

**Franklin Lodge Number 204 F. & A. M.**

Franklin Lodge #204 of Franklin, near the Alabama state line, in Santa Rosa County, Florida was constituted 1/17/1912. Franklin was later called Red Oak. The area became Okaloosa County when it was created in 1915. The Lodge secretary's mailing address was Route A, Falco, Alabama. In those days the mail routes could cross state lines. Of course this later changed.

Attendance at a stated meeting that year included ten from Old Walton #54. They were D. M. Franklin, Peter D. Franklin, William J. Franklin, Joe Franklin, Wyatt Franklin, W. E. Franklin, Peter M. Snowden, W. A. Cotton, W. F. Russell, and Willie Elliot. W. G. Coxwell attended from Cassia #238 in Georgia and Joseph H. L. Henley from Norris #301 in Alabama. Harvest Starling, M. C. Coxwell, Peter J. Franklin and Scott A. Lee, under dimit, attended from Franklin.

Records of 1924 reflect officers J. A. Chesse serving as Master, R. M. Barrow as Senior Warden, Joe Franklin as Junior Warden, J. M. Cook as Treasurer and J. M. Beasley as Secretary. In 1929 J. A. Chesse served as Senior Warden, R. M. Barrow was Junior Warden and Joe Franklin was Secretary along with M. C. Coxwell as Master and William J. Franklin as Secretary.

Franklin Lodge #204 consolidated with Old Walton #54 at Oak Grove, Florida on April 12, 1930. Old Walton later surrendered its charter January 10, 1932. See Old Walton story elsewhere in this book.

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