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SECOND
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA

Held in the City of Mobile, in January, 1825.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL, Monday, Jan. 3d, 1825, }
A. L. 5825—R. A. M. 2355. }

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the the State of Alabama did not meet this day, there being delegates from but two subordinate Chapters, viz: Mobile Chapter No. 3, and Eunomia Chapter No. 5, Huntsville, represented by their proxy, Companion S. G. Swift.

The M. E. C. Jno. Elliott, D. G. H. P., pursuant to the requisitions of Art. III. Sec. III. of the Constitution for the government of the Grand Chapter above named, adjourned the same with the assent of the Grand Officers present, until tomorrow, the 4th inst. at 11 o'clock, A. M.

J. ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL Tuesday Morning, }
January 4th, 1825, A. L. 5825, R. A. M. 2355. }

Agreeable to adjournment, the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama assembled at their Hall-Room.

Present, the following Grand Officers, viz:

Most Ex. C. JOHN ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

——, G. K., p. t.

Most Ex. C. DUGALD MCFARLANE, P. G. H. P.

C. S. G. SWIFT, proxy from Eunomia Chapter No. 5,
Huntsville, G. S., p. t.

C. A. MCBRYDE, Delegate from Washington Chapter
No. 7, Montgomery, G. Sec'y. p. t.

C. WM. P. CLARK, Grand Lecturer, G. T., p. t.

E. C. S. H. GARROW, Grand Marshal.

Rev. C. J. B. WARREN, Grand Chaplain.

C. CHARLES STEELE, Grand Tyler.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Mo. Ex. Comp. John Elliott, took the chair, and opened the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, in due form.

The Grand Chapter not being sufficiently prepared to act on the several matters to come before it at this meeting, on motion, it was resolved to adjourn the same until to-morrow evening, at early candle-light.

A. M'BRYDE, G. Sec'y. p. t.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL, Jan. 5th, 1825, }
A. L. 5825—R. A. M. 2355. }

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp. JNO. ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

DUGALD MCFARLANE, G. K., p. t.

THADDEUS SANFORD, H. P. Mob. Chap. G.

S. p. t.

Comp. A. MCBRYDE, Delegate from Washington Chap. No.

7, Montgomery, G. Sec'y. p. t.

Vis. Comp. THOS. P. NORRIS, G. T., p. t.

Vis. Comp. DIEGO McVOY, G. M., p. t.

Rev. Comp. J. B. WARREN, Grand Chaplain.

Comp. C. STEELE, Grand Tyler.

VISITING COMPANIONS.

C. A. Henry, Dennison, Darling and White.

After the Grand Chapter met, but previous to the transaction of any business, the Rev. Comp. J. B. Warren, invoked a blessing from the Deity, pursuant to the requisition of the Masonic Constitution for the Government of this Grand Chapter.

The Most Ex. Deputy Grand High Priest reported that Washington Chapter No. 7, at Montgomery, was instituted by dispensation, on the——day of—— A. L.——.

Which was approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee on credentials, returns and dues, from the several subordinate Chapters be appointed—

When Companions Sanford, M'Farlane and M'Bryde were appointed said committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee on the By-Laws and proceedings from the several subordinate Chapters be appointed—

When the M. E. D. G. H. P. appointed Companions Stone and Sanford said committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the deep regret which is felt by this Grand Chapter, at the course pursued by the Cahawba and Monroe Chapters, which has produced a suspension of all Masonic intercourse, between the said Chapters and this Grand Chapter, and its five subordinate Chapters, with a respectful proffer on the part of this Grand Chapter, to those two Chapters, on their acknowledging its jurisdiction and authority—to present them with warrants of constitution, on the same terms which Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1 and Mobile Chapter No. 3, received theirs.

Whereupon, the Most Ex. Comp. Thaddeus Sanford, H. P. of Mobile Chapter No. 3, Ex. Comp. Wm. D. Stone, K. of the same Chapter, and Comp. A. M'Bryde, delegate from Washington Chapter No. 7, Montgomery, were appointed such committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the presiding officer, the Most Ex. Deputy Grand H. P. be added to this committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the same committee forward to the Cahawba and Monroe Chapters, as well as to all other Chapters in this State, copies of these resolutions.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter do adjourn until Friday evening, at early candle-light.

A. M'BRYDE, G. Sec'y p. t.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL, Friday Evening, }
Jan. 7th, 1825—A. L. 5825—R. A. M. 2355. }

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

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp. JNO. ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

DUGALD M'FARLANE, P. G. H. P., G. K., p. t.

THADDEUS SANFORD, H. P. Mob. Chap. No. 3.—G.
S. p. t.

Ex. Comp. WM. D. STONE, G. T., p. t.

A. M'BRYDE, G. S., p. t.

WM. P. CLARKE, G. M., p. t.

CHARLES STEELE, Grand Tyler.

VISITING COMPANIONS :

H. P. Benham, Wm. Carlisle, P. H. Priest, Phoenix Chapter,
New York; E. H. Smith, Seth Stodder, and Charles A. Tufts.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the differences existing between the Cahawba and Monroe Chapters, and this Grand Chapter and its subordinate Chapters, and to draft appropriate resolutions, &c., reported certain resolutions, and the draft of an accompanying letter in the words and figures following, viz :

"WHEREAS, An unfortunate schism exists between the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, and the Cahawba and Monroe

Chapters, in reference to the Masonic correctness of the formation of the said Grand Chapter, which has tended to produce a suspension of all the Masonic intercourse between the said Cahawba and Monroe Chapters, and this Grand Chapter and its several subordinate Chapters—and whereas, this Grand Chapter is fully impressed with the correctness of its proceedings, and that they are in accordance with the Constitution for the government of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; especially as his Excellency, De Witt Clinton, Most Ex. G. G. High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States has sanctioned them, as will appear by his letter, dated “Albany, 9th Sept. 1823,” addressed to the Grand Secretary, Comp. Jno. B. Hogan, in the words and figures following, to-wit:

“Sir and Companion—

“I have duly considered the Constitution of the Grand Chapter 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.”

And whereas also, this Grand Chapter feels an earnest desire to accommodate the differences which have unhappily subsisted between those Chapters and this Grand Chapter and its subordinate Chapters, and to effectuate Masonic intercourse with those Chapters—

Be it therefore Resolved, By the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, in open Chapter convened, that warrants of constitution under this Grand Chapter be proffered to the said Cahawba and Monroe Chapters, on their acknowledging its Masonic jurisdiction and authority, on the same terms which Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, and Mobile Chapter No. 3, received theirs.

And be it further Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to Cahawba and Monroe Chapters, as well as to the other Chapters in this State.

DRAFT OF LETTER.

To the Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of ——— Chapter No. ———.

EX. COMPANIONS:—As a committee on the part of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, we have the honor to enclose you copies of certain resolutions which were passed at the present session of that body.

A perusal of those resolutions will satisfy your Chapter, not only of the willingness, but of the earnest desire of this Grand Chapter, to renew Masonic intercourse between your Chapter and it, upon terms fair and equitable, and with a laudable desire of averting those unpleasant feelings which must necessarily ensue, from the rejection of visiting Brethren of the same Masonic family.—If the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama be unmasonic, why did not the luminous and Masonically experienced mind of his Excellency, De Witt Clinton, discover its defects? But no! He says—"I have duly considered the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, and *I cordially approve of the Institution*, and of the MEASURES PURSUED in relation to it." The authority of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama emanates from the same source from which you derive your authority—is subsequent to—and so far as they conflict, does away yours. Is it therefore, reasonable, that you should require from the Grand Chapter of Alabama, more deference to the subordinate than to the superior? These remarks are not made with the view of detracting from the Masonic light and intelligence of your Chapter, but to satisfy you that the Constitution for the government of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, from which it derives its jurisdiction and authority, rests upon a most solid Masonic basis. Again, if the Constitution be objectionable, a remedy to the evil may be found in its amendment, in a Constitutional manner.

In conclusion, therefore, we indulge sanguine hopes, that the present overture, made by the Grand Chapter, will be met by your Chapter in that spirit of amity in which it is made; that it will, after reflection, accede to it, and thereby restore Masonic intercourse and harmony throughout the State.

We are, Respectfully and Fraternally,

JNO. ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

THADDEUS SANFORD, H. P. Mob. Chapter.

WM. D. STONE, K. Mobile Chapter.

A. M'BRYDE, Delegate from Washington
Chapter No. 7—Montgomery.

Which report was unanimously concurred in by the Grand Chapter.

Companion A. M'Bryde, from the committee to whom was referred the credentials and returns of Mobile Chapter No. 3, reported in writing, as follows, to-wit:

"The committee to-whom was referred the examination of the credentials and returns of Mobile Chapter No. 3, respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and find them, according to the Book of Constitutions, regular and Masonic.—The exhibit of dues to the Grand Chapter from the Mobile Chapter, amounting to fifty dollars fifty cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

A. M'BRYDE, Chairman of Committee.

Which report was concurred in by the Grand Chapter.

Companion Wm. D. Stone, from the committee to whom was referred the credentials, by-laws and proceedings of Washington Chapter No. 7, Montgomery, respectfully reported:

That the committee have examined the same, and find them according to the Book of Constitutions, regular and Masonic.

Your committee is satisfied, that Companion Andrew M'Bryde was duly elected to represent, and that he is the regular delegate of the same Chapter, and the amount of dues from it to the Grand Chapter, to be eighteen dollars twenty-five cents.

WM. D. STONE, Chairman.

Which report was concurred in by the Grand Chapter.

Whereupon, it was ordered that a Warrant of Constitution issue to Washington Chapter No. 7, at the town of Montgomery, in the county of Montgomery.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter do now go into an election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon the following Companions were declared duly elected, viz:

M't Ex. Com. his Ex. ISRAEL PICKENS, G. H. P.

Most Ex. Comp. JNO. ELLIOTT, of Mobile, D. G. H. P.

ANDERSON HUTCHISON, of Huntsville, G. K.

JAMES WEAKLEY, of Florence, G. Scribe.

HENRY A. SNOW, Tuscaloosa, G. Tr.

WM. D. STONE, of Mobile, G. Sec'y.

S. H. GARROW, Mobile,

H. V. FONTAINE, Tuscaloosa, } G. Marshals.

J. B. WARREN, Mobile, G. Chaplain.

WM. P. CLARKE, Mobile,

ANDREW M'BRYDE, Montg'y. } G. Lecturers.

CH. STEELE, Mobile, G. Tyler.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter do adjourn until to-morrow evening, for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers elect, or of transacting such other business as may come before it

MOBILE MASONIC HALL, Saturday Evening, }
January 8th, 1825, A. L. 5825, R. A. M. 2355. }

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Most Ex. Comp. JOHN ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

DUGALD M'FARLANE, P. G. H. P., G. K.

THADDEUS SANFORD, H. P.,

Mobile Chapter No. 3, G. S.

Comp. A. M'BRYDE, G. Sec'y. p. t.

WM. P. CLARKE, G. Treas. p. t.

CHAMBERLAIN, G. M., p. t.

Rev. Comp. J. B. WARREN, G. Chaplain.

VISITING COMPANIONS:

J. Morris, Jr., Seth Stodder, Josiah Wilkins.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter do now go into the installation of the Grand Officers elect for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, the Most Ex. Dugald M'Farlane, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, installed the M. Ex. Jno. Elliott, Deputy Grand High Priest of the same Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, in due form. After which, the M. E. D. G. High Priest installed M. E. Dugald M'Farlane as the proxy of the M. Ex. his Excellency, Israel Pickens, Grand High Priest of said Grand Chapter; Comp. Wm. P. Clarke, as the proxy of the Mo. Ex. Anderson Hutchison, of Huntsville, and High Priest of Eunomia Chapter No. 5, G. King; Ex. Comp. H. V. Chamberlain, as the proxy of James H. Weakley, H. P. of Cyrus Chapter No. 6, G. Scribe; Companion Josiah Wil-

kins as the Proxy of H. A. Snow, Tuscaloosa, Grd. Treasurer; Comp. A. M'Bryde, as the proxy of E. Comp. Wm. D. Stone, G. Secretary; Comp. J. B. Warren, G. Chaplain; Comp. Charles Steele, Grand Tyler.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of accounts be appointed.

Whereupon, the Most Ex. D. G. H. P. appointed Companions M'Bryde, Warren and Clarke said committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Chapter held at Tuscaloosa, in June last, together with those of the present meeting, be published under the direction of the Grand Secretary.

Companion Charles Steele, Grand Tyler, presented his account for services as Tyler, at the present meeting, which was referred to the committee of accounts, who reported it correct; whereupon, it was ordered to be paid in the usual manner.

Companion A. M'Bryde, delegate from Washington Chapter No. 7, Montgomery, presented his account for \$28 for traveling 360 miles, and 5 day's attendance as a member of this Grand Chapter; which was referred to the committee of accounts, who, after examination, reported that the same was correct, when it was ordered to be paid.

No returns having been received from Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1, Eunomia Chapter No. 5, and Cyrus Chapter No. 6, and the books and proceedings of the previous meetings of the Grand Chapter not having been forwarded from Tuscaloosa to this

Grand Chapter, and being out of their possession, no order could be taken at this meeting, in reference to those Chapters.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter do now adjourn until Tuesday next, the 11th inst., at early candle-light.

JNO. ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

Attest:—A. M'BRYDE, G. Sec'y. p. t.

MOBILE MASONIC HALL, Tuesday, {
January 11th, 1825—R. A. M. 2355. }

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Most Ex. JOHN ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P.

DUGALD M'FARLANE, P. G. H. P., G. K., p. t.

Ex. H. V. CHAMBERLAIN, G. S., p. t.

Comp. A. M'BRYDE, G. T., p. t.

Ex. Comp. WM. D. STONE, G. Secretary.

Comp. S. G. SWIFT, G. Marshal.

Comp. CHARLES STEELE, G. Tyler.

VISITING COMPANIONS:

J. Wiswall, Wm. M'Cullough, Washington Chapter, No. 7, Montgomery, and others.

On motion of Companion Swift, proxy of Eunomia Chapter No. 5, Huntsville,

Resolved, That the application of said Chapter to this Grand Chapter for a remission of its dues for the last year, in conse-

quence of its having expended its funds in the erection of a Masonic Hall, in the town of Huntsville, be acceded to by this Grand Chapter.

Companion A. M'Bryde, nominated in the warrant of constitution of Washington Chapter No. 7, Montgomery, by the Grand Chapter, High Priest of said Chapter, in consequence of the said Chapter not electing a High Priest previous to the meeting of the Grand Chapter, in the place of M. Ex. George Wilkinson, H. P. named in the dispensation of said Chapter since deceased, was regularly installed High Priest of said Chapter, in open Chapter, in due form.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inform his Excellency, the Governor, that he has been elected High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, the Most E. Deputy Grand High Priest appointed Most E. Thaddeus Sanford, H. P. Mobile Chapter No. 3; E. Comp. Wm. D. Stone, King of said Chapter; A. M'Bryde, delegate from Washington Chapter No. 7, Montgomery, said committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest be added to said committee.

Companion Charles Steele, Grand Tyler, presented his account for Tying the Grand Chapter, and incidental expenses, amounting to four dollars fifty cents, which was referred to the committee of accounts, who reported favorably thereon, when the same was ordered to be paid.

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

WM. D. STONE, Grand Secretary.

MEMORANDA.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama failed to meet in June, 1825.

GRAND SECRETARY.