction.

In the course of my visitations to our subordinate Chapters, I was impressed with the lack of uniformity and the great variety of work that prevails. The Grand Chapter of Florida has never adopted a standard work, and as a great desire for uniformity exists, I would recommend that the next Grand High Priest be authorized and directed to designate a committee of such Companions as are, in his opinion, the most capable, and to invest them with the duty of selecting a standard work for all the degrees; the same to be reported at our next Grand Convocation.

On March 22d I visited Pensacola for the purpose of resuscitating Capitular Masonry in that section, and am pleased to report that I received the hearty co-operation and assistance of the companions. A call had been issued for a meeting of the members of Mt. Horeb, No. 11, Santa Rosa, No. 6, and Mt. Moriah, No. 24, for the purpose of consolidating these Chapters. A Chapter was duly opened, and a consolidation of the three Chapters effected, under the auspices of Mt. Moriah, No. 24, the charter of that Chapter being retained. The charters of Santa Rosa, No. 6, and Mt. Horeb, No. 11, were surrendered, and it was resolved that the effects and property belonging to those Chapters revert to Mt. Moriah, No. 24. I held an election of officers and installed those so elected; Companion Geo. S. Hallmark being High Priest, and Companion A. L. Williams the new Secretary. The companions are enthusiastic over the prospects of renewed life, and I earnestly hope that their desire for prosperity and success may be abundantly realized.

Companions, before surrendering the authority and responsibilities of my office, permit me to return to you my sincere acknowledgments for the honor conferred. It has been a great pleasure to preside over the deliberations of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction during the past two years.

I return grateful thanks to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter for their uniform assistance. My thanks are especially due to our efficient Grand Secretary for his invaluable services.

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand High Priest.

On motion of Companion Paterson, duly seconded and adopted, the address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a special committee of three for distribution of subjects, and R. E. Samuel A. Wauchope, as Deputy Grand High Priest, announced as such committee:

Companions Angus Paterson,
James W. Boyd,
Thomas S. Wilmarth.

The Grand Secretary read the following report which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

The Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation were printed and distributed as usual, and appended thereto are to be found the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States and the Constitution and the Regulations of this Grand Chapter. Two hundred extra copies of the said Constitution and Regulations were printed and bound in pamphlets separately, under the title page of "Book of Constitutions of the Grand Chapter of Florida."

The Grand Secretary deems it unnecessary to mention in detail the matters already reported by the Grand High Priest in his Annual Address, but suffice it to say that all the requisitions of my chief have been promptly and faithfully complied with.

The blanks for making returns by the Chapters having been exhausted, it became necessary to provide others. And although the former blanks were, when in use, considered scarcely susceptible of improvement, the Grand Secretary flatters himself that some important changes have been made, and he hopes they will be approved.

In due time blank returns were sent to the Chapters with the information, approved by the Grand High Priest, that the Annual Report of the Grand Secretary would close on the first day of May, and urging them to send in their returns and dues in ample time to be included in said report; and my statement of account, hereto appended, will show a very good compliance with the request. From this showing, it appears that two Chapters only, from the list of working Chapters, are missing. It is surprising that a Chapter located in the thriving and enterprising city of Ocala should be tardy; and the evident condition of Eustis Chapter is not encouraging.

Although no new Chapters have been organized during the year that is past, the Chapters have generally held their own, and the returns, when compared with last year, indicate hopeful prosperity as the result of constancy and diligence.

The correspondence with the office of Grand Secretary has been uniformly harmonious and pleasant, and the M. E. Grand High Priest has my sincere thanks for his universal brotherly kindness.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, in account with Grand Chapter,

	Dr.	
1889—To dues of Island Chapter, No. 21, for 1888	$42	00
1890—To dues of Florida Chapter, No. 1, for 1889	34	00
To dues of Gainesville Chapter, No. 2, for 1889,	33	00
To dues of St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, for 1889	19	00
To dues of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, for 1889	44	00
To dues of Madison Chapter, No. 8, for 1889	45	00
To dues of Putnam Chapter, No. 9, for 1889	36	00
To dues of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for 1889	69	00
To dues of Providence Chapter, No. 20, for 1889,	23	00
To dues of Island Chapter, No. 21, for 1889	40	00
To dues of Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 22, for 1889	38	00
	$423	00
By paid Grand Treasurer, as per voucher	423	00

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Treasurer, after paying the bills recommended by the Finance Committee and ordered by the Grand Chapter, as per printed proceedings of 1889 (see pages 21–22), has a balance in his hands of $294 12
May 2, 1890, received from Grand Sec. D. C. Dawkins, 423 00

Total $717 12

Your Treasurer has paid the following bills, which he asks to have your approval:

Printing Proceedings, 1889	$119	84
Paid for Badges, General Grand Chapter	3	25
500 Blank Returns, Grand Secretary's office,	25	00
	$148	09
Balance at disposal of Grand Chapter	$569	03

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS S. WILMARTH,
Grand Treasurer.

Companion McLean moved that when the Grand Chapter call off, it be called to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock this evening, which was duly seconded and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.

1890, MAY 6, 7:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Marcus Endel, Grand High Priest, and others as at the morning session.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The special committee on the address of the Grand High Priest made the following report, to-wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

The special committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest for division of subjects, and reference to appropriate committees, would respectfully report as follows, to-wit:

We recommend: That all that part of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address pertaining to dispensations granted by him be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That the necrological part thereof be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That all the rulings and decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, stated in the address, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANGUS PATERSON,
J. W. BOYD,
THOMAS S. WILMARTH,
Committee.

May 6, 1890.

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS REPORT.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials beg leave to report:

We have carefully examined the returns of Chapters Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 20, 21, and 22, and find them all, to the credit of their respective officers, correct.

We are particular to note that all have the seal of the several Chapters, as the same committee reported omissions in this respect at the last Grand Convocation.

No returns have been received from Chapters Nos. 3, 10, and 13, and we are left to report that No. 7 is not represented.

We find present and entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter, the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Representatives of Grand Chapters, officers and proxies of constituent Chapters, and visiting companions, who appear upon the roll call heretofore recorded by the Grand Secretary.

We desire to express our appreciation of the neatness which characterizes the returns from the various Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction; this being noted without exception.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN H. STEPHENS,
SAMUEL A. WAUCHOPE,
M. H. MOTT,
Committee.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report as follows:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer presented to the present Grand Convocation, and find them correct and recommend their adoption.

We recommend the following appropriations, to-wit:

Salary of Grand Secretary for past year	$150 00	
Salary of Grand Chaplain	10 00	
Salary of Grand Guard	15 00	
Office rent, postage, etc., of Grand Secretary,	67 00	$242 00

We recommend the printing of the Proceedings of the present convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer pay for the same and other necessary expenses.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. BOYD,
F. P. MERSEREAU,
HENRY S. ELY,
Finance Committee.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NO. 1.

Papers from Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, were presented by the Grand Secretary and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following companions, holding credentials as Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, were received and welcomed by the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry:

R. E. W. W. Tucker—Maryland.
R. E. James W. Boyd—Missouri.
R. E. C. McKenzie Oerting—Vermont.
R. E. Chas. H. Munger—Illinois.
R. E. Silas B. Wright—Iowa.
R. E. Herman Glogowoski—Maine.
R. E. Robert McClellan—Nebraska.
R. E. W. A. Griffith—Ohio.
R. E. Thomas S. Wilmarth—Oregon.

W. A. McLean, P. G. H. P., moved that the election of Grand Officers be held at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, which was duly seconded and adopted.

P. G. H. P. McLean presented, verbally, a message from M. E. Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P., residing at East Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, to the effect of his pleasant recollections of this Grand Chapter, and regretfully expressing the opinion that he is not likely ever hereafter to be able to attend any future meetings of this body; whereupon, R. E. Silas B. Wright moved that Companion McLean be requested to respond to said message, assuring Companion Wasgate of the interminable love and esteem of this Grand Chapter for him, invoking the "I AM THAT I AM" to continue to him the choicest blessings.

On motion of Companion McLean, it was voted that when the Grand Chapter be called off that it be called to refreshment until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

1890, MAY 7, 10 A. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Marcus Endel, Grand High Priest, and others as on yesterday.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The foregoing minutes of last night's session were read and confirmed.

Memorial circulars were read by the Grand Secretary from the M. E. Grand Chapter of Ohio, announcing the death of M. E. Daniel A. Scott, P. G. H. P., and R. E. Jonathan A. Burr, P. D. G. H. P., of that Grand Chapter, which, upon his motion, were referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be instructed to report what, if any, changes should be made in Regulations 28 and 39.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Companion James W. Boyd proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes and be taken up for final action at the next Annual Grand Convocation, to-wit:

Amend Section 4, of Article 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter so as to read thus:

The Annual Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville at such time as may be designated by this Grand Chapter, and the Representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum. *Provided*, That the Grand High Priest may, for good cause, designate some other time and place within this Grand Jurisdiction for holding the Annual Grand Convocation. *And provided, also*, That the Grand High Priest may call a special Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter when, in his discretion, it may be necessary or important to do so.

COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Companion S. B. Wright offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be instructed to present to this session of the Grand Chapter such amendment to the Constitution as may be necessary to perpetuate the Committee on Work, which is to be appointed at this Grand Convocation.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, having carefully considered the decisions made by the M. E. Grand High Priest, as reported by him in his Annual Address, and believing the same to be in harmony with the principles of Free-

masonry, as understood and recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction, recommend that the same be approved and adopted by this Grand Chapter.

The suggestion and recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest regarding a uniform system of work is considered by your committee as being of the utmost importance to the interests of the craft in this jurisdiction; we therefore recommend that the M. E. High Priest be authorized and directed to appoint a committee on work, consisting of five members of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to exemplify the work in the various degrees at each and every session of the Grand Chapter.

We also recommend that the Constitution be so amended as to perpetuate the Committee on Work as a standing committee of this Grand Chapter.

W. A. McLEAN,
ANGUS PATERSON,
W. W. TUCKER,
Committee.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand High Priest announced that the order of High Priesthood would be in session at 7:30 o'clock this afternoon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter duly elected the following Grand Officers, Companions McLean and Anderson acting as tellers:

James W. Boyd—Grand High Priest.
Thomas S. Wilmarth—Deputy Grand High Priest.
Frank B. Mersereau—Grand King.
Silas B. Wright—Grand Scribe.
John H. Stephens—Grand Treasurer.
DeWitt C. Dawkins—Grand Secretary.
W. A. McLean—Grand Chaplain.

M. E. William A. McLean, P. G. H. P., by request of the Grand High Priest, duly installed all the newly elected Grand Officers into their respective offices.

M. E. James W. Boyd, Grand High Priest, appointed the following Grand Officers, who were also duly installed by W. A. McLean, P. G. H. P., to-wit:

John F. Niblack—Grand Captain of the Host.

Samuel A. Wauchope—Grand Principal Sojourner.
R. Alfred Montsalvatge—Grand Royal Arch Captain.
W. W. Tucker, Grand Master 3d Vail.
Henry S. Ely—Grand Master 2d Vail.
M. H. Motte—Grand Master 1st Vail.
James F. Clark—Grand Guard.

Companion Wright moved that this afternoon, from 3:30 o'clock, be devoted to the exemplification of work, which was adopted.

M. E. Companion Endel moved that when the Grand Chapter be called off that it be called to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock this evening, which was adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.; and at 3:30 P. M. the members of the Grand Chapter visited Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and witnessed the conferring of the R. A. degree, R. E. John H. Stephens presiding.

1890, May 7, 7:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. James W. Boyd.....Grand High Priest
R. E. Thomas S. Wilmarth.....Deputy Grand High Priest
R. E. Frank P. Mersereau.....Grand King
R. E. Silas B. Wright.....Grand Scribe
R. E. John H. Stephens.....Grand Treasurer
R. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins.....Grand Secretary
R. E. W. A. McLean.....Grand Chaplain
E. John F. Niblack.....Grand Captain of the Host
E. Samuel A. Wauchope.....Grand Principal Sojourner
E. R. Alfred Montsalvatge.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
E. W. W. Tucker.....Grand Master of 3d Vail
E. Henry S. Ely.....Grand Master of 2d Vail
E. M. H. Motte.....Grand Master of 1st Vail
E. James F. Clark.....Grand Guard

And others, as at the morning session.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee to whom was referred the papers from Florida R. A. Chapter, No. 1, in the matter of Isidor Marcus being refused advancement, beg leave to report that they have examined the record in the case and find that the Chapter obeyed the instructions of the Grand High Priest, which have been approved by the Grand Chapter. As this disposes of the whole case, we recommend that the case be dismissed.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,
HENRY S. ELY,
Committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report: That on page 13, *et seq.*, of the printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the year 1889, charges for delinquency were preferred against Jefferson Chapter, No. 5, Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, and Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 24.

It appears that the trials of these cases were continued for one year, and that time having elapsed, the matters now come up for your consideration and disposal.

Since the last Annual Convocation, two of these Chapters, to-wit: Mount Horeb, No. 11, and Mount Moriah, No. 24, and also Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6, have, by action of the Grand High Priest, approved by the Grand Chapter, been consolidated into Mount Moriah R. A. Chapter, No. 24. This puts an end to the charges against Nos. 11 and 24, and terminates the existence of Nos. 6 and 11.

From the respected representations made to your Committee, it appears that there are still signs of life lurking among the ruins of Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 5, which may soon be kindled into activity; we therefore recommend that this case be continued for another year, in which the companions in the beautiful town of Monticello may revive their Chapter.

As to Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, no voice is heard, and the past year's continuance has brought no glimmer of hope. It is practically dead, and no signs of resurrection. We recommend that the charter of Lake Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 19, be, and is hereby, forfeited, and the said Chapter dissolved.

Your Committee further recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to procure the charters of Santa Rosa Chapter, No. 6, Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, and Lake Butler Chapter, No. 19, and all the property of said Chapter No. 19, and place the same in the archives of this Grand Chapter, and to report his doings hereunder at the next Annual Convocation.

Your Committee find no other unfinished business requiring your action.

Fraternally submitted,

F. P. MERSEREAU,
T. S. WILMARTH,
J. F. NIBLACK,
Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommend that Regulation 28 of this Grand Chapter be abrogated, and that the following be adopted in lieu thereof, to-wit:

28. At each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each consisting of not less than three members:

1. On Credentials and Returns.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-Laws.
5. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. On Finance and Accounts.
7. On Memorials.
8. On Foreign Correspondence, to sit during the recess of the Grand Chapter.
9. On Printing.
10. On Work.

Your Committee recommend that Regulation 39 of this Grand Chapter be amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

39. The names of the elective officers of the Chapters, and the P. O. addresses of the Secretaries thereof, under the

jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, are required to be printed with the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. McLEAN,
ANGUS PATERSON,
W. W. TUCKER,
Committee.

Companion McLean offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Ritual for installation ceremonies for the use of the Grand Chapter; and that the same be printed under direction of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest appointed W. A. McLean and D. C. Dawkins to constitute the committee under the foregoing resolution.

Companion Endel offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for the use of the hall, and for their assistance and co-operation in making this Grand Convocation a pleasant and profitable recollection by amplifying the Royal Arch degree in the efficient manner in which it was rendered.

Companion Wright proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, which was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings, and await final action next year, to-wit:

Amend Section 4, of Article 1, of the Constitution by adding the following words, to-wit: "And soon after the opening of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each to consist of not less than three members:

1. On Returns and Credentials.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-Laws.
5. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. On Finance and Accounts.
7. On Memorials.
8. On Foreign Correspondence.
9. On Printing.
10. On Work.

The Committee on Work shall consist of three members, the term of one of which shall expire each year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence to sit during the recess of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Finance Committee, having under consideration the question of allowance of mileage, we ascertain the distances of the several subordinate Chapters from Jacksonville to be as follows:

Florida, No. 1	166 miles
Gainesville, No. 2	70 miles
Tampa, No. 3	240 miles
St. Johns, No. 4	114 miles
Eureka, No. 7	147 miles
Madison, No. 8	110 miles
Putnam, No. 9	56 miles
Providence, No. 20	77 miles
Thomas Brown, No. 22	210 miles
Mt. Moriah, No. 24	370 miles

We recommend the payment of five cents per mile, one way, to the Senior Representative from each Chapter duly represented at the present Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. BOYD,
F. P. MERSEREAU,
Committee.

COMMITTEES:

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Committees, to-wit:

On Printing:

D. C. Dawkins,
T. S. Wilmarth,
W. A. McLean.

On Foreign Correspondence:

D. C. Dawkins,
Marcus Endel,
W. A. McLean.

On Work:

Marcus Endel,
W. A. McLean,
Angus Paterson,
Frank P. Mersereau,
Henry S. Ely.

NEXT CONVOCATION.

Companion Endel offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville, on the second Tuesday in May, A. D. 1891, opening at 3 o'clock P. M. of that day.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

We, the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, beg leave to report that, having examined the various dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest, also that granted by the Grand King, in the absence of his superior officer from the Grand Jurisdiction, we recommend the confirmation of the same by Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. SOMEVILLE,
M. H. MOTTE,
THOS. H. WILMARTH,
Committee.

NECROLOGY.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

While the busy world around us in the various departments of commercial life are continually creating, repeating, and diversifying the sounds of traffic in gay acceleration, we, who for a time have withdrawn therefrom to consider of things more sedate and holy for our own good, and for the good influence that we may hope to exert upon the lives of

others, many thoughts upon many kindred subjects claim our attention; but none more profound and important than the fact that ere long the life we live on this beautiful earth must and will surely terminate. Nothing can, by any possibility, be of more consequence to us than to wisely and happily solve the question, each for himself, how to spend the remainder of this earthly existence so as to meet that end attended with the best possible prospects for entrance into the life beyond and to there survive in the most satisfactory manner through that life or sphere, which is to have no end.

If Freemasonry, of which the Royal Arch Chapter is an important factor, is fit for any purpose, and sufficiently important to compensate us for the sacrifice of time and worldly interest consequent upon our meeting here and at the fervent altars of our Holy Royal Arches whither we came, that value consists chiefly in the confraternal duties and obligations which bind us together for good and the facilities which it furnishes its zealous adherents for learning how to live that our lives may not be unprofitable here or uninteresting hereafter. With these professions, we humble ourselves in chains of brotherly love and the deepest humility, and then looking up with love and admiration to the "I AM THAT I AM," with whose approving smile we go on our way through the vicissitudes of this life to the vouchsafed haven in the next.

While such be the tenor of Royal Arch Masonry, why mourn when a companion has left the circle of these earthly tabernacles and taken his flight to the sanctuary up yonder?

From the Grand Chapter of New York has gone Darius A. Ogden, P. G. H. P.; ever active and brilliant, and devoted to the principles of the Royal Arch. And from New York has also gone the wise and genial John L. Lewis, so long and so well known throughout the Masonic world as a Masonic exemplar. He had been Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

From the Grand Chapter of Michigan has gone Salathiel C. Coffinberry, P. G. H. P.; faithful in every trust, just and upright.

From the Grand Chapter of Illinois, the Grand Tyler, Joseph Beyles, an honest and faithful companion.

From the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the General Grand Scribe, Benjamin Haller, Grand Master of his State, Tennessee; attractive, genial, generous, sincere, discreet and just.

From the Grand Chapter of Ohio is gone Past Grand High Priest Daniel A. Scott, an eminent physician, and respected and esteemed. And from Ohio, also, is gone Jonathan N. Burr, P. D. G. H. P.; eminent in his profession, devoted to his church, and active in the material welfare of masonry.

All those companions have quitted the labors of earth; some of them in ripe old age, and simply found waiting the Master's call to go up hence; and others, beyond our feeble comprehension, taken away in the midst of active life, vigor and usefulness; this specially brings a feeling of sadness over us, but they had learned the way, and we must take it for granted that the call was right. It is hard thus to part with our loved ones, from whithersoever they go, and we solemnly sympathize with the bereft and afflicted; and with our sister Grand Bodies, whose losses have been severe, can we sympathize with our loved ones at home in the death of the companions of our own Chapters, a list of whom will be furnished by the Grand Secretary.

May our Heavenly Father, whose great name illuminates our Holy Royal Arch, bind up the wounds of the afflicted, comfort the bereaved, and have us always in the rectitude of His holy keeping.

W. A. McLEAN,
JOHN F. NIBLACK,
R. A. MONTSALVATGE.
Committee.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

There appearing no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

CHAPTERS.	No.	Members last year.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Total.	Deaths.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Rejected.	Present Membership.
Florida	1	19	9	1	0	29	0	0	0	0	1	29
Gainesville	2	25	4	3	0	32	1	1	0	0	0	30
†Tampa	3	27	0	1	0	28	0	1	7	0	0	20
St. Johns	4	19	0	0	0	19	0	2	0	0	0	17
Eureka	7	40	2	3	0	45	0	6	1	1	0	37
Madison	8	55	1	0	0	56	3	1	0	0	0	52
Putnam	9	31	3	0	0	34	0	1	0	0	0	33
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†Eustis	10	9	4	2	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
Jacksonville	12	55	7	2	0	64	2	4	0	0	0	58
†Ocala	13	17	7	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	24
Providence	20	22	4	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	26
Island	21	41	0	0	0	41	1	0	1	1	0	38
Thomas Brown	22	26	7	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	32
		386	48	12	0	446	8	16	9	2	1	411

†Returns for 1888.

SUMMARY.

Number of Members last year as per Returns	386
Whole gain	60
Total	446
Whole loss	35
Present Membership	411
Net gain	25

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTERS.	No.	HIGH PRIESTS.	KINGS.	SCRIBES.	TREASURERS.	SECRETARIES.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Florida	1	W A Griffith	W M McIntosh	Edward M West	Robert Gamble	S A Wauchope	Tallahassee.
Gainesville	2	W K Bartleson	A M Cushman	J R Eddin	Julius Stark	J E Webster	Gainesville.
†Tampa	3	H Glogowski	T A Carruth	W B Henderson	R B Thomas	John T Green	Tampa.
St. Johns	4	Silas B Wright	A E Gleason	J B Jordan	W M Dunn	J S May	DeLand.
Eureka	7	Chas O Myers	Edgar A Richard	Wm H Jewel	Mahlon Gore	W F Barnes	Orlando.
Madison	8	Angus Paterson	W S Jordan	Wm H Hausman	H J Paramore	James E Pound	Madison.
Putnam	9	F P Mersereau	Calvin Gillis	W J Winegar	Moritz Kohl	Marcus Loeb	Palatka.
†Eustis	10	D W Herrick	W S McClellan	S C Fuller	H E Bishop	H W Bishop	Eustis.
Jacksonville	12	Jno H Stephens	Henry S Ely	M H Motte	J C Greeley	W A Bours	Jacksonville.
Ocala	13	O G Finch	J H Whitfield	E C Bird			Ocala.
Providence	20	John F Niblack	B M Williams	W J Feagles	R C Martin	A C Odom	Providence.
Island	21	John J Delaney	W McClintock	Benj Albury	Samuel Filer	R A Monsalvatge	Key West.
Thomas Brown	22	Warren Tyler	Pent W Daniel	Jas T Hancock	Sam Lang	James W Boyd	Bartow.
Mount Moriah	24	G S Hallmark				A L Williams	Pensacola.

† No Return of Officers for last year.

DIRECTORY OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama	Myles J. Greene	Montgomery
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco
Canada	David McLellan	Hamilton, Ontario
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmalee	Pueblo
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford
Dakota	Thomas J. Wilder	Casselton
Delaware	James H. Price	Wilmington
District of Columbia	Lewis G. Stephens	Washington, D. C.
England	Frederick K. Brinklee	London, W. C.
General Grand Chapter	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo, N. Y.
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines
Ireland	Sam'l B. Oldham	Dublin
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte
Kentucky	Joseph H. Branham	Louisville
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor	New Orleans
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston
Michigan	Wm. P. Innis	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson
Missouri	W. H. Mayo	St. Louis
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City
New Brunswick	T. Nisbett Robertson	Saint John
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord
New Jersey	George B. Edwards	Jersey City
New York	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh
Nova Scotia	Edwin E. Curran	Halifax
Ohio	Matt. H. Watt	Chillicothe
Oregon	R. P. Earhart	Portland
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer	Philadelphia
Prince Edward Island	G. W. Wakefield	Charlottetown
Quebec	Joseph Mitchell	Montreal
Rhode Island	D. Murray Lyon	Providence
Scotland	Wm. R. Greene	Edinburg
South Carolina	J. E. Burke	Charleston
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville
Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington
Virginia	Wm. B. Isaacs	Richmond
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia
West Virginia	John W. Morris	Wheeling
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee
Western Territory		

PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.	GRAND TREASURERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	GRAND CHAPLAINS.
1847.	Thos Douglas*	John P Duval*	Harry R Taylor*	Geo W McRae*	Edwin D Nash*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1848.	John P Duval*	Isaac B Bronson*	Geo W McRae*	D S Graham*	Thomas Brown*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1849.	Isaac H Bronson*	Harry R. Taylor*	D S Graham*	R A Shine*	Thos Haywood*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1850.	Harry R Taylor*	D S Graham*	R A Shine*	Gad Humphreys*	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1851.	Thomas Brown*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A Fisher	Benj Sawyer	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Geo M McDonald
1852.	R A Shine*	Sam'l B Stephens*	Sam'l Boardman	Dan'l G McLean	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1853.	Sam'l Boardman	J M W Davidson*	C A M Mitchell	James S Rust*	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	A G Oag
1854.	J Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y Henry*	James Ellenwood	Jno L McKinnon*	David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Homer Hender
1855.	J Wayles Baker*	Edward R Ives*	Joseph S May		David C Wilson*	John B Taylor*	Homer Hender
1856.	Thos Haywood*	Edward R Ives*	John L McKinnon*	James Ellenwood	R A Shine*	John B Taylor*	Charles E Dyke*
1857.	Thos Haywood*	James Ellenwood	John L McKinnon*	David S Walker	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	J R Plummer
1858.	Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood	D P Holland*	Charles E Dyke*	John T Bond*	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1859.	D P Holland*		Geo F Baltzell*	Calvin Davis*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1860.	Thos Y Henry*	Geo F Baltzell*	George D Fisher*	Josiah Paine*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	John Penny*
1861.	Geo F Baltzell*	James Ellenwood	Franklin Branch*	Charles Slager*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1862.	Geo F Baltzell*	James Ellenwood	Charles Slager*	D C Dawkins	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1863.	Geo F Baltzell*	James Ellenwood	Green H Hunter	Wm H Arendell*	Thos Hayward*	John B Taylor*	Thos A Carruth
1864.	Geo F Baltzell*	James Ellenwood	Thos K Leonard	Wm H Arendell*	Thos Hayward*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1865.	David Jones*	D C Dawkins	B S Fuller	Elias Earle	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1866.	David Jones*	D C Dawkins	Elias Earle	J A Lea*	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Columbus Smith*
1867.	David Jones*	Wm Morrill*	Charles Slager*	Chas K Sparhawk*	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Samuel C Craft
1868.	Jas Ellenwood	Wm Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M M T Hutchingson	T Preston Tatum*	Hugh A Corley	Wm A McLean
1869.	D C Dawkins	M M T Hutchingson	H H Berry*	Michael Bowes	T Preston Tatum*	Ewd Bradford, Jr*	Thos A Carruth
1870.	D C Dawkins	Charles Slager*	Charles Mundee*	Samuel Pasco	T Preston Tatum*	Ewd Bradford, Jr*	Thos A Carruth
1871.	D C Dawkins	James Ellenwood	Wm Morrill*	Theodore Ball	T Preston Tatum*	W M McIntosh	Edwin L T Blake
1872.	Wm Morrill*	Hugh A Corley	John C Ley	James L Taylor	T Preston Tatum*	W M McIntosh	Thos A Carruth
1873.	Michael Bowes	Samuel Pasco	John S Driggs	Benj J Alderman*		DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1874.	Michael Bowes	John S Driggs	Ben G Alderman*		Wm A Young	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1875.	Henry W. Long	Edward P. Jordan*	Wm T Weeks	W W Tucker		DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1876.	John S Driggs	Charles J Allred	W W Tucker	John T Miller		DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1877.	John S Driggs	George R Jones*	W W Tucker	John T Miller	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1878.	Enos Wasgate	Robert J Perry	G E Wentworth*	Geo S Hallmark	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1879.	Robert J Perry	G E Wentworth*	Geo S Hallmark	Hugh A Corley	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1880.	Robert J Perry	Geo S Hallmark	Wm E Anderson	Wm A McLean	L McConihe*	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*

*Dead.

PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND KINGS.	GRAND SCRIBES.	GRAND TREASURERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1881.....	W A McLean	Wm E Anderson....	Warren F Scott.....	John G Ellis	L McConihe* ..	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1882.....	W A McLean	Wm E Anderson....	Warren F Scott....	G S Hallmark.	L McConihe*.....	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1883.....	Geo S Hallmark...	Wm E Anderson....	Warren F Scott.....	J W V R Plummer..	T S Wilmarth	DeWitt C Dawkins	John Penny*
1884.....	Wm E Anderson..	Warren F Scott.....	J W V R Plummer..	Angus Paterson.....	T S Wilmarth....	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1885.....	Wm E Anderson..	J W V R Plummer.	Angus Paterson....	Marcus Endel.....	T S Wilmarth....	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1886.....	Angus Paterson...	Marcus Endel.....	F S Goodrich	John G Ellis	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins	John S Wharton
1887.....	Angus Paterson ..	Marcus Endel.....	F S Goodrich	R A Montsalvatge..	T S Wilmarth....	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1888.....	Marcus Endel....	Fred S Goodrich....	Wm M McIntosh ...	Chas H Munger.....	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1889.....	Marcus Endel.....	Fred S Goodrich. .	James W Boyd . ..	Chas H Munger. .	T S Wilmarth....	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean
1890....	J W Boyd	T S Wilmarth....	S B Wright	F T Mersereau.....	John H Stephens.	DeWitt C Dawkins	Wm A McLean

*Dead.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.	GRAND CHAPTERS.	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA.
B F Pope, Gadsden	Alabama...	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola
W H Gee, Dardenell.....	Arkansas.....	W B Barnett, Jacksonville
James Moffat.....	Canada.....	R J Perry, Key West
R W Woodbury, Denver.....	Colorado	Wm A McLean, Jacksonville
John F Schrader, Rapid City	Dakota.....	Marcus Endel, Gainesville
W A Davis, Macon.....	Georgia.....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
W L Orr, Carrollton.....	Illinois	Chas H Munger, Orlando
Elmer Crocket, South Bend	Indiana.....	R R Shepard, Milton
Caleb Lamb, Newton..	Iowa	S B Wright, DeLand
E D Hillyer, Grasshopper F'ls,	Kansas	W J Winegar, Palatka
James W Statson, Brooksville.	Kentucky.....	W McClintock, Key West
J C Batchelor, New Orleans....	Louisiana.....	Wm A McLean, Jacksonville
Henry R Taylor, Machias.....	Maine.....	H Glogowski, Tampa
Nathan Leyman.....	Maryland.... .	W W Tucker, Jacksonville
Alex K Bryer.....	Massachusetts....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
B H Langley, Winona.....	Minnesota....	W M McIntosh, Tallahassee
J L Powers, Jackson.....	Mississippi.....	Samuel Pasco, Monticello
Rev C C Wood, Kansas City....	Missouri.....	J W Boyd, Bartow
John J Monnell, Omaha.....	Nebraska.....	R McClellan, Gainesville
Ed L Tillow, Elizabeth.....	New Jersey.....	R J Perry, Key West
Rees G Williams, Utica.....	New York....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
M Bowes, Raleigh.....	North Carolina...	J F Niblack, Mikesville
John W Scott, Valley City.....	North Dakota....	Marcus Endel, Gainesville
B H Lands, Halifax.....	Nova Scotia.... ..	Wm A McLean, Jacksonville
Wm E Evans, Chillicothe..	Ohio.....	Wm A Griffith, Tallahassee
Thomas G Reams.....	Oregon	T S Wilmarth, Jacksonville
R G Adams.....	Quebec.....	R J Perry, Key West
Charles R Cutler, Warren.....	Rhode Island.....	Julius Stark, Gainesville
George Fisher, Edinburgh.....	Scotland.....	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola
A T Smythe, Charleston.....	South Carolina...	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville
R R Harris.....	Tennessee.....	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola
Hy Schaffers, Houston.....	Texas	Geo S Hallmark, Madison
E C Houghton, Houston.....	Vermont.....	Angus Paterson, Pensacola
James L Avis.....	Virginia.....	C McK Oertings, Baglad
Thomas M Reed, Olympia.....	Washington	W E Anderson, Bagdad
Thomas A Logan, Wheeling..	West Virginia....	F S Goodrich, DeLand
Fred Ring, Jr, Lacrosse.....	Wisconsin.....	H W Long, Martel
		R B Thomas, Tampa

TO THE MEMORY

OF THE

COMPANIONS WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FROM THE CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA IN THE MASONIC YEAR A. D. 1889.

NAMES.	DATE.	CHAPTER.
Josiah Paine	September	Madison, No. 8.
John L Miller	October 23	Madison, No. 8.
Richard J Mays	October 26	Madison, No. 8.
H Koopman	April 20	Jacksonville. No. 12.
A W Knight	September 7	"
Joseph C Cole	March 13	Island, No. 21.
James T Wilson	October 28	Thomas Brown, No. 22.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

At a convocation of regularly anointed High Priests in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Jacksonville, State of Florida, at the hour of 3 o'clock P. M., on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1890, the following companions being present, were duly elected to form a Convocation of High Priests, to-wit:

M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., President.

M. E. James W. Boyd, G. H. P., Vice-President.

M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, P. G. H. P., Secretary-Treasurer.

M. E. William McLean, G. H. P., Chaplain.

M. E. Samuel A. Wauchope, P. H. P., Master of Ceremonies.

M. E. Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., Conductor.

M. E. John F. Niblack, G. C. of H., Herald.

M. E. W. W. Tucker, P. G. K., Steward.

And there were also present:

M. E. James F. Clark, P. H. P.

M. E. Wm. M. Someville, P. H. P.

The convocation being thus duly organized, adjourned until 10:30 o'clock this P. M.

1890, MAY 7, 10:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

The President, Angus Paterson, and other officers and companions, as before. The convocation opened, pursuant to adjournment, in harmony.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from the following M. E. Companions, to-wit:

John H. Stephens, H. P. of Jacksonville	R. A. C.	No. 12
Thomas S. Wilmarth, P. H. P.	"	No. 12
R. Alfred Montsalvatge, P. H. P. of Island	"	No. 21
Frank P. Mersereau, H. P. of Putnam	"	No. 9
Silas B. Wright, H. P. of St. Johns	"	No. 4

And having previous satisfactory evidence of their having been duly elected to preside over their respective R. A. Chapters, they were severally introduced, and regularly consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form.

The Secretary and Treasurer, being called upon, reported that no funds had been placed in his hands for the purpose, and therefore he had not furnished the certificates which were requested of him last year.

Upon motion made, seconded and duly adopted, the fee for membership in this convocation is fixed at three dollars, and that each member paying said fee should be entitled to a certificate of membership.

There being no further business, the convocation adjourned.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE STATE OF

FLORIDA.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

⋖ GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA, ⋗

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand Convocation in Masonic Hall, at the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of 3 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, A. D. 1891, A. I. 2421.

PRESENT—GRAND OFFICERS:

M. E. James W. Boyd ..... Grand High Priest
Thomas S. Wilmarth ..... Deputy Grand High Priest
Irving E. Webster ..... *as* Grand King
Edgar A. Richards ..... *as* Grand Scribe
John H. Stephens ..... Grand Treasurer
DeWitt C. Dawkins ..... Grand Secretary
William A. McLean ..... Grand Chaplain
Angus Paterson ..... *as* Grand C. of H.
Henry T. Wartman ..... *as* Grand P. S.
W. P. Webster ..... *as* Grand Royal Arch Captain
William W. Tucker ..... Grand Master of 3d Vail
J. D. Sinclair ..... *as* Grand Master of 2d Vail
H. C. Steele ..... *as* Grand Master of 1st Vail
James F. Clark ..... Grand Guard

Past Grand High Priests:

DeWitt C. Dawkins,
W. A. McLean,
Angus Paterson.

Past Grand King ..... W. W. Tucker

Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters as follows, to-wit:

W. A. McLean.....Grand Chapter of Colorado
DeWitt C. Dawkins.....Grand Chapter of Georgia
Wm. A. McLean.....Grand Chapter of Louisiana
H. Glogowski.....Grand Chapter of Maine
W. W. Tucker.....Grand Chapter of Maryland
D. C. Dawkins.....Grand Chapter of Massachusetts
J. W. Boyd.....Grand Chapter of Missouri
D. C. Dawkins.....Grand Chapter of New York
W. A. McLean.....Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia
T. S. Wilmarth.....Grand Chapter of Oregon
D. C. Dawkins.....Grand Chapter of South Carolina
Angus Paterson.....Grand Chapter of Texas

And Constituent Chapters represented as follows, to-wit:

Gainesville Chapter No. 2:
Irving E. Webster, H. P.

Tampa Chapter No. 3:
Herman Glogowski, H. P.

Eureka Chapter No. 7:
Edgar A. Richards, H. P.

Putnam Chapter No. 9:
Frank P. Mersereau, H. P.

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12:
Henry S. Ely, H. P.
J. D. Sinclair, S.

Ocala Chapter No. 13:
Henry T. Wartman, proxy for H. P.
W W. Tucker, proxy for K.
DeWitt M. Rodeffer, S.

Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22:
Warren Tyler, H. P.

OPENING.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, prayer being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

ORGANIZATION.

The Grand High Priest appointed a Committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of D. C. Dawkins, A. Paterson and W. W. Tucker, and announced a recess of five minutes. Upon resumption of business the Committee on Returns and Credentials reported verbally that the foregoing list of Grand Officers and members is correct; that the said officers and members are entitled to be present, and that the Grand Chapter is duly organized.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last Annual Convocation having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

On motion of A. Paterson, duly seconded and adopted, the aforesaid minutes are corrected so as to show that *per diem* as well as mileage was allowed and paid to members.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

The Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees:

On Returns and Credentials:
DeWitt C. Dawkins,
Angus Paterson,
William W. Tucker.

On Unfinished Business:
Edgar A. Richards,
John H. Stephens,
Herman Glogowski.

On Propositions and Grievances:
William W. Tucker,
Angus Paterson,
Edgar A. Richards.

On Dispensations and By-Laws:
Herman Glogowski,
Henry T. Wartman,
John H. Stephens.

On Masonic Jurisprudence:

William A. McLean,
Angus Paterson,
DeWitt C. Dawkins.

On Finance and Accounts:

Thomas S. Wilmarth,
Henry T. Wartman,
Irving E. Webster.

On Memorials:

Irving E. Webster,
William A. McLean,
Thomas S. Wilmarth.

VISITORS.

On motion of H. Glogowski, duly seconded and adopted, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing are invited to seats as visitors in this Grand Convocation.

ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Grand High Priest read the following annual address:

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

Another year, with its incident changes, is placed upon the record of the past, among which many faithful Companions have passed through the vales of time into the presence of the Eternal and Supreme Grand Council, whilst we, through the dispensation of Him who doeth all things well, are permitted to again assemble in this our Forty-fifth Grand Convocation, to extend to each other fraternal greetings, to labor in promoting the work and principles of our Holy Order, and upon bended knees offer to the Great I Am the adoration of grateful hearts for the manifold blessings vouchsafed to us, individually and collectively.

During the year just passed it is especially gratifying that throughout our fair State peace, good-will and prosperity have reigned supreme; that no adversity nor pestilence has visited within our borders, save in a milder degree than in some of our sister jurisdictions the plague la grippe, for a season, but whose fetters have long since been loosed, and now good health prevails. It is also gratifying to note that our Royal

Order is in a prospering condition; that whilst one Chapter, Eustis No. 10, has surrendered its charter, others which have been inactive have again resumed and joined the list of faithful workers. Whilst there have been some losses in some of the Chapters, owing to suspensions for non-payment of dues, yet the majority show a decided increase.

Companions, we meet again, but there is one vacant chair in our midst. Our beloved Companion, John F. Niblack, Grand Captain of the Host and Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, on the 4th day of February, 1891, fell a victim to that terrible plague, la grippe, which scourged so many sections of our republic during the winter months. Active, zealous and genial, he was ever ready to perform the duties assigned him, and we shall miss him from our labors and councils.

Our sister jurisdictions seem also to have been more unfortunate than usual, as indicated by the reports received by me, as follows:

General Albert Pike, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Arkansas, and the recognized head of Scottish Rite Masonry throughout the world, and perhaps the best known, died in Washington City on April 2, 1891. As lawyer, poet and Freemason, he was one of the grandest among men that any age has produced.

M. E. Alfred F. Chapman, P. G. G. H. P., died at his residence, in Boston, March 20, 1891. His demise is sincerely felt and deplored in every department of Masonry.

M. E. James E. Cadle, P. G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Missouri.

M. E. A. Bernard Cadworth, P. G. H. P. Grand Chapter of Michigan.

M. E. Nathan Dikeman, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, died November 3, 1890. In every station to which he was called he served with unusual zeal and devotion, rising rapidly from that of Master of his lodge, at the early age of 24, to that of Grand High Priest at the age of 32.

M. E. Hiram Bassett, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, died November 6, 1890, at his home in Millersburg, Ky., in the 70th year of his age, "full of years and full of honors." He was Grand Master in 1861, Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite in 1866, and Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1875. He served many years as Grand Secretary, and at the time of his death was Grand Master of the Third Vail of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. As

a Mason he was distinguished for his intelligence, efficiency and zeal, and his kindly nature and courteous bearing won the respect and love of all who came in contact with him. He was my Masonic preceptor, and in his death I mourn the loss of a personal friend.

P. G. H. P. John Snowden Tyson, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, died July 26, 1890, by accidental drowning. He had served as Grand Master for five years, and had filled many important positions in Cryptic and Templar Masonry. His influence was always devoted to the best interests of the Craft.

M. E. John W. Dadmun, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, died August 6, 1890. He was committee on foreign correspondence for nineteen years, and being well versed in the laws and usages of Royal Arch Masonry, was considered authority in such matters.

M. E. A. Doty, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, died November 27, 1890. He was also Senior Grand Warden of his Grand Lodge and Past Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters. He was distinguished for his work in the Masonic Board of Relief, and stood without a superior in his jurisdiction as a brilliant Mason.

M. E. John Hawkins Rountree, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, died June 27, 1890, at the advanced age of 85 years. His life had been of remarkable activity. Beginning an official career as sheriff at the age of 22 years, he had filled many positions of honor and trust, and yet found much time to devote to the interests of Masonry.

E. Franklin H. Bascom, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, died November 17, 1890. A fervent and zealous member of the Order, he contributed his time and talent to the welfare of the Craft.

E. Companion John Calvin Parish, Emeritus Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, died September 26, 1890. An efficient official he was, held in great esteem by the Fraternity in his State.

E. Companion Matthias H. Watt, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, died August 4, 1890. Faithful in the performance of duty, he was regarded as a model Grand Secretary.

E. James E. Coer, Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Being a zealous worker in Capitular Masonry, he gave his time and talent to the welfare of the Order.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed Grand Representatives of our Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters as follows:

Connecticut—Rev. J. F. Stidham, of New Britain.

Minnesota—John F. Benzet, of St. Paul.

Nova Scotia—John A. Lawson.

New Brunswick—Wm. H. B. Sadlier, of St. Johns.

For reciprocal honors I have recommended the appointment of the following Companions as Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Connecticut—Warren Tyler, of Bartow, and the reappointment of Robert McClellan, of Gainesville, as Representative of Nebraska.

DECISIONS.

The Council of Florida Royal Arch Chapter No. 1 having refused to open in the subordinate degrees to the Chapter and confer the degrees pertaining thereto, I am asked. "Can't we open in the Preparatory Degrees and confer said degrees without opening in the Royal Arch?"

I answered: After a Chapter has been closed no Lodge subordinate thereto can be opened with less than nine Royal Arch Masons, but a Chapter being regularly opened may, when necessary, call off to a designated period not beyond its next regular Convocation, when such subordinate Lodges may be opened and degrees conferred, there being present in each degree the requisite number for that purpose who are also Royal Arch Masons.

On January 13th, I approved an amendment to the by-laws of Madison Chapter changing time of holding their regular Convocations from the second and fourth Wednesdays to the first and third Mondays.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted:

August 16. To Florida Chapter, No. 1, to elect and install High Priest, King and Scribe, to fill vacancies occasioned by removal of the High Priest from the jurisdiction, the death of the Scribe and the possible promotion of the King.

October 29. To Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 24, to ballot on petitions before said Chapter at a called meeting thereof.

October 18. To Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, to elect and confer the four Chapter Degrees in advance of the time specified in the by-laws of said Chapter, the Secretary having failed to present the petitions at the proper time.

December 20. To St. John's Chapter, No. 4, to publicly install its officers on the 2d of January, 1891.

January 1, 1891. To Jacksonville Chapter, No 12, to elect and install officers, they having failed to hold election at the proper time.

January 8, 1891. To Island Chapter, No. 21, to elect and install officers, they having failed to hold election at the proper time.

February 8, 1891. To Tampa Chapter, No. 3, to hold an election of officers.

CONCLUSION.

It will be observed from what has been reported that your presiding officer has been called upon to perform but few official acts, which should not be taken as a lack of zeal in our Institution, but rather in the light that harmony prevails throughout our jurisdiction. And see to it, Companions, that no disturbing material be brought within our portals to disturb that harmony. Look well to the character of the material, that it be such as will redound to the credit and prosperity of the Order.

And now, Companions, let us to the discharge of our duties, promptly yet considerately, that we may go hence with an approving conscience that we have done all that devolved upon us to do.

My grateful thanks are due to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter for their courtesy and assistance, and especially to the Grand Secretary for valuable assistance and courtesy.

J. W. BOYD.

REFERENCE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That so much of the annual address of the Grand High Priest as relates to necrological matters be referred to the Committee on Memorials; that so much thereof as relates to law, decisions and special dispensations be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; that so much thereof as relates to Grand Representatives be approved, and that the residue of said address, or so much thereof as is not otherwise referred, be referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest announced the foregoing special committee to be composed of H. Glogowski, I. E. Webster and H. T. Wartman.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary presented the following annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, to-wit:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1890 were promptly printed and distributed as usual, and I recommend that hereafter four copies be sent to each Chapter, that the Council Officers may each have a copy, and one copy be required to remain always in the Chapter for ready reference at all times. I also recommend that four copies be sent to each Grand Chapter in reciprocal exchange, that the retiring Grand High Priests may have a copy. I further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send our Proceedings to all regular Masonic organizations which will reciprocate.

Matters contained in the address of the Grand High Priest are not repeated here.

The charters of defunct Chapters Nos. 6 and 11 have been sent to the Grand Secretary's office; that of No. 19 has not, though requested so to do.

The Grand Chapter in 1885 sustained a very great loss by fire, and had no insurance; it now has property in custody of the Grand Secretary upon which a reasonable insurance ought to be carried.

All matters appertaining to the office of Grand Secretary have been faithfully performed, and your scrutiny is solicited.

Although one of our Chapters has surrendered to adversity, the others are prospering, as the appended account will show.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Grand Secretary.

COLLECTIONS.

		Dr.
D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, to Grand Chapter,		
1891, May 12—	To dues of Florida Chapter, No. 1...	$34 00
	To dues of Gainesville Chapter, No. 2,	28 00
	To dues of Tampa Chapter, No. 3...	24 00
	To dues of St. John's Chapter, No. 4.	
	To dues of Eureka Chapter, No. 7,.	46 00
		$132 00

Carried forward.....

	Brought forward	$132 00
1891, May 12	To dues of Madison Chapter, No. 8	40 00
	To dues of Putnam Chapter, No. 9	39 00
	To dues of Jacksonville Chap., No. 12,	80 00
	To dues of Ocala Chapter, No. 13	63 00
	To dues of Providence Chap., No. 20,	20 00
	To dues of Island Chapter, No. 21	47 00
	To dues of Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 22,	31 00
	To dues of Mount Moriah Chapter, No.	
		$452 00
1891, May 12	By paid Grand Treasurer	452 00

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, to-wit:

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following financial statement:

		DR.	
1890. May 10	To balance in treasury	$ 569.03	
1891. May 12	To Rec'd from G. S. D. C. Dawkins	452.00	
			$1,021.03
		CR.	
1890. May 11	By salary of Grand Secretary	$ 150.00	
" "	By salary of Grand Chaplain	10.00	
" "	By salary of Grand Guard	15.00	
" "	By office rent, postage, etc., G. S.	67.00	
June 4	By per diem and mileage allowed	80.05	
1891.	By printing Proceedings of 1890	48.00	
May 12	By Balance	650.98	
			$1,021.03

Fraternally submitted,

May 12, 1891. JOHN H. STEPHENS, Grand Treasurer.

CHAPTER RETURNS.

The Grand Secretary presented the returns which he had received from the Chapters, and they were referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

GREETING.

W. A. McLean, P. G. H. P., verbally presented a fraternal greeting from Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P., and Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., moved that this Grand Chapter heartily reciprocates the brotherly sentiment, to be conveyed to him through a printed copy of the Proceedings, which motion was duly seconded and adopted.

REFRESHMENT.

A. Paterson, P. G. H. P., moved that when the Grand Chapter be called to refreshment that it be until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to refreshment until 10 A. M., to-morrow.

1891, MAY 13, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

PRESENT:

Most Excellent James W. Boyd, Grand High Priest, and others, as on yesterday.

CALLED TO LABOR.

The Grand Chapter was duly called from refreshment to labor; prayer being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and confirmed.

RETURNS.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted, to-wit;

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials report that

the matter of credentials has heretofore been disposed of by the Grand Chapter.

We find correct the returns of Chapters bearing the following numbers, to-wit: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 21 and 22.

We find No. 20 due $10, by error.

Eustis Chapter No. 10, has surrendered its charter, which is in the Archives of the Grand Chapter. This is but the end of a long, lingering disease, commonly known as apathy, and we fear that the same dreadful malady has struck our Companions in the Western portion of the State, as no return has come up from No. 24 since the consolidation in 1888. Redoubled assiduity is recommended to all Companions interested in efficient remedies.

Tampa Chapter No. 3, has sent up its returns for 1889 and 1890, and has paid only a portion of its dues. Its languishing condition is due to the yellow fever epidemic which so sorely afflicted that city three years ago; but the surviving Companions, after so long a struggle, begin to experience the sensation of revival to which Grand Chapter leniency will evidently contribute. Such, at least, is our hope and belief, and we therefore recommend that the balance of its indebtedness, up to December 27, 1890, be cancelled.

We congratulate the Chapters making correct returns, for their neatness and creditable painstaking, and urge upon all the Chapters to have their returns into the hands of the Grand Secretary at least ten days before each Annual Grand Convocation.

D. C. DAWKINS,
A. PATERSON,
W. W. TUCKER,
Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter State of Florida:

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to report as follows:

1. Inasmuch as the committee appointed from last year to report a standard work for the several degrees of the Chapter have been unable to make such selection, owing to adverse circumstances, we would recommend the continuance of said committee for another year.

2. Your committee would recommend the final adoption of the proposed amendments to Section 4 of Article I of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Florida, to read as follows:

The Annual Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Jacksonville, at such time as may be designated by this Grand Chapter, and the Representatives of three chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum. *Provided*, That the Grand High Priest may, for good cause, designate some other time and place within this Grand Jurisdiction for holding the Annual Grand Convocation. *And Provided, also*, That the Grand High Priest may call a special Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter when, in his discretion, it may be necessary or important to do so. And hereafter the opening of this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall appoint the following standing committees, each to consist of not less than three members:

1. On Returns and Credentials.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. On Propositions and Grievances.
4. On Dispensations and By-Laws.
5. On Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. On Finance and Accounts.
7. On Memorials.
8. On Foreign Correspondence.
9. On Printing.
10. On Work.

The Committee on Work shall consist of three members, the term of one of which shall expire each year. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence to sit during the recess of the Grand Chapter.

3. In regard to the continued inactivity of Jefferson R. A. Chapter No. 5, your committee would respectfully recommend to continue the same another year, a visit from the Grand High Priest as being, in their opinion, the most effectual method of reviving the said Chapter.

4. Your committee also find on page 22 of Grand Chapter proceedings of 1890, that Companions W. A. McLean and D. C. Dawkins were appointed a committee to prepare a printed Ritual for Installation ceremonies, but your committee would respectfully report that we are unable to find the aforesaid printed Ritual among any of the books or papers belonging to this Grand Chapter.

Beyond the foregoing report, your committee find no further unfinished business requiring the action of this Grand Chapter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. RICHARD,
H. GLOGOWSKI.

The Grand Treasurer moved that the foregoing report on unfinished business be acted upon *seriatim*, which was duly seconded and adopted.

Upon paragraph No. 1 of said report, the Grand Treasurer offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That that portion of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business relating to the Committee on Work be adopted and the Committee on Work to report a uniform system at the next Convocation of this grand body and be prepared to exemplify all the Chapter degrees.

Upon paragraph No. 2, of said report, it was moved, seconded and adopted, that the proposed amendment to the Constitution to be found on pages 22 and 23 of the printed proceedings of 1890, be adopted, excepting only the words on page 23, "the Committee on Work shall consist of three members, the term of one of which, shall expire each year."

Paragraph No. 3 of said report was concurred in.

Upon consideration of paragraph No. 4 the committee was continued for another year.

The aforesaid report was then unanimously adopted as amended by the aforesaid actions of the Grand Chapter.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report as follows:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, presented to the present Grand Convocation, and find them correct, and recommend their adoption.

We recommend the following appropriations, to-wit:

Salary of Grand Secretary for past year	$150 00
Salary of Grand Chaplain	10 00
Salary of Guard	15 00
Office rent, postage, etc., Grand Secretary	60 00

Also, the payment of a per diem of two dollars, and five cents per mile, one way, to the senior officer present from each Chapter duly represented at the present Convocation, and elective Grand Officers not mentioned above. When no officer is present to represent his Chapter, the proxy present for the Senior officer is entitled to it.

We recommend the printing of the proceedings of the present Convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer pay for the same and other necessary expenses.

T. S. WILMARTH,
H. T. WARTMAN,
I. E. WEBSTER.

Jacksonville, Florida, May 13, 1891.

JURISPRUDENCE.

A majority of the Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have carefully considered the matters referred to it, and report as follows:

The decision of the Grand High Priest, in the matter of inquiries from Florida R. A. Chapter, seems to be in harmony with regulations 24 and 48, and are therefore approved, with the understanding that Chapters are not authorized to call off one regular Convocation until the next for the purpose of doing work in the Lodges.

Believing that the law as it stands is rather too rigid for practical utility with all the Chapters, we recommend, that regulation 21 be amended by adding thereto the following words, to-wit: *Provided*, that the High Priest may call meetings of the Lodges respectively, to confer the Lodge degrees upon duly elected candidates, and do the work with the working quorums, Mark Master's Lodge —, Past Master's Lodge —, and Most Excellent Master's Lodge —, and all of whom are not necessarily required to be Royal Arch Masons; and for such purpose, the Chapter, like a court of chancery, is always open, and must always be expressly recognized in the records of meetings.

The committee also recommend that Regulation No. 48 be amended by adding thereto the words: "Except for the purpose contained in this proviso to Regulation No. 21."

Your committee find that the special dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest conform to precedent, and are therefore approved.

The office of High Priest, like that of a king, is never vacant, for when the duly elected Companion can no longer fill it, the King or Scribe successively enter, therefore care should be taken and a dispensations hould never be granted in such a case, unless the King and Scribe surviving expressly join in the application. To this principle the Grand High Priest adhered in his decision.

W. A. McLean,
D. C. Dawkins,
Committee.

A. Paterson, P. G. H. P., of said committee, presented the following minority report:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

The undersigned, member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, agrees with the majority, except that part which permits the subordinate Lodges to meet without there being nine members present. And would recommend the following be the law of the Grand Chapter on this subject:

That the subordinate Lodges may be opened without opening the R. A. degree, provided there be nine present. All business of the Chapter must be done when opened on the R. A. degree, but it may be called off, and the subordinate Lodges opened for the purpose of conferring degrees, but the R. A. must be closed within a few days. When the R. A. is opened, eight members or more shall compose a Mark Lodge. Three members or more shall compose a Past Master's Lodge, and two members or more shall compose a Most Excellent Master's Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Angus Paterson,
Of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

May 13, 1891.

On motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the foregoing majority report was adopted, and the three blanks therein were ordered to be filled as follows, to-wit: After the words "Mark Masters' Lodge," insert the word "five;" after the words "Past Masters' Lodge," insert the word "three;" and after the words "Most Excellent Masters' Lodge," the word "two."

ELECTIONS, ETC.

The Grand Treasurer offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Chapter calls from labor to refreshment, that labor be resumed at 3:30 P. M., and the first business of the afternoon session shall be the election of Grand officers.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 3:30 P. M.

1891, May 13, 3:30 P. M.

PRESENT.

Most Excellent James W. Boyd, Grand High Priest, and others as at the morning session.

CALLING ON.

The Grand Chapter was duly called to labor; the devotional exercises were conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES.

The foregoing minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

ELECTION.

The Grand Chapter, as per previous appointment, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when the following were duly elected, to-wit:

Thomas S. Wilmarth—Grand High Priest.
Frank P. Mersereau—Deputy Grand High Priest.
Irving E. Webster—Grand King.
John H. Stephens—Grand Scribe.
Henry S. Ely—Grand Treasurer.
DeWitt C. Dawkins—Grand Secretary.
William A. McLean—Grand Chaplain.

NECROLOGY.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report which was adopted, to-wit:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Memorials respectfully present the following report:

Leaving the busy marts of trade for a brief period, we have convened for the purpose of considering those matters which tend to satisfy the longings of the human heart for something purer and holier and which tend to bring us nearer the great "I AM;" the source of all our earthly comforts, the better to fit us for the duties of this life.

Man is a progressive being, not satisfied with what he sees around him, but is ever looking into the future.

The present is but a fragment of that eternity toward which we are drifting, and the chief end and aim of man is to be prepared for the life upon which he is to enter when his labors here shall have ceased. Our motto being "Holiness to the Lord" it should be our highest pleasure to use those blessings which the Almighty has bestowed upon us, in accordance with the dictates of His will accompanied with infinite love.

While we consider this to be true Royal Arch Masonry, there still lingers a sadness when a Companion leaves us to join the grand council on high and we would that we could say, that within the past year our ranks have not been broken by the grim monster, Death, but our Most Excellent Grand High Priest calls attention to the vacant chair of Companion John F. Niblack, Grand Captain of the Host, an active, zealous and genial companion, who cheerfully responded to every call of duty, and while we mourn our loss we are called to extend the hand of sympathy to our sister grand jurisdictions.

That grand leader and head of Scottish Rite Masonry, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, General Albert Pike, has been called into the Supreme Grand Council of Heaven, one of the grandest men the world has ever produced—one whose whole soul was devoted to the principles of Freemasonry.

M. E. Companion, Alfred F. Chapman, by *Angina Pectoris*, suddenly took his upward flight from his residence in the City of Boston, on the 20th of March, 1891, in the 62 year of his age. He was that kind of a Mason, whose services were demanded in every department, from the checkered floor, through the Presidency of High Priesthood, to the position of

General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, which latter position he filled 1883 to 1886, and was never in any place found wanting. He erected a perpetual monument to himself, as editor of the *Liberal Free-Mason*, and his sparkling genius will long linger with the memory of those who knew him.

From the Grand Chapter of Missouri has gone James E. Cadle, P. G. H. P., and from the Grand Chapter of Michigan has also gone A. Bernard Cudworth, P. G. H. P., men of excellent worth and zealous Masons.

From Connecticut has gone Nathan Dikeman, P. G. H. P., perhaps one of the youngest yet one of the most zealous workers of the Royal Arch; and from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Hiram Bassett, P. G. H. P. has gone, "a man full of years and full of honors." He had served as Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite—Grand Commander of Knights Templar—and passed away as Grand Master of the 3d Vail of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, leaving behind a record complete.

From the Grand Chapter of Maryland has gone John Snowden Tyson, P. G. H. P., a true friend to the needy, whose life was pure and undefiled.

From the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts has gone Rev. John W. Dadman, P. G. H. P., bold, intelligent, considerate and prudent, he was in himself equipped as an authority in all matters contributing to the welfare of the Craft.

From the Grand Chapter of South Carolina has gone A. Doty, G. H. P.; as a brilliant Mason he stood without a superior, leaving an example worthy of emulation.

From the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin has gone John Hawkins Roundtree, P. G. H. P., a man devoted to the principles of Masonry, faithful and conscientious in the discharge of every duty, and from the Grand Chapter of Vermont has also gone Franklin H. Bascom, G. K., genial and generous, his time was devoted to the welfare of Chapter.

From the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa has gone John Calvin Parish, Emeritus Grand Secretary, faithful in every trust, just and upright, and from the Grand Chapter of Ohio Matthias H. Watt, Excellent Grand Secretary, whose lifelong work with the Craft made him a noted Secretary.

From the Grand Chapter of Connecticut has also gone James E. Coer, G. P. S., who devoted his time and talents to the welfare of the Rite.

All these companions have ceased their labors in the lower Council and have crossed the dark river to wear the jewels of

the Supreme Grand Council, leaving behind them influences that will never die, but as seed sown, they will sprout again and again bearing fruit continuously.

May the Supreme Ruler, whose name forms the grand principle and foundation of our Chapter, comfort the afflicted and keep us in that rectitude of conduct that will guide us into the highway of holiness unto Himself.

I. E. WEBSTER,
T. S. WILMARTH,
W. A. MCLEAN,
Committee.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

H. T. Wartman, P. H. P. offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. P. appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to take all necessary and proper steps to ascertain the *status* of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction; and report at the next annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest appointed as such committee;

HENRY T. WARTMAN,
JAMES W. BOYD,
EDGAR A. RICHARD.

GRAND REPRESENTATION.

Warren Tyler, H. P., presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut near the Grand Chapter of Florida, and was received as such, with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry; and Companion Robert McClellan was also received as representative of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

TEMPLE FUND.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be contributed by this Grand Chapter to the erection of a Masonic Temple in Jacksonville, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized and instructed to pay said sum to the Grand Lodge Building Committee for that purpose.

INSTALLATIONS, ETC.

The newly elected Grand Officers were duly installed into their respective offices by William A. McLean, P. G. H. P.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Grand Officers, who were also duly installed by W. A. McLean, P. G. H. P., to-wit:

ANGUS PATERSON, Grand Captain of the Host.
EDGAR A. RICHARDS, Grand Principal Sojourner.
HERMAN GLOGOWSKI, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
WARREN TYLER, Grand Master 3d Vail.
HENRY T. WARTMAN, Grand Master 2d Vail.
DEWITT M. RODEFER, Grand Master 1st Vail.
JAMES F. CLARK, Grand Guard.

SPECIAL REPORT.

The Special Committee on residue of Grand High Priest's Address, presented the following report, which was adopted, to-wit:

To M. E. Grand Chapter:

The Special Committee to which was referred the portions of the Address of the Grand High Priest which was not referred to other committees, or otherwise disposed of, report, that we have considered the thoughts and sentiments contained in said address, and recommend them to the thoughtful consideration of all the Royal Craft in Florida.

We recommend that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to M. E. Companion Boyd for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged his official duties.

H. GLOGOWSKI,
I. E. WEBSTER,
H. T. WARTMAN,
Committee.

NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The Grand Treasurer offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville on the second Tuesday in May A. D. 1892, at H. 12.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed with the proceedings. And the resolutions thereunto appended were unanimously adopted.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence report, that inasmuch as the Masonic fraternity of our State are specially engaged in an effort to erect a Masonic Temple, in which the Grand Chapter feels an active interest, we have deemed it indiscreet to produce a general review of the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters, thereby saving the expense of printing it in aid of the purpose indicated.

We are vain enough, if vanity it is, to entertain the impression that others would like to know, in all the Grand Jurisdictions, what we had to say about them. And the Royal Craft in Florida are the greatest losers in failing to obtain the good news and glad tidings that await the gatherings from the published annals of the Grand Chapters throughout the great Royal Arch heritage, but we must humbly, if not cheerfully, submit to these disadvantages, "working and eating are our bread," so to speak, until the stumbling blocks shall have been removed, the rough and rugged places shall have been safely passed, and until the brighter day of prosperity shall have dawned upon us, and "the glory of the Lord shall have filled the Lord's House."

Your committee has at least partially examined the published proceedings of the various Grand Chapters as they were severally received, with unusual pleasure and profit, and only regret that we cannot here divide the rich legacies with you, and must be content to present such matters to your consideration as require your action. Your attention, therefore, will be directed to the new links which have been inserted, thus enlarging the Royal Chain of fraternal union and affection.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indian Territory was regularly organized, under the auspices of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, on the 15th day of February, 1890, with that indomitable, Mason, M. E. Joseph S Morrow, as Grand High Priest. At first there was a want of confidence, in the minds of high officials, in the feasibility of organizing a successful Grand Chapter in that vast territory, but its eager organization and onward progress since, puts to final rest all such doubts; so that we

may hail the brilliant young sister, with all our heart, as one of the brightest links, solid at that, in the Royal chain. As the Grand Chapter of Florida held its Annual Convocation last year in May for the first time, and there was no report on Foreign Correspondence, the matter of recognition was not attended to when it probably ought to have been, for which we feel sorry, but we may not have received the necessary information. At any rate, we now append hereto a resolution for that purpose, and recommend its adoption.

An annual Convocation of this new Grand Chapter was held November 6, 1890, at which M. E. Edmond H. Doyle was elected Grand High Priest and the M. E. Joseph S. Morrow was elected Grand Secretary.

We have heretofore been in fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Dakota. When that immense territory was divided and became the Sovereign States of North and South Dakota, the establishment of a Grand Chapter in each became a necessity, which has been harmoniously accomplished. The Grand Chapter of North Dakota held its first Annual Grand Communication at Grand Forks, June 18, 1890. M. E. Leonard E. Chase was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Thomas J. Wilder was elected Grand Secretary. We append hereunto a resolution for its recognition, and recommend its adoption.

The Grand Chapter of South Dakota held its first Annual Grand Convocation at the city of Madison, June 9, 1890. M. E. Henry S. Williams was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Geo. A. Pettigrew was elected Grand Secretary.

Whether or not the original command to "multiply and replenish" was intended to apply to the generation of Grand Chapters, the admonition seems to have been taken as specially given, and the increasing process is still going on. The youngest babe of all being of full twelve months' conception, (and still wearing long dresses), saw the dawn of its first day November 12, 1890. It sprang into existence under authority of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and seems to have fair prospects ahead. M. E. Martin W. Kales was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. Geo. J. Roskruge, Grand Secretary. We append a resolution for recognition, and recommend its adoption.

Fraternally submitted.

D. C. Dawkins,
For the Committee.

APPENDED RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indian Territory be, and is hereby recognized as a regular, sovereign and independent Grand Chapter, and that an exchange of Grand Representatives be solicited.

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota be, and is hereby recognized as a regular, sovereign and independent Grand Chapter, and that the mutual representation already established be continued.

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota be, and is hereby recognized as a regular, sovereign and independent Grand Chapter, soliciting exchange of Representatives.

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona be, and is hereby recognized as a regular, sovereign and independent Grand Chapter, mutual relations of amity being desired.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, duly made, seconded and adopted, the thanks of this Grand Chapter are tendered to Jacksonville R A. Chapter No. 12, for use of Hall.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the railroads for special rates.

MINUTES.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

CLOSING.

There appearing to be no further business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, the devotions being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

D. C. Dawkins

Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

CHAPTERS	No.	Members last year	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Total	Deaths	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled	Rejected	Present Membership
Florida	1	29	1			30	2	1	1			26
Gainesville	2	30		2		32	1	3				28
Tampa	3	22		2		24						24
St. Johns	4	17	7	2		26						26
Eureka	7	37	5	2		44	1	3	2			38
Madison	8	52	1	1		54	1	3	6			44
Putnam	9	33	3	1		37	1		2			34
Jacksonville	12	58	12	1	2	73		4				69
Ocala	13	26	6			32		2	1			29
Providence	20	26	4	1		31	1	2				28
Island	21	38	5			43	3	1				39
Thomas Brown	22	32			1	33						33
		400	44	12	3	459	10	19	12			418

SUMMARY.

Number of Members last year, as per Returns	400
Whole gain	59
	459
Total	41
Whole loss	418
Present Membership	18
Net gain	

CHAPTER DIRECTORY.

CHAPTERS	NO.	HIGH PRIESTS	KINGS	SCRIBES	TREASURERS	SECRETARIES	P. O. ADDRESS
Florida	1	W M McIntosh, Sr	D McLachlan	W P Denham	R Gambell	S A Wauchope	Tallahassee.
Gainesville	2	I E Webster	A M Cushman	J R Eddins	T A Carroll		Gainesville.
Tampa	3	H Glogowski	B A Brown	J C White	R B Thomas	M D Cushing	Tampa.
St Johns	4	S B Wright	A E Gleason	J R Wetherell	F H Enos	J H Hibbard	DeLand.
Eureka	7	E A Richards	W H Jewell	G W Burden	M Gore	W F Barnes	Orlando.
Madison	8	W S Jordan	M H Waring	J W Williams	H J Paramore	J E Pound	Madison.
Putnam	9	F P Mersereau	C Gillis	W J Winegar	M Kohl	Marcus Loeb	Palatka.
Jacksonville	12	H S Ely	M H Motte	J D Sinclair	J C Greeley	A M Lenig	Jacksonville.
Ocala	13	J N Whitefield	O G Finch	D M Rodeffer	W Fox	John S Forazer	Ocala.
Providence	20	J F Niblack	J M Tolbert	R C Martin	D A Reeves	A C Odom	Providence.
Island	21	J J Delaney	W McClintock	B Albury	S Filer	R A Monsalvatge	Key West.
Thomas Brown	22	W Tyler	J F Hancock, Jr	T L Hughes	S Lang	J W Boyd	Bartow.
*Mount Moriah	24	G S Hallmark				A L Williams	Pensacola.

* No return of officers for 1889.

DIRECTORY OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

GRAND CHAPTERS	GRAND SECRETARIES.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama	Myles J. Greene	Montgomery.
Arizona Territory	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	David McLellan	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmalee	Pueblo
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Delaware	James H. Price	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Lewis G. Stephens	Washington.
England	Frederick K. Brinklee	London, W. C.
General Grand Chapter	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo, New York.
Georgia	A. M. Wollihin	Macon.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.
Ireland	Samuel B. Oldham	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Joseph H. Branham	Louisville.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Seranus Bowen	Boston.
Michigan	Wm. P. Innis	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	W. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Brunswick	T. Nisbett Robertson	Saint John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	George B. Edwards	Jersey City.
New York	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Thomas J Wilder	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Thomas J. Smithers	Halifax.
Ohio	George T. Southers	Cincinnati.
Oregon	J. H. Bronnwell	Portland.
Pennsylvania	R. P. Earhart	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island	Charles E. Meyer	Charlottetown.
Quebec	G. W. Wakefield	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Joseph Mitchell	Providence.
Scotland	Wm. R. Greene	Edinburgh
South Carolina	D. Murray Lyon	Charleston.
South Dakota	J. E. Burke	Flandreau.
Tennessee	George A Pettigrew	Nashville.
Texas	John Frizzell	Houston.
Vermont	Robert Brewster	Burlington.
Virginia	Warren G. Reynolds	Richmond.
Washington	William B. Isaacs	Walla Walla.
West Virginia	Young C. Blalock	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Morris	Milwaukee.
	John W. Laffin	

PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO DATE.

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1847..	Th s Douglas*....	John P Duval*	Henry R Taylor*....	Geo W McRae*.....	Edwin D Nash*.....	John B Taylor*.....	Edwin L T Blake
1848..	John P Duval*....	Isaac B Bronson*...	Geo W McRae*.....	D S Graham*.....	Thomas Brown*.....	John B Taylor*. ..	Edwin L T Blake
1849..	Isaac H Bronson*.	Harry R Taylor*....	D S Graham*.....	R A Shine*.....	Thos Haywood*.....	John B Taylor*.....	Charles E Dyke*
1850..	Harry R Taylor*..	D S Graham*.....	R A Shine*.....	Gad Humphreys*...	David C Wilson*....	John B Taylor*	Edwin L T Blake
1851..	Thomas Brown*...	Gad Humphreys*...	Alfred A Fisher.....	Benj Sawyer.....	David C Wilson*....	John B Tayl r*.....	Geo M M'Donald
1852..	R A Shine*.... ...	Sam'l B Stephens*..	Sam'l Boardman....	Dan'l O McLean....	David C Wilson*....	John B Taylor*.....	Charles E Dyke*
1853..	Sam'l Boardman..	J M W Davidson*...	C A M Mitchell	James S Rust*.....	David C Wilson*....	J hn B Taylor*	A G Oag
1854..	J Wayles Baker*..	Thomas Y Henry* ..	James Ellenw od...	John L McKinnon*	David C Wilson*....	John B Tayl r*.....	Homer Hender
1855..	J. Wayles Baker*.	Edward R Ives*.....	Joseph S May.....	.....	David C Wilson*....	John B Taylor*.....	Homer Hender
1856..	Thos Haywood*...	Edward R Ives*.....	John L McKinnon*.	James Ellenwood...	R A Shine*.....	John B Taylor*.....	Charles E Dyke*
1857..	Thos Haywood*...	James Ellenwood...	John L McKinnon*	David S Walker.....	Thos Hayward*.....	John B Taylor*.....	J R Plummer
1858..	Ga Humphreys*.	James Ellenwood...	D P Holland*.....	Charles E Dyke*....	John T Bond*.....	John B Taylor*.....	John Penny*
1859..	D P Holland*	.....	Geo F Baltzell*	Calvin Davis*.....	Thos Hayward*.....	John B Taylor*.....	John Penny*
1860.	*Thos Y Henry*....	*Geo F Baltzell*.....*	*George D Fisher*...*	*Josiah Paine*.....	*Thos Hayward*.....*	*John B Taylor*.....*	*John Penny**
1861.	*Geo F Baltzell*...	*James Ellenwood...*	*Franklin Branch*...*	*Charles Slager*.....*	*Thos Hayward*.....*	*John B Taylor*.....*	*Edwin L T Blake*
1862.	*Geo F Baltzell*...	*James Ellenwood...*	*Charles Slager*.....*	*D C Dawkins.....*	*Thos Hayward*.....*	*John B Taylor*.....*	*Edwin L T Blake*
1863.	*Geo F Baltzell*...	*James Ellenwood...*	*Green H Hunter*...*	*Wm H Arendell*....*	*Thos Hayward*.....*	*John B Taylor*.....*	*Thos A Carruth*
1864.	*Geo F Baltzell*...	*James Ellenwood..*	*Thos K Leonard ....*	*Wm H Arendell*....*	*Thos Hayward*.....*	*Hugh A Corley.....*	*Columb's Smith**
1865.	*David Jones*.	*D C Dawkins.....*	*B S Fuller.....*	*Elias Earle.....*	*T Preston Tatum*..*	*Hugh A Corley.....*	*Columb's Smith**
1866.	*David Jones*.....*	*D C Dawkins.....*	*Elias Earle.....*	*J A Lea*.....*	*T Preston Tatum*.*	*Hugh A Corley .....*	*Columb's Smith**
1867.	*David Jones*.....*	*Wm Morrill*.....*	*Charles Slager*.....*	*Chas K Sparhawk*..*	*T Preston Tatum'*	*Hugh A Corley .....*	*Samuel C Craft*
1868.	*Jas Ellenwood....*	*Wm Morrill*.....*	*Charles Slager*.....*	*M M T Hutchingson*	*T Preston Tatum*..*	*Hugh A Corley .....*	*Wm A McLean*
1869.	*D C Dawkins.....*	*M M T Hutchingson*	*H H Berry*.....*	*Michael Bowes.....*	*T Preston Tatum*..*	*Edw Bradford, Jr*..*	*Thos A Carruth*
1870.	*D C Dawkins.. ...*	*Charles Slager*.....*	*Charles Mundee*...*	*Samuel Pasco.....*	*T Preston Tatum*.*	*Edw Bradford. Jr*..*	*Thos A Carruth*
1871.	*D C Dawkins.....*	*James Ellenwood...*	*Wm Morrill*.....*	*Theodore Ball.....*	*T Preston Tatum*..*	*W M McIntosh .....*	*Edwin L T Blake*
1872.	*Wm Morrill*.....*	*Hugh A Corley.....*	*John C Ley .....*	*James L Taylor.....*	*T Preston Tatum*...*	*W M McIntosh.....*	*Thos A Carruth*
1873.	*Michael Bowes....*	*Samuel Pasco.....*	*John S Driggs.....*	*Benj J Alderman*..*	.....	*DeWitt C Dawkins..*	*John Penny**
1874.	*Michael Bowes....*	*John S Driggs.....*	*Ben G Alderman*...*	.....	*Wm A Young.....*	*DeWitt C Dawkins..*	*John Penny**
1875.	*Henry W Long....*	*Edward P Jordan*..*	*Wm T Weeks .....*	*W W Tucker.....*	.....	*DeWitt C Dawkins..*	*John Penny**
1876.	*John S Driggs*	*Charles J Allred....*	*W W Tucker.....*	*John T Miller.....*	.....	*DeWitt C Dawkins..*	*John Peuny**
1877.	*John S Driggs....*	*George R Jones*....*	*W W Tucker.....*	*John T Miller.....*	*L McConihe*.....*	*DeWitt C Dawkins..*	*John Penny**
1878.	*Enos Wasgate ....*	*Robert J Perry.....*	*G R Wentworth*....*	*Geo S Hallmark .. .*	*L McConihe*.....*	*DeWitt C Dawkins..*	*John Penny**
1879.	*Robert J Perry..*	*G E Wentworth*....*	*Geo S Hallmark.....*	*Hugh A Corley.....*	*L McConihe*.....*	*DeWitt C Dawkins..*	*John Penny**
1880.	*Robert J Perry....*	*Geo S Hallmark.....*	*Wm E Anderson....*	*Wm A McLean.....*	*L McConihe*.....*	*DeWitt C Dawkins..*	*John Penny**

*Dead.

PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1881..	W A McLean.....	Wm E Anderson...	Warren F Scott. ...	John G Ellis.....	L McConihe*.....	DeWitt C Dawkins..	John Penny*....
1882..	W A McLean.....	Wm E. Anderson ...	Warren F Scott.....	G S Hallmark.....	L McConihe*.....	DeWitt C Dawkins..	John Penny*....
1883..	Geo S Hallmark...	Wm E Anderson....	Warren F Scott.....	J W V R Plummer..	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins..	John Penny*....
1884..	Wm E Anderson..	Warren F Scott.....	J W V R Plummer.	Angus Paterson	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins..	Wm A McLean..
1885..	Wm E Anderson..	J W V R Plummer.	Angus Paterson.....	Marcus Endel.....	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins..	Wm A McLean..
1886..	Angus Paterson...	Marcus Endel.....	F S Goodrich ...	John G Ellis.....	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins..	John S Wharton
1887..	Angus Paterson ..	Marcus Endel.....	F S Goodrich	R A Monsalvatge ...	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins..	Wm A McLean..
1888..	Marcus Endel.....	Fred S Goodrich....	Wm M McIntosh....	Chas H Munger.....	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins..	Wm A McLean..
1889..	Marcus Endel.....	Fred S Goodrich...	James W Boyd.....	Chas H Munger.....	T S Wilmarth.....	DeWitt C Dawkins..	Wm A McLean..
1890..	J W Boyd.....	T S Wilmarth...	S B Wright.....	F P Mersereau.....	John H Stephens...	DeWitt C Dawkins..	Wm A McLean..

*Dead.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

GRAND CHAPTERS	OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA
Alabama.....	B F Pope, Gadsden.....	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.
Arkansas	Will Gee, Bardenell.....	W B Barnett, Jacksonville.
Canada.....	James Moffat, London, Ont....	R J Perry, Key West.
Colorado.....	R W Woodbury, Denver	Wm A McLean, Jacksonville.
Connecticut	Rev J H Stidham, New Britain	Warren Tyler, Bartow.
Georgia.....	W A Davis, Macon.....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Illinois.....	W L Orr, Carrollton.....	.....
Indiana.....	Elmer Crocket, South Bend....	R R Shepard, Milton.
Iowa.....	Caleb Lamb, Newton.....	S B Wright, DeLand.
Kansas.....	E D Hillyer, Grasshopper Falls	W J Winegar, Palatka.
Kentucky.....	J W Stason, Brooksville.....	W McClintock, Key West.
Louisiana.....	J C Batchelor, New Orleans....	Wm A McLean, Jacksonville.
Maine	Henry R Taylor, Machias.....	H Glogowski, Tampa.
Maryland	Nathan Leyman	W W Tucker, Key West.
Massachusetts...	Alexander K Bryer.....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Minnesota.....	John F Benezet, St Paul.....	W M McIntosh, Tallahassee.
Mississippi.....	J L Powers, Jackson.....	Samuel Pasco, Monticello.
Missouri	Rev C C Wood, Kansas City ...	J W Boyd, Bartow.
Nebraska.....	John J Monnell, Omaha.....	R McClellan, Gainesville.
New Brunswick..	W H B Sadler, St John.....	.....
New Jersey.....	Ed L Tillow, Elizabeth.....	R J Perry, Key West.
New York.....	Rees G Williams, Utica.....	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
North Carolina..	M Bowes, Raleigh.....	.....
North Dakota...	John W Scott, Valley City	Marcus Endel, Gainesville.
Nova Scotia .	John M Lawson, Yarmouth....	W. A McLean, Jacksonville...
Ohio	Wm E Evans, Chillicothe.....	.....
Oregon	Thomas G Reams.....	T S Wilmarth, Jacksonville.
Quebec.....	R G Adams	R J Perry, Key West.
Rhode Island ...	Charles R Cutler, Warren.....	Julius Stark, Gainesville.
Scotland	George Fisher, Edinburgh.....	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.
South Carolina..	A T Smythe, Charleston	D C Dawkins, Jacksonville.
South Dakota....	John F Schrader, Rapid City...	Marcus Endel, Gainesville.
Tennessee.....	B R Harris, Jackson.....	Geo S Hallmark, Pensacola.
Texas.....	Hy Scherffers, Houston	Angus Paterson, Madison.
Vermont.....	E C Houghton, N. Bennington	C Mek Oertting, Pensacola.
Virginia.....	James L Avis.....	W E Anderson, Pensacola.
Washington.....	Thomas M Reed, Olympia.....	F S Goodrich, DeLand.
West Virginia...	Jere A Miller, Wheeling.....	H W Long, Martel.
Wisconsin	Fred Ring, Jr., Lacrosse.....	R B Thomas, Tampa.

TO THE MEMORY

OF THE

COMPANIONS WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FROM THE CHAPTERS IN FLORIDA IN THE MASONIC YEAR A. D. 1890.

NAMES	DATE	CHAPTER
Peter Wise	April 18	Florida, No. 1.
Edward M West	June 15	Florida, No. 1.
Julius Stark	September 20	Gainesville, No. 2.
C E Pelot		Eureka, No. 7.
William Bryson	April 23	Madison, No. 8.
Sherman Conant	March	Putnam, No. 9.
Bluford M Williams	November 1	Providence, No. 20.
John H Coleman	August 17	Island, No. 21.
Manuel M Escassi	June 10	Island, No. 21.
George W Maslin	January 11	Island, No. 21.

INSTALLATION

OF THE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter being in readiness for the installation of its officers, the Grand High Priest, or installing officer, designates a Companion to act as Grand Marshal for the occasion, and instructs him to present the Grand High Priest elect for installation.

The Grand Marshal, taking care to see the newly elected Grand Officer divested of all robes and jewels, presents him at the Altar of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, saying:

Most Excellent: Companion———, having been duly elected to the office of Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, now stands before you upon this consecrated spot, declaring himself ready for installation.

The Grand High Priest, calling up the Grand Chapter, says:

Companions of the Grand Chapter: Behold in this sacred presence, Companion (name in full), who has been duly elected to preside over you as your Grand High Priest, and who now declares himself ready for installation. If any of you have any reasons to urge why he should not be installed, you will make your objections known now, or else forever hereafter hold your peace.

If no objection be made, he will say:

Hearing no objection, I shall proceed to install him.

The Installing Officer then descending to near the altar, administers the following obligation of office—all the Companions still standing:

I———, do promise and vow that I will serve as Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch

Masons of the State of Florida, for the term for which I have been elected, and will perform all the duties of that office to the best of my ability, and will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. So help me God.

The Grand Chaplain shall then offer the following prayer:

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God! the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth!

We approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over our Ancient Fraternity. Fill his heart with Thy love, that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy will. Make him steadfast in Thy service; grant him firmness of mind and kindness of disposition; teach him to rule his brethren, not with a rod of iron, but with justice and equity; animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors to do good. May he inculcate Thy judgments and Thy laws, and do all that his high office requires, with an eye single to Thy glory and the good of the Craft! Bless him, and bless them whom Thou hast put under him; and grant that, when we shall have finished the work of these earthly temples, we may be admitted to the glories of the temple eternal in the heavens. Amen.

Glory be to God on high!

Response by all the Companions:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. So mote it be. Amen.

The Installing officer will then invest the G. H. P. elect with the robes and jewels of his office, after which he may deliver to him the following charge:

CHARGE TO THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Most Excellent: By the voice of your Companions you have been chosen to occupy the most important and the most honorable office in their power to bestow; and to me has been intrusted the pleasing duty of investing you with its insignia.

You have been too long a member of our Ancient and Honorable Craft, to require now any instructions in relation to the duties of your office; and I do not doubt that you will be constant and regular in your attendance on the convocations of the Grand Chapter; watching with fidelity and diligence the conduct of the subordinate bodies within your jurisdiction; paying punctual attention to the Constitution of our Order, and requiring a due obedience to it from every member; and in all things, making the glory of the Grand

High Priest of the Universe, and the good of the Craft, the chief objects of your regard.

The ancient landmarks of the Fraternity, by which we are distinguished from the rest of the world, are peculiarly intrusted to your care; and it therefore becomes your most sacred duty to see that, during your administration, not the least of them may be removed.

From our knowledge of your zeal and ability, we feel confident that you will discharge the duties of this important station in such a manner as will greatly redound to the honor of your self as well as of the Fraternity over whom you have been elected to preside.

Let the *Mitre* with which you are invested remind you of the dignity of the office you sustain, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God—that perfection is not given unto man upon earth; and that perfect holiness belongeth alone unto the Lord.

The *Breast-Plate* with which you are decorated, in imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the twelve tribes, and worn by the High Priest of Israel, is to teach you that you are always to bear in mind your responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the Institution, and that the honor and interests of our Society and its members should be always near your heart.

The *various colors* of the *Robes* you wear, are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind, whose cultivation and constant practice are as necessary to your own present and future happiness, as they are, by the example they will afford, to the prosperity of the Craft over whom you are placed.

You will now assume your seat in the East, and instruct your subordinates in the duties which they are respectively required to discharge.

After he has taken his seat in the East the Grand Marshal will say:

Companions, in the name of the Most High God and by virtue of the anthority in me vested, I proclaim Comp. ——— Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, by three times three.

The Grand Honors of R. A. Masonry are then given.—

When deemed unnecessary to rehearse the whole ceremony of installation, at large, all the remaining Grand Officers may be presented at one time, and the Installing Officer will administer to them all together the following obligation:

I (all speaking their names) do promise and vow, that I will make myself familiar with the charges and duties of the office for which I have been selected and will perform the same, for the requisite time, to the best of my ability, and will specially support and maintain the Constitution and laws of this Grand Chapter. So help me God.

They will then be severally invested with their official insignia and take their stations and places.

After which the Grand Marshal proclaims—See page 42.

When the full ceremony is desirable the Deputy Grand High Priest elect will be presented to the Grand High Priest in the same manner as the G. H. P. was, and after taking a similar obligation, the Grand High Priest delivers the following:

CHARGE TO THE DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Most Excellent: The station to which you have been called by your Companions is one of great dignity and importance. In many cases, your powers and prerogatives are coextensive with those of your chief; and at all times you are, if he be present, to assist him with your counsel and cooperation, and, in his absence, to preside over the Craft. But while your powers and privileges are thus extensive, remember that they bring with them a heavy share of responsibility. The honor that has been conferred upon you, and the trust that has been reposed in you, demand a corresponding fidelity and attachment to the interest of those to whose kindness and confidence you are indebted for your official elevation.

You will now be invested with the robes and jewels of your office.

The signification of the robes you wear, you have already heard explained. May the symbolic lessons which they convey be deeply impressed upon your mind and heart and ever influence your conduct.

Be seated at the right hand of the M. E. G. H. P.

The Grand King elect is then presented, in the following words:

Most Excellent: I present before you Comp. ———, who has been duly elected to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand King, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

The G. H. P. says:

Companions: You now behold before you Companion ———, who has been duly elected to serve this Grand Chapter as Right Excellent Grand King, and who now declares himself ready for installation. If any of you have any reasons to urge why he should not be installed, you will make them known now, or else forever hereafter hold your peace.

If no objections be made, he will say:

Hearing no objections, I shall proceed to install him.

The Grand High Priest will then administer the following obligation:

I, ———, do promise and vow that I will serve this Grand Chapter, as Grand King, for the time for which I have been elected; that I will perform all the duties appertaining to that office to the best of my ability, and will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, So help me God.

The Grand High Priest will then cause the Grand King to be invested with the robes and jewels of his office, and deliver to him the following charge:

CHARGE TO THE GRAND KING.

Right Excellent Companion: The honorable station to which you have been elected, requires from you exemplary conduct, and its duties demand your most assiduous attention. In the absence of the Grand High Priest and his Deputy, you are to preside; in their presence, you are to strengthen and support the authority of your chief, and to aid by your counsel and advice.

The *Scarlet Robe*, an emblem of royal dignity, should remind you of the paternal concern you should ever feel for our Institution, and the fervency and zeal with which you should endeavor to promote its prosperity.

In presenting to you the *Crown*, which is an emblem of royalty, I would remind you that, to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men, must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind, than to rule over their lives and fortunes; and that, to enable you to enjoy this pre-eminence with honor and satisfaction, you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

The Grand Marshal then presents the Grand Scribe elect, saying:

Most Excellent: I present before you Companion ———, who has been duly elected to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand Scribe, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

(Obligation same as for Grand King.)

CHARGE TO THE GRAND SCRIBE.

The Grand High Priest says:

Right Excellent Companion: The office of Scribe, to which you are elected, is very important and respectable. In the absence of your superior officers, you are bound to succeed them, and to perform their duties. The purposes of the Institution ought never to suffer for want of intelligence in its proper officers; you will therefore perceive the necessity there is of your possessing such qualifications as will enable you to accomplish those duties which are incumbent upon you, in your appropriate station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve on you, by the absence of superiors.

The *Purple Robe*, with which you are invested, is an emblem of *union*, and is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Order should be your constant aim; and to this end, you are studiously to avoid all occasions of giving offence, or countenancing any thing that may create divisions or dissensions. You are, by all means in your power, to endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among all the orders and degrees of Masonry; and as the glorious sun, at its meridian height, dispels the mist and clouds, which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the gloom of jealousy and discord, wherever they may appear.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are then presented.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

Excellent Companion: You have been elected to the responsible office of Grand Treasurer, and I now invest you with the badge of your office.

It is your duty to receive all moneys due the Grand Chapter from the hands of the Grand Secretary; make due entries of the same; and pay them out by order of the Grand Chapter, taking proper vouchers. The office to which you have been elected embraces an important trust, and the choice of you by your Companions is an evidence of the high opinion they entertain of your fidelity and discretion.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Right Excellent Companion: You have been elected to the important and essential office of Grand Secretary, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

It is your duty to collect all moneys due the Grand Chapter, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his

receipt for the same; to observe all the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, and to make a true record of all things proper to be written. You are also the official organ of the Grand Chapter, in that capacity will conduct its various correspondence, and act as the medium of intercourse between the Fraternity and their presiding officer. In the discharge of these extensive duties, let your carriage and behavior be marked with that promptitude and discretion that will at once reflect credit on yourself, and honor on the body whom you represent.

The Grand Chaplain is then presented.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Right Rev. Companion: The sacred position of Grand Chaplain has been entrusted to your care, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

In the discharge of your duties, you will be required to conduct the devotional exercises of our Grand Convocations, and to perform the sacred functions of your holy calling at our public assemblings. Masonry being an embodiment of piety and morality, I am sure that, in ministering at its altar, the services you may perform will lose nothing of their vital importance, because they are practiced in that spirit of universal tolerance which distinguishes our Institution. The doctrines of morality and virtue which you are accustomed to inculcate to the world, as the minister of God, will form the appropriate lessons which you are expected to communicate to your Companions. The profession which you have chosen for your lot in life, is the best guarantee that you will discharge the duties of your present appointment with steadfastness and perseverance in well doing:

The Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner and Royal Arch Captain are then presented:

CHARGE TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE HOST.

Excellent Companion: The office with which you have been intrusted requires much skill and attention for the faithful discharge of its duties, which are those of a Marshal, or Master of Ceremonies.

You are to superintend all processions of your Chapter, when moving as a distinct body, either in public or private; and as the world can only judge of our private discipline by our public deportment, you will be careful that the utmost order and decorum be observed on all such occasions. You will ever be attentive to the commands of your chief, and always near at hand to see them duly executed. I invest you

with the badge of your office, and presume that you will give to your duties all that study and attention which their importance demands. I present you with this sword, as the appropriate implement of your office.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER.

Excellent Companion: The office confided to you corresponds to that of Senior Deacon in the lower degrees; it becomes your duty to obey and extend the orders of your superiors, and to act as their proxies in the active business of the Grand Chapter. Attention, obedience, and promptitude are, therefore, essentially necessary for the faithful performance of your duties. I present you with the rod, a symbol of command, as the proper ensign of your office.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN.

Excellent Companion: The office to which you have been appointed nearly corresponds to that of Junior Deacon in the inferior degrees. It is, therefore, your duty to see that the external avenues of the Chapter are securely guarded, and that none are permitted to pass or repass, but such as are duly qualified, and have the requisite permission. Let vigilance and attention therefore actuate you in the discharge of the functions of your important office; for the more faithful performance of which, I intrust this sword to your keeping.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND GUARD.

Companion: You have been appointed Grand Sentinel of this Grand Chapter; and I now invest you with the jewel of your office, and place this sword in your hands, the more effectually to enable you to repel the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and to guard against surprise.

It is your duty to guard the door of the Grand Chapter, on the outside; to report to the Grand Royal Arch Captain those who desire to be admitted; to place the Chapter-Room in order for Convocations; and to attend to such other duties as may be required of you by the Grand Chapter. Your punctual attendance is essentially necessary at every convocation.

The Grand Marshal then makes proclamation as follows:

By authority of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, I proclaim that the Grand Officers thereof have been installed in ample form. Hail! salute! with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, by three times three.

The public or private Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, accordingly as the installation shall have been publicly or privately conducted, shall then be given, and the installation ceremony will be concluded.

On public occasions these ceremonies may be preceded and followed by anthems, odes, and addresses, at the discretion of the Grand Chapter.

ANCIENT CEREMONIES.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW CHAPTER.

The new Chapter will meet in its Hall, and open on the Royal Arch degree; the Grand Officers will meet in an adjoining room; and on being notified by a committee of the new Chapter that its members are ready for their reception, they will proceed to the Chapter Room, where, being received by the New Chapter with the Grand Honors, the Officers of the New Chapter resign their stations to the Grand Officers. A procession is then formed by the Grand Captain of the Host as follows, which repairs to the Church, or place designated for the performance of the ceremonies:

Sentinel.
Mark Masters by twos.
Past Masters by twos.
Most Excellent Masters by twos.
Royal Arch Masons triangularly, two in front and one behind.
Members of the new Chapter triangularly.
Masters of the First and Second Veil.
Master of the Third Veil.
Royal Arch Captain, Principal Sojourner.
Captain of the Host.
Secretary and Treasurer.
One Companion carrying the Pot of Incense.
Four Companions carrying the Ark.
Two Companions carrying Lights.
Scribe and King.
High Priest.
Grand Sentinel.
Members of the Grand Chapter triangularly.
Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
Grand Chaplain, Orator.
Deputy Grand High Priest.
Grand Scribe, Grand King.
Grand High Priest.

Grand Captain of the Host.

On arriving at the Church, or place where the ceremonies are to be performed, the procession halts, faces inward, and the Grand Officers and others pass through. All being seated, the ceremonies commence as follows:

ANTHEM.

PRAYER by the Grand Chaplain.

Almighty and Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth! Who is there in heaven but Thee, and who upon earth can stand in competition with Thee? Thy OMNICIENT Mind brings all things in review, past, present, and to come; Thine OMNIPOTENT Arm directs the movements of the vast creation; Thine OMNIPRESENT Eye pervades the secret recesses of every heart; Thy boundless beneficence supplies us with every comfort and enjoyment; and Thine unspeakable perfection and glory surpass the understanding of the children of men! Our Father who art in heaven, we invoke Thy benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. May this Chapter be established to Thine honor and consecrated to Thy glory; may its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern and fidelity to pursue its true interests; and may its members be ever mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good will they owe to all mankind.

Glory be to God on high.

Response: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. So mote it be. Amen.

ORATION.

The Grand Captain of the Host then forms the new Chapter in front of the Grand High Priest.

The Deputy Grand High Priest says:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest: A number of Companions, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor and propagating the principles of the Art, have applied to the Grand Chapter for a Warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which having been obtained, they are now assembled for the purpose of being constituted, and having their officers installed in due and ancient form.

Grand High Priest: Let the Warrant of Constitution be read.

Grand Secretary reads it.

Grand High Priest: Companions, do you still approve of the officers as named herein?

Companions: We do.

Grand High Priest: By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my respected Companions, into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. From henceforth you are authorized and empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and to do and perform all such things as thereunto may appertain, conforming in all your doings to the Grand Royal Arch Constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Florida. And may the God of your fathers be with you, guide, and direct you in all your doings.

The Ark of the Covenant, and the furniture, clothing, jewels and implements belonging to the Chapter (having previously been placed in the centre in front of the Grand High Priest) are now uncovered, and the dedication proceeds.

The Grand Chaplain, with the pot of incense in his hands, says:

To our most excellent patron, Zerubbabel, we solemnly dedicate this Chapter. May the blessing of our Heavenly High Priest descend and rest upon its members, and may their felicity be immortal. Glory be to God on high.

Response: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

MUSIC OR AN ODE.

The Deputy Grand High Priest then presents the High Priest of the new Chapter to the Grand High Priest, saying:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest: I present you Companion ——— ———, nominated in the Warrant, to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter. I find him to be skillful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity.

The Grand High Priest addresses him as follows:

Most Excellent: I feel much satisfaction in performing my duty on the present occasion by installing you into the

office of High Priest of this Chapter. It is an office highly honorable to all those who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it. Your reputed Masonic knowledge, however, precludes the necessity of a particular enumeration of those duties. I shall therefore only observe that by a frequent recurrence to the constitution and general regulations, and constant practice of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will be best able to fulfill them; and I am confident that the Companions who are chosen to preside with you will give strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions. I shall now propose certain questions to you, relative to the duties of your office, to which I must request your unequivocal answer.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of your Companions who have attained this sublime degree?

2. That you will never permit your Chapter to be opened unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons?

3. That you will never permit either more or less than three brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time?

4. That you will not exalt any one to this degree who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, or who has not made a reasonable proficiency in the foregoing degrees?

5. That you will promote the general good of our order, and, on all proper occasions, be ready to give and receive instructions, particularly from the General and State Grand Officers.

6. That, to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Chapter, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions.

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation?

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter, who has not been exalted in a Chapter legally constituted, without his being first formally healed?

9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, in conformity to the Constitution, and general regulations of the Grand Chapter of Florida?

10. That you will pay respect and due obedience to the instructions of the Grand Officers, particularly relating to the

several Lectures and Charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter?

11. That you will support and observe the Constitution, and General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, under whose authority you act?

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

Answer. I do.

The Grand Chaplain offers the following

PRAYER:

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God! the Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth!

We approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over this new assembly; fill his heart with Thy love, that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy glory. Make him steadfast in Thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart, and strengthen his endeavors; may he teach Thy judgments and Thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before Thee, upon Thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto Thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy; hear Thou from Heaven Thy dwelling-place, and forgive our transgressions. Amen.

Glory be to God on high!

Response. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. So mote it be. Amen.

The Grand High Priest then administers the following obligation:

I, ———, do promise and vow that I will serve this Chapter, as High Priest for the time for which I have been elected; that I will perform all the duties appertaining to that office to the best of my ability, and will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

The Grand High Priest will then cause the High Priest to be invested with the clothing and badges of his office, and may address him as follows:

Most Excellent: In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence with the charges, which you have heard recited, you are qualified for installation as the High Priest of this Royal Arch Chapter; and it is incumbent upon me, on this occasion, to point out some of the particulars appertaining to your office, duty, and dignity.

The High Priest of every Chapter has it in special charge, to see that the by-laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution, and regulations of the Grand Chapter are duly observed: that all the officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective offices faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and accurate records of all the proceedings of the Chapter and its archives are kept by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keeps and renders exact and just accounts of all the moneys and other assets belonging to the Chapter; that the regular returns be made annually to the Grand Chapter; and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter together at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence, which in his judgment may require their meeting. It is his privilege and duty, together with the King and Scribe, to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy; and the well-being of the institution requires that this duty should on no occasion of omitted.

The office of High Priest is a station highly honorable to all those who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it. By a frequent recurrence to the constitutions and general regulations, and a constant practice of the several lectures and charges, you will be best enabled to fulfill those duties; and I am confident that the Companions, who are chosen to preside with you, will give strength to your endeavors, and support your exertions.

Let the *Mitre* with which you are invested, remind you of the dignity of the office you sustain, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God; that perfection is not given unto man upon earth, and that perfect holiness belongeth alone unto the Lord.

The *Breast-Plate* with which you are decorated, in imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the twelve tribes and worn by the High Priest of Israel, is to teach you that you are always to bear in mind your responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the institution, and that the honor and interests of your Chapter and its members, should always be near your heart.

The *various colors* of the *Robes* you wear, are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind; each of which will be briefly illustrated in the course of the charges to be delivered to your subordinate officers.

The G. H. P. will then say:

You will now take charge of your associate council officers, standing upon their right, and present them severally in succession to the Deputy Grand High Priest by whom they will be presented to me for installation.

The H. P. of the Chapter will then present his Associate Council Officers to the Deputy Grand High Priest, who will present them severally and collectively to the Grand High Priest, who will administer to them the following obligation:

I, (each speaking his name) do promise and vow, that I will serve this Chapter in the office, and for the time that I have been chosen; that I will perform all the duties appertaining thereto to the best of my ability, and will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the Grand Chapter of Florida, and the by-laws and rules of this Chapter.

The G. H. P. will then cause them to be invested with the respective insigna of office, and conducted to their stations, but previous to the latter he may address them as follows:

CHARGE TO THE KING.

Excellent Companion: The important station to which you are elected, in this Chapter, requires from you exemplary conduct; its duties demand your most assiduous attention; you are to second and support your chief in all the requirements of his office; and should casualties at any time prevent his attendance, you are to succeed him in the performance of his duties.

Your badge (*the Level surmounted by a crown*) should remind you, that although you are the representative of a King, and exalted by office above your Companions, yet that you remain upon a level with them, as respects your duty to God, to your neighbor, and to yourself; that you are equally bound with them to be obedient to the laws and ordinances of the institution; to be charitable, humane, and just, and to seek every occasion of doing good.

Your office teaches a striking lesson of humility. The institutions of political society teach us to consider the king as the chief of created beings, and that the first duty of his subjects is to obey his mandates; but the institutions of our sublime degrees, by placing the King in a situation subordinate to the High Priest, teaches us that our duty to God is paramount to all other duties, and should ever claim the priority of our obedience to man; and that however strongly we may be bound to obey the laws of civil society, yet that those laws, to be just, should never intermeddle with matters of conscience, nor dictate articles of faith.

The *Scarlet Robe*, an emblem of imperial dignity, should remind you of the paternal concern you should ever feel for the welfare of your Chapter and the fervency and zeal with which you should endeavor to promote its prosperity.

In presenting to you the *Crown*, which is an emblem of royalty, I would remind you that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men, must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind, than to rule over their lives and fortunes; and that, to enable you to enjoy this pre-eminence with honor and satisfaction, you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

You are entitled to the second seat in the council of your Companions. Let the bright example of your predecessor in the Grand Council at Jerusalem, stimulate you to the faithful discharge of your duties: and when the King of Kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, from His hand may you receive a *crown of glory*, which shall never fade away.

CHARGE TO THE SCRIBE.

Excellent Companion. The office of Scribe to which you are elected, is very important and respectable. In the absence of your superior officers, you are bound to succeed them, and to perform their duties. The purposes of the Institution ought never to suffer for the want of intelligence in its proper officers; you will therefore perceive the necessity there is of your possessing such qualifications as will enable you to accomplish those duties which are incumbent upon you, in your appropriate station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve on you, by the absence of your superiors.

The *Purple Robe*, with which you are invested, is an emblem of *union*, and is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Chapter should be your constant aim; and to this end, you are studiously to avoid all occasions of giving offense, or countenancing any thing that may create divisions or dissensions. You are, by all means in your power, to endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among all orders and degrees of Masonry; and as the glorious sun, at its meridian height, dispels the mist and clouds, which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the gloom of jealousy and discord, whenever they may appear.

Your badge (*a Plumb-Rule surmounted by the Turban*) is an emblem of rectitude and vigilance; and while you stand as a watchman upon the tower, to guard your Companions against the approach of those enemies of human felicity, *in-*

temperance and *excess*, let this faithful monitor ever remind you to walk uprightly in your station; admonishing and animating your Companions to fidelity and industry while at labor, and to temperance and moderation while at refreshment. And when the Great Watchman of Israel, whose eye never slumbers nor sleeps, shall relieve you from your post on earth, may He permit you in heaven to participate in that food and refreshment which is

"Such as the saints in glory love,
And such as angels eat."

In the same manner as before, all the other officers are presented, and the G. H. P. administers to them the obligation, page 49, and causes them to be invested and conducted to their stations; but prior to the latter (the Chaplain being seated) he may address them as follows:

CHARGE TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE HOST.

Companion: The office with which you are entrusted is of high importance, and demands your most zealous consideration. The preservation of the most essential traits of our ancient customs, usages, and landmarks, are within your province; and it is indispensably necessary, that the part assigned to you, in the immediate practice of our rites and ceremonies, should be perfectly understood, and correctly administered.

Your office corresponds with that of Marshal or Master of ceremonies. You are to superintend all processions of your Chapter, when moving as a distinct body, either in public or private; and as the world can only judge of our private discipline by our public deportment, you will be careful that the utmost order and decorum be observed on all such occasions. You will ever be attentive to the commands of your chief, and always near at hand to see them duly executed. I invest you with the badge of your office, and presume that you will give to your duties all that study and attention which their importance demands.

CHARGE TO THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER.

Companion: The office confided to you, though subordinate in degree, is equal in importance to any in the Chapter, that of your chief alone excepted. Your office corresponds with that of Senior Deacon, in the preparatory degrees. Among the duties required of you, the preparation and introduction of candidates are not the least. As in our intercourse with the world, experience teaches that first impressions are often the most durable, and the most difficult to eradicate; so

it is of great importance, in all cases, that those impressions should be correct and just: hence it is essential that the officer, who brings the blind by a way that they knew not, and leads them in paths that they have not known, should always be well qualified to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.

Your *Robe of office* is am emblem of humility; and teaches that in the prosecution of a laudable undertaking, we should never decline taking any part that may be assigned us, although it may be the most difficult or dangerous.

The *rose-colored tesselated Border*, adorning the robe, is an emblem of ardour and perseverance, and signifies, that when we have engaged in a virtuous course, notwithstanding all the impediments, hardships, and trials, we may be destined to encounter, we should endure them all with fortitude, and ardently persevere unto the end; resting assured of receiving, at the termination of our labors, a noble and glorious reward. Your past exertions will be considered as a pledge of your future assiduity in the faithful discharge of your duties.

CHARGE TO THE ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN.

Companion: The well-known duties of your station require but little elucidation. Your office in the preparatory degrees corresponds with that of Junior Deacon. It is your province, conjointly with the Captain of the Host, to attend the examination of all visitors, and to take care that none are permited to enter the Chapter, but such as have *traveled the rugged path* of trial, and evinced their title to our favor and friendship. You will be attentive to obey the command of Captain of the Host, during the introduction of strangers among the workmen; and should they be permitted to pass your post, may they by him be introduced into the presence of the Grand Council.

The *White Banner*, entrusted to your care, is emblematical of that purity of heart and rectitude of conduct, which ought to actuate all those who pass the white veil of the sanctuary. I give it to you strongly in charge, never to permit any one to pass your post, without the signet of truth.

I present you the badge of your office, in expectation of your performing your duties with intelligence, assiduity, and propriety.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE THIRD VAIL.

Companion: I present you with the *Scarlet Banner*, which is the ensign of your office, and with a sword to protect

and defend the same. The rich and beautiful color of your banner is emblematical of fervency and zeal; it is the appropriate color of the Royal Arch degree; it admonishes us, that we should be fervent in the exercise of our devotions to God, and zealous in our endeavors to promote the happiness of man.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL.

Companion: I invest you with the *Purple Banner*, which is the ensign of your office, and arm you with a sword, to enable you to maintain its honor.

The color of your banner is produced by a due mixture of blue and scarlet; the former of which is the characteristic color of the symbolic or first three degrees of Masonry, and the latter that of the *Royal Arch degree*. It is an emblem of union, and is the characteristic color of the intermediate degrees. It admonishes us to cultivate and improve that spirit of union and harmony, between the brethren of the symbolic degrees and the Companions of the sublime degrees, which should ever distinguish the members of a society founded upon the principles of everlasting truth and universal philanthropy.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL.

Companion: I invest you with the *Blue Banner*, which is the ensign of your office, and a sword for its defence and protection. The color of your banner is one of the most durable and beautiful in nature. It is the appropriate color adopted and worn by our ancient brethren of the three symbolic degrees, and is the peculiar characteristic of an institution which has stood the test of ages, and which is as much distinguished by the durability of its materials or principles, as by the beauty of its superstructure. It is an emblem of universal friendship and benevolence; and instructs us, that in the mind of a mason, those virtues should be as expansive as the blue arch of heaven itself.

CHARGE TO THE TREASURER.

Companion: You are elected Treasurer of the Chapter, and I have the pleasure of investing you with the badge of your office. The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer, are accuracy and fidelity; accuracy, in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity, in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Chapter, that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same, whenever he is called upon for that purpose. I presume that your respect for the institution, your attachment

to the interests of your Chapter, and your regard for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

CHARGE TO THE SECRETARY.

Companion: I with pleasure invest you with your badge as Secretary of this Chapter. The qualities which should recommend a Secretary, are, promptitude in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior officers; punctuality in attending the convocations of the Chapter; correctness in recording their proceedings; judgment in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing; regularity in making his annual returns to the Grand Chapter; integrity in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands; and fidelity in paying the same over into the hands of the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I presume, has designated you a suitable occupant for this important office; and I cannot entertain a doubt that you will discharge its duties beneficially to the Chapter, and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted into the celestial Grand Chapter of saints and angels, and fine your name recorded in the book of life eternal.

CHARGE TO THE SENTINEL.

Companion: You are appointed Sentinel of this Chapter, and I invest you with the badge, and this implement of your office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel, to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of all cowens and eavesdroppers, and permit none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified; so it should morally serve as a constant admonition to us to set a guard at the entrance of our thoughts; to place a watch at the door of our lips; to post a sentinel at the avenue of our actions; thereby excluding every unqualified and unworthy thought, word, and deed; and preserving consciences void of offence toward God and toward man.

As the first application from visitors for admission into the Chapter is generally made to the Sentinel at the door, your station will often present you to the observation of strangers; it is therefore essentially necessary that he who sustains the office with which you are entrusted, should be a man of good morals, steady habits, strict discipline, temperate, affable, and discreet. I trust that a just regard for the honor and

reputation of the institution, will ever induce you to perform with fidelity the trust reposed in you; and when the door of this earthly tabernacle shall be closed, may you find a welcome entrance through the gates into the temple and city of our God.

The G. H. P. may then request the Chaplain to arise, and repeat to him the

CHARGE TO THE CHAPLAIN.

Same as on page 41, leaving out the word "Grand."

The G. H. P. may then deliver the following

CHARGE TO THE CHAPTER:

Companions: The exercise and management of the sublime degrees of masonry in your Chapter hitherto, are so highly appreciated, and the good reputation of the Chapter so well established, that I must presume these considerations alone, were there no others of greater magnitude, would be sufficient to induce you to preserve and perpetuate this valuable and honorable character. But when to these is added the pleasure which every philanthropic heart must feel in doing good, in promoting good order, in diffusing light and knowledge, in cultivating Masonic charity, which are the great objects of this sublime institution, I cannot doubt that your future conduct, and that of your successors, will be calculated still to increase the lustre of your justly esteemed reputation.

May your Chapter become beautiful as the temple, peaceful as the ark, and sacred as its most holy place. May your obligations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct acceptable as the offering. May the exercise of your charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support; may you be endowed with every good and perfect gift, while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally be admitted within the vail of heaven, to the full enjoyment of life eternal. So mote it be. Amen.

The officers and members of the Chapter will then pass in review in front of the Grand Officers, and with their hands crossed on their breasts, bowing as they pass.

The G. H. P. or Captain of the Host then makes the following proclamation:

In the name of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, I proclaim —— Chapter No. ——, to be legally constituted and consecrated and the officers thereof duly installed, with the Grand Honors of R. A. Masonry by three times three.

The appropriate Grand Honors are then given.

AN ODE.

BENEDICTION by the Grand Chaplain.

The procession then returns to the Chapter Room, and the Grand Officers retiring, the Chapter is closed by its own officers.

ANNUAL INSTALLATION.

At the time appointed for the installation, the Chapter being open in the Royal Arch degree, a Past High Priest, if one be present, and if not, some other officer, presents the High Priest elect to the Presiding Officer, and says:

"*Most Excellent:* I present before you Companion ——, who has been duly elected to serve this Chapter as High Priest for the ensuing masonic year, and who now declares himself ready for installation."

The High Priest elect then turning and facing the Companions, the Presiding Officer says:

"*Companions*: You now behold before you Companion ——, who has been duly elected to serve this Chapter as Most Excellent High Priest, and who now declares himself ready for installation. If any of you have any reasons to urge why he should not be installed, you will make them known now, or else forever hereafter hold your peace. Hearing no objections, I shall proceed to install him."

The Presiding Officer will then proceed as on pages 46 to 56, to the close of "charge to Chapter."

The following proclamation may then be made by the Captain of the Host:

In the name of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the United States. I proclaim the Officers of —— Chapter No.—, duly installed; Hail! and Salute! with the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, by three times three.

CEREMONY OBSERVED AT GRAND VISITATIONS.

The Grand Secretary, by command of the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest, notifies the Chapter of the intended visit.

The High Priest opens the Chapter in the Royal Arch degree.

The visiting officer being announced, he is received by the Chapter standing, and enters accompanied by his Grand Officers in the following order:

Grand Captain of the Host.
Grand Principal Sojourner. Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer.
Grand Chaplain.
Grand Scribe, Grand King.
Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Grand Sentinel remains at the door.

They pass through the Vails, being saluted by the Masters of the Veils as they pass; and on arriving at the East, they open to the right and left, and the Deputy Grand or Grand High Priest, accompanied by the Grand King and Scribe, passes within the Sanctuary. The Grand Council receives them according to ancient usage, and the High Priest resigns his gavel and the chairs to the Grand High Priest and his Council. The private Grand Honors are then given, and the officers of the Chapter resign their seats to the corresponding Grand Officers, the Principal Sojourner and Masters of the Vails retaining theirs. The High Priest then delivers to the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priest, the Warrant of Constitution, the Treasurer's and Secretary's books, and a statement of the funds of the Chapter for his inspection. Having examined them, he makes such observations as the circumstances and situation of the Chapter may require. The Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest then resigns the chair to the High Priest and the Grand Officers leave their seats, which are resumed by the officers of the Chapter, and repair to the East.

Should the Grand Officers retire before the Chapter is closed, a similar ceremony must be observed as at their entrance.

On ordinary visitations of any of the Grand Officers to a subordinate Chapter, they shall be received as follows:

The Grand High Priest shall be received by the Captain of the Host and Royal Arch Captain at the door, the Chapter standing, and conducted to a seat on the right of the Grand Council, the High Priest offering him the gavel

The Deputy Grand High Priest shall be received in the same manner, and conducted to a seat on the left of the Grand Council, the High Priest offering him the gavel.

The Grand King and Grand Scribe shall be received at the door by the Royal Arch Captain and conducted to seats, the Grand King on the right and the Grand Scribe on the left of the Grand Council, but the High Priest shall not offer them the gavel.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Grand Chaplain, shall be received by the Royal Arch Captain at the White Vail, the Chapter standing, and conducted to seats, the Grand Treasurer on the right and the Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain on the left of the Grand Council.

These honors shall not be paid to the Grand Officers unless they cause themselves to be officially announced as such at the door of the Chapter by the Sentinel.

FORM OF A PROCESSION OF A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

Sentinel with flaming sword.
Mark Masters by twos.
Past Masters by twos.
Most Excellent Masters by twos.
Banner of the Chapter.
Royal Arch Masons by threes triangularly.

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Masters of the First and Second Vails with their banners.
Master of the Third Vail with his banner.
Royal Arch Captain with his banner, and Principal Sojourner with his staff.

{ Ark of the Covenant, caried by four companions. }

Secretary and Treasurer.
Chaplain and Orator.
Scribe and King.
High Priest.

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The Captain of the Host acts as Marshal, and walks at the side of the procession.

If any Grand Officers be present, they will take position in front of the High Priest.

Processions of the Grand Chapter must be formed in a corresponding manner, the Grand High Priest making the *pro tempore* appointments, and causing all needful instructions to be given for information and proper decorum.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Jacksonville, at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the 30th day of May, A. D. 1891.

PRESENT:

M. E. Angus Paterson, President.
M. E. John H. Stephens, *as* Vice-President.
M. E. William A. McLean, Chaplain.
M. E. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Secretary and Treasurer.
M. E. Thomas S. Wilmarth *as* Master of Ceremonies.
M. E. Frank P. Mersereau *as* Conductor.
M. E. James W. Boyd *as* Herald.
M. E. William W. Tucker, Steward.
M. E. James F. Clark, Guard.

OPENING.

The Convention was duly opened in solemnity, and ample form.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting, as printed with the Proceedings of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida for 1890, were approved.

PETITIONS.

Applications for the Order of High Priesthood were received from:

Henry S. Ely, of Jacksonville R. A. Chapter, No. 12.
Irving E. Webster, of Gainesville R. A. Chapter, No. 2.
Edgar A. Richards, of Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 7.
Warren Tyler, of Thomas Brown R. A. Chapter, No. 22.

And having previous satisfactory evidence of their having been duly elected to preside over their respective Royal Arch Chapters they were severally introduced and regularly consecrated and anointed High Priests in due and ancient form. They severally paid the membership fee and received their certificates of membership in the Grand Council.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Secretary and Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

To M. E. President:

Membership fees were received from Marcus Endel, Thomas S. Wilmarth, Frank P. Mersereau, Silas B. Wright, John F. Niblack, William A. McLean, Angus Paterson, William M. Somerville and John H. Stephens, making in all $27.00, and certificates have been issued to them.

Certificates for the use of this body were procured in a nicely bound book, with stubs, whereby a proper record can be easily kept of every certificate issued. The cost of this book of certificates was $5 and the cost of the seal was $12, leaving a balance on hand of $10.

The newly anointed companions, to-wit, Ely, Webster, Richards and Tyler, have paid their membership fees, amounting to $12, which now leaves in the treasury $22.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

GRAND COUNCIL.

The Secretary and Treasurer offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the name of this organization shall be The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida.

CONSTITUTION.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed by the President to draft and present to the next annual meeting of this Grand Council a form of constitution for its government; and the President appointed D. C. Dawkins, W. A. McLean and J. H. Stephens as such committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Council proceeded to elect officers thereof for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of

Angus Paterson, President.
John H. Stephens, Vice-President.
William A. McLean, Chaplain.
DeWitt C. Dawkins, Secretary and Treasurer.
Frank P. Mersereau, Master of Ceremonies.
Henry S. Ely, Conductor.
James W. Boyd, Herald.
William W. Tucker, Steward.
James F. Clark, Guard.

It was voted that the Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to issue certificates without fee to old members of the Grand Council who may desire the same, and that the names of all the members be published in the Proceedings, together with the dates of Consecration.

APPLICATION.

M. E. Henry T. Wartman was duly elected to membership in this Grand Council, and the Secretary and Treasurer was instructed to issue him a certificate as such.

DISBURSEMENT.

It was voted that the Secretary and Treasurer pay to the Guard $1.25 for services and expenses; and have the Proceedings of this Grand Council printed for the use of its members and others.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

It was voted that the next annual meeting of this Grand Council be held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Jacksonville, on Wednesday next succeeding the second Tuesday in May, 1892, at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., or immediately after the Grand Chapter shall have closed.

MINUTES.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

CLOSED.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council was closed in solemn, ancient form.

DeDawkins

Secretary and Treasurer.

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

NAME.	DATE.
DeWitt C. Dawkins	Consecrated January 12, 1865
John F. Benezet	" " "
David S. Walker	" " 19, 1888
Angus Paterson	" " "
Henry W. Long	" " "
William A. McLean	" " "
D. Warwick Stanley	" " "
Charles H. Munger	" " "
Fred. S. Goodrich	" " "
William A. Griffeth	" " "
James F. Clark	" " "
William M. Somerville	" " "
Marcus Endel	" " "
William W. Tucker	" " "
George S. Hallmark	Affiliated " "
James W. Boyd	" " "
Samuel Pasco	Consecrated January 16, 1889
Julius Stark	" " "
Herman Glogowski	" " 18, 1889
Robert McClellan	" " "
J. W. V. R. Plummer	" " "
John H. Stephens	" May 7, 1890
Thomas S. Wilmarth	" " "
R. Alfred Monsalvatge	" " "
Frank P. Mersereau	" " "
Silas B. Wright	" " "
Samuel A. Wauchope	Affiliated May 13, 1890
Henry S. Ely	Consecrated " "
Irving E. Webster	" " "
Edgar A. Richards	" " "
Warren Tyler	"

1892.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

—OF THE—

GRAND CHAPTER

—OF—

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

—OF THE—

STATE OF FLORIDA,

HELD IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

MAY 10 AND 11, A. I. 2422, A. D. 1892.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA,

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida met in Annual Grand Convocation in Masonic Hall, at the City of Jacksonville, at the hour of H. 12, on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, A. D. 1892, A. I. 2422.

PRESENT—GRAND OFFICERS:

M. E. THOMAS S. WILMARTH . . . . Grand High Priest
WM. W. TUCKER . . . . *as* Deputy Grand High Priest
IRVING E. WEBSTER . . . . . Grand King
WM. E. ANDERSON . . . . . *as* Grand Scribe
HENRY S. ELY . . . . . Grand Treasurer.
DEWITT C. DAWKINS . . . . . Grand Secretary.
WM. A. McLEAN . . . . . Grand Chaplain
ANGUS PATERSON . . . . . Grand C. of H
DOUGALD McLACHLAN . . . . . *as* Grand P. S.
SILAS B. WRIGHT . . . . . *as* Grand R. A. C.
WARREN TYLER . . . . . Grand Master of 3d Vail
JOHN D. SINCLAIR . . . . . *as* Grand Master of 2d Vail
WM. M. McINTOSH . . . . . *as* Grand Master of 1st Vail
JAMES F. CLARK . . . . . Grand Guard

Past Grand High Priests:

D. C. DAWKINS,
W. A. McLEAN,
W. E. ANDERSON,
ANGUS PATTERSON,
J. W. BOYD,
MARCUS ENDEL,
JAMES ELLENWOOD.

Past Grand Kings:

W. M. McIntosh,
W. W. Tucker.

And Constituent Chapters represented as follows:

Florida Chapter No. 1:

Dougald McLachlan, H. P.
Wm. M. McIntosh, proxy for K. and S.

Gainesville Chapter No. 2:

Marcus Endel, proxy for H. P.

Tampa Chapter No. 3:

B. A. Brown, H. P.

St. Johns Chapter No. 4:

Silas B. Wright, H. P.

Eureka Chapter No. 7:

W. H. Jewell, H. P.

Madison Chapter No. 8:

E. H. Bunker, H. P.
T. J. Smith, K.

Putnam Chapter No. 9:

C. J. Hays, H. P.

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12:

J. D. Sinclair, H. P.
B. H. Chadwick, K.
W. P. Webster, S.

Ocala Chapter No. 13:

J. H. Whitfield, H. P.

Providence Chapter No. 20:

J. W. Perry, proxy for K.

Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22:

Warren Tyler, H. P.
J. W. Boyd, proxy for K.

Mount Moriah Chapter No. 24:

Wm. E. Anderson, H. P.

OPENING.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, prayer being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

ORGANIZATION.

The Grand High Priest appointed a committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of D. C. Dawkins, J. W. Boyd and Warren Tyler, which said committee, upon examination of the returns and credentials in the hands of the Grand Secretary, reported verbally that the foregoing list of grand officers and members is correct, and that said officers and members are entitled to be present and participate in the proceedings, and that the Grand Chapter is duly organized.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last Annual Convocation having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

All companion Royal Arch Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the Grand Chapter.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees:

On Returns and Credentials:

D. C. Dawkins,
J. W. Boyd,
Warren Tyler.

On Unfinished Business:

B. A. Brown,
J. H. Stephens,
O. S. Wright.

On Propositions and Grievances:

W. M. McIntosh,
H. S. Ely,
E. H. Bunker.

On Dispensations and By-Laws:

Angus Paterson,
J. D. Sinclair,
C. J. Hays.

On Masonic Jurisprudence:

W. A. McLean,
W. E. Anderson,
Angus Paterson.

On Finance and Accounts:

W. M. McIntosh,
S. B. Wright,
H. S. Ely.

On Memorials:

Irving E. Webster,
Wm. W. Tucker,
Dougald McLachlan.

ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Grand High Priest read the following annual address:

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

No great draft upon the imagination is necessary for Royal Arch Masons to comprehend the fervancy and zeal of our ancient brethren, which actuated them, after such long privations and suffering, to repair to the city of Jerusalem at the risk of whatever trials, difficulties and dangers might confront them, there to unite in the most zealous endeavor in the great and glorious undertaking of rebuilding the renowned Temple, which had been erected by their fraternal ancestors for the service of the ever living God, and which had then long since been totally destroyed, as one of the remarkable incidents of a most atrocious and cruel war; nor need we vainly theorize upon the ardor and devotion which characterized their patriotic labors in the great work.

Amid the difficulties which required them, as a matter of readiness and precaution, to work with their mechanical instruments in one hand and their warlike defences in the other. Neither is it a matter of speculation or theory for companions of the Royal Arch to comprehend, in vivid realization, the exuberance of spirit, and sending up of loud hallelujahs to Jehovah upon the completion and consecration of the second

Temple; it is also quite as easy for such Craftsmen to understand the fullness of their reward upon their subsequent assemblings therein, where their exclamations were, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord."

We, as Royal Arch Masons, are, by our traditions and organization their lineal descendents, and hence it is equally our right to rejoice, as they did; when the opportunities come to repair to our holy tabernacles and transcendantly so, when, as their accredited representatives, we meet here in our annual reunion.

Not in hosts of formidable armies, went our ancient brethren to the designated place of labor, worship and praise, but quietly, yet with firm and steady tread, wended they their way, and when upon assembling the few or the many, being inspired with brotherly love and devotional ardor, they enjoyed alike the heavenly vow, that when only two or three are gathered together in His name, He would be with them and bless them. Thus to have met, and thus to be filled with loving kindness and reverential awe, is our glorious privilege and consequent happy reward.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below."

Forty-five years ago, this being the forty-sixth annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, the representation of three Chapters, situated in Tallahassee, St. Augustine and Apalachicola, met in the capital city and organized this body. A retrospective view of its history presents a panorama of its vicissitudes, its alternate flourishing cycles and its depressing decades, which strikingly depicts the futile plains, beautiful highways, and the rough and rugged paths of human life.

The poet said:

"Death rides on every passing breeze
And lurks in every flower."

And how applicable this to all earthly existence. Two of those original Chapters are long since dead, the one at Tallahassee only surviving. Along the line of this series of years, twenty-seven (27) additional Chapters have been organized, making thirty (30) in all under this Grand Jurisdiction, seventeen (17) of which have gone the way of all earthly objects, leaving us to-day but thirteen (13) working chartered Chapters. Shall we be discouraged? No. Our ancient brethren and companions, whose virtues we claim to emulate, were not daunted, even under the most appalling difficulties and dangers. When, after their deepest humility, with abiding faith and

manly courage, they had passed their successive troubles and dangers, they redoubled their assiduity and pressed forward to glorious victory. Their noble example is left for our imitation. We have safely passed our most fearful and alarming decade, left it many years behind us, and are traveling along the beautiful paths of pleasantness to the most sanguine period of prosperity.

Of our thirteen (13) interesting Chapters, six (6) are of comparatively recent origin. They, like children, growing into vigorous manhood, are making reasonable progress, and the older, so to speak, are growing young and more vigorous again, and instead of our once little group of thirty (30) companions, we now have hundreds of Royal Craftsmen on the way to rebuild the House of the Lord, whose splendor shall outshine its predecessor.

Our tabernacles are erected in the "Land of Flowers," whose pure, balmy air, geographical situation, life-giving waters, fertile soil and inexhaustible sources of wealth and learning must ere long place Florida the peer of any State in this grand American Union, and enviously attract to it the attention of the great commercial marts of the world.

NEW CHAPTERS.

A dispensation was granted on the 10th day of February, 1892, to twelve petitioners therefor, to be called Monroe Chapter, U. D., and to be located at Sanford, in the county of Orange, among whom Companion A. C. Martin was recommended for High Priest; Companion Thomas B. Dick for King, and Companion H. B. Lord, Scribe. The petition was recommended by Eureka Chapter, No. 7, at Orlando, in the same county, and all the requisites were fully complied with. Good accounts have been received from said new Chapter, and any application that may be made to you as to further progress will be submitted to you by the Grand Secretary.

A movement has been set on foot for the organization of a Chapter further south, which has not yet fully matured. The well-known zeal and intelligence of some of the companions engaged in the enterprise warrants me in predicting early success.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

Your presiding officer is not specially fond of them, nor are our Chapters inclined to ask for them, under circumstances which are completely under their control, but necessity sometimes arises, and a few have been granted

One on the 18th of November, 1891, to St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, authorizing it to ballot at a called Convocation upon the petition of three candidates, after due notice to all the members.

The brethren desiring this promotion lived at such a distance, and were so situated, that they could not pursue the object of their ardent desire for six months or more after a limited period, and the interest of the Chapter would evidently be promoted by the accessions, and for want of a quorum the ballot had been delayed.

One on the 15th of December, 1891, to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for the same purpose, for similar reasons; at least equally urgent.

One on the 26th of December, 1891, to St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, to elect its officers at a called Convocation, and at its earliest covenience, for the reasons that the officers elected declined installation, and to await the regular Convocation in the new year would likely work detrimental delay.

One on January 20th to Tampa Chapter, No. 3, to elect and install officers. It so happened that the lawful time for election fell upon the night of the 25th of December, and the Christmas festivities being uppermost, kept away from the Chapter a sufficient number to defeat a quorum.

RULINGS OR DECISIONS.

The following questions were propounded and answers given:

1. Should a proposed amendment to the by-laws of a Chapter, when appertaining to the finances of the Chapter, be referred to the Financial Committee?

Answer. That is a matter of discretion with the Chapter.

2. Should the original proposition to amend the by-laws of a Chapter be finally disposed of, either by withdrawing or voting upon it?

Answer. Yes, that would be proper action.

3. Under Masonic law and custom can an original proposition, or resolution to amend, be superceded by a substitute?

Answer. Yes, when no objection is made.

4. Should a proposed amendment, offered as a substitute for the original, take the course prescribed by the by-laws, viz: Lay over for a meeting for subsequent action?

Answer. If the proposed change of the original proposition was clerical only, no; but if the new proposition is material in substance, it is a new proposition, and should go over to a subsequent meeting.

5. Should the record show how the vote upon amendment of by-laws stood?

Answer. The record should so state; but if the point be not raised at the time, or at the time of action upon the minutes, the result stated is sufficient.

6. When less than three-fourths of the members present vote for an amendment to the by-laws, and the balance of the members present do not all vote, but three-fourths of the votes cast are for amendment, is it carried?

Answer. No; the express language of the amending clause requires that three-fourths of all the members present must vote for the amendment, else it is lost.

7. Is it necessary that the by-laws of subordinate Chapters be approved by the Grand Chapter?

Answer. Yes, or in recess by the Grand High Priest, except that changing time of regular Convocations, under the amending clause of the by-laws, need not be so approved.

8. Is a Royal Arch Chapter organized for charitable purposes?

Answer. No; but its privilege in that direction is limited only by its own discretion, especially in the disbursement of its surplus funds.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Many of our sister Grand Chapters are enacting limited terms of office of their Grand Representative, usually of three years, terminating with the triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, others at designated periods, while this Grand Chapter has made no change in that respect, and our system is satisfactory.

Former commissions expired and new ones, with our consent, have been issued to the same and other companions, as follows, viz.:

M E. W. W. Tucker, for Maryland.
M. E. Silas B. Wright, for Iowa.
M. E. C. McR. Oerting, for Vermont.
M. E. Marcus Endel, for North Dakota.

To fill vacancies in Florida, the following nominations have been made for appointment of Grand Representatives near this Grand Chapter:

For Grand Chapter, Illinois—Herman Glogowski.
For Grand Chapter, Kentucky—James W. Boyd.
For Grand Chapter, New Brunswick—Edgar A. Richards.
For Grand Chapter North Carolina—Irwin E. Webster.
For Grand Chapter, Ohio—William M. McIntosh.
For Grand Chapter, Washington—Silas B. Wright.

It is expected that these distinguished companions will, in due time, present their credentials and be properly considered by you.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

This body held its stated Convocation at Minneapolis, opening on July 22, 1891. Its published proceedings have not yet reached us, but are promised through the General Grand Secretary so soon as the printers shall have completed them. Paramount duties and obligations prevented my attendance, and the same may be said of the other three officers of this Grand Council; at least none attended. The Grand Chapter of Florida did not, however, go by default, as all the officers gave proxies to M. E. Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., who, ever ready to respond to fraternal duty, at whatever personal sacrifice, attended, and we know that the interests, dignity and honor of this Grand Chapter were well cared for, and for this service he is entitled to your grateful recognition.

This was probably one of the most important sessions ever held by that body, for its work, began many years ago, of providing a uniform ritual was consummated, and we learn from the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Joseph P. Hornor, of Louisiana, that this Grand Chapter will ere long be supplied with its quota of the result; until then we are in the dark as to what, if any, changes are to be made in our present work. It is gratifying to realize, as we do, that the General Grand Chapter is growing steadily in prosperity and influence, and it is a matter of pride and gratification that this Grand Chapter is one of its constituent members.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Peace is within our walls at home and harmony reigns supreme, our amicable relations with all regular Grand Chapters being undisturbed. Every regular Grand Royal Arch Chapter is the sovereign power within the sphere of its jurisdiction, and is the peer of our own, and whenever it becomes necessary for a Grand Chapter to arrest the charter or suspend the functions of one of its subordinates, and we are officially informed of the fact, that is the voice we hear, that is the voice we heed, and it is only left for us and our Chapter to take good heed that the unworthy enter not our Holy Tabernacles and desecrate them. But one instance has officially come to our knowledge. The Grand Chapter of Ohio has arrested the charter of its Horeb Chapter, No. 1, located at Worthington, in that State, for disloyal and rebellious conduct, and you are hereby cautioned to see to it that no seed or sprig of its sedition shall be transplanted to Florida soil.

LAWS AND CEREMONIALS.

Pursuant to your former action, the installation ceremonies anticipated were printed with the proceedings of last year, and they, coupled with the constitution of the General Grand Chapter and of this Grand Chapter, make a valuable book for the use of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. This work is commended to your respectful consideration.

NECROLOGY.

It is a matter of mutual congratulation and reverential gratitude that, during the year just closed, the scythe of the reaper of souls has made no havoc in the official galaxy and membership of this Grand Chapter, and our hearts should glow with gratitude to Almighty God for his supervising blessings, of health, plenty and peace, and especially for the privilege of this happy assembling around our holy altar. *La Grippe* and other causes of suffering and death, though comparatively mild within our own jurisdiction, have been seriously severe in many portions of this country, and, as a consequence, some of our sister Grand Chapters had heart rending bereavements, to whom our sympathy goes in loving condolence.

Official information has been received of the following deaths, and in each and every case the sympathy of the Royal Craft in Florida was tendered by letter:

M. E., John Dallas Hamilton, P. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, August 13, 1891.

M. E., John Otto, P. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, August 15, 1891.

M. E., Andrew McCalley, P. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of Washington, September 15, 1891.

M. E., William Ridgway Penick, P. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, December 4, 1891.

Rev. LaFayette VanCleve, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, March 2, 1892.

M. E., David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of Canada, March 16, 1892.

The papers which brought to us the obsequies will be placed in the hands of the proper committee for more extended notice.

COURTESIES.

Your presiding officer during the past year has never felt that he was alone and plodding his way single handed. On the other hand, no called for counsel and assistance has been withheld, or indifferently heeded. My grateful acknowledgements are due, and are hereby tendered, to all my associates in

office, but more especially to our Grand Secretary, in whose services this Grand Chapter fully realizes that it is peculiarly fortunate.

CONCLUSION.

Now, companions, you have the record of my official doings I ask at your hands that forbearance which may reasonably be demanded for whatever of weakness and frailty may be perceived. You called me to this position for whatever merit you conceived in me. My duties have been discharged faithfully as best I could, and the honor conferred will be a boon of happiness and pleasant reflection while I live, assuring you that my zeal and ardor for the cause of Royal Arch Masonry will not thereby ever be decreased.

THOMAS S. WILMARTH,
Grand High Priest.

On motion of Companion W. E. Anderson the address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three for distribution of subjects.

The Deputy Grand High Priest announced as such committee the following named companions, to-wit: W. E. Anderson, W. A. McLean and Angus Paterson,

Which said committee presented the following report, and the same was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of G. H. Priest recommend that so much as refers to new Chapters be referred to Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws; so much as refers to special dispensations and decisions be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; that so much as refers to Grand Representatives, General Grand Chapter, fraternal relations and the remainder of the address, not otherwise referred, to a special committee of three for consideration; that so much as refers to the fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

W. E. ANDERSON,
W. A. MCLEAN,
A. PATERSON,
Committee.

The special committee recommended by the foregoing report was appointed, consisting of Companions Wright, Boyd and Tucker.

P. G. H. P. W. A. McLean verbally presented fraternal greetings from Companion Enos Wasgate, P. G. H. P.,

when Companion W. E. Anderson, P. G. H. P., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Companion McLean be requested to convey to P. G. H. P. Wasgate the thanks of this Grand Chapter for his kindly remembrance, and to assure him that he has our best wishes for his welfare.

The special committeee on residue of the address of the Grand High Priest made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your special committee to whom was referred such portions of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address, as were not otherwise specially referred, beg leave to report, that we concur in the recommendation of our Grand High Priest that this Grand Chapter make no change in the matter of the limitation of the term of appointment of Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter to other Grand Chapters.

We further advise that as far as practicable the Grand High Priest select for recommendation to other Grand Chapters as representatives near this Grand Chapter, companions who do not already represent other Grand Chapters, and who are regular attendants on this Grand Chapter, and failure of any Grand Representative to attend three consecutive Grand Annual Convocations shall cause the office to be declared vacant, and new representatives shall be recommended for appointment.

We recommend that those companions whose commissions have been received since our last Annual Convocation be duly received and honored by this Grand Chapter.

We are pleased to note that our Grand Chapter was ably represented by Past Grand High Priest Paterson at the last Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and also to note that the General Grand Chapter have adopted a full ritual, which will be disseminated as soon as it can be put in proper shape. We hope that our Grand Chapter will defer the adoption of a ritual until this authorized work can be received.

Under the head of fraternal relations our Grand High Priest notes the disloyal conduct of Horeb, Chapter No. 1, of Ohio, and the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Ohio in the premises, we therefore recommend that as the charter of Horeb Chapter, No. 1, of Worthington, Ohio, has been arrested by the Grand Chapter of Ohio for cause, that no companion hailing from said Horeb Chapter, No. 1, of Worthington, Ohio, be granted any of the privileges or benefits of Royal Arch

Masonry in this jurisdiction until their charter shall be restored by the Grand Chapter of Ohio, or until they have been regularly healed, and that notice of their action be sent to the several Chapters of this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,
J. W. Boyd,
W. W. TUCKER,
Committee.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer presented their annual reports, which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

1892.		
May 10.—To dues from Florida Chapter, No. 1		$ 27.00
To dues from Gainesville Chapter, No. 2		32.00
To dues from Tampa Chapter, No. 3		22.00
To dues from St. Johns Chapter, No. 4		63.00
To dues from Eureka Chapter, No. 7		42.00
To dues from Madison Chapter, No. 8		39.00
To dues from Putnam Chapter, No. 9		54.00
To dues from Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12		72.00
To dues from Ocala Chapter, No. 13		83.00
To dues from Providence Chapter, No. 20		26.00
To dues from Thomas Brown Chapter, No. 22		30.00
To dues from Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 24		69.00
		$559.00
		553.00
May 10.—By paid Grand Treasurer		$ 6.00

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Henry S. Ely, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

	DR.	
1890.		
May 11.—Received from J. H. Stephens	$650.98	
1892.	553.00	
May 11.—Received from Grand Treasurer		$1,203.98
	CR.	
1891.		
May 1.—Claims, per diem and mileage paid as taken from report of Grand Treasurer	$326.80	
Office rent Grand Secretary	60.00	
[The vouchers for above were burned in the fire of May, 1891.]		
July 25.—Donation to Masonic building (as authorized by Grand Chapter. See proceedings 1891, page 22),	100.00	
July 27.—Printing proceedings	76.80	
Nov. 5.—Insurance of Grand Chapter library	11.94	
1892.	628.44	
May 11.—Balance on hand		$1,203.98

On motion of Companion Paterson, the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.

MAY 10, 1892, 7:30 P. M.

M. E. Thomas S. Wilmarth, G. H. P., and others, as at the opening session, with the addition of Companion E. A. Richards, G. P., Sojourner.

The Grand Chapter was duly called from refreshments to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the opening session were read and confirmed.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following named companions presented their credentials as Grand Representatives of Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Florida, viz.:

W. M. McINTOSH—Ohio.

E. A. RICHARDS—New Brunswick.

SILAS B. WRIGHT—Washington.

And were received as such with the grand honors of Royal Arch Masonry.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, Companion Herman Glogowski was also recognized as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter, State of Florida:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report as follows:

The special committee appointed last year to report a standard work of the several degrees of the Chapter, reported that the General Grand Chapter had adopted a ritual, we therefore recommend that that committee be discharged.

We find that companions W. A. McLean and D. C. Dawkins, who were appointed a special committee last year to prepare a printed ritual for installation ceremonies, has performed that duty during the recess of the Grand Chapter, and we recommend that their report as printed be adopted and they discharged.

Fraternally submitted.

B. A. BROWN,
SILAS B. WRIGHT,
Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, and, on motion of Companion Paterson, the same was considered by sections and approved; when, on motion of Companion Endel, the report was adopted as a whole.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in the matter of rulings and decisions made by the Grand High Priest:

As to Ruling 1st it is not proper to refer a proposed amendment to the By-Laws to a committee for their report. It should be disposed of by the Chapter, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Ruling 2d approved. The Constitution instructs how proposed amendments to the By-Laws should be disposed of. If not withdrawn, they should be acted upon in accordance with the regulations.

Ruling 3d approved. Provided the resolution to amend does not refer to the By-Laws, which can only be amended in the constitutional manner.

Ruling 4th approved.

Ruling 5th not approved, as it is not necessary that the vote should be a matter of record; the announcement by the High Priest of the result is sufficient.

Ruling 6, 7 and 8 approved, being in accordance with existing regulations. The special dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest are also approved.

W. A. McLEAN,
W. E. ANDERSON,
ANGUS PATERSON,
Committee.

On motion of Grand Secretary Dawkins the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence is requested to consider and report what, if any, change should be made in Regulation 39, on page 35, Book of Laws and Constitution.

On motion of Companion McLean, the special order of business at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning's session shall be the election of grand officers.

Companion Paterson made some intererting remarks relative to the transactions of the General Grand Chapter in session at Minneapolis.

On motion of Companion Endel the thanks of this Grand Chapter are tendered to Companion Paterson for the valuable information imparted.

A question propounded by Companion Jewell, of Eureka Chapter No. 7, as to the election of Chapter

officers, was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

On motion of Companion Anderson, adopted, that when the Grand Chapter call off it be until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

MAY 11, 1892, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

PRESENT:

Most Excellent Thomas S. Wilmarth, Grand High Priest, and others, as at the evening session.

CALLED TO LABOR.

The Grand Chapter was duly called from refreshment to labor; prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the session of last evening were read and confirmed.

It having been reported to the Grand Chapter that Companion John H. Stephens, Grand Scribe, is unable to be present by reason of sickness, on motion of Companion Paterson, a committee, consisting of Companions Paterson, Anderson and Tucker, was appointed to visit Companion Stephens and convey to him fraternal greetings and the sympathy of this Grand Chapter in his affliction.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, which resulted as follows:

IRVING E. WEBSTER—Grand High Priest.
SILAS B. WRIGHT—Deputy Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM M. MCINTOSH—Grand King.
JOHN H. STEPHENS (re-elected)—Grand Scribe.
HENRY S. ELY (re-elected)—Grand Treasurer.
DEWITT C. DAWKINS (re-elected)—Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM A. MCLEAN (re-elected)—Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report as follows, viz.:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, presented to the present Grand Convocation, and find them correct, and recommend their adoption, to-wit:

Salary of Grand Secretary for last year	$150.00
Salary of Grand Chaplain	10.00
Salary of Guard	15.00
Office rent, postage, etc., Grand Secretary	60.00

Also, the payment of a per diem of two dollars and five cents per mile, one way, to the senior officer present from each Chapter duly represented at the present Convocation, and elective grand officers not mentioned above. When no officer is present to represent his Chapter, the proxy present for the senior officer is entitled to it.

We recommend the printing of the proceedings of the present Convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer pay for the same and other necessary expenses.

W. M. MCINTOSH,
S. B. WRIGHT,
H. S. ELY,
Committee.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

NECROLOGY.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Memorials respectfully present the following report:

Whilst we may congratulate ourselves upon the prosperous condition of capitular Masonry throughout our Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, yet we are filled with sadness when we reflect that we have lost the pleastant association of some of our loved companions, who, having completed their journeys, over the rough and rugged pathways of life, have passed through the veils of the Sacred Tabernacle, and have been admitted into the presence of the Supreme Grand Council above.

Death is a subject not lightly to be broached by those who are subjects to its power, for none can escape the inexorable doom, yet we are taught that it is through its gates that we find an entrance to the place of wages, refreshment and rest.

When its strong hand hath levelled all in humiliation in the grave, then the Almighty hand of the Supreme Grand Master shall prevail, and will exalt every worthy companion to a glorious fellowship in that Celestial Lodge above, where the noontide of bliss will eternally shine; where the scales of doubt and darkness will fall from our eyes, and the perfect plans of the Divine Artist shall be seen completed and displayed in all their glorious splendor. With the light of such a faith before us, oh! death where is thy sting.

Among those of our own Grand Jurisdiction who have *entered into rest*, and whose presence will never again gladden our earthly tabernacle, are the following:

From Florida Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, January 25th, has gone James W. Moore.

From Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7, March 6th, has gone Charles E. Bacon.

From Madison Royal Arch Chapter, No. 8, May 3d, has gone Robt. M. Witherspoon.

From Ocala Royal Arch Chapter, No. 13, June , has gone John Pinkerton.

From Providence Royal Arch Chapter, No. 20, February 4th, has gone John F. Niblack.

Some of sister Grand Jurisdictions, who have our warmest sympathies, have been called upon to mourn the loss of many of their loved, and some of them most distinguished companions, full reference of whom will be found in the address of our P. G. H. P., T. S. Wilmarth.

May we all ever endeavor to practice outside of our respective Chapters the noble precepts that are inculcated in them, and daily study and obey the laws that are given us by the Supreme Grand High Priest above.

WM. W. TUCKER,
I. E. WEBSTER,
D. MCLACHLAN,
Committee.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances reported as follows, and the same was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances respectfully report that nothing has been presented for our consideration, and we congratulate the Royal Craft on the fact that harmony and good fellowship prevails throughout ourborders.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. MCINTOSH,
H. S. ELY,
E. H. BUNKER,
Committee.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws presented the following report, and the same was duly received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your Committee recommend that the dispensation for Monroe Chapter, U. D., at Sanford, be continued until the next Grand Annual Convocation, as we are informed that a charter will be applied for at that time.

ANGUS PATERSON,
J. D. SINCLAIR,
C. J. HAYS,
Committee.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

WARREN TYLER—Grand Captain of the Host.
E. A. RICHARDS—Grand Principal Sojourner.
D. MCLACHLAN—Grand Royal Arch Captain.
C. J. HAYS—Grand Master 3d Vail.
W. S. JORDAN—Grand Master 2d Vail.
B. A. BROWN—Grand Master 1st Vail.
JAMES F. CLARK—Grand Guard.

All the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers were duly installed into their respective offices by Companion William A. McLean, P. G. H. P.; Companion Angus Paterson, P. G. H. P., acting as Grand Marshal.

The committee heretofore appointed on the status of cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, not being ready to report, the said committee was continued, with instructions to report at the next Annual Convocation.

On motion of Companion Marcus Endel, P. G. H. P., the Committee on Work was authorized and requested to prepare a ritual for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Grand Chapter, the same to be presented and used for the opening ceremonies at the next Grand Annual Convocation.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented the following report, and the same was duly received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

Your committee recommend that Regulation 39 be amended by striking out the words "and names of members." The regulation as amended would read: "The names, locations and times of meeting of the Chapters under this Jurisdiction are required to be published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter."

In reply to the question submitted by Eureka Chapter, No. 7, asking whether an election of officers held at a regular Convocation as soon as practicable after St. John's day in December, is legal, your committee reply that as Section 22 G. C. Constitution requires that the election shall be held at the regular Convocation next preceeding St. John's day, the election at a later Convocation is illegal.

We recommend that the irregularity of the election in Eureka Chapter, No. 7, be healed by this Grand Chapter.

We recommend that Section 22, G. C. Constitution, be amended by inserting the words "or as soon thereafter as practicable" after the words "St. John, the Evangilist's day."

W. A. McLEAN,
W. E. ANDERSON,
ANGUS PATERSON.

Companion W. E. Anderson, P. G. H. P., presented the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the next regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of Jacksonville, at high 12, on the second Tuesday in May, 1893.

On motion of Companion Endel, P. G. H. P., the thanks of this Grand Chapter are tendered to Jacksonville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, for use of hall, and other courtesies extended by said Chapter.

And, on motion of Companion Anderson, P. G. H. P., a vote of thanks was tendered to the railroads for special rates.

COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following named companions as a Committee on Work:

W. A. McLean,
W. E. Anderson,
Marcus Endel.

The Grand High Priest also appointed the following committees:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE:

D. C. Dawkins,
W. A. McLean,
T. S. Wilmarth.

ON PRINTING:

D. C. Dawkins,
H. S. Ely,
John H. Stephens.

The foregoing minutes were read and confirmed.

There appearing to be no further business the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, the devotions being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

D. C. Dawkins

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Annual Convocation was held on the 10th and 11th of May, 1892, and on the 16th of said month, our Grand Secretary was prostrated by a stroke of paralysis, and from that time to the present he has been unable to discharge the duties, or to give direction to matters connected with the office.

On the 11th of July the Most Excellent Grand High Priest issued a commission, appointing me Assistant Grand Secretary during the disability of Companion Dawkins, or until the next Grand Annual Convocation.

The minutes of the Annual Convocation had not been prepared for the printer, and it became a question with me as to whether or not it would be to the best interests of the Grand Chapter that I should undertake to perform that service, or allow it to remain over until the next Grand Annual Convocation, and that the proceedings of two years be printed together in one pamphlet. This matter was decided, however, by the fact of numerous letters being received from other jurisdictions and individual Masons requesting that our proceedings for 1892 be forwarded to them; therefore, the latter part of August I took charge of the papers, etc., of the Annual Convocation, and proceeded to prepare the proceedings for publication, and the foregoing is the result of my effort in that behalf. It is unnecessary to state in this connection that if a master overseer had been in charge of the work, a different specimen would be presented for inspection, at the same time it is not to be expected that my labors will be entirely unrewarded, as this will most likely come in the form of adverse criticism, and properly so, too, as a mere novice cannot reasonably expect to receive wages belonging exclusively to the experienced architect.

As the representative of the Grand Secretary, in discharging the duties of his office temporarily, it is proper for me to say that this Grand Chapter is under obligations to sister jurisdictions for kindly sympathy so impressively expressed for our Grand Secretary and his family in their affliction.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Notwithstanding the fact that the writer hereof is a member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, it is well known that Companion Dawkins has, for years past, prepared such reports as were sent out, and as he was well qualified for that service, it was left entirely to his judgment and skill, and, as a general thing, these reports were not read by the other members of the committee until they appeared in connection with and as a part of the printed proceedings of the Annual Convocation. While it would afford pleasure and no

small degree of profit to this particular member of the committee to commune with the Royal Craft by reviewing the proceedings of the various jurisdictions in fraternal intercourse with this Grand Chapter, it is exceedingly doubtful as to whether any real benefit could possibly result therefrom, for the reason that such service, to be productive of practical results, requires larger experience in matters Masonic than is possessed by this humble scribe. We may entertain the hope, however, that in the not very distant future a "Shimsi" will be discovered within our ranks, possessing the requisite qualifications for such a noble and glorious undertaking. Until then we will be under the necessity of contenting ourselves with receiving benefits from other Jurisdictions without giving anything in return.

When our proceedings shall have been received and inspected, it may be that errors and omissions will be discovered, especially in the Directory of Grand Chapters, but if this should be the fact, the best apology possible under existing circumstances is now here presented—there is not sufficient time afforded for examination of proceedings to ascertain what, if any changes, have been made during the past year. The Directory is therefore the same as published with the proceedings of 1891, with the exception of perhaps one or two changes.

Fraternally,

W. A. McLEAN,
Assistant Grand Secretary.