

## FORT MEADE LODGE NUMBER 160, F.&A.M.



Fort Meade Lodge No. 160 was chartered January 16, 1907 to meet at Fort Meade in Polk County.

The three Line Officers at chartering were:

Orville B. Lewis — Worshipful Master  
Cyril G. C. Wright — Senior Warden  
Lemuel C. Bowers — Junior Warden

The chartering Grand Lodge Officers were:

Charles Ward Johnson — Grand Master  
Elmer Ellsworth Haskell — Deputy Grand Master  
Louis C. Massey — Senior Grand Warden  
A. W. Gilchrist — Junior Grand Warden  
W. P. Webster — Grand Secretary

This is the second "Fort Meade Lodge" to be chartered in Florida. The first was Fort Meade No. 132, chartered January 18, 1893 and went defunct in January, 1899.

This is the only Florida Lodge to be given number 160 and is still an active lodge and meets at Fort Meade, in Polk County.

This lodge was chartered with fifteen charter members who brought their memberships from Tuscan Lodge No. 6, Morriston No. 39 and Fort Meade No. 132 (defunct), all Florida Lodges; Atlanta No. 59 of Georgia and Crockettville No. 248 of South Carolina. Eight charter members were made Masons in the Lodge, U.D. The charter W.M. came from Morriston No. 39, the S.W. from Tuscan No. 6 and the J.W. from Crockettville No. 248. The other twelve were:

George T. Hill (39)	George W. Wilson (U.D.)
William Nobles (39)	Aaron Simmons (U.D.)
J. Dallas Tillis (132)	Carroll W. DuRant (U.D.)
Elijah E. Earnest (59)	William H. Lavinor (U.D.)
Albert B. Jones (U.D.)	Orlando H. Lafborrow, F.C. (U.D.)
Lewis T. Warren (U.D.)	Alfred T. Perry, E.A. (U.D.)