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of
Royal Arch Masons
of
ALABAMA



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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF ALABAMA
AT THE
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HELD IN THE
CITY OF MONTGOMERY
COMMENCING
DECEMBER 2, 1862.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, convened at its thirty-sixth Annual Convocation, at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the 2d day of December, A. D. 1862, R. A. M. 2392.

PRESENT.

H. P. WATSON, M. E. Grand High Priest.
J. McCaleb WILEY, M. E. Deputy G. H. Priest.
THOMAS F. FLOURNOY, *pro tem*, R. E. Grand King.
N. B. CLOUD, R. E. Grand Scribe.
E. M. HASTINGS, R. E. Grand Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE, R. E. Grand Secretary.
PELEG BROWN, R. E. Grand C. H.
WILLIAM C. BATCHELOR, *pro tem*, E. G. P. S.
JOSEPH E. YOUNG, *pro tem*, E. G. R. A. C.
JOHN M. HUMPHREY, *pro tem*, E. G. M. 3d V.
JOHN T. FOSTER, E. G. M. 2d V.
WILLIAM H. GEORGE, *pro tem*, E. G. M. 1st V.
THOMAS McDOUGALL, E. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM P. CHILTON, M. E. P. G. H. P.
DAVID CLOPTON, M. E. P. G. H. P.
EDWARD HERNDON, M. E. P. D. G. H. P.
WILLIAM H. NORRIS, R. E. P. G. K.
JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, R. E. P. G. K.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

No.	Chapters.	Names.	Offices.
5	Eunomia,	Joseph E. Young,*	K.
11	Phoenix,		
17	Wetumpka		
20	Livingston,	Ben. B. Little,*	H. P.
21	Mobile,	William C. Batchelor,	S.
22	Montgomery,	N. B. Cloud,	H. P.
		H. P. Watson,	K.
		Thomas Welsh,	S.
24	Eufaula,	John Black,*	H. P.
26	Union,	James L. Price,	H. P.
30	James Penn,		
31	Per. Friend'p	Henry Traun,	H. P.
32	Fulton,	W. E. Beaird,	H. P.
34	Hermion,	Thomas Pullum,*	S.
44	Choctaw,	John T. Foster,*	K.
		W. P. Evans,*	S.
50	Sumter.	E. Herndon,	H. P.
54	Tyrian,	D. B. Smedley,	H. P.
55	Suggsville,	Robert Broadnax,	H. P.
58	Hartwell,	John A. Loder,	S.
62	Rockford	John A. Sears,*	H. P.
64	Central,		
66	Alabama,	Peleg Brown,	H. P.
67	Farriorville,	Benjamin Still,	K.
68	Cherokee,	S. H. Sedberry,	H. P.
69	Lower Peach Tree,	J. F. Pate,	H. P.
71	Landmark,	R. Deal,	H. P.

*Proxies.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.
Prayer by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made a brief address upon the subject of Royal Arch Masonry within the jurisdiction.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last Grand Annual Convocation was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary made his annual report, and it was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter

of Alabama,

Montgomery, December 2, 1862.

Companions:—I herewith submit my report of the affairs of the Grand Chapter during the past masonic year.

The balance of the Contingent Fund, remaining in my hands at the close of the last Annual Convocation, amounting to three hundred and ninety-one dollars and twenty-one cents, as shown by my report then made, has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt is herewith submitted. See account marked (A.)

The amount of "Dues" received at the last Annual Convocation was four hundred and eighty-one dollars and fifty cents. Since then I have received "back dues" from Hiram Chapter, No. 60, amounting to twenty dollars. It being impossible to get the minutes of the last Annual Convocation published, on account of the impossibility of getting paper, it has been necessary to expend only \$82.50 during the current year; leaving a balance in my hands of \$419.00. See account marked (B.)

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

DANIEL SAYRE,

Grand Secretary.

A.

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.

DR.

Dec. 3, 1861. To balance of Contingent Fund in hands
of Grand Secretary ----- \$ 391 21

CR.

May 20, 1862. By amount paid over to Grand Treasurer
as per his receipt herewith ----- \$ 391 21
Montgomery, Dec. 2, 1862.

B.

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.

DR.

Dec. 3, 1861. To amt of "Dues" received at
this convocation, 1861 ----- \$ 481 50
To back dues from Hiram Chap-
ter, No. 60 ----- 20 00 \$ 501 50

CR.

By paid No. 1, Office rent ---- \$ 75 00
By paid No. 2, Postage ----- 7 50 \$ 82 50
Balance in hands of Grand Secretary ----- \$419 00
Montgomery, Dec. 2, 1862.

The Grand Treasurer made his annual report,
and it was received and referred to the Committee
on Finance.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

*E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer, in account with M. E.
Grand Chapter of Alabama.*

DR.

1861.		
Dec. 3.	To balance cash on hand-----	\$ 360 66
1862.		
March 20.	To cash from Grand Secretary for Con- tingent Fund -----	391 21
		\$751 87

CR.

1861.		
Dec. 5.	By paid appropriation to Peleg Brown (voucher 1) -----	\$ 42 50
1862.		
Feb. 12.	By paid Grand Sentinel salary (voucher 2)	15 00
May 20.	By paid Grand Secretary salary for 1861, (voucher 3) -----	400 00
June 24.	By paid Grand Treasurer salary for 1861--	100 00
Dec. 2.	By balance cash on hand carried down----	194 37
		\$751 87

1862.

Dec. 2.	To balance cash on hand brought down-----	\$194 37
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E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.

Montgomery, December 2, 1862.

The Committee on Work, through its chairman, Companion Peleg Brown, made report on the M. M., P. M. and M. E. degrees, and the report was received and concurred in.

The report on the R. A. D. was made the special order for the hour next immediately after reading the minutes to-morrow afternoon.

The M. E. G. H. P. announced the following

COMMITTEES.

On Chartered Chapters—N. B. Cloud, W. P. Evans, Robert Broadnax.

On Finance—John Black, John A. Sears, John F. Pate.

On By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.—Joseph E. Young, R. Deal, S. H. Sedbury.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—John A. Loder, James L. Price, David B. Smedley.

On Work—Peleg Brown, Edward Herndon, Edmund M. Hastings.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 3, 1862.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock. The M. Ex. G. H. Priest, H. P. Watson, presiding; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

The special order for the hour was the report of the Committee on Work on the R. A. Degree. And the committee, through its chairman, Companion Peleg Brown, having made the report, it was received and concurred in.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing masonic year, and it resulted as follows:

H. P. WATSON, Montgomery, Grand High Priest.

J. McCaleb Wiley, Troy, Deputy G. H. Priest.

PELEG BROWN, Mobile, Grand King.
T. F. FLOURNOY, Opelika, Grand Scribe.
E. M. HASTINGS, Montgomery, Grand Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM C. BATCHELOR, Mobile, Grand Chaplain.
N. B. CLOUD, Montgomery, Grand C. H.

Subsequently the M. Ex. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments:

DAVID B. SMEDLEY, Troy, G. P. Sojourner.
JOSEPH E. YOUNG, Huntsville, G. R. A. C.
HENRY TRAUN, Benton, G. M. 3d V.
JOHN BLACK, Eufaula, G. M. 2d V.
S. H. SEDBERRY, Centre, G. M. 1st V.
THOMAS McDUGALL, Montgomery, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

THURSDAY MORNING, Dec. 4, 1862.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock. The M. Ex. G. H. Priest, H. P. Watson, presiding; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion Noah B. Cloud made the following report from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS.

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters have carefully examined the several returns received from the Grand Secretary, and beg leave to make the following report, viz:

Cherokee Chapter, (for 1861 and 1862)	No. 63
Farriorville Chapter	No. 67
Tyrian Chapter	No. 54
Rockford Chapter	No. 62
Alabama Chapter	No. 66
Mobile Chapter	No. 21
. All correct.	

Lower Peach Tree Chapter, No. 69.—Dues run out 25 cents instead of 50 cents each—deficient \$4.50.

Suggsville Chapter, No. 55, for the years 1861 and 1862.—All correct except the date of R. A. M.

Hartwell Chapter, No. 58.—Generally correct except the year of R. A. M., and dues paid for three dead members.

Sumter Chapter, No. 50.—The year not given in caption—otherwise correct.

Landmark Chapter, No. 71.—The year given wrong in the caption—otherwise correct.

Choctaw Chapter, No. 44.—No seal—otherwise correct.

Central Chapter, No. 64.—No masonic grade given. The year of R. A. M. not given, nor the year of Light.

Wetumpka Chapter, No. 17.—No masonic grade given—otherwise correct.

Phoenix Chapter, No. 11.—No masonic grade given; neither the year of Light nor that of R. A. M.

James Penn Chapter, No. 30.—Name and the year omitted in the caption; the year R. A. M. also omitted.

Eufaula Chapter, No. 24.—The year of R. A. M. omitted—otherwise correct.

Hermon Chapter, No. 34.—The year of Our Lord and that of R. A. M. omitted in the footing.

Fulton Chapter, No. 32.—The year of R. A. M. not given in the caption—otherwise correct.

Perfect Friendship Chapter, No. 31.—The year of R. A. M. omitted—otherwise correct.

Union Chapter, No. 26.—The year of Light omitted—otherwise correct.

Montgomery Chapter, No. 22.—No seal—otherwise correct. This want of the seal is in consequence of the absence of the Secretary in the army.

Eunomia Chapter, No. 5.—Gives the year 1861 in the caption and 1862 in footing—the year of R. A. M. wrong.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. B. CLOUD, Chairman.

On motion a Charter was granted to Russell Chapter, No. 65, free of charge, in accordance with the following memorial submitted by the companions of that Chapter:

MEMORIAL FROM RUSSELL CHAPTER, NO. 65.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

We, the undersigned members of Russell Chapter, No. 65, would ask leave to represent to your body, that during the greater portion of the present year our county has been overrun by the Federal army; our masonic hall taken possession of, and converted into a hospital; our furniture, jewels, &c., and indeed every vestige of property belonging to the three masonic bodies here, were stolen and carried off, with the exception only of the seal of the Chapter and the Charters of the Council and Lodge.

The above premises considered, we would ask of your body that you grant us a duplicate of our lost Charter, or, in case that cannot be done, that you furnish us a new one, according us the same name and number as heretofore, viz: "Russell Chapter, No. 65," as thereby we will be saved the expense of procuring a new seal.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. B. RAGSDALE, H. P.,
T. BOYD FOSTER, K.,
WM. MASON, S.,
GEORGE W. CAPERTON,
WM. V. JACOWAY,
B. F. PANKEY,
SAMUEL C. NORWOOD,
W. A. COFFEY,
JAMES M. HOGE.

Done at Stevenson, Jackson county, Ala, this 28th November, 1862.

Companion Black, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to make the following report:

They have examined the several accounts (with the accompanying vouchers) of Companion Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre, which shows that he has paid over to the Grand Treasurer the sum of \$391.21; leaving a balance in his hands of \$419.

They have also examined the account (with accompanying vouchers) of Companion Grand Treasurer, E. M. Hastings, and find the same to be correct, showing a balance in his hands, Dec. 3, 1862, of \$194.37.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. BLACK, Chairman.

The Grand Officers elect for the ensuing masonic year, were duly installed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following committee:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

DANIEL SAYRE, Montgomery.

W. E. BEAIRD, Orrville.

THOMAS PULLUM, Union Springs.

WILLIAM C. BATCHELOR, Mobile.

JOHN T. FOSTER, Butler.

On motion the sum of three hundred dollars was set apart in the hands of the Grand Secretary as a contingent fund for the ensuing masonic year.

On motion of Companion Samuel H. Dixon, the Grand Treasurer was directed to loan to Companion Thomas McDougall, Grand Tiler, the sum of twenty-five dollars, on his note, without interest.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Companion Wm. C. Batchelor, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

DELINQUENT IN DUES AND RETURNS.

Jamestown	No. 18
Saint John's	No. 28
Autauga	No. 33
James L. Daniel	No. 35
Uchee	No. 53
Lebanon	No. 57
Hiram	No. 60
Signet	No. 61
Clayton	No. 63
Russell	No. 65
Midway	No. 72

DELINQUENT IN RETURNS AND DUES FOR TWO YEARS.

Tuscaloosa	No. 1
Monroe	No. 4
Cyrus	No. 6
Tuscumbia	No. 10
Marion	No. 12
Mount Moriah	No. 19
Pickensville	No. 36
Concord	No. 37
Washington	No. 41
Hope	No. 49
Allenton	No. 52
Zerubbabel	No. 56
Choctaw Corner	No. 70

DELINQUENT IN RETURNS AND DUES FOR THREE
YEARS.

Clinton	-----	No. 9
Dayton	-----	No. 27
Camden	-----	No. 40
Tuskegee	-----	No. 43
Bladon Springs	-----	No. 59

DELINQUENT IN DUES.

Courtland	-----	No. 25
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REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA, WITH
THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, AND THE AMOUNT OF DUES PAID FOR 1862.

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No	Name.	Location.	County.	Post Office.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Dues.	
5	Eunomia,	Huntsville,	Madison,	Huntsville,	John James Ward,	John G. Coltart,	38	14 00
11	Phoenix,	Greensboro,	Greene,	Greensboro,	William Kerr,	C. W. Hatch,	30	14 00
17	Wetumpka,	Wetumpka,	Coosa,	Wetumpka,	William A. Allen,	Wm. T. Hatchett,	17	8 50
20	Livingston,	Livingston,	Sumter,	Livingston,				12 50
21	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	James Wilkins,	Joseph R. Eastburn	88	44 00
22	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	N. B. Cloud,	Lewis J. Cahn,	56	28 00
24	Eufaula,	Eufaula,	Barbour,	Eufaula,	Thomas Cargile,	W. S. McNaughton	33	16 50
25	Courtland,	Courtland,	Lawrence,	Courtland,	Joseph C. Baker,	J. H. Lorange,	26	
26	Union,	Uniontown,	Perry,	Uniontown,	James L. Price,	William Deason,	29	30 00
30	James Penn,	Jacksonville,	Calhoun,	Jacksonville,	John R. Clark,	Wm. H. Forney,	34	33 50
31	Per. Friendship,	Benton,	Lowndes,	Benton,	P. H. Lundy,	W. L. Ernest,	32	16 00
32	Fulton,	Orrville,	Dallas,	Orrville,	W. E. Beaird,	W. R. Smily,	23	11 50
34	Hermon,	Union Spgs.	Macon,	Union Springs,	M. Butterfield,	Thomas Pullum,	50	24 00
44	Choctaw,	Butler,	Choctaw,	Butler,	C. N. Wilcox,	John T. Foster,	29	14 50
50	Sumter,	Gainesville,	Sumter,	Gainesville,	Edward Herndon,	A. H. Harris,	25	12 50
54	Tyrian,	Troy,	Pike,	Troy,	David B. Smedley,	J. D. Murphree,	37	18 50

No.	Name.	Location.	County.	Post Office.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Dues.	
55	Suggsville.	Suggsville,	Clarke,	Suggsville,	Samuel Coale,	Samuel Forwood,	39	41 00
58	Hartwell,	Cahaba,	Dallas,	Cahaba,	J. Bausman Duke,	S. W. Stradtman,	46	23 00
62	Rockford,	Rockford,	Coosa,	Rockford,	Isaac W. Suttle,	John A. Logan,	34	17 00
64	Central,	Montevallo,	Shelby,	Montevallo,	S. M. Doak,	Sylvester Steele,	26	13 00
66	Alabama,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Peleg Brown,	Alex. B. Couch,	30	15 00
67	Farriorville,	Farriorville,	Pike,	Farriorville,	M. J. Bean,	George Williams,	42	21 00
68	Cherokee,	Centre,	Cherokee,	Centre,	S. K. McSpadden,	William L. Sharp,	32	30 00
69	L. P. Tree,	L. P. Tree,	Wilcox,	L. P. Tree,	J. F. Pate,	J. Mayer	18	4 50
71	Landmark,	Barnes' X Rds,	Dale,	Barnes' X Rds,	Ransom Deal,	John McFadyen,	39	19 50

Total amount of dues received, \$482.00.

