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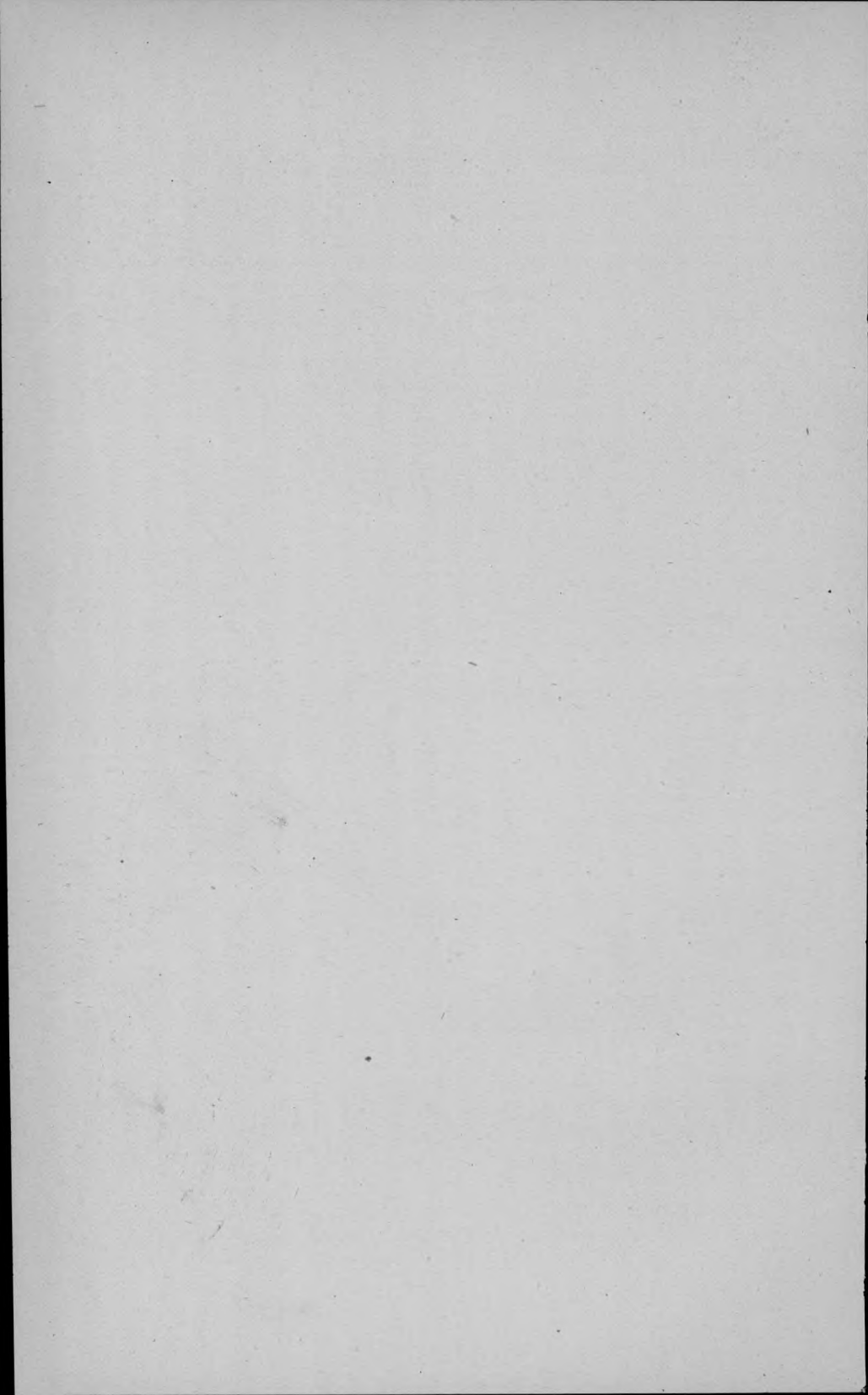
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FIRST
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA
HELD IN THE CITY OF MOBILE, IN JANUARY, 1824.



PROCEEDINGS 1824.

TUSCALOOSA MASONIC HALL,

Monday, June 16, 1823: A. L. 5823.

There being no delegates from any other Chapter than Tuscaloosa No. 1, no meeting consequently could take place at this time.

J. B. HOGAN, G. Sec'y.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL,

January 5, 1824: A. L. 5824.

The Grand Secretary repaired to this place; called the roll and no Grand Officers or members appearing, adjourned the meeting as the constitution required, until to-morrow evening at early candle light.

J. B. HOGAN, G. Sec'y.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL,

January 6, 1824: A. L. 5824.

The Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Tyler appeared; and in consequence of no other members appearing, the Grand High Priest ordered the Grand Secretary to issue a summons to each officer and member, to appear on Wednesday evening at half-past six o'clock, and then adjourned.

J. B. HOGAN, G. Sec'y.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL,

January 7, 1824: A. L. 5824.

Agreeable to the summons of the Grand H. P.,
the following Companions assembled at the Hall, at
early candle light, viz:

M. E. Comp. D. McFARLANE, G. H. P.
JOHN ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.
N. F. CUNNINGHAM, G. K., p. t.
S. H. GARROW, G. S., p. t.
J. B. HOGAN, G. S.
A. P. BAGBY, G. T., p. t.
Rev. Comp. J. B. WARREN, G. C.
H. V. CHAMBERLAIN, G. M.
CHARLES STEELE, G. T.

VISITING COMPANIONS.

—— THORINGTON, Cahawba.
GURDON ROBINSON, Claiborne.

The Grand High Priest took the chair at 7 o'clock
P. M., and then opened the Grand Chapter of the
State of Alabama in due form.

A communication from the General Grand High
Priest, dated Sept. 9th, 1823, at Albany, State of
New York, in the following words, was laid before
the Grand Chapter, by the Grand Secretary:

ALBANY 9th September, 1823.

Sir and Companions:—

"I have duly considered the constitution of the Grand Chap-
ter of the State of Alabama, and I cordially approve of this
institution, and of the measures pursued in relation to it.

"With my ardent prayers for the individual and collective prosperity of the members of the Grand Chapter of Alabama,

I am yours Respectfully and Fraternally,

"DE WITT CLINTON."

Also a communication from Monroe Chapter, held in Claiborne, Alabama; whereupon it was read, and moved to lay it on the table; which motion was lost. It was then moved to refer said communication to a select committee, with instructions to report on the same on Friday evening next; which motion was carried.

Committee appointed by the Grand H. P. is Elliott, Hogan, and Chamberlain.

A communication was also received and laid, by the Grand Secretary, before the Grand Chapter, from Eunomia Chapter, with a return of its officers and members, and inclosing twenty dollars as its dues from August to December 31, 1823: Whereupon it was moved, that a committee of three be appointed to examine the accounts of the several Chapters as well as their By-Laws.—Companions Chamberlain, Hogan and Cunningham to be that committee.

It was then moved to refer said communication to that committee.

It was then moved that a committee of three be appointed to examine the credentials of the several proxies.—Companions Elliott, Garrow and Chamberlain to be that committee.

It was then moved that the several officers and members of this Grand Chapter, be summoned to meet on Friday evening next at early candle light.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until that time.

J. B. HOGAN, G. Sec'y.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL,

January 9th, 1824.

The Grand Chapter met agreeable to adjournment at 7 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp. DUGALD MCFARLANE, G. H. P.

JOHN ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

H. V. CHAMBERLAIN, G. K., p. t.

S. H. GARROW, G. S., p. t.

J. B. HOGAN, G. S.

E. ROBERTS, King Mobile Chap. G. T., p. t.

CHARLES STEELE, G. T.

—— NEGUS, G. M., p. t.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the communication from Monroe Chapter, respectfully reported in writing, as follows, which report was agreed to by the Grand Chapter:

The committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of Monroe Chapter, as well as the proposition from said Chapter, for this Grand Chapter to call a new convention for the purpose of forming another Grand Chapter in lieu of the one already organized in this State, respectfully report:

That they seriously regret the course pursued by Monroe Chapter, and the schism that may ensue in consequence thereof, amongst the craft. Still, paramount considerations imperiously require, that this Grand Chapter should adhere to the course

they have pursued, which your committee conceive to be in accordance with the constitution for the government of the General Grand Chapter of the United States—more especially as that course has already received the sanction of and test of approbation, of his Excellency De Witt Clinton, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the G. G. Chapter of the United States.

Your committee would also respectfully suggest, that should the constitution which has been formed for this Grand Chapter, be found, after experience, defective or inefficient, a mode is pointed out by which it may be amended in a constitutional manner.

In relation to the proposition made by Monroe Chapter, to call a convention for the purpose herein before mentioned, your committee are of the opinion that there is no necessity for it. That to pursue such a course would amount at least to a tacit admission that this Grand Chapter originated, and was founded in error; That it swerved from the land marks of masonry, as defined by the Masonic Constitution; whereas your committee are confidently impressed with the belief, that opposite deductions should be drawn from the acts of this Grand Chapter, from the period of its organization up to the present time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ELLIOTT,	}	Committee.
J. B. HOGAN,		
H. V. CHAMBERLAIN,		

Whereupon the following resolution was offered, and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter impressed with the correctness of its proceedings, seriously lament the remonstrance of Monroe Chapter.

Be it further resolved, That this Grand Chapter cannot accede to the proposition of said Chapter to call another convention for the purpose of forming another Grand Chapter.

The committee to whom was referred the examination of the By-Laws and credentials of the several Chapters and proxies, respectfully report:

That only two returns of By-Laws have been made, viz:—Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1, and Mobile Chapter, No. 3; and that they have examined the same, and find them according to the book of constitutions, regular and Masonic.

As yet your committee has had no opportunity of examining any other credentials but Companion D. McFarlane's, who is the regular proxy of Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1—no other proxy appearing from any other Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ELLIOTT, Chairman.

On motion it was ordered, that the Grand Treasurer pay Thomas M. Davenport, the sum of forty-five dollars for printing the constitution and proceedings had thereon.

On motion it was ordered, that Battelle and Townsend present their account for stationery and printing to Companion H. V. Chamberlain, chairman of the committee on accounts, and if found correct to issue his certificate, whereupon they shall be entitled to a warrant on the Treasurer.

The committee of accounts reported on the returns of Mobile, Tuscaloosa, and Eunomia Chapters,

And find that their report of members and dues was correct, and that Tuscaloosa Chapter had paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary, the sum of twenty-four dollars in full for its dues for the year 1823. Also that Eunomia Chapter has paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary, twenty dollars in full for its dues for the year 1823; and Mobile Chapter owes the sum of twelve dollars, no funds having accompanied their

report, and that no return has been received from any other Chapters in the State.

H. V. CHAMBERLAIN, Chairman.

On motion it was ordered, to forward a copy of the report to the committee, to whom was referred the communication of Monroe Chapter to that Chapter as well as to all others in this State.

On motion it was ordered, that the proceedings of this Grand Chapter be printed, and that the Grand Secretary attend to the same.

On motion it was ordered, that the Grand Secretary open a communication with the several Grand Chapters in the United States.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter, a communication from the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, accompanied with a copy of its constitution and By-Laws.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest reported his having instituted by dispensation, Eunomia Chapter, at Huntsville, and Cyrus Chapter, at Florence, which report was read and approved of.

On motion it was ordered, that a committee be appointed to procure a seal, and to submit a suitable draft for the same. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary to be that committee.

On motion the Grand Chapter adjourned until to-morrow evening at early candle-light.

J. B. HOGAN, G. Sec'y.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL,

January 10, 1824: A. L. 5824.

The Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp. DUGALD MCFARLANE, G. H. P.

JOHN ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

Ex. Comp. H. V. CHAMBERLAIN, G. K., p. t.

N. F. CUNNINGHAM, G. S., p. t.

J. B. HOGAN, G. S.

E. ROBERTS, G. T., p. t.

C. STEELE, G. T.

— NEGUS, G. M., p. t.

On motion it was ordered, that Companion William D. Stone, Treasurer of Mobile Chapter, be permitted to a seat in the Grand Chapter during the evening; also that Comp. Russell, Secretary of Mobile Lodge, be permitted to a seat during the evening; also that Companion Thorington of Cahawba Chapter, be permitted a seat in the Grand Chapter during the evening.—They were admitted accordingly.

On motion it was ordered, that the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, who are now in arrears, forward the Grand Secretary all their dues previous to the next communication of this Grand Chapter.

On motion it was ordered, that the Grand Secretary issue warrants to the following Chapters, viz:

TUSCALOOSA, No. 1; MOBILE No. 3; EUNOMIA No. 5, and CYRUS CHAPTER No. 6.

On motion it was ordered, we now go into an election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year; whereupon the following Companions were declared duly elected:

M. E. Comp. ISRAEL PICKENS, G. H. Priest.

JOHN ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

ANDREW HUTCHINSON, G. K.

JAMES WEAKLEY, G. S.

JOHN B. HOGAN, G. S.

JOHN H. VINCENT, G. T.

JOHN B. WARREN, G. C.

S. H. GARROW, G. M. 1st.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, G. M. 2nd.

Resolved, That there be two Grand Lecturers and Visitors—one for the Northern end of the State and the other for the Southern; and that when the services of either of the Grand Visitors be required by any Chapter of this State, they shall be paid a reasonable compensation for their services by said Chapter.

Whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That our Most Excellent Comp. Dugald McFarlane be the Grand Visitor of the North, and William P. Clark, for the South end of this State.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inform his Excellency Israel Pickens, of his appointment as Grand High Priest, and request his acceptance of the same. Committee,—Elliott, Hogan and Chamberlain.

The committee to whom was referred the procuring of a seal, reported that they had attended to that subject, and recommended the adoption of the following device, viz:

A Triangle with the eye in the centre darting its rays upon the Ark of the Covenant, with the four Banners; and in the circle, the "Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama" 1823.

The report and draft were adopted, and the committee ordered to procure one as soon as possible.

The report of the committee of accounts was read, allowing the chairman Dugald McFarlane thirty-six dollars for his attendance at this communication of the Grand Chapter; also to the Grand Secretary, John B. Hogan, thirty-six dollars for his attendance, and to Charles Steele, Grand Tyler, thirteen dollars and fifty cents, which report was confirmed and the Grand Secretary ordered to pay the same out of any moneys in his hands.

On motion it was ordered, that the Grand Chapter do adjourn until to-morrow, for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers elect.

J. B. HOGAN, G. Sec'y.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL,

January 11, 1824: A. L. 5824.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp. DUGALD MCFARLANE, G. H. P.

JOHN ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

H. V. CHAMBERLAIN, G. K., p. t.

S. H. GARROW, G. S., p. t.

J. B. HOGAN, G. S.

W. D. STONE, G. T., p. t.

J. B. WARREN, G. C.

C. STEELE, G. T.

W. P. CLARK, G. V.

On motion, Companion Josiah Clemens was permitted to take a seat in the Grand Chapter for the evening.

Most Excellent Companion Dugald McFarlane, having duly installed the Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Elliott, he then took the chair and installed Companion D. McFarlane as proxy for the Grand High Priest, Companion I. Pickens.

Companion Chamberlain was then installed as proxy for A. Hutchinson Grand King; Companion S. H. Garrow was then installed as proxy for James Weakly, Grand Scribe; Companion Stone was installed as proxy for J. H. Vincent, Grand Treasurer; Companion J. B. Warren as Grand Chaplain; Companion J. B. Hogan as Grand Secretary; C. Steele Grand Tyler, and Dugald McFarlane and W. P. Clark, as Grand Lecturers and Visitors; after which the following resolution was offered, and adopted unanimously:

Whereas a diversity of opinion appears among the companions under this jurisdiction, respecting the eligibility of Grand Officers to hold offices in the Subordinate Chapters.—Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter do not vacate their membership in the Subordinate Chapter from which they hail; nor can they be deprived of the rights of membership by accepting an office in this Grand Chapter, and that it shall be competent at the option of any Grand Officer of this Grand Chapter, to discharge the duties of any office in any Subordinate Chapter of which he is a member, and to which he may be elected by the voice of some Subordinate Chapter.

Nothing further appearing before the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, it was closed with the usual solemnities.

J. B. HOGAN, G. Sec'y.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

TUSKALOOSA CHAPTER, No. 1.

Stated meetings, second Monday in every Month.

OFFICERS :

M. E. Benj. B. Fontaine,	H. P. E. G. Moseley, 3rd G. M. V.
Henry A. Snow, K.	E. P. Bacon, 2nd G. M. V.
John R. Drish, S.	C. Perkins, 1st G. M. V.
Comp. F. Titus, C. H.	J. O. Cummins, Secretary.
J. Wyzer, P. S.	T. Owen, Treasurer.
E. Colver, R. A. C.	J. Cain, Steward and Sentinel.

PAST HIGH PRIEST.

Dugald McFarlane.

COMPANIONS :

C. Lewin,	R. D. Bowmar,
J. H. Campbell,	Joel White,
J. H. Royle,	S. L. Perry,
S. Williamson,	J. D. Richards.

EXALTATIONS.

B. Clemens, J. Clemens, E. G. Mosely, F. Titus, J. O. Cummins,

J. H. Royle, S. Williamson.

DEMITTED.

D. Lawrence.

DEATHS.

Alexander Hamilton.

ALABAMA CHAPTER, No. 2.

Held at Cahawba.—No returns as yet received.

MOBILE CHAPTER, No. 3.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in every Month.

OFFICERS :

M. E. Thaddeus Sanford, H. P.	C. A. Tufts, 3rd G. M. V.
N. F. Cunningham, K.	H. Gunnison, 2nd G. M. V.
H. V. Chamberlain, S.	S. Stoddart, 1st G. M. V.
Comp. S. G. Swift, C. H.	J. Wilkins, Secretary.
W. P. Clark, P. S.	W. D. Stone, Treasurer.
S. H. Garrow, R. A. C.	M. S. McNama, Stew. and Sent.

PAST HIGH PRIEST.

John Elliott.

COMPANIONS :

D. Duvall.	J. Clemens,
E. Roberts,	P. H. Hobart,
C. Steele,	J. B. Hogan,
D. S. Russell,	D. McGibbon.

ADMITTED.

Gorham Davenport, Silas Dinsmore, Gurdon Robinson,
H. P. Benham.

CLAIBORNE CHAPTER, No. 4.

No returns received from this Chapter.

EUNOMIA CHAPTER, No. 5.

Stated Meetings not mentioned.

OFFICERS:

M. E. Anderson Hutchison, H. P.	J. Grimes, 3rd G. M. V.
David Moore, King.	H. Adams, 2nd G. M. V.
John Martin, S.	R. B. Brickell, 1st G. M. V.
Comp. H. I. Thornton, C. H.	J. Jones, Secretary.
B. Metcalf, P. S.	J. M. Leake, Treasurer.
I. Williams, R. A. C.	

MEMBERS.

G. W. Harris,	C. Hunt,	W. R. Chunn.
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EXALTATION:

Samuel Coltart,

MARK MASTERS.

William Funy, S. K. McGraw, Matthias Munn, Preston Yeatman, John Dines, John Keibor, John R. H. Ackler, Joshua Cox, Leighton Wood, Matthias Dixon, John H. Polin.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 6.

Held in Florence.—Stated Meetings not mentioned.

M. E. James Weakley, H. P.	S. Nye, R. A. C.
Alex. H. Wood, K.	J. Simpson, 3rd G. M. V.
Thomas West, S.	— Winston, 2nd G. M. V.
Comp. W. R. Wood, C. H.	— Rosser, 1st G. M. V.
G. S. Dawson, P. S.	— Cox, Secretary.

This return is imperfect as it is made out from recollection of the Grand High Priest; no return having been forwarded by that Chapter.

JOHN B. HOGAN, G. Sec'y.

FORM

OF A RETURN OF A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TO THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Return of _____ Chapter, No. _____

Held at _____ in the County of _____ Stated Meetings on
the _____ day of each Month.

OFFICERS :

M. E. A_____B_____	H. P. O_____P_____	G. M. 2nd V.
C_____D_____	K. Q_____R_____	G. M. 1st V.
E_____F_____	S. S_____T_____	of _____ Sec'y.
Comp. G_____H_____	C. H. U_____V_____	Tr.
I_____J_____	P. S. W_____X_____	G. C.
K_____L_____	R. A. C. Y_____Z_____	S. & T.
M_____N_____	G. M. 3 V.	

PAST HIGH PRIESTS.

A_____ B_____ C_____ D_____

COMPANIONS :

E_____ F_____ G_____ H_____

EXALTED.

A_____ A_____ B_____ B_____

ADMITTED.

J_____ K_____, late of _____ Chapter, No. _____, State of _____,
on the _____ day of _____.

RE-INSTATED.

L_____ M_____, on the _____ day of _____

DEMITTED.

N_____ O_____, on the _____ day of _____

DEAD.

P----- Q-----, on the-----day of-----

SUSPENDED.

R----- S-----, (State for what offence) on the__day of____

EXPELLED.

T----- W-----, (State for what offence, and describe his age,
person and occupation) on the-----day of-----

REJECTED.

X----- Y-----, (describe his person, age, residence and occu-
pation particularly), on the-----day of-----

Observe to omit all the officers under the head of Com-
panions; but insert such as are P. H. P.'s under the head of
P. H. P.'s.

As Secretary of-----Chapter, No.-----, I certify that the
foregoing is a correct return of the same to the Grand Royal
Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama from the-----day of
----- inclusive.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand, and affixed the seal of said
Chapter, (if there be one, if not, then, my
private seal,) this-----day of -----,
A. D.-----, A. L.-----, Y. D.-----
E----- F-----, Sec'y.

FORM

OF A RETURN OF A MARK LODGE, TO THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Return of-----Mark Lodge, No.-----.

Held at-----in the county of-----Stated Meetings on the
-----day of-----

OFFICERS :

R. W. A____B____, M. M____N____, S. O.
 W. C____D____, S. W. O____P____, J. O.
 E____F____, J. W. Q____R____, S. D.
 G____H____, Secretary. S____T____, J. D.
 I____J____, Treasurer. U____V____, S. & T.
 K____L____, C. O.

BROTHERS :

A____L_____

T____S_____

ADVANCED.

P_____ S_____, on the_____day of_____

(In other respects, comply with form prescribed for Chapter.)

MARK LODGE, No._____

TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA, DR.

For_____Brothers advanced, at_____ \$_____ \$_____

The foregoing forms must be strictly complied with, as none
 other will be received by the Grand Chapter.

Attest:

JOHN B. HOGAN, G. Sec'y.

Since the meeting at Mobile, the Grand Secretary
 has received the following communication from
 His Excellency Israel Pickens, G. H. P.:

GREENWOOD, February 10th, 1824.

J. ELLIOTT, Esq., D. G. H. P.	} Committee.
J. B. HOGAN, Esq., G. S.	
H. V. CHAMBERLAIN, Esq., S.	

Gentlemen and Companions:—

I have the distinguished honor to acknowledge the receipt of
 your letter, dated 13th ult., apprising me of the high station
 assigned me by my Masonic Brethren, at the last communica-
 tion of the Grand Chapter of this State.

While I express the grateful obligations which I feel imposed
 on me toward my Masonic Brethren by this signal token of
 their respect, I must at the same time acknowledge that my

conscious incapacity for the useful discharge of the duties expected from the Grand High Priest, is felt as a cause of unfeigned regret to me, that I have in this instance been the object of the kind notice of my Companions and Brethren. My only hope of being able to meet these duties, is derived from the reflection, that the charitable assistance of my Masonic Brethren is insured by the cardinal principles that govern our order.

With this hope I am influenced, not without the most unaffected diffidence, to accept the high Masonic office proposed. You will please to communicate my sincere thanks to the fraternity, to whose favorable sentiments I am indebted for this distinguished notice; and also my assurance that the best endeavors will be made to deserve their confidence.

I have the honor to be, very

Respectfully and Fraternally Your Most, &c.,

ISRAEL PICKENS.

JOHN ELLIOTT, ESQ.,

JOHN B. HOGAN, ESQ.,

H. V. CHAMBERLAIN, ESQ.,

} Committee.

TUSCALOOSA, May 1824.

M. E. COMPANION :—In the discharge of a duty assigned me by a resolution of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, I herewith forward you a copy of the proceedings of the first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama; a copy of the proceedings of the convention and constitution has already been forwarded. It affords me much pleasure to be the instrument for opening a correspondence with your Grand Chapter, and solicit a copy of your constitution and proceedings, and any information which may tend to the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry.

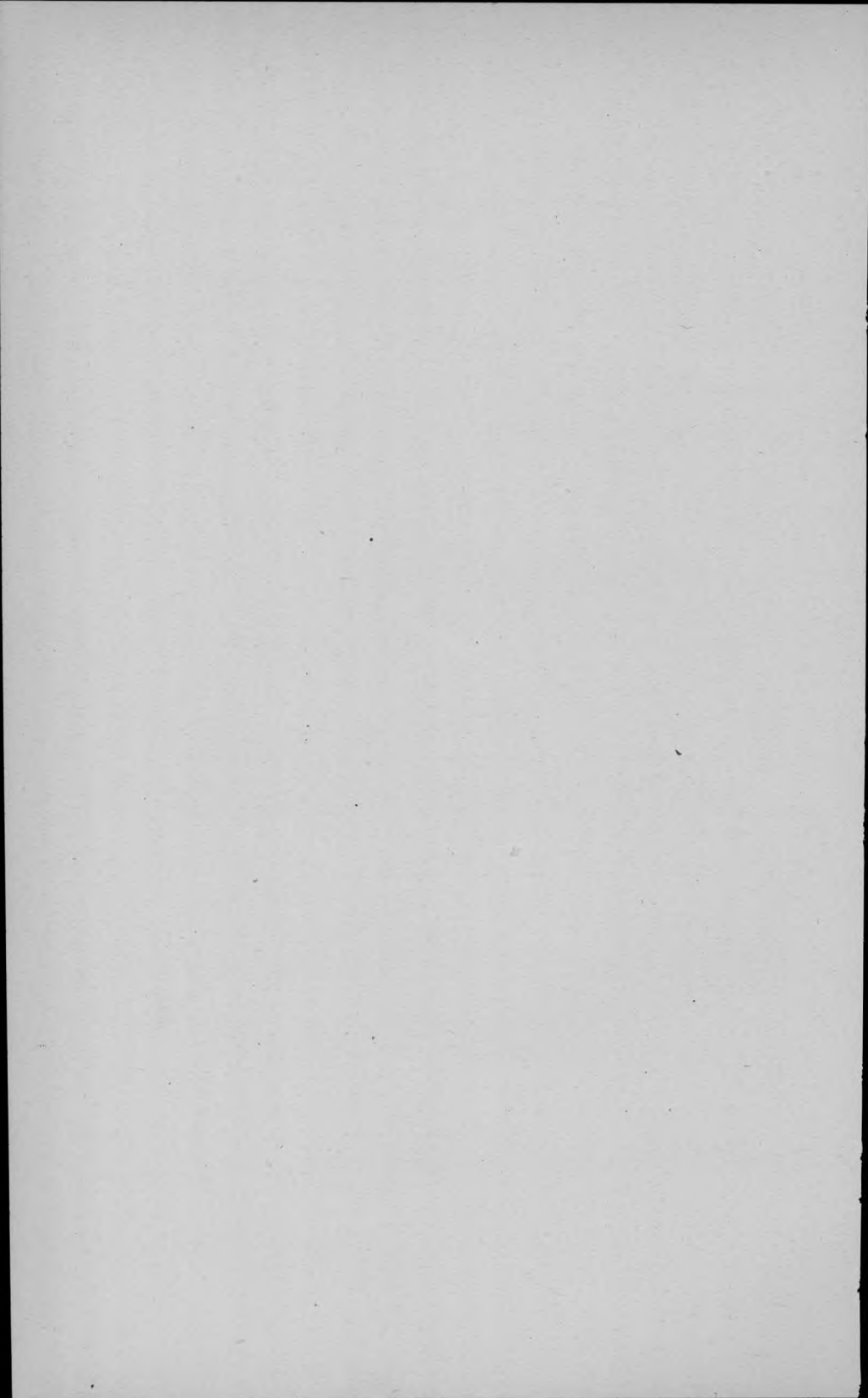
I remain Fraternally Yours,

JOHN B. HOGAN, G. Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY
OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA

AT ITS SECOND GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD AT THE
CITY OF MOBILE, ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY,
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PROCEEDINGS
OF A
SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA

Held at the Tuscaloosa Masonic Hall, in the Town of Tuscaloosa, on Monday, 21st June, A. L. 5824.

Agreeable to the first section of the 2nd article of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter for the State of Alabama, the following companions convened at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 21st June.

M. Ex. Comp. DUGALD McFARLANE, P. G. H. P.

J. B. HOGAN, G. S.

B. B. FONTAINE, H. P.

Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1.

H. A. SNOW, K.

J. R. DRISH, Scribe.

GEO. A. DAWSON, proxy for

Cyrus Chapter, No. 5.

There being but two Chapters represented, an adjournment took place until Wednesday evening, the 23d, when the same companions being present,

it was determined to open a Grand Chapter. Whereupon—M. Ex. Comp. McFarlane was called to the chair.

———, G. H. P.

B. B. FONTAINE, G. K., p. t.

G. A. DAWSON, G. T., p. t.

J. B. HOGAN, G. Sect.

H. A. SNOW, G. Marshal.

The following companions were permitted to take a seat in the Grand Chapter during this session, viz:

Wm. P. Gurell, Philip Williams, G. W. Crane, Z. B. Snow, David J. Hynds.

A Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then opened in ancient form, whereupon, Companion M'Farlane laid before the Grand Chapter a communication from our most excellent Grand High Priest Israel Pickens, apprising the Grand Chapter of his indisposition, and that it would be out of his power to attend this communication, which was deemed a sufficient excuse.

The proceedings of the annual convocation held at Mobile, in January last, was then read and approved.

On motion, it was resolved to appoint the following committees:

ON CREDENTIALS.—Comps. Dawson and H. A. Snow.

RETURNS.—Fontain and Drish.

ACCOUNTS.—Hogan, Snow and Dawson.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until Friday evening, at early candle-light.

TUSCALOOSA, Friday Evening, 25th June, }
1824—A. L. 5824. }

The Grand Chapter met by adjournment, but there not being sufficient members present, it adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

TUSCALOOSA, Saturday 26th June 1824,

The Grand Chapter met—present all the members as on Wednesday—also Companion C. A. Tufts, of Mobile Chapter.

The Grand Chapter being called to labour, the committee on credentials reported:

That they had attended to that duty, and report that Companion G. A. Dawson is the legal proxy of Cyrus Chapter, No. 5; and B. B. Fontaine, H. A. Snow and John R. Drish, are the legal representatives of Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, and regret that they have it not in their power to report on any other credentials, none having been received from the other Chapters.

Signed,

G. A. DAWSON, }
H. A. SNOW, } Committee.

The Committee on accounts report:

That they have attended to the same, and find Cyrus and Tuscaloosa Chapters to be correct, and there is due the Grand Chapter from Cyrus Chapter the sum of twelve dollars, for exaltations—and from Tuscaloosa Chapter the sum of four dollars, for exaltations.

Signed,

B. B. FONTAINE,
J. R. DRISH, } Committee.

The committee on By-Laws report:

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and find Tuscaloosa and Cyrus according to Masonic usage.

The Grand Secretary reported:

That he had attended to the several duties assigned him by the Grand Chapter, viz: procuring a seal for the same, and that he had engaged Companion N. F. Cunningham, of Mobile, to have one made at Philadelphia; he had also attended to the printing, and had forwarded copies to all the Grand Chapters in the United States.

The committee of accounts reports:

That on the organization of Eunomia Chapter, as well as Cyrus Chapter, our past Grand High Priest, Dugald McFarlane, received the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars, viz: From Cyrus Chapter the sum of one hundred dollars, and from Eunomia Chapter the sum of sixty dollars, and that he has paid into the hands of Companion J. H. Vincent, Grand Treasurer, the sum of one hundred and forty-six dollars, and that he stands indebted to the Grand Chapter in the sum of fourteen dollars.

Your committee further report, that Companion John B. Hogan, Grand Secretary, has received, since the organization of this Grand Chapter, the sum of eighty-four dollars, viz: From K. Kurtz, on account of Eunomia Chapter, being a part of the sum due on account of the dispensation, the sum of forty dollars.—Also, the sum of twenty-four dollars from Tuscaloosa Chapter, on account of her dues up to 31st December, 1823—Also, the sum of twenty dollars from Eunomia Chapter, No. 5, on account of her dues up to 31st December, 1824, inclusive; and he has paid out by order of the Grand Chapter, to Dugald McFarlane, proxy for Tuscaloosa Chapter, at the annual communication at Mobile, the sum of thirty-six dollars—to himself, for his allowance attending the same, thirty-six dollars—to Charles Steele, as Grand Tyler, the sum of thirteen dollars fifty

cents—for postage, letters, stationery, &c., two dollars ninety-eight and three-fourths cents, making in all paid out, the sum of eighty-eight dollars, ninety-eight and three-fourths cents, leaving a balance in favor of the Grand Secretary, of four dollars, forty-eight and three-fourths cents.

They have also examined the account of Comp. — —, Grand Tyler pro tem, and report the sum of seven dollars and twenty-five cents due him. They also report on Companion G. A. Dawson's account as proxy for Cyrus Chapter, and report him an allowance of twenty-four dollars for his traveling expenses, and attendance at this communication.

The committee regret it is not in their power to report on the situation of the Treasurer's accounts, he having temporarily left the State.

JOHN B. HOGAN,	}	Com. of Acts.
G. A. DAWSON,		
H. A. SNOW,		

The following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, The second section of the third article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter requires that all Chapters within this State shall acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter on or before the first Monday in June, 1824, and whereas, Alabama Chapter No. 2, and Monroe Chapter No. 4, have totally neglected the provisions of the same,—therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter view those Chapters as irregular, and working contrary to the true principles of the craft, and hereby forbid all Chapters under this jurisdiction, as well as Mark Lodges, holding any Masonic intercourse whatever with said Chapters, or any members of the same.

Carried unanimously.

Whereas Mobile Chapter has failed to pay into the Treasury of the Grand Chapter any part of its dues,—therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said Chapter be required to forward its dues previous to the next communication.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Subordinate Chapters, viz: Tuscaloosa and Mobile, be required to forward their dues that may be due the General Grand Chapter U. S., previous to the 1st June, 1823, as soon as possible.

Nothing further appearing before the Grand Chapter, it adjourned, sine die.

JOHN B. HOGAN, G. Sec'y.