

BOWLING GREEN LODGE NUMBER 121, F.&A.M.



Bowling Green Lodge No. 121 was chartered January 21, 1904 to meet at Bowling Green in DeSoto County.

The three Line Officers at chartering were:

N. B. Durrance — Worshipful Master
J. H. Durrance — Senior Warden
W. B. Whitfield — Junior Warden

The chartering Grand Lodge Officers were:

Thomas M. Puleston — Grand Master
Charles W. Johnson — Deputy Grand Master
Elmer E. Haskell — Senior Grand Warden
Louis C. Massey — Junior Grand Warden
W. P. Webster — Grand Secretary

Bowling Green Lodge No. 121 had eighteen charter members. The three Line Officers came from Wauchula Lodge No. 17. The other charter members came from Versailles No. 117 of Missouri, Tuscan No. 6, Wauchula No. 17, Wauchula No. 99 (defunct) and Bowling Green, U.D., all of Florida. In addition to the Master and two Wardens, these Brothers were:

J. A. Alderman (99)	Samuel R. Woods (117)
A. J. Sauls (17)	James M. Scott (U.D.)
E. F. Durrance (99)	Thom. R. Starke (U.D.)
Thom. Albritton (99)	M. C. Jones, F.C. (U.D.)
N. L. Baggett (17)	J. J. Parish, F.C. (U.D.)
J. M. Dotson (99)	C. H. Jones, E.A. (U.D.)
D. Elmer Davis (6)	E. E. Durrance, E.A. (U.D.)
G. J. Marsh, E.A. (U.D.)	

Bowling Green was the second lodge to be given No. 121. This number was first assigned to Corinthian Lodge No. 121, January 21, 1891, to meet at Pensacola, in Escambia County. Bowling Green is still an active lodge.

Bowling Green became part of Hardee County when Hardee County was established, April 23, 1921, as the fifty-fifth county.