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of the
GRAND
CHAPTER
of
Royal Arch Masons
of
ALABAMA



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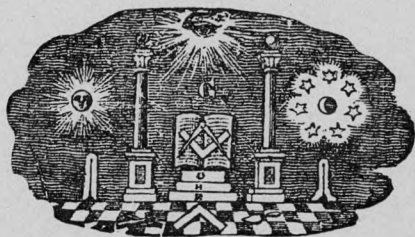
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MINUTES
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA.

BEGUN AND HELD IN THE MASONS' HALL, IN THE

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA,

On Monday, the 7th day of December, 5840, R. A. M. 2370,
A. D. 1840.



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THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA



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MINUTES OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

TUSCALOOSA, MASONIC HALL, Dec. 7, 1840. }
A. L. 5840, R. A. M. 2370. }

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of Alabama, met pursuant to its constitution, and was opened in due form, after prayer and invocation of the blessings of Deity. There were present—

M. E. EDWARD HERNDON, G. H. P. p. t.

E. GREY LITTLE, G. K.

E. JOHN A. WHETSTONE, G. S.

E. JAMES KEY, G. C. H.

E. CHARLES W. LEWIN, G. R. A. C.

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

E. MAJOR COOK, G. Tr.

E. HENRY MCGOWEN, G. Sentinel.

Companions—Boyd, Fletcher, Hanna, Whitsett, Gorman, Blake Little, W. Little, Frederick, Pfister, McDougall, Patton.

The following Representatives of Subordinate Chapters, appeared and took their seats:

Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1.	}	AMAND P. PFISTER, H. P.
		C. W. LEWIN, JR. K.
		HENRY MCGOWEN, S.

EUNOMIA CHAPTER, No. 5, David Moore, proxy, H. P.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 6, James Key, proxy, H. P.

PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 11, Henry Stith, H. P., proxy.

MARION CHAPTER, No. 12, N. W. Fletcher, H. P., proxy, J. M. Hanna, K.

GAINESVILLE CHAPTER, No. 13, Joel C. Whitsett, proxy, K., Wm. Gorman, proxy, H. P.

JAMESTON CHAPTER, No. 18, Blake Little, H. P. Wm. Little, proxy, Grey Little, Proxy, S.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, Edward Herndon, H. P., George Frederick, S.

COLUMBUS, MISS. CHAPTER, No. 21, A. S. Pfister, proxy, H. P.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 22, J. A. Whetstone, H. P., T. McDougall, S.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the M. E. G. H. P.

On Returns Chapters under charter, Companions Stith and Whetstone.

On Chapters under Dispensation, Companions Gorman, W. Little, Patton, and McDougall.

On Accounts, Companions Key, Hanna.

On Foreign Communications, Companions N. W. Fletcher, Whetstone.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter proceed to the election of officers, for the ensuing year, on tomorrow at 3 o'clock p. m.

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

WEDNESDAY, 3 O'clock, P. M., Dec. 9, 5840.

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

M. E. EDWARD HERNDON, G. H. P., presiding.

DAVID MOORE, G. K.

GREY LITTLE, G. C. H.

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

AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Sect'y.

MAJOR COOK, G. Tr.

HENRY MCGOWEN, G. Sentinel.

Companions—Chambers, Ross, Stith, McDougall, Maguire, Fletcher, Thomason, Reese, W. Little, Morris, Patton, Key, Frederick, Whitsett, Clarke, Boyd, Lewin.

The following report was received from Companion A. B. Dawson, M. E. D. G. H. P. of this Grand Chapter.

Not being able to be present as early as expected, at the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, I would report that I have, during the last year, established two Chapters under dispensation, viz: Montgomery and Columbus Chapters, and I am happy to add that both Chapters are in a happy and prosperous condition.

A. B. DAWSON, D. G. H. P.

The Committee on Chapters under dispensation, offered the following report, which was received and concurred in:

The Committee on Chapters under dispensation, report that they have examined the proceedings and by-laws of Columbus Chapter, No. 21, and find their mode of work generally correct, and in due form. The petition for the formation of this Chapter, was not recommended as required by the constitution. Your Committee would recommend that the informality be overlooked, and that the dispensation be continued, according to their request, for twelve months longer, and that the name and number of the same be changed to Washington Chapter, No. 24.

Your Committee have received the dispensation of the Montgomery Chapter, unaccompanied with either the proceedings

or by-laws of the same, and refer it to the consideration of this Grand Chapter.

S. G. PATTON,
WM. LITTLE,
WM. GORMAN,
T. MCDUGALL.

On motion of Companion McDougall, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to receive and examine the returns and by-laws of Montgomery Chapter, whose duty it shall be to report on tomorrow. Whereupon the following Companions were appointed: Companions Stith, Grey Little and Ross, Committee.

Companion Key from the Committee on Accounts, made the following report:

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of Companions Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct, agreeably to the papers laid before them, and find due from the Grand Secretary, one hundred and fifteen dollars, and in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, five dollars, all of which they respectfully submit.

JAMES KEY,
J. W. HANNA.

*A. P. Pfister, Grand Secretary in account current with the
M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama.*

DR.

1839. Dec. 10, To cash from D. S. Ball, late G. Sect'y. \$89 00
1840. To cash from Tuscumbia Chapter. 33 00
Aug. 11, To cash from Dispens'n, Columbus Chap. 100 00

\$222 00

1840.]

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1839. Dec. 20, My amt. paid Major Cook, appropriat'n	\$50 00
1839. Dec. 20, By amt. paid Hale & Eaton, ptg, proc'd'gs	50 00
1839. Dec. 20, By amt. paid post. & other expenses	7 00
1840. Dec. 8, By balance on hand	115 00
	\$222 00

Above please find my cash account for the year 1840.

AMAND P. PFISTER, G. S. G. C. S. A.

Major Cook, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama.

DR.

1839. Dec. 10, To cash rec'd of D. S. Ball, G. S. of G. C. Ala.	\$560 50
Dec. 10, To cash of A. P. Pfister, G. Sect'y	50 00
	\$610 50

CR.

1839. Dec. 10. By Accounts paid sundry Chapters, viz:	
“ J. C. Hicks, G. H. P.	\$20 00
“ Leighton Chapter	20 00
“ Marion Chapter	10 00
“ Jameston Chapter	13 00
“ Gainesville Chapter	13 00
“ Wetumpka Chapter	15 00
“ Phoenix Chapter	12 00
“ Livingston Chapter	16 00
“ Mobile Chapter	28 00
“ Mount Moriah Chapter	10 00
“ Grand Secretary	203 00
“ G. Tyler's ac't. 1838	20 50
“ G. Tyler's ac't. 1839	11 50
“ Grand H. P., app'n	100 00

"	Printing for G. C. 1838-----	60 00
"	Stationery account -----	3 50
"	Cash paid G. T. by order of Chapter--	50 00
		\$605 50
	Balance in hand -----	5 00
		\$610 50

Companion N. W. Fletcher, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg leave to report, that they have examined the files furnished them by the Grand Secretary, consisting of communications from various Grand Chapters in the United States, from the tenor of which, your Committee are exceedingly happy to learn that the cause of Freemasonry is still advancing in the several states of this Union. We find nothing in these communications requiring any special action of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee would therefore recommend, that the Grand Secretary be directed to continue the correspondence, by communicating to the several Grand Chapters in the United States, the proceedings and names of the officers of this Grand Chapter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. FLETCHER,
JOHN A. WHETSTONE,
Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter now proceed to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon, the following Companions were duly elected.

M. E. A. B. DAWSON, G. H. P. Wetumpka.
E. EDWARD HERNDON, Dp. G. H. P. Gainesville.
DAVID MOORE, G. King, Huntsville.
J. A. WHETSTONE, G. Scribe, Washington.

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

A. P. PFISTER, G. Secretary, Tuscaloosa.

MAJOR COOK, G. Treasurer, Tuscaloosa.

WM. LITTLE, G. C. H. Jameston.

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

JAMES MAGUIRE, G. Sentinel, Tuscaloosa.

Companion Moore, of Eunomia Chapter, No. 5, offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That Eunomia Chapter, No. 5, be reinstated, and that all previous dues up to the present time be remitted; and that Companion James Penn, be recognized as High Priest, Samuel Coltart, King and Preston Yeatman, Scribe of said Chapter.

Companion Fletcher offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Chartered Chapters, be instructed to inquire into the situation of Clinton Chapter, at Dayton, and the propriety of continuing the same, and remitting dues.

On motion, the Grand Chapter then adjourned, until tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of installing the officers elect of this Grand Chapter.

THURSDAY EVENING, 3 P. M.

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

M. E. EDWARD HERNDON, G. H. P. presiding.

E. GREY LITTLE, G. K. p. t.

GEORGE FREDERICK, G. S. p. t.

SIDNEY H. REESE, G. C. H. p. t.

JAMES KEY, G. R. A. C. p. t.

AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

T. McDOUGALL, G. Treasurer, p. t.

HENRY MCGOWEN, G. Sentinel.

Companions—Whitsett, Morris, Stith, Robbins, Boyd, Major Cook, Gorman, Whetstone.

On motion of Companion Pfister, it was ordered, that Livingston Chapter be allowed until next annual convocation, to make their return.

The following resolution, from Comp. Stith, was offered and concurred in:

Resolved, That all delinquent Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, who have not made their annual returns for the present year, be allowed sixty days to make the same, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to inform them of this resolution.

Companion Stith, from the committee on Chartered Chapters, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters, respectfully ask leave to report, that they have examined the annual returns for the year 1840, of Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1; Eunomia Chapter No. 5; Cyrus Chapter No. 6; Phoenix Chapter No. 11; Marion Chapter No. 12; Gainesville Chapter No. 13; Jameson Chapter No. 18; and Mount Moriah Chapter No. 19; being all the returns submitted to their inspection; and find them substantially correct, with the exceptions hereinafter mentioned, namely, Tuscaloosa Chapter, reported the amount of dues to be \$14, which ought to have been \$15; said Chapter is therefore due the Grand Chapter \$1. Eunomia Chapter reported the amount of dues in blank, which your committee have not filled up, the same having been remitted by a resolution of this Grand Chapter. The amount of dues correctly

returned by Cyrus Chapter, is \$42; by Phoenix Chapter, \$34; by Marion Chapter, \$29.—making an aggregate of \$182. The credentials of the several proxys and representatives, which have been placed in the hands of your committee, are substantially correct, though some of them, as also, the above named returns, have no seal affixed to them, which defect, your committee recommend, be excused for this time; and that such Chapters as have no seals, be required to procure them as soon as practicable, and affix them to all official documents, issued thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY STITH,

JOHN C. WHITSETT.

Companion Whitsett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to ascertain what amount is due to this Grand Chapter, by Companion J. C. Hicks; and to report thereon forthwith; whereupon, Companions Grey Little, Stith and Whitsett, were appointed said committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars, be allowed to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars, be allowed to the Grand Treasurer.

Companion Whitsett, from the special committee, made the following report:

The special committee, to whom was referred the subject of ascertaining the amounts due to this Grand Chapter, by Companion J. C. Hicks, beg leave to report, that they find he has received, as per the Grand Secretary's books:

Marion Chapter, No. 12,	\$90 00	for dispensation.
Gainesville " No. 13,	90 00	"
Leighton " No. 14,	90 00	"
Hayneville " No. 15,	90 00	"
Wetumpka " No. 17,	90 00	"
Jameston " No. 18,	90 00	"
Mo. Moriah " No. 18,	90 00	"
Livingston " No. 20,	90 00	"
Mobile " No. 21	90 00	"
		\$810 00

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1838.

Dec. 19, By cash pd. G. Sec.----\$200 00

1839.

Dec. 10, By cash paid----- 20 00

Dec. 10, By cash appropriation 100 00

Dec. 10, By cash----- 200 00-----\$ 520 00

\$290 00

All of which is submitted.

JOHN C. WHITSETT,
HENRY STITH,
GREY LITTLE.

Companion Stith submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with J. C. Hicks, for the purpose of settling his account with the Grand Chapter, and report to the next annual convocation. Whereupon, the following committee was appointed:

Companions Grey Little, Whitsett and Cromwell.

The special committee, to whom was submitted the returns and proceedings of Montgomery Chapter, reported the following, which was received and accepted:

The committee appointed to examine into the condition and proceedings of Montgomery Chapter, working under dispensation granted them on the 26th of August last, find that Companions John A. Whetstone, M. E. H. P. John Powell, K. Thos. McDougall, Scribe, were duly installed in their respective offices, on the 3d of Nov. last, by M. E. D. G. H. P. Dawson, that they have adopted the by-laws of Wetumpka Chapter, until they shall deem fit to form a code of their own, which the committee have not before them. Said Chapter have marked six, and marked and passed, four Companions. Their records are neatly and properly kept, and their proceedings seem to be regular. So short a time having elapsed since this Chapter commenced work, the committee recommend that their dispensation be renewed for one year. Respectfully submitted,

H. STITH,

GREY LITTLE,

On motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of the officers elect, in due and solemn form.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment. Present—

M. E. EDWARD HERNDON, D. G. H. P.

E. THOMAS McDOUGALL, G. K. p. t.

JOHN A. WHETSTONE, G. S. p. t.

SIDNEY H. REESE, G. C. H.

JAMES MAGUIRE, G. R. A. C.

REV. J. H. THOMASON, G. Chaplain.

AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Sec.

MAJOR COOK, G. T.

HENRY MCGOWEN, G. Sentinel.

Companions Boyd, Fletcher, Owen, Harrison, Reese, Smith, King and Norris.

On motion of Companion Grand Secretary,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the constitution, by-laws, and regulations of this Grand Chapter, and report at our next annual convocation, such amendments as may be deemed proper. Companions Pfister, Thomason, and Skinner, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Companion Fletcher,

Resolved, That a committee of charity, consisting of five, be appointed by the G. H. P. for this Grand Chapter.

Whereupon, the following Companions were appointed: Comps. Fletcher of Perry, Whetstone of Montgomery, Moore of Huntsville, Ferrell of Mobile, Creagh of Clarke, Pfister of Tuscaloosa.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due and ample form, with solemn prayer, by the Grand Chaplain, until the next annual convocation, December 6, 1841.

Attest: AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

Reports of Mobile and Wetumpka Chapters, received since the close of the G. C.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

Of Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch
Chapter of the State of Alabama.

TUSCALOOSA CHAPTER, No. 1, TUSCALOOSA.

M. E. Amand	P. Pfister, H. P.	W. A. Leland, C. H.
C. Lewin, Jun.	K.	F. A. P. Barnard, P. S.
Henry McGowen,	S.	James Owen, R. A. C.
L. S. Skinner, Sec. & T.		Charles Bealle, Sentinel.

Eighteen members.

EUNOMIA CHAPTER, No. 5, HUNTSVILLE.

M. E. James Penn, H. P.	Jos. B. Bradford, C. H.
Samuel Coltart, K.	Frederick Elgin, P. S.
Preston Yeatman, S.	W. H. Power, R. A. C.
John A. Fackler, Treas.	William Hale, Sentinel.
A. M. Bradley, Sec.	

Thirteen members.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 6, FLORENCE.

M. E. Jas. H. Weakley, H. P.	Levi Cassity, C. H.
Alex. H. Wood, K.	James Key, P. S.
Thos. Pearsall, S.	James Martin, R. A. C.
Hugh Simpson, Treas.	Wm. R. Wood, Sentinel.
Willis Pope, Jun. Sec.	

Twenty-nine members.

PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 11, GREENSBORO.

M. E. Charles Wheelan, H. P.	Henry Stith, C. H.
Thomas Johnson, K.	V. Boardman, P. S.
John Fife, S.	W. D. Baldwin, R. A. C.
John Cocke, Treas.	K. Albert, Sentinel.
G. W. Hendon, Sec.	

Twenty-six members.

MARION CHAPTER, No. 12, MARION.

M. E. O. G. Eiland, H. P.	A. B. W. Hopkins, C. H.
J. W. Hanna, K.	J. P. Cravens, P. S.
R. C. Hodge, S.	J. C. Harrell, R. A. C.
E. W. King, Treas.	A. J. Armistead, Sentinel
J. F. Thompson, Sec'y.	

Thirty members.

GAINESVILLE CHAPTER, No. 13, GAINESVILLE.

M. E. W. W. Payne, H. P.	William Hyde, C. H.
Peter B. Whiting, K.	John W. Leigh, P. S.
C. A. Hatch, S.	W. O. Winston, R. A. C.
John C. Whitsett, Treas.	John Pollard, Sentinel.
William Gorman, Sec.	

Thirty-one members.

WETUMPKA CHAPTER, No. 17, WETUMPKA.

M. E. A. A. McWhorter, H. P.	A. B. Dawson, C. H.
W. J. Couch, K.	W. J. Campbell, P. S.
E. Burrows, S.	W. Price, R. A. C.
J. M. Friout, Treas.	E Roberts, Sentinel
C. M. Jennings, Sec.	

Forty-six members.

JAMESTON CHAPTER, No. 18, JAMESTON.

M. E. Blake Little, H. P.	Grey Little, C. H.
Thomas Amason, K.	William Little, P. S.
Robert H. Winston, S.	Silas Wilkerson, R. A. C.
Seth Little, Treas.	Cullin Little, Sentinel.
Robert Clanton, Sec.	

Sixteen members.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, CLINTON.

M. E. Edward Herndon, H. P.	Geo. W. Blair, C. H.
Jacob Wyzer, K.	William Sadler, P. S.
George Frederick, S.	John H. Copp, R. A. C.
S. H. Reese, Treas.	J. C. Coleman, Sentinel.
E. A. Rogers, Sec.	

Eighteen members.

MOBILE CHAPTER, No. 21, MOBILE.

M. E. O. J. Noyes, H. P.	D. F. McCrary, Sec.
J. A. Cuthbert, K.	W. W. Allen, C. H.
Edmund Harrison, S.	W. A. Ferrell, P. S.
Jacob Boyd, Treas.	John C. Hodges, R. A. C.

Thirty-six members.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 22, MONTGOMERY.

M. E. John A. Whetstone, H. P.	John Powell, K.
T. McDougall, S.	

Twenty-one members.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 24, COLUMBUS.

M. E. Charles H. Abert, H. P.	T. Richards, C. H.
James H. Smith, K.	A. S. Pfister, P. S.
Rev. John Armstrong, S.	John Crusoe, R. A. C.
Richard Barry, Treas.	J. K. Pierce, Sentinel.
James Whitfield, Sec.	

Twenty-five members.

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

Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1, Tuscaloosa.
 Eunomia Chapter, No. 5, Huntsville.
 Cyrus Chapter, No. 6, Florence.
 Clinton Chapter, No. 8, Dayton.
 Tuscumbia Chapter, No. 10, Tuscumbia.

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.
Montgomery Chapter, No. 22, Montgomery.
Washington Chapter, No. 24, Columbus.

TUSCALOOSA, Jan. 9th, 1841, R. A. M. 2371.

COMPANION: I have the pleasure of forwarding to you a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama at its last Convocation, held at the Masonic Hall, Tuscaloosa, Dec. 7, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840, R. A. M. 2370.

Yours, &c.

AMAND P. PFISTER, G. S. G. C. S. A.

ADDRESSES.

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

EDWARD HERNDON, D. G. H. P., Gainesville, Sumter County, Alabama.

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary, Tuscaloosa.