

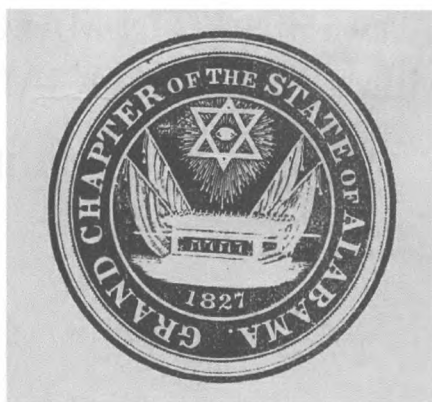
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of the

GRAND CHAPTER

of
Royal Arch Masons
of

ALABAMA



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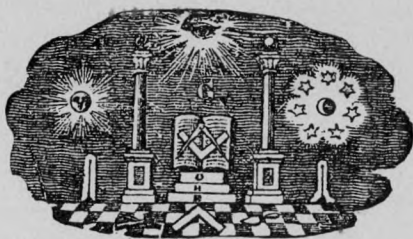
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MINUTES
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA
BEGUN AND HELD AT THE MASONIC HALL IN THE
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA,

On Tuesday, December 6th, 5842, R. A. M. 2372,
A. D. 1842.



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ADDRESSES.

DAVID MOORE, Huntsville, Madison Co. Ala. M. E.
G. H. P.

EDWARD HERNDON, Gainesville, Sumter Co., Dep.
G. H. P.

AMAND P. PFISTER, Tuscaloosa, Grand Secretary.

MINUTES

TUSCALOOSA, December 6th, 2842.

The annual convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, was held in the Masonic Hall in the city of Tuscaloosa, commencing this day.

PRESENT.

M. E. DAVID MOORE, G. H. Priest.
E. EDWARD HERNDON, D. G. H. P.
E. NATH'L W. FLETCHER, G. King.
E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. Scribe.
E. REV. J. H. THOMASON, G. Chaplain.
E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.
E. L. S. SKINNER, G. Treasurer.
Comp. J. H. COPP, G. C. H.
Comp. W. M. MONTGOMERY, R. A. C.
Comp. JOSEPH W. PIERCE, G. Sentinel.

The following subordinate Chapters were represented:

TUSCALOOSA CHAPTER, No. 1.—Amand P. Pfister, H. P., Wm. M. Montgomery, K., William Garrett, S.
EUNOMIA CHAPTER, No. 5.—David Moore, (proxy), H. P., Jas. A. L. Purdom, (proxy), King.
CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 6.—Baylor B. Barker, proxy, H. P., Wm. B. Wood, proxy, Scribe.
CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 9.—Egbert J. Jones, H. P.
TUSCUMBIA CHAPTER, No. 10.—Felix G. Norman, H. P.
PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 11.—Ralph S. Hunt, proxy, H. P., James D. Webb, proxy, King.

MARION CHAPTER, No. 12.—N. W. Fletcher, proxy, H. P., William Hendrix, proxy, King.

GAINESVILLE CHAPTER, No. 13.—James H. Thompson, proxy, H. P., William Gorman, King.

WETUMPKA CHAPTER, No. 17.—A. A. McWhorter, H. P.

JAMESTON CHAPTER, No. 18.—Silas Wilkinson, proxy, H. P.

MT. MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19.—John H. Copp, proxy, H. P.

LIVINGSTON CHAPTER, No. 20.—R. H. Dalton, H. P., Samuel B. Boyd, Scribe, Moses F. Hoit, King.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 22.—Walter R. Ross, proxy, H. P.

MONROE CHAPTER, (U. D.) No. 4.—G. W. Creagh, proxy, H. P.

TALLADEGA CHAPTER, No. 23.—Thomas Chilton, proxy, H. P., Wm. P. Chilton, proxy, King, John M. Moore, Scribe.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due and ample form. Prayer being offered to the Throne of Grace, the Grand Secretary presented the following report:

Since the last convocation of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary has, in compliance with its requisition, obtained for Washington Chapter, at Columbus, Miss., a dispensation from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and he is happy to state that said Chapter is prosperously at labor.

The Chapters, to-wit—Clinton, No. 8, Leighton, No. 14, and Hayneville, No. 15—remain yet in their delinquent state; no reports, or dues, having been received from them since the year 1839.

Clinton Chapter, No. 9, at Athens, have reported and made payment of their dues.

Tuscumbia Chapter, No. 10, has also made report and paid arrearages.

The Grand Secretary has had printed the usual number of copies of the Minutes of proceedings, and also the number ordered of the Constitution, and sent them to the several Chapters working under this jurisdiction and also to the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter.

He presents his account current for the year 1842, showing a balance of \$187.45.

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the reading of the proceedings of the last annual convocation be dispensed with, each subordinate Chapter having been furnished with a copy thereof.

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be permitted to a seat in the Grand Chapter during the Convocation.

The M. E. G. H. Priest appointed the standing committees, viz :

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS—N. W. Fletcher, Barker, Hoyt.

ON CORRESPONDENCE—Norman, Hoyt, and Pfister.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS—Wood, Webb, Copp, Thompson, Purdom.

ON CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION—Herndon, McWhorter, Dalton, Creagh and Garrett.

ON WORK—Herndon, Creagh, Purdom, Norman, Fletcher and McWhorter.

By Comp. Herndon, the following amendment to the constitution :

SEC. 3— Art. 1— So as to read "The Grand Chapter shall be holden on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December, annually," etc.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter sanction the removal of Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 19, made by the Dep. Grand High Priest, from Clinton to Eutaw.

The resolution offered at the last convocation of this Grand Chapter, for consideration until this convocation, on the subject of removing said Grand Chapter to the city of Mobile, was, on motion, taken up, and voted upon by Chapters, and resulted as follows—ayes, 2, noes 11.

Those Chapters which voted for the removal are—Jameston, No. 18, and Monroe, No. 4.

Those Chapters against removal are—Tuscaloosa, No. 1; Eunomia, No. 5; Cyrus, No. 6; Clinton, No. 9; Tuscumbia, No. 10; Phoenix, No. 11; Marion, No. 12; Wetumpka, No. 17; Mt. Moriah, No. 19; Livingston, No. 20; Talladega, No. 23.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until tomorrow at 3 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, December 7th, 1842.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. DAVID MOORE, G. H. P.

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

E. N. W. FLETCHER, G. K.

E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. S.

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

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

E. L. S. SKINNER, G. Treasurer.

JOHN H. COPP, G. C. H.

WM. HENDRIX, G. R. A. C.

JOSEPH W. PIERCE, G. Sentinel.

And a due representation of Chapters.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report, that they have examined the proceedings of the General G. R. A. Chapter of the U. S. held in September, A. D. 1841—the last

annual proceedings of the G. R. A. Chapters of Ohio, Tennessee, Maryland, New Hampshire and Kentucky—being all the documents submitted to them by the Grand Secretary—and find nothing in them demanding the particular attention of this Grand Chapter.

These Grand Chapters appear to enjoy a high degree of prosperity, and the Chapters under their immediate jurisdiction to be in a flourishing condition.

The committee would beg leave to recommend the continuation of the correspondence of this Grand Chapter with the various Grand Chapters of the United States, and would most earnestly recommend a more general interchange of their public proceedings.

F. G. NORMAN,
AMAND P. PFISTER,
MOSES F. HOIT.

Comp. Wood, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, made the following report which was concurred in:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters beg leave to report that they find the following reports of subordinate Chapters, for 1842:

Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1	\$17 00
Eunomia Chapter, No. 5	28 00
Cyrus Chapter, No. 6	32 00
Clinton Chapter, No. 9	18 00
Tuscumbia Chapter, No. 10	18 00
Phoenix Chapter, No. 11	16 00
Marion Chapter, No. 12	24 00
Gainesville Chapter, No. 13	20 00
Wetumpka Chapter, No. 17	17 00
Jameston Chapter, No. 18	14 00
Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19	14 00
Livingston Chapter, No. 20	16 00
Montgomery Chapter, No. 22	34 00

\$268 00

Your committee would recommend to the Secretaries of the different subordinate Chapters, to follow the printed form of the report given in the constitution more closely.

WM. B. WOOD,
JOHN H. COPP,
JAMES H. THOMPSON,

This being the day appointed by the constitution for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Chapter then proceeded to the same, and on counting out the votes the following Companions were found to be duly elected:

M. E. DAVID MOORE, Huntsville, G. H. P.
E. EDWARD HERNDON, Gainesville, Dep. G. H. P.
E. FELIX G. NORMAN, Tuscumbia, G. King.
E. G. W. CREAGH, Suggsville, G. Scribe.
E. AMAND P. PFISTER, Tuscaloosa, G. Secretary.
E. WILLIAM GARRETT, Tuscaloosa, G. Treasurer.
E. REV. THOMAS CHILTON, Talladega, G. Chaplain.
E. JOHN H. COPP, Clinton. }
E. WM. HENDRIX, Marion. } G. Marshals.
JOSEPH W. PIERCE, Tuscaloosa, G. Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until tomorrow at 3 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, December 8th, 1842.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. DAVID MOORE, G. H. P.
E. N. W. FLETCHER, G. King.
E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. Scribe.
E. REV. THOMAS CHILTON, G. Chaplain.

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

E. S. B. BOYD, G. Treasurer.

E. JOHN H. COPP,

E. WM. HENDRIX,

} G. Marshals.

JOSEPH W. PIERCE, G. Sentinel.

And a due representation of Chapters.

Comp. Dalton, from the Committee on Chapters under Dispensation, made the following report, which was concurred in :

The Committee on Chapters under Dispensation, to whom was referred the By-Laws and proceedings of Monroe Chapter, No. 4, and Talladega Chapter, No. 23, both working under dispensation, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and after a careful examination of the By-Laws of both said Chapters, they find nothing therein repugnant to the Constitution or By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama; and they are gratified to find that the proceedings of both Chapters have been perfectly regular, as appears from the certified copies thereof before your committee. They would therefore recommend that charters issue to both said Chapters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD HERNDON,

ROBT. H. DALTON.

On motion of Comp. Creagh—

Resolved, That the Charter heretofore granted to Monroe Chapter, No. 4, be renewed without any fee except the Secretary's; also, the amount paid for a dispensation by said Chapter be refunded back.

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

FRIDAY, December 9th, 1842.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. DAVID MOORE, G. H. P.

E. NATH'L W. FLETCHER, G. King.

E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. Scribe.

E. REV. THOMAS CHILTON, G. Chaplain.

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

E. W. B. WOOD, G. Treasurer.

E. JOHN H. COPP,

E. J. M. MOORE, } G. Marshals.

JOS. W. PIERCE, G. Sentinel.

And a due representation of Chapters.

On motion of Comp. Ross—

Resolved, That Mobile Chapter, No. 21, have ninety days to make its report and pay their dues.

On motion of Comp. Fletcher—

Resolved, That the Chapters under this jurisdiction who have failed to pay dues for members, and for the members exalted, the year 1841; be charged with the said dues.

By Comp. Copp:

Whereas, there is no amount of compensation mentioned in the constitution for the services of our G. Secretary, and every year the duties becoming more arduous—it is therefore ordered that an appropriation of one hundred dollars be paid him out of the funds of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. Fletcher, from the Committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report that they have examined the amount current of the Grand Secretary, and find the same perfectly correct.

NATH'L W. FLETCHER,

M. F. HOIT,

B. B. BARKER.

By Comp. Norman—

Resolved, That the Constitution of this Grand Chapter be so amended that any subordinate Chapter may confer the Chapter degrees on ministers of the gospel, without charging any fees for the same; and that this Grand Chapter will not require from any subordinate Chapter, dues for any member of said Chapters, who is a minister of the gospel unless that Chapter charges dues to said minister of the gospel.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until tomorrow, at 3 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY, December 10th, 1842.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment. There not being a general attendance, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the same was adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 12th, 1842.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E. DAVID MOORE, G. H. P.
E. NATH'L W. FLETCHER, G. K.
E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. Scribe.
E. REV. THOMAS CHILTON, G. Chaplain.
E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.
E. WM. GARRETT, G. Treasurer.
E. J. A. L. PURDOM, G. C. H.
E. W. D. CHILTON, G. R. A. C.
JOSEPH W. PIERCE, G. Sentinel.

And a due representation of Chapters.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of their Grand Officers elect, which was accordingly done in due and ample form.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments, viz: J. A. L. Purdom, Huntsville, G. P. S.; Egbert J. Jones, Athens, G. M. 1st V.; J. M. Moore, Talladega, G. M. 2nd V.; R H Dalton, Livingston, G. M. 3rd V.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned, after invoking the blessing of Deity until the next Annual Convocation.

*List of Subordinate Chapters Under the Jurisdiction of the
M. E. G. R. A. Chapter of Alabama:*

Tuscaloosa, No. 1, Tuscaloosa—A. P. Pfister, H. P.; C. R. Harrison, Sec.

Monroe, No. 4, Claiborne—James Dellet, H. P.; William Salle, Sec.

Eunomia, No. 5, Huntsville—James Penn, H. P.; Ellison Smith, Sec.

Cyrus, No. 6, Florence—J. A. Weakly, H. P.; T. Simpson, Jr., Sec.

Clinton, No. 9, Athens—T. S. Malone H. P.; Robt. Austin, Jr., Sec.

Tuscumbia, No. 10, Tuscumbia—F. G. Norman, H. P.; M. Gorman, Sec.

Phoenix, No. 11, Greensboro—Chas. Whelan, H. P.; Wm. Kerr, Sec.

Marion, No. 12, Marion—J. R. Goree, H. P.; W. R. Brown, Sec.

Gainesville, No. 13, Gainesville—J. W. Leigh, H. P.; B. H. Keiser, Sec.

Wetumpka, No. 17, Wetumpka—A. A. McWhorter, H. P.; W. B. Cooper, Sec.

Jameston, No. 18, Jameston—Blake Little, H. P.; J. L. Hibbler, Sec.

Mt. Moriah, No. 19, Eutaw—M. B. Posey, H. P.; T. T. Chiles, Sec.

Livingston, No. 20, Livingston—R. H. Dalton, H. P.; B. Tompkins, Sec.

Mobile, No. 21, Mobile—T. Noyes, H. P.; T. J. DeYampert, Sec.

Montgomery, No. 22, Montgomery—N. E. Benson, H. P.; E. M. Hastings, Sec.

Talladega, No. 23, Talladega—H. H. Wyche, H. P.; S. H. Dixon, Sec.

