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PROCEEDINGS 1829.

MASONIC HALL, TUSCALOOSA, July 6th, A. D. 1829,
A. L. 5829, R. A. M. 2359.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, met pursuant to its constitution, and there being three of the Subordinate Chapters present, was opened in due form:

PRESENT:

M. E. JOHN ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P., Presiding.

“ THOMAS B. CREAGH, G. K., p. t.

“ DANIEL M. RIGGS, G. S., p. t.

“ JOHN G. AIKIN, G. Sec'y.

“ FREDERICK C. ELLIS, G. C. Host.

“ DENNIS KEENAN, G. R. A. Capt.

“ JAMES CAIN, G. Sentinel.

Also Companions, ROBERT E. B. BAYLOR.

JOHN EVANS,

JACOB PAYSANT.

On motion, the presiding officer appointed the following committees, viz:

ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.—Companions T. B. Creagh, D. M. Riggs and J. G. Aikin.

ON ACCOUNTS.—Companions A. Ready, H. I. Thornton and T. B. Creagh.

ON BY-LAWS.—Companions J. G. Aikin and A. Ready.

ON COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.—Companions A. Ready and T. B. Creagh.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until Tuesday the 14th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING, July 14th, A. L. 5829.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E. JOHN ELLIOTT, D. G. H. P., Presiding.

H. I. THORNTON, G. K.

T. B. CREAGH, G. S.

J. G. AIKIN, G. Sec'y.

A. READY, G. Capt. Host.

J. CAIN, G. Sentinel.

Also Companions, A. P. BAGBY,

JACOB WISER,

WM. A. MCDANIEL,

ROBT. E. B. BAYLOR.

Companion Aaron Ready from the committee on communications and correspondence, reported:

That printed proceedings had been received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Ohio, Kentucky and Georgia, which require nothing more than to be filed with the other papers of the Grand Chapter. That communications from the Grand Chapters of Ohio and Tennessee representing an impress of their seals, with the signatures of their officers, had also been received, and should be carefully preserved that imposition may be avoided.

In which the Grand Chapter concurred.

The committee on accounts, consisting of Companions Thornton, Ready and Creagh, reported:

That they had examined the account of the Grand Treasurer, and found the same to be correct and accompanied with the necessary vouchers—and that there was a balance due him from this Grand Chapter of \$5 50.

All which being submitted together with the account and vouchers, was concurred in.

Companion Creagh, from the committee on credentials and returns, reported that there had been submitted to said committee the following credentials, viz:

The credentials of A. P. Bagby as proxy for Charles O. Foster, H. P. of Monroe Chapter, No. 4; of Daniel M. Riggs as proxy for William Feeny, H. P. of Eunomia Chapter, No. 5, and of John Aikin as proxy for William I. Mason, H. P. of Clinton Chapter, No. 9. That the committee found all the foregoing letters of proxy informal in what the committee could not but deem a very material requisite, namely their attestation by the seals of the several Chapters respectively;—and that Companion Riggs' credentials were without a signature, although known to be in the proper hand-writing of the officer making the delegation. But as the committee, however, believed that those omissions were purely inadvertent or resulted from the Chapters having no seals; and that those credentials were given in full faith of their sufficiency, they recommended that the Grand Chapter receive them as valid to all intents and purposes.

The same from the same committee reported:

That they had examined the returns of Eunomia Chapter, No. 5 and of Clinton Chapter, No. 8, which they found to be correct; and that there was due from Eunomia Chapter, No. 5, \$24 00, and from Clinton Chapter, No. 8, \$12 00.

They found the return from Monroe Chapter incorrect, and that there was due from it for members \$30, and for five exaltations \$10, making together \$40.

That the return from Clinton Chapter, No. 9, was informal in omitting to state the amount of its dues, and that the committee found due from it to the Grand Chapter by calcula-

tion for members, \$22, and for five exaltations, \$10, making together \$32.

All which was respectfully submitted and concurred in.

Companion Aikin, from the committee on By-Laws, reported as follows:

The committee on By-Laws beg leave respectfully to report, that they have diligently examined the By-Laws of Clinton Chapter, No. 8; that they find in them nothing which conflicts with our Grand Constitution; but that some of their requisitions are entirely unnecessary for their falling within the scope and action of the provisions of the Constitution of our Grand Chapter. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Clinton Chapter, No. 8, be furnished with a copy of its By-Laws by the Grand Secretary, and that the companions be requested to amend them by expunging such parts (particularly those relating to the duties of its officers) as are already embraced within the superior and more obligatory provisions of our Grand Constitution.

Which was adopted.

Companion Creagh presented a petition signed by the companions of Clinton Chapter, No. 8, praying that leave might be granted them for holding said Chapter at White Hall, in Marengo County, once in every two months, which, after due consideration, was granted.

Companion Bagby moved a resolution to release Monroe Chapter, No. 4, and Clinton Chapter, No. 9, from the payment of their annual dues, which was referred to a select committee, consisting of Companions Bagby, Thornton and Ready, and then the Grand Chapter adjourned until to-morrow evening 4 o'clock, P. M.