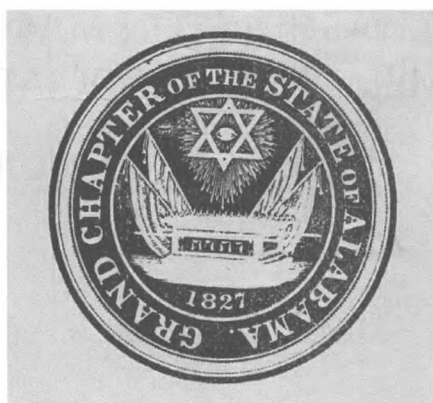


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Royal Arch Masons
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OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA,

A. D. 1839.—A. L. 5839.—R. A. M. 2369.

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TUSCALOOSA, December 3, 1839.

At a Grand Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, begun and held in the city of Tuscaloosa, on the third day of December, 1839, there were present—

M. E. J. C. HICKS, G. H. P.
R. H. DALTON, G. King, p. t.
J. H. THOMASON, G. Chaplain.
E. HERNDON, G. Scribe, p. t.
C. WHEELAN, G. C. H. p. t.
A. P. PFISTER, G. R. A. C.
D. S. BALL, G. Secretary.
M. COOK, G. Tr.
G. HAZLETT, G. Sentinel.

Companions—Harrison, Ross, Chambers, Oliver, Ezell, Creagh, Gorman, Whiting, Little, Cromwell, Blair, B. Little, Rather, Van Dyke, Leigh.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in due and solemn form.

The following representatives, from Subordinate Chapters, appeared and took their seats.

A. P. PFISTER, H. P. Tuscaloosa, Chapter No. 1. }
 J. C. CANTLEY, Scribe. }
 CHARLES WHEELAN, H. P. Phoenix Chapter, Greensboro.
 WM. LEIGH, K. Leighton Chapter, Leighton.
 P. B. WHITING, H. P. }
 WM. GORMAN, proxy, King, Gainesville Chapter. }
 E. HERNDON, H. P. Mount Moriah Chapter. }
 G. W. BLAIR, proxy, Scribe, do. }
 P. S. CROMWELL, Scribe, }
 B. LITTLE, H. P. } Jameston Chapter.
 SETH LITTLE, proxy, King, }
 R. H. DALTON, H. P. Livingston Chapter.
 WM. A. FERRELL, proxy, H. P. Mobile Chapter.

On motion, it was resolved, that the further time of thirty days be allowed Leighton Chapter, to make annual returns.

A report was submitted by the M. E. G. H. P. stating therein that he had during the present year granted dispensations for Chapters at Livingston, Jamestown, Mobile and Clinton, and renewed the operations of the Chapter at Florence, which on motion was received.

The following standing committees were appointed:

On Returns chartered Chapters, Companions Thomason and Seth Little.

On Chapters under dispensation, Companions Leigh and Ross.

On Accounts, Companions Dalton and Herndon.

On foreign communications, Companions B. Little and Blair.

On suspensions and expulsions, Whiting and Pfister.

Some discussion having incidentally arisen out of the report of the M. E. G. H. P. relative to the establishment of sundry Chapters during the past year, it was on motion of Comp. Wheelan, deferred until after the report of the committee on dispensations, etc.

On motion of the M. E. G. H. P. it was resolved that a special committee be appointed to investigate his official Masonic acts during the past year. Whereupon Companions Pfister, Ross and Leigh, were appointed said committee by the Grand Chapter.

On motion, the Grand Chapter then adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M. tomorrow.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1839.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment and resumed its labors: Present —

M. E. J. C. HICKS, G. H. P.

A. B. DAWSON, G. King.

E. HERNDON, G. Scribe, p. t.

G. W. BLAIR, G. C. H.

A. P. PFISTER, G. R. A. C.

D. S. BALL, G. Secretary.

MAJOR COOK, G. Tr.

WM. HAZLETT, G. Sentinel.

Companions—Rather, Cantley, Leigh, Dalton, Chambers, Ross, Thompson, Sample, Eiland, McWhorter, S. Little, B. Little, Wheelan, Thomason, Cromwell, Whiting, Sellers.

The following Representatives appeared and took their seats:

J. F. THOMPSON, proxy, H. P. Marion Chapter.

A. A. McWHORTER, H. P. Wetumpka. }

A. B. DAWSON, proxy, King, do. }

Companion Leigh submitted a report from the committee on dispensations, etc., which on motion was laid on the table.

On motion of Companion McWhorter, it was resolved that all acts of the M. E. G. H. P. in granting dispensations for Chapters at Jameston, Livingston, Clinton and Mobile, be legalized, and that Charters be issued to them accordingly.

On motion of Companion Herndon, the Charter of Clinton Chapter No. 8, was continued.

Companion Blair submitted the following report, which on motion was adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Communications beg leave to report: That they examined the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Maryland and Tennessee being the only communications submitted to them, and find nothing therein requiring the action of this Grand Chapter. It is therefore recommended that the Grand Secretary continue the practice of transmitting copies of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, to those of other States. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. BLAIR, }
BLAKE LITTLE, } Committee.

Companion Thomason submitted the following report which on motion, was adopted:

We, your committee, have had the annual returns, made by Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1; Gainesville Chapter, No. 13; Phoenix Chapter, No. 11; and Marion Chapter, No. 12, and Wetumpka, under consideration, and find them in conformity

with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama.

SETH LITTLE,
J. H. THOMASON.

Companion Herndon, from the committee on accounts, presented the accounts current of the G. Sec'y and Tr. which on motion were received and adopted.

D. S. Ball, G. Sec'y in Account with the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.

DR.

1838.

Dec. 5, To Annual Contribution Tuscaloosa Chapter,----	\$20 00
7, To Annual Contribution Wetumpka Chapter----	39 00
7, To Annual Contribution Gainesville Chapter----	56 00
8, To Annual Contribution Phoenix Chapter-----	18 00
8, To Annual Contribution Marion Chapter-----	58 00
10, To Annual Balance Tuscaloosa Chapter-----	18 00
19, To Cash pr. J. C. Hicks, G. H. P.-----	200 00
	\$409 00

CR.

1839.

Cash paid M. Cook, G. Tr.-----	\$335 50
Cash balance -----	73 50
	\$409 00

M. Cook, G. Tr., in Account with the G. R. A. Chapter of Alabama.

DR.

1838. Dec. 19, To cash, G. Secretary-----	\$335 50
	\$335 50

CR.

1838.

Dec. 19.	By appropriation paid G. H. P.-----	\$200 00
	By appropriation G. Sec. and act. rendered--	110 50
	By appropriation Printing Charters-----	25 00
		\$335 50

On motion, it was resolved that the Grand Chapter elect Grand Officers on tomorrow afternoon.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

THURSDAY, Dec. 5, 1839.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment and resumed its labors. Present—

M. E. J. C. HICKS, G. H. P.

A. B. DAWSON, G. King, p. t.

O. G. EILAND, G. Scribe, p. t.

G. W. BLAIR, G. C. H. p. t.

A. P. PFISTER, G. R. A. C.

J. H. THOMASON, G. Chaplain.

M. COOK, G. Tr.

D. S. BALL, G. Secretary.

W. HAZLETT, G. Sentinel.

Companions Gorman, Rather, Ross, Dalton, Leigh, Thompson, Chambers, Herndon, Ferrell, B. Little, Van Dyke, Cantley, Cromwell.

Brother Leigh submitted the following report and resolution, which on motion was received and adopted:

We, the undersigned committee to whom was referred for investigation the conduct of our M. E. G. H. P. J. C. Hicks, during the last year, beg leave to report, that they have been ready to hear, and to investigate every thing in relation thereto; that not any thing of any sort, derogatory to his acts and doings, has been brought before us, and that for his zeal and doings for the good of Masonry, your committee would recommend for the adoption of this G. R. A. Chapter, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this G. R. A. Chapter be returned to our Bro. and Com. the M. E. G. H. P. Jno. C. Hicks, for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of that important office for the last twelve months.

W. LEIGH,

AMAND P. FOSTER,

W. R. ROSS.

On motion of Companion Cook, the committee on amendments to the Constitution were allowed until the next Grand Annual Convocation to report on the same.

On motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing year; whereupon the following Companions were declared duly elected:

M. E. J. C. HICKS, G. H. P. Leighton.

A. B. DAWSON, Dept. G. H. P. Wetumpka.

W. A. FERRELL, G. King, Mobile.

R. H. DALTON, G. Scribe, Livingston.

J. H. THOMASON, G. Chaplain, Tuscaloosa.

M. COOK, G. Tr. Tuscaloosa.

A. P. PFISTER, G. Sect'y, Tuscaloosa.

G. W. BLAIR, G. C. H. Clinton.

P. S. CROMWELL, G. R. A. C. Jameston.

W. HAZLETT, G. Sentinel, Tuscaloosa.

On motion of Companion Dawson, it was resolved that the M. E. G. H. Priest, be authorized to procure suitable furniture and jewels for the use of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Companion Herndon, the Grand Chapter proceeded to install the Grand Officers elect in due and solemn form.

On motion the sum of \$200 was allowed to the G. Sec'y.

\$100 to the G. H. P.

\$50 to the G. Tr.

On motion, it was ordered that the G. Sentinel's account be allowed and paid.

Companion Grand Sec'y reported that he had received the annual report of Tuscumbia Chapter, which, though not strictly formal was substantially correct.

On motion the Grand Chapter was closed in due and solemn form, until the next Grand Annual Convocation, to be held in Tuscaloosa on the first Monday in December next.

*D. S. Ball, late Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand
Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.*

DR.

1839.

Dec. 3.	To cash on hand pr. report.....	\$73 50
	) To Annual Contributions, viz:--	
	4. To Marion Chapter	29 00
	4. To Tuscaloosa Chapter	20 00
	4. To Wetumpka Chapter	55 00
	4. To Jameston Chapter ----	30 00

4.	To Mt. Moriah Chapter	28 00
4.	To Livingston Chapter	26 00
4.	To Phoenix Chapter	23 00
4.	To Gainesville Chapter	25 00
4.	To Leighton Chapter	20 00
10.	To Cash, J. C. Hicks	320 00
		———— \$649 50

CR.

1839.

Dec. 10. By cash paid M. Cook, G. Tr. \$560 50

Dec. 10. By cash paid A. P. Pfister, G. Sect'y.
on final settlement 89 00

———— \$649 50

The above account finally settled, this 10th Dec. 1839.

JNO. C. HICKS, G. H. P.

Received, Tuscaloosa, Dec. 10, 1839, the above balance of
eighty-nine dollars.

AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Sect'y.

Received, Tuscaloosa, Dec. 16, 1839, five hundred and sixty
dollars and fifty cents.

MAJOR COOK, G. Tr.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

Of Chapters Represented at the Grand Annual Convocation of
the Grand Royal A. Chapter of the State of Alabama.

TUSCALOOSA CHAPTER, No. 1, TUSCALOOSA.

M. E. Amand P. Pfister, H. P.

H. McGowan, P. S.

J. G. Blount, K.

J. Rather, C. H.

J. Cantley, S.

M. Cook, R. A. C.

L. S. Skinner, Sec. & Tr.

Wm. Hazlett, Sentinel.

Twenty members: Dues paid, \$20.

TUSCUMBIA CHAPTER, No. 10, TUSCUMBIA.

M. E. Charles Cooper, H. P.

Charles Moule, P. S.

Felix G. Norman, K.

James Conner, C. H.

H. Augustus Prout, S.

Thos. F. Dickey, R. A. C.

Wilson Northcross, Treas.

Benjamin Pybas, Sentinel.

Jos. C. Meredith, Sect'y.

Twenty-five members: Dues paid, \$33.

PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 11, GREENSBORO.

M. E. Charles	Wheelan, H. P.	Volney Boardman, P. S.
Thos. M. Johnston,	K.	Wm. D. Baldwin, C. H.
John Fife, S.		Henry Stith, R. A. C.
John Cook, Treas.		Kushbert Albert, Sentinel.
Green W. Hendon,	Sect'y.	

Seventeen members. Dues paid, \$23.

MARION CHAPTER, No. 12, MARION.

M. E. Wm. H. Watson,	H. P.	J. P. Cravens, P. S.
N. W. Fletcher,	K.	A. B. W. Hopkins, C. H.
R. C. Hodge, S.		J. C. Harrell, R. A. C.
E. W. King,	Treas.	A. J. Armstead, Sentinel.
J. F. Thompson,	Sect'y.	

Twenty-nine members: Dues paid, \$29.

GAINESVILLE CHAPTER, No. 13, GAINESVILLE.

M. E. J. B. Whiting,	H. P.	Wm. Ellett, P. S.
W. W. Payne, K.		Jno. L. Winston, C. H.
John C. Whitsett,	S.	Wm. Gorman, R. A. C.
C. A. Hatch, Treas.		John Pollard, Sentinel.
John W. Leigh,	Sect'y.	

Twenty-one members: Dues paid, \$25.

LEIGHTON CHAPTER, No. 14, LEIGHTON.

No report received.

WETUMPKA CHAPTER, No. 17, WETUMPKA.

M. E. A. A. WcWhorter,	H. P.	Wm. J. Campbell, P. S.
W. J. Couch, K.		A. B. Dawson, C. H.
J. S. Pond, S.		E. Burrows, R. A. C.
J. M. Friout, Treas.		Elias Roberts, Sentinel.
C. M. Jennings,	Sect'y.	

Thirty-eight members: Dues paid, \$55.

JAMESTON CHAPTER, No. 18, JAMESTON.

M. E. B. Little, H. P.	William Little, P. S.
Thomas Amason, K.	Gray Little, C. H.
P. S. Cromwell, S.	Silas Wilkinson, R. A. C.
Robt. Clanton, Treas.	Cullen Little, Sentinel.
George Clanton, Sect'y.	

Nineteen members: Dues paid, \$30.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, CLINTON.

M. E. Edward Herndon, H. P.	D. C. Strother, P. S.
Jacob Wyzer, K.	G. W. Blair, C. H.
H. L. Cannon, S.	J. H. Copp, R. A. C.
Archibald Brock, Treas.	J. C. Moses, Sentinel.
Wm. Tanner, Sect'y.	

Fifteen members: Dues paid, \$28.

LIVINGSTON CHAPTER, No. 20, LIVINGSTON.

M. E. R. H. Dalton, H. P.	P. Williams, P. S.
J. B. Tartt, K.	J. C. Gillespie, C. H.
S. B. Boyd, S.	— Womack, R. A. C.
J. H. Bolling, Treas.	A. Brownrig, Sentinel.
B. Tompkins, Sect'y.	

Ten members: Dues paid, \$26.

CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND
R. A. C. OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, Tuscaloosa.
 Clinton Chapter, No. 8, Dayton.
 Tuscumbia Chapter, No. 10, Tuscumbia.
 Florence Chapter, No. —, Florence.
 Phoenix Chapter, No. 11, Greensboro.
 Marion Chapter, No. 12, Marion.
 Gainesville Chapter, No. 13, Gainesville.
 Leighton Chapter, No. 14, Leighton.

Hayneville Chapter, No. 15, Hayneville.
 Wetumpka Chapter, No. 17, Wetumpka.
 Jameston Chapter, No. 18, Jameston.
 Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, Clinton.
 Livingston Chapter, No. 20, Livingston.
 Mobile Chapter, No. 21, Mobile.

LIST OF GRAND CHAPTERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

New Hampshire, Concord.	District of Columbia, Wash-
South Carolina, Charleston.	ington.
Virginia, Richmond.	Louisiana, New Orleans.
Kentucky, Frankfort and Lex-	Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
ington.	Missouri, St. Louis.
Maryland, Baltimore.	Maine, Portland.
Georgia, Louisville.	Massachusetts, Boston and
Ohio, Columbus.	Newburyport.
Alabama, Tuscaloosa.	Rhode Island, Providence.
North Carolina, Fayetteville.	Connecticut, Hartford and
New York, New York.	New Haven.
Tennessee, Nashville.	Vermont, Rutland.

TUSCALOOSA, Dec. 27th, 1839, R. A. M. 2369.

COMPANION: By the requisitions of the G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Alabama, I transmit to you a copy of its proceedings at its last Convocation held at the Masonic Hall, Tuscaloosa, Dec. 3d, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839, R. A. M. 2369.

Fraternaliy yours,

AMAND P. PFISTER,

Grand Secretary of the G. R. A. Chapter, State of Ala.