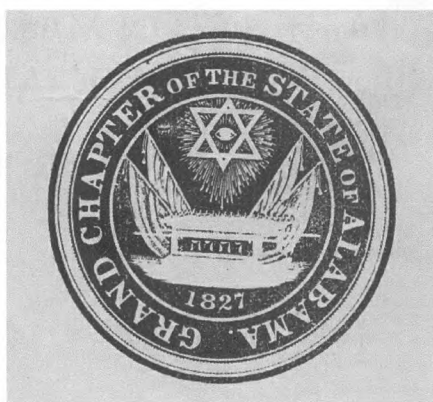


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PROCEEDINGS

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Alabama was held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Tuscaloosa, commencing on Tuesday, the 8th day of December, A. L. 5846, R. A. M. 2376, at 3 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. H. P.
E. JAS. McCALEB WILEY, Deputy G. H. P.
E. DAVID HARTWELL, G. K. (p. t.)
E. WM. HENDRIX, G. S.
E. REV. JAMES YOUNG, G. Chaplain.
E. EDWARD HERNDON, G. Treasurer.
E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.
E. S. A. M. WOOD, }
E. WM. WADBILL, JR. } G. Marshals.
JOSEPH W. PIERCE, G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. Nimrod E. Benson, Edward Herndon, Wm. Garrett,
Doric S. Ball, Wm. A. Ferrill.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

TUSCALOOSA CHAPTER, No. 1—Amand P. Pfister, H. P.; Wm. Garrett, King; Wm. Hawn, Scribe.

EUNOMIA CHAPTER, No. 5—Daniel B. Turner,* King.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 6—S. A. M. Wood,* H. P.; Rev. James Young,* Scribe.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 9—James M. Brundidge, H. P.

TUSCUMBIA CHAPTER, No. 10—Felix G. Norman, H. P.; Lewis B. Thornton,* Scribe.

*Proxies.

PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 11—Wm. Kerr,* H. P.; John McCormick,* King; John Atkins,* Scribe.

MARION CHAPTER, No. 12—John N. Walthall,* H. P.

GAINESVILLE CHAPTER, No. 13—Edward Herndon, H. P.

LEIGHTON CHAPTER, No. 14—Charles A. Toney,* H. P.; Wm. D. Jones,* King.

WETUMPKA CHAPTER, No. 17—David Hartwell,* H. P.; Henry Kulper,* King; W. C. Penick, Scribe.

JAMESTON CHAPTER, No. 18—Henry G. Little,* H. P.; Moses B. Kirkland, King; George D. Armstrong, Scribe.

MT. MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19—M. B. Posey, H. P.

LIVINGSTON CHAPTER, No. 20—Moses F. Hoit, H. P.; Preston G. Nash, Scribe.

MOBILE CHAPTER, No. 21—Doric S. Ball,* H. P.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 22—Nimrod E. Benson,* H. P.

TALLADEGA CHAPTER, No. 23—Alex. G. Cotten, H. P.; Sam'l. D. Watson, King.

EUFULA CHAPTER, No. 24—J. McCaleb Wiley,* H. P.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 26—James L. Price,* H. P.; A. S. Nicholson,* King.

DAYTON CHAPTER, No. 27—Sydney Smith, H. P.; Winfield Woolf,* King; Rev. T. S. Abernathy,* Scribe.

ST. JOHNS CHAPTER, No. 28—Wm. Waddill, Jr., King.

JAMES PENN. (U. D.), No. 30—John R. Clark, Scribe.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 31 (U. D.)—John R. Somerville, Scribe.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by the M. E. Grand H. Priest, and after solemn prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, declared opened in ancient form.

On motion of Comp. Hoit, the following committees were appointed:

ON ACCOUNTS—Companions Garrett, Turner, Waddill, Thornton, Walthall.

*Proxies.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS—Companions Herndon, Brundidge, Atkins, Kerr, Jones.

ON DISPENSATIONS—Companions Hoit, Cotten, Nicolson, Pennick, Little.

ON BY-LAWS—Companions Nash, Watson, Woolf, Toney, Kirkland.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—Companions Price, Wood, Walthall, Posey, Smith.

ON WORK—Companions Hartwell, Wiley, Benson, Brundidge, Young, Ball, Armstrong.

ON CREDENTIALS—Companions Posey, Abernathy, Smith, Hoit, Atkins.

The Report of the Grand Secretary was read and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

REPORT.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama has the honor of reporting that the amount on hand at the last annual Convocation was.....\$1,430 49
 Received since for Dispensations..... 270 00
 Received since from contingent fund..... 54 50

\$1,754 99

By amount ordered to be paid out..... 723 33

Remaining on hand.....\$1,031 66

Since the last Convocation, three Dispensations have issued for the establishment of new Chapters, to-wit: Eureka, No. 29, at Lowndesboro, Lowndes County; James Penn, No. 30, at Jacksonville, Benton County; and Perfect Friendship, at Benton, Lowndes County.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama now numbers twenty-four Subordinates.

The amendment to the Constitution to reduce the annual contributions from Subordinate Chapters to fifty cents for each member, will have to be finally acted on at this Convocation.

All of which, with the accompanying account current and exhibits, is respectfully submitted.

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

EXHIBIT A. *Amount of Cash received from Chapters at the Annual Convocation, 1845.*

From Tuscaloosa, No. 1	\$ 19 00
Monroe, No. 4	26 00
Eunomia, No. 5	25 00
Cyrus, No. 6	31 00
Clinton, No. 9	24 00
Tuscumbia, No. 10	17 00
Phoenix, No. 11	21 00
Marion, No. 12	23 00
Gainesville, No. 13	18 00
Leighton, No. 14	20 00
Wetumpka, No. 17	19 00
Jameston, No. 18	25 00
Mt. Moriah, No. 19	18 00
Livingston, No. 20	12 00
Mobile, No. 21	30 00
Montgomery, No. 22	36 00
Talladega, No. 23	29 00
Eufaula, No. 24	30 00
Union, No. 26	23 00
Demopolis, No. 27	10 00
St. John's, No. 28	20 00

\$476 00

EXHIBIT B. *Amount of Cash paid out by Order of Grand Chapter.*

1846. By cash returned to Courtland Chapter	\$ 90 00
By cash appropriation to Masonic Hall	133 33
By cash appropriation to M. E. James Penn	150 00
By cash appropriation to H. P. Jewel	50 00

By cash appropriation to Grand Secretary----- 150 00

By cash appropriation to Contingent Fund----- 150 00

\$723 33

EXHIBIT C. *Amount of Contributions received from Subordinate Chapters at the Convocation, 1846..*

From Tuscaloosa, No. 1-----	\$ 16 00
Monroe, No. 4-----	32 00
Eunomia, No. 5-----	14 00
Cyrus, No. 6-----	32 00
Clinton, No. 9-----	26 00
Tuscumbia, No. 10-----	24 00
Phoenix, No. 11-----	21 00
Marion, No. 12-----	21 00
Gainesville, No. 13-----	18 00
Leighton, No. 14-----	26 00
Wetumpka, No. 17-----	9 50
Jameston, No. 18-----	25 00
Mt. Moriah, No. 19-----	17 00
Livingston, No. 20-----	14 00
Mobile, No. 21-----	34 00
Montgomery, No. 22-----	34 00
Talladega, No. 23-----	23 00
Eufaula, No. 24-----	32 00
Union, No. 26-----	15 00
Dayton, No. 27-----	28 00
St. Johns, No. 28-----	17 00
Eureka, No. 29-----	20 00
James Penn, No. 30-----	18 00
Perfect Friendship, No. 31-----	11 00

\$517 50

DR. Amand P. Pfister, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Dec. 5, 1845. To balance, as per account, rendered	\$954 49
Dispensations, Eureka, 29	\$90.00
Dispensations, James Penn, 30	90.00
Dispensations, Perf. Friendship, 31	90.00—270 00
Annual contributions, 1845, Exhibit A	476 00
Annual contributions, 1846, Exhibit C	517 50
Balance from contingent fund	54 50
	\$2,272 49
By amount ordered to be paid, Exhibit B	723 33
Balance	\$1,549 16

DR. Contingent fund in account with Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Dec. 1845. To cash	\$150 00
By cash paid Grand Sentinel for services	\$15 00
By cash Slade, advertising, 1845	4 00
By cash St. John's Chapter refunded	2 00
By cash Magazine and binding	2 75
By cash Sundries Grand Sentinel	13 75
By cash Printing 10 charters	10 00
By cash Advertising Convocation	5 00
By cash Postage and stationery	8 00
By cash Printing Proceedings	35 00
By cash Balance to Grand Treasury	54 50—\$150 00

On motion of Comp. Wiley:

Resolved, That all R. A. Masons present be invited to a seat in this Grand Chapter.

By Comp. Hoit:

Resolved, 1st. That the Reports from Chartered Chapters be referred to the Committee on Chartered Chapters.

2. That the Records, Books, Papers, and By-Laws of the Chapters under Dispensation, be referred to the Committee on Chapters under Dispensation.

3. That the Proceedings and Correspondence of the other Grand Chapters be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

4. That the credentials of the proxies of the officers of the Subordinate Chapters be referred to the Committee on Credentials.

5. That the By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The following, offered by Bro. Ferrill, was read and referred to the Committee on Work.

Resolved, That all R. A. Masons suspended or expelled by a Lodge of Master Masons, shall be denied the right to visit a Chapter or hold converse with a R. A. Mason; and that the Committee on Work report whether it is not a duty incumbent on Masons not to sit in a Lodge of Mark, P. or M. E. Masters, or a Chapter, with a member who has been expelled or suspended; and if such duty is incumbent, how, or in what degree, such duty is made obligatory; and whether the H. P. or R. W. M. ought not to be more particular in his inquiry as to the standing of the members present, previous to opening such Lodge or Chapter, than has heretofore been practiced.

Comp. Wiley offered the following:

Resolved, That it be referred to a select committee of five to ascertain and report the propriety of distributing the surplus funds now in the Grand Treasury, amongst the Subordinate Chapters, for the purposes of education, and that they report at the earliest practicable moment.

After some discussion, the following amendment was offered by Comp. Hendrix, and referred to a select committee, viz: Comps. Wiley, Hendrix, Turner, Price and Penick.

Resolved, That the funds on hand belonging to this Grand Chapter, after deducting three hundred dollars for expenses, be returned to the Subordinate Chapters, in portion as paid in for dues since the year 1841, with instructions to be used only for purposes of education.

By Comp. Garrett:

Resolved, That the committee, to whom was referred the subject of distributing the funds of the Grand Chapter, be directed to enquire into the expediency (if the committee shall report in favor of distribution) of directing the amount which shall be found due to each Chapter, to be paid to a proper committee of each Chapter, to be appropriated solely in the education of the children of R. A. Masons, and require a report to the Grand Chapter, from time to time, showing the appropriation of said funds.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

That the 13th Section of the 4th Article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter be so amended as to change the words "one dollar" to "fifty cents."

16 ayes—2 nays.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to tomorrow, 2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 9, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. H. P.

E. JAMES McCALEB WILEY, Dep. G. H. P.

E. DAVID HARTWELL, G. K. (p. t.)

E. WM. HENDRIX, G. S.

E. REV. JAMES YOUNG, G. Chaplain.

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E. AMAND P. PEISTER, G. Secretary.

E. STERLING A. M. WOOD, }

E. WM. WADDILL, JR. } G. Marshals.

JOSEPH W. PIERCE, G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. N. E. Benson, G. H. P.; Edward Herndon, Dep. G. H. P.; Wm. A. Ferrill, G. King; Wm. Garrett, Grand Treasurer; Doric S. Ball, Grand Secretary.

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MONROE CHAPTER, No. 4—Henry F. Sterns, H. P.

Moved that the report of the above Chapter be referred to the Committee on Chartered Chapters.

Comp. Hoit, from the Committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was concurred in:

REPORT No. 1.

Your committee have carefully examined the Records, By-Laws, and Returns of Perfect Friendship, No. 31, James Penn,

No. 30, and Eureka, No. 29. They find the Records of the first named generally correct. The verbiage of the Records of all of them is more or less objectionable and ought to be improved. Words and terms are used which have a doubtful or strained meaning. The By-Laws of Perfect Friendship seem to require the H. P. to call a meeting of the Chapter upon the application of three or more Companions; also authorizes the suspension or expulsion of any member for disorderly conduct—an offense your committee consider too vague and indefinite.

The Records of Eureka show, that at several times petitions were presented, acted upon, and the degrees conferred upon the candidates at the same meeting, without its being considered a case of emergency, as is required.

Your committee find many irregularities and inaccuracies in the Records of James Penn Chapter, which seem to have resulted from inattention. They also find proceedings recorded wholly at variance with constitutional authority and the long established usages of the Order: as for instance the receiving the petitions of candidates and conferring the degrees at the same meetings, without due regard to 5th Section of the 4th Article of the Constitution.

They find that the By-Laws authorize Companions, in absence of the H. P., K. and S., to call a meeting of the Chapter for the transaction of business; and also that when a petition for affiliation is not accompanied with a certificate of withdrawal from the Chapter to which the candidate belonged, the same proceedings, shall be had as in the case of petition for initiation,—thereby as your committee believe, infringing upon the 5th Section of the 3rd Article of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

Your committee find that six of the R. A. Masons named in the Dispensation are returned as having never met with the Chapter and no dues are paid for them. Your committee believe that they were made members of the Chapter, by their being named in the Dispensation, and recommend the Chapter be notified by Comp. G. Secretary, of this delinquency, and that the dues must be paid.

Your committee, trusting that the errors and irregularities pointed out will not be permitted to mar the subsequent records, and that the By-Laws will be properly amended, respectfully recommend that charters be granted to said Charters.

MOSES F. HOIT, Chairman.

Comp. Posey submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

CREDENTIALS.

The committee, to whom was referred the credentials of proxies who are thereby constituted members of the M. E. G. Chapter, have carefully examined the same, and find them to be correct and in strict accordance with the requisitions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

M. B. POSEY, Chairman.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

M. E. FELIX G. NORMAN, of Tuscumbia, G. High Priest.

E. WILLIAM HENDRIX, of Marion, Dep. G. H. P.

E. STERLING A. M. WOOD, of Florence, Grand King.

E. SIDNEY SMITH, of Dayton, Grand Scribe.

E. JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, of Athens, }

E. JOHN N. WALTHALL, of Marion, } Grand Marshals.

HENRY KULPER, of Tuscaloosa, Grand Sentinel.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments:

M. B. POSEY, of Eutaw, Grand Prin. Soj.

WM. KERR, of Greensboro,

ALEX. G. COTTEN, of Talladega, {

WM. C. PENICK, of Wetumpka, {

G. } 3
M. } 2 { Veils.
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The following Companions asked and obtained leave of absence:

Waddill, of St. Johns Chapter, No. 26.

Turner, of Eunomia Chapter, No. 5.

Sterns, of Monroe Chapter, No. 4.

The following Report and Resolutions were received and concurred in:

REPORT.

The select committee, to whom was referred the Resolution of Comp. Wiley, with the amendments of Comps. Hendrix and Garrett, on the subject of the distribution of the funds of the Grand Chapter among the different Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, have had the subject under their serious deliberation, and beg leave to report that they have come to the following conclusions:

1st. That said fund should be distributed amongst the Subordinate Chapters in proportion to the various sums paid in by them for dues since the annual Convocation of 1841.

2nd. That said fund should be applied to the education of the children of R. A. Masons only.

Your committee, in view of the above, have instructed me to report the following Resolutions, and ask the concurrence of this Grand Chapter in their adoption.

Resolved, 1st. That the funds now in hands in this Grand Chapter (after retaining an amount sufficient to meet the expenses of the current year) be distributed amongst the Subordinate Chapters in proportion to the several amounts paid in by them for dues to the Grand Chapter since the Convocation of 1841.

Resolved, 2nd. That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain and report the relative distributive proportion of each Subordinate Chapter under the foregoing resolution.

J. McCaleb Wiley, Chairman.

The following Companions were appointed under the foregoing Resolution:

Wiley, Hendrix, Turner, Price, Penick.

Comp. Nash submitted the following Report:

ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws beg leave to report that they have examined a copy of the By-Laws of Dayton Chapter, No. 27, which they find to conform in every particular, to the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and to be in accordance with the spirit of the Order.

PRESTON G. NASH, Chairman.

The following Report on Chapters under Dispensation was offered by Comp. Hoit, and concurred in:

REPORT NO. 2.

Your committee have carefully examined the Records and By-Laws of St. Johns Chapter, No. 28, no other papers of said Chapter having been submitted to them.

They find the Records defective in some important particulars, and various proceedings recorded which are at variance with the Constitution of this and the General Grand Chapter, and the long established usages of the Order; but it is due to said Chapter here to state that the records of the later Conventions contain less defects, and exhibit less irregularities, than those of older date.

They find that the records kept in too loose and careless a manner; in naming the officers, proper regard has not been had to the order of naming them—that “dispensation” is frequently used for “dispensed with”—the word “Tyler” for “Sentinel,” &c. &c. These irregularities, however, are comparatively of minor importance, and would not have been noticed but from the fact that the Records of this Chapter have been before the Grand Chapter at a previous Con-

vocation. But there are some errors of greater moment: your committee find that several called meetings were held without the order for the same being spread upon the minutes, or its appearing what business they were called to transact—that several times the petitions of candidates for the Degrees of the Chapter were presented, referred and reported upon at the same meeting, and then a vote of emergency recorded, and the degrees conferred; and frequently the petitions of candidates were received, referred, reported on, the candidates balloted for, and some of the degrees conferred at the same meeting, without its appearing upon the records that it was at the time considered a case of emergency. They also find that business, other than that relating to the degrees, was transacted in other degrees than the Chapter.

They find the By-Laws generally correct; but by articles 10 and 11, that the Chapter has a Tyler instead of a Sentinel as designated by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, Article 4, section 1.

Your committee, in consideration of the premises, inasmuch as a decided improvement in the Records is manifest, as above stated, and trusting that the defects and errors pointed out will be corrected, respectfully recommend that a charter be granted to said Chapter, upon the surrender of their Dispensation and making their annual return at this Convocation.

M. F. HOIT, Chairman.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until tomorrow,
2 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, Dec. 10, 1846.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. H. P.

E. JAMES McCaleb WILEY, Dep. G. H. P.

E. DAVID HARTWELL, G. K. (p. t.)

E. WILLIAM HENDRIX, G. S.
E. REV. T. S. ABERNATHY, G. Chaplain.
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

That the 1st Section of the 1st Article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter be amended, by adding to the list of officers therein named, after "Grand Chaplain," "Grand Lecturer."

The following, offered by Comp. Wiley, was adopted:

Whereas, there is a great variety of work pursued in the different Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction; and whereas, it is desirable that an uniform system of work should be observed throughout the whole State; and whereas, this can be only effected by the appointment of a Grand Lecturer.

Therefore be it Resolved, That there be appointed by this Grand Chapter a Grand Lecturer for the ensuing year, who shall receive for his services such sums as the Subordinate Chapters may see fit.

The Grand Chapter appointed Comp. William A. Ferrill, Grand Lecturer, under the foregoing resolution.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following Report, which was concurred in:

REPORT.

Your committee have carefully examined the proceedings submitted to them by the Grand Secretary, to wit: the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire, New York, Virginia, Indiana, Mississippi, and Kentucky.

The Proceedings of these Grand Chapters indicate an evident improvement in the zeal of the Companions of our most sublime degrees, and your committee regret that no more of the Grand Chapters of the United States thought proper to send us copies of their Proceedings; and recommend that the correspondence be continued, and that the attention of other Grand Chapters be again called to this important subject.

Your committee deem it a part of their duty to inform this Grand Chapter, that the Grand Chapter of Virginia refers to and reprehends the practice adopted by this and some of the Grand Chapters of "adjourning," instead of "closing" in ancient form. The Grand Chapter of Virginia makes the degrees of Royal and Select Masters incident to R. A. Chapters, and causes them to precede the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees; it refers to and recommends a reconsideration of the order for conferring these degrees as adopted by the Grand Chapter of Alabama. Your committee do not pretend to dictate, or even advise this Grand Chapter on these subjects; but would respectfully suggest the propriety of cautiously reviewing such portions of its proceedings as any Sister Grand Chapter may deem objectionable.

JAMES L. PRICE, Chairman.

On motion—

Resolved, That the dues of Comp. A. Cunningham and C. G. Cunningham, whose names appear upon the minutes of James Penn Chapter, be remitted; it appearing that said Companions are members of Talladega Chapter, and as such have paid their dues in this Grand Chapter.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS.

The following Report was read and concurred in :

Your committee, to whom was referred the Reports from the several Subordinate Chapters under your jurisdiction, beg leave to report that they have given them a strict and careful examination, and find them all to be correct and in conformity with the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, except the following Chapters, towit: Wetumpka Chapter, No. 17, reports 19 members, and pays \$9.50, which should be \$19; Monroe Chapter, No. 4, returns each member at 50c, when it should be \$1.00: said Chapter reports thirty-two members at \$16, which should be \$32.00.

Your committee find most of the Reports made in a neat and careful manner; strict regard having been paid, with very slight variation on the part of some of them, to the forms prescribed by the Constitution. These few exhibit on the list of members the names of persons dimitted, which practice we recommend would be hereafter omitted.

EDWARD HERNDON, Chairman.

ON FINANCE.

The committee, to whom was referred the annual Report of the Grand Secretary, together with the accompanying documents, vouchers, &c., have examined the same, and beg leave to report that they find the accounts and vouchers correctly stated, towit:

Amount of cash on hand at the last annual Report	\$ 954 49
Amount received from various sources stated in report	800 50
	\$1,754 99
Amount expended by order of Grand Chapter at the last Convocation	723 33
	\$1,031 66

Amount contribution received at present Convocation 517 50

\$1,549 16

The net sum in cash belonging to the Grand Chapter appears to your committee is one thousand five hundred and forty-nine dollars and sixteen cents; which is in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and subject to the order of the Grand Chapter.

Your committee find the amount appropriated to the Grand Secretary at the last annual Convocation was one hundred and fifty dollars. Believing this too much, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated for the pay of the Grand Secretary for his services during the past year.

WILLIAM GARRETT, Chairman.

Comp. Wood submitted a memorial from Cyrus Chapter, complaining of Leighton Chapter, No. 14, which was referred to the Committee on Chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until tomorrow, 2 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, December 11, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. H. P.

E. WILLIAM HENDRIX, Dep. G. H. P.

E. S. A. M. WOOD, G. K.

E. SIDNEY SMITH, G. S.

E. REV. THOMAS S. ABERNATHY, G. Chaplain.

E. JOHN R. SOMERVILLE, G. Treasurer (p. t.)

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

E. MOSES F. HOIT,

E. M. B. POSEY,

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The Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of its Grand Officers elect. M. E. Nimrod E. Benson, Past G. H. P., officiated and duly installed them into their respective places.

Companion Posey offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to revise the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and report at the next annual Convocation.

Comps. Posey, Hendrix and Pfister were appointed.

Comp. Herndon submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

Your committee, to whom was referred the papers from Cyrus Chapter, No. 6, in relation to the E. of Companion Rosenthal, in Leighton Chapter, No. 14, when the said Companion was a resident within the jurisdiction of the former Chapter, beg leave to report:

That the principle involved in the offense alleged, is one of vital importance to that harmony and good feeling which should exist between the Subordinate Chapters; and of further and still higher interest to the Craft, for the purpose of preventing unworthy Companions from being E.

If a Subordinate Chapter may E. any one on making application, without reference to the jurisdiction of this Chapter, it will be impossible to prevent those who are unworthy from being received into our most sublime degrees.

Your committee cannot express too strongly their disapprobation of a course tending towards results so destructive and onerous to the good of Masonic Companionship.

The Constitution of this Grand Chapter provides, in Section 10 of the 4th Article, that "No candidate residing in or near any city or town where a Chapter of R. A. Masons is holden under this jurisdiction, shall be advanced or E. in any Chapter in any other place without a recommendation from the Chapter nearest the place where the said candidate resides."

Your committee have set out this article at length for the purpose of calling the attention of all Subordinate Chapters particularly to it; as they have learned that many cases have recurred in opposition to its provisions.

EDWARD HERNDON, Chairman.

On motion of Comp. Hoit:

Resolved; That a committee of three, on Work, be appointed—whose duty it shall be to meet on Monday previous to the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter at the place of holding the same, and prepare a report, which shall be made as soon as practicable.

Comps. Ferrill, Brundidge and Benson were appointed said committee.

The following Companions obtained leave of absence:

Alexander G. Cotten, of Talladega Chapter.

Moses F. Hoit, of Livingston Chapter.

T. S. Abernathy, of Dayton Chapter.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to tomorrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, December 12, 1846, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. H. P.

E. WILLIAM HENDRIX, Dep. G. H. P.

E. S. A. M. WOOD, G. K.

E. SIDNEY SMITH, G. S.

E. EDWARD HERNDON, G. Treasurer.

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

E. A. S. NICHOLSON, {
E. M. B. POSEY, { G. Marshals.

JOSEPH W. PIERCE, G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. N. E. Benson, G. H. P.; J. McCaleb Wiley, D. G. H. P.;
William A. Ferrill, G. K.

CHAPTERS.

Nos. 1, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29,
30, 31.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses of the representation to the next

triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States to be holden in the city of Columbus in the State of Ohio on the 2d Tuesday of September, 1847.

Comp. Wiley made the following Report, which was approved and concurred in:

The select committee to whom it was referred to ascertain and report the amount of money in this Grand Chapter, and also to ascertain and report the distributive proportion of each Subordinate Chapter according to the several amounts paid in by them for dues since the Grand Convocation of 1841, beg leave to report:

That they find in the Grand Treasury the sum of \$1,549.16: that of this sum, one hundred dollars has been appropriated to pay the Grand Secretary for his services, and four hundred and forty-four 16-100 dollars have been set aside as a contingent fund to pay all the expenses of the current year; (which amount your committee deem amply sufficient for such purpose) which being deducted from the above sum of fifteen hundred and forty-nine 16-100 dollars, now leaves in hand the sum of one thousand and five 10-100 dollars to be distributed amongst the various Subordinate Chapters. They also find that under said resolution the Subordinate Chapters are entitled to the various sums affixed to their names and numbers, viz:

Tuscaloosa, No. 1	\$30 18*
Monroe, No. 4	66 70
Eunomia, No. 5	59 34
Cyrus, No. 6	69 00*
Clinton, No. 9	46 46*
Tuscumbia, No. 10	53 36*
Phoenix, No. 11	42 32*
Marion, No. 12	53 36*
Gainesville, No. 13	43 34*
Leighton, No. 14	21 16*
Wetumpka, No. 17	37 72*

Jameston, No. 18	51 06*
Mt. Moriah, No. 19	40 00*
Livingston, No. 20	32 20*
Mobile, No. 21	79 12*
Montgomery, No. 22	92 16*
Talladega, No. 23	56 12*
Eufaula, No. 24	44 62*
Union, No. 26	24 84*
Dayton, No. 27	17 38*
St. Johns, No. 28	16 10
Eureka, No. 29	9 10*
James Penn, No. 30	8 28*
Perfect Friendship, No. 31	5 06*

* Paid.

Upon examination of all the orders and Resolutions on the subject of distributing this fund, your committee do not see that any means have been provided to enable the various Subordinate Chapters to draw their proportion of the above funds from the Grand Treasury; and for the purpose of removing this difficulty, they ask the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Representatives of the different Chapters now in attendance be authorized to draw from the Grand Treasury the amount set aside for their respective Chapters, and receipt for the same.

2d. *Resolved*, That in all cases in which a Subordinate Chapter is not now represented in this Grand Convocation, that the High Priest of such Chapter be authorized to draw the distributive share of such Chapter by order in writing, on the Grand Treasury, tested by the Secretary, with the Seal of said Chapter affixed thereto.

JAMES McCALEB WILEY, Chairman.

No other business appearing, the Grand Chapter of Alabama was closed in ample form after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace.

Attest,
FELIX G. NORMAN, G. H. P.
AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

LIST OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

TUSCALOOSA CHAPTER, No. 1, TUSCALOOSA.

Amand P. Pfister, H. P. Carter R. Harrison, Sec.
Sixteen Members.

MONROE CHAPTER, No. 4, CLAIBORNE.

Henry F. Sterns, H. P. Charles H. Foster, Sec.
Thirty-two Members.

EUNOMIA CHAPTER, No. 5, HUNTSVILLE.

Samuel Coltart, H. P. Harrison T. Carr, Sec.
Fourteen Members.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 6, FLORENCE.

William B. Wood, H. P. S. A. M. Wood, Sec.
Thirty-two Members.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 9, Athens.

Jas. M. Brundidge, H. P. Frederick Tate, Sec.
Twenty-six Members.

TUSCUMBIA CHAPTER, No. 10, TUSCUMBIA.

Felix G. Norman, H. P. William Rollston, Sec.
Twenty-four Members.

PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 11, GREENSBORO.

Charles Whelan, H. P. Joseph C. Meredith, Sec.
Twenty-one Members.

MARION CHAPTER, No. 12, MARION.

John H. Goree, H. P. W. R. Brown, Sec.
Twenty-one Members.

GAINESVILLE CHAPTER, NO. 13, GAINESVILLE.

Edward Herndon, H. P. E. R. Fawcett, Sec.
Eighteen Members.

LEIGHTON CHAPTER, No. 14, LEIGHTON.

William Leigh, H. P. Philemon King, Sec.
Twenty-six Members.

WETUMPKA CHAPTER, NO. 17, WETUMPKA.

A. A. McWhorter, H. P. W. B. Cooper, Sec.
Nineteen Members.

JAMESTON CHAPTER, NO. 18, WARSAW.

William Little, H. P. W. V. Hare, Sec.
Twenty-five Members.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, NO. 19, EUTAW.

M. B. Posey, H. P. Charles T. Murphy, Sec.
Seventeen Members.

LIVINGSTON CHAPTER, NO. 20, LIVINGSTON.

Moses F. Hoit, H. P. Preston G. Nash, Sec.
Fourteen Members.

MOBILE CHAPTER, NO. 21, MOBILE.

Rufus Greene, H. P. Edwin Rust, Sec.
Thirty-five Members.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, NO. 22, MONTGOMERY.

Thomas Welsh, H. P. Horace Tarleton, Sec.
Thirty-eight Members.

TALLADEGA CHAPTER, NO. 23, TALLADEGA.

Alex'r J. Cotten, H. P. A. G. Storey, Sec.
Twenty-three Members.

EUFAULA CHAPTER, No. 24, EUFAULA.

Z. J. Daniel, H. P. C. W. Snow, Sec.
Thirty-two Members.

UNION CHAPTER, NO. 26, UNIONTOWN.

Richard Clarke, H. P. A. P. Walke, Sec.
Thirty Members.

DAYTON CHAPTER, NO. 27, DAYTON.

Sydney Smith, H. P. W. A. D. White, Sec.
Twenty-eight Members.

ST. JOHNS CHAPTER, NO. 28, SELMA.

J. M. Strong, H. P. L. W. Chapman, Sec.
Seventeen Members.

EUREKA CHAPTER, NO. 29, LOWNDESBORO.

David Hartwell, H. P. Thomas C. Hartwell, Sec.
Twenty Members.

JAMES PENN CHAPTER, NO. 30, JACKSONVILLE.

John M. Moore, H. P. James L. Lewis, Sec.
Eighteen Members.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, NO. 31, BENTON.

R. K. Harrison, H. P.

S. P. Ferguson, Sec.

Eleven Members.

LIBERTY CHAPTER, NO. 32, LIBERTY HILL.

William H. Norris, H. P.

Granted Since Adjournment.

List of Grand Secretaries, so far as is ascertained.

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