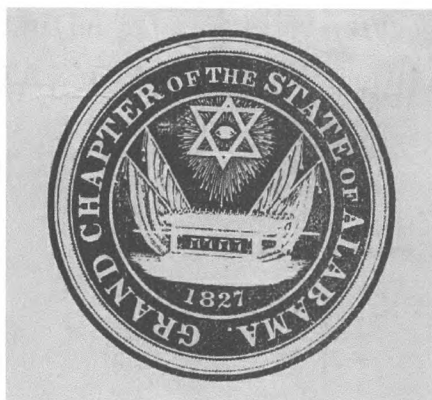


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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF ALABAMA

AT THE
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD IN THE
CITY OF MONTGOMERY

COMMENCING
DECEMBER 6TH, 1864.

TUSKEGEE:
"SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS" BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.
1865.

PROCEEDINGS.

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama convened at its thirty-eighth Annual Convocation, at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the 6th day of December, A. D. 1864; A. L. 5864; R. A. M. 2394.

PRESENT.

HUGH PARKS WATSON, M. Ex. Grand High Priest.
 J. McCaleb Wiley, M. Ex. D. G. High Priest.
 PELEG BROWN, R. Ex. Grand King.
 S. G. BURKE, *pro tem*, R. Ex. Grand Scribe.
 EDMUND M. HASTINGS, R. Ex. Grand Treasurer.
 DANIEL SAYRE, R. Ex. Grand Secretary.
 WILLIAM KERR, R. Ex. Grand C. H.
 JAMES B. HARRISON, *pro tem*, Ex. Grand P. S.
 GEORGE W. BOND, *pro tem*, Ex. Grand R. A. C.
 JACOB MAYER, Ex. Grand M. 3d V.
 WILLIAM KNOX, *pro tem*, Ex. Grand M. 2nd V.
 JOHN T. FOSTER, *pro tem*, Ex. Grand M. 1st V.
 THOMAS McDougall, Ex. Grand Sentinel.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

No.	Chapters.	Names of Officers.	Grade.
4	Monroe,	N. A. Agee,*	H. P.
11	Phoenix,	William Kerr,	H. P.
		C. W. Hatch,*	S.
12	Marion,	E. H. Bernhard,*	H. P.
18	Jamestown,	J. J. Little,*	H. P.
20	Livingston,	C. S. McConnico,	K.
21	Mobile,	Jabez W. Huestis,*	H. P.
		George W. Bond,*	S.

No.	Chapters.	Names of Officers.	Grade.
22	Montgomery,	H. P. Watson, E. Kirk, Daniel Sayre,	H. P. K. S.
25	Courtland.	F. W. Sykes,*	H. P.
26	Union,	James L. Price,	H. P.
28	St. John's,	John M. Strong, W. S. Knox,	H. P. S.
30	James Penn,	Henry Gutman,*	H. P.
32	Fulton,	W. E. Beaird, F. L. Milhouse,*	H. P. S.
34	Hermon,	James A. Jones,	H. P.
36	Pickensville,	S. N. Ferguson,*	H. P.
40	Camden,	J. W. Burrell,*	H. P.
44	Choctaw,	John T. Foster,*	H. P.
49	Hope,	R. T. Massey,*	H. P.
52	Allenton.	B. S. Rives,*	H. P.
54	Tyrian,	D. B. Smedley,*	H. P.
55	Suggsville.	Robert Broadnax,	H. P.
57	Lebanon,	J. Johnston,*	H. P.
58	Hartwell,	George F. Cushman,* W. A. Brantley,*	H. P. S.
62	Rockford,	Isaac W. Suttle, W. H. Hancock,*	H. P. K.
66	Alabama.	Peleg Brown,	H. P.
69	Lower P. Tree,	J. F. Pate, Jacob Mayer,*	H. P. K.
71	Landmark,	James M. Bridges,	K.
72	Midway,	S. G. Burke,	H. P.

* Proxies.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. Prayer by the R. Ex. Grand Chaplain.

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest made his annual address extemporaneously.

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

The Grand Secretary made his annual report, and the report 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 6, 1864.*

Companions:—The balance left in my hands at the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter, being one hundred and nine-one dollars; and also the sum of ninety dollars received for a Dispensation to Lawrenceville Chapter; have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipts for both amounts are herewith submitted to the Grand Chapter.

At the last convocation of the Grand Chapter I received for dues from the subordinate chapters, the sum of six hundred and twenty three dollars and fifty cents. Since then I have received for back dues, ninety-nine dollars and fifty cents. Also the sum of two hundred and seventy dollars for Dispen-sations issued to Opelika, Pine Level, and Elyton chapters.—After defraying out of these sums the current expenses of the Grand Chapter, there remains in my hands a balance of one hundred and seventy-five dollars and forty-two cents; all the particulars of which will appear in my account herewith presented, marked C.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Montgomery, December 6, 1864.

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.

A.

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

DR.

Dec. 8, 1863. To balance in the hands of Grand Sec'y—\$ 191 00

CR.

Jan. 5, 1864. By cash paid to Grand Treasurer as per
his receipt ----- 191 00
Montgomery, Dec. 6, 1864.

B.

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

DR.

Dec. 9, 1863. To cash received for Dispensation to Law-
renceville, No. 73 ----- 90 00

CR.

Jan. 4, 1864. By paid Grand Treasurer----- 90 00
Montgomery, Dec. 6, 1864.

C.

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

DR.

Dec. 6, 1863. To amount of "Dues" received at this
convocation ----- 623 50

BACK DUES.

Pickensville, No. 36.....	\$ 42 00	
Courtland, No. 25	26 00	
Oct. 4, 1864, New Hope, No. 49.....	31 50	99 50

DISPENSATIONS.

March 12, 1864. Opelika, No. 74.....	\$ 90 00	
Aug. 2, 1864. Pine Level, No. 75.....	90 00	
Oct. 4, 1864. Elyton, No. 76.....	90 00	270 00

\$993 00

CR.

Dec. 6, 1863. By salary for 1863.....	\$ 400 00	
Feb. 11, 1864. By paid rent.....	25 00	
June 8, 1864, By paid rent.....	31 25	
Nov. 8, 1864, By paid rent.....	62 50	
May 23, 1864. By printing proceedings.....	180 00	
By discount on \$356.50.....	118 83	\$ 817 58

\$175 42

Montgomery, Dec. 6, 1864.

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

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

As your Grand Treasurer, I have to report "no funds" in your Treasury, but the account overdrawn the sum of forty-four dollars and thirteen cents, as will appear from my account herewith submitted.

Early in January last a demand was made by me of the Grand Secretary for the payment into the Treasury of all the funds belonging to the Grand Chapter, collected by him at the last Grand Annual Convocation, which demand he failed to comply with. I therefore deemed it my duty to report the fact to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, which I did on 10th of February, last, stating the fact, and requesting such action on his part as he deemed proper; since which time no funds have been received by me from the Grand Secretary.

Faternally submitted,

E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.

Montgomery, December 6th, 1864.

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

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DR.

Jan. 5.	To cash from Grand Secretary-----	\$ 191 00
Jan. 5.	To cash from Grand Secretary-----	90 00
Dec. 6.	To balance due me -----	44 13
		\$325 13

1863.

CR.

Dec. 8.	By balance due me-----	\$ 78 13
Dec. 9.	By Grand Treasurer's salary -----	100 00
Dec. 10.	By paid Peleg Brown (voucher 1)-----	147 00
		\$325 13

1864.

Dec. 6.	By balance due me-----	\$44 13
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E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.

Montgomery, December 6, 1864.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the account of the Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report it correct.
Balance due Grand Treasurer, December 6, 1864-----\$ 44 13

Respectfully,

W. KERR.

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest announced the following

COMMITTEES.

Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1—I. W. Suttle, E. H. Bernhard, J. W. Heustis.

Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2—C. S. McConnico, J. J. Little, Henry Gutman.

Committee on Dispensations—John M. Strong, C. W. Hatch, Geo. W. Bond.

Committee on Finance—W. Kerr, S. G. Burke, S. N. Ferguson.

Committee on By-Laws, Suspension, Expulsions and Appeals—Jacob Mayer, R. T. Massey, B. S. Rives.

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence—W. E. Beaird, David B. Smedley, James A. Jones.

Committee on Work—Peleg Brown, Edmund M. Hastings, David B. Smedley.

The Committee on Work, through its Chairman, companion Peleg Brown, made report on the M. M. degree, and the report was received and concurred in.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening at 2 1-2 o'clock.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 7, 1864.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 2 1-2 o'clock. The M. Ex. Grand High Priest, H. P. Watson, presiding; the other officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

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

JAMES B. HARRISON, Selma, G. H. P.
PELEG BROWN, Mobile, D. G. H. P.
ISAAC W. SUTTLE, Rockford, G. K.
WILLIAM KERR, Greensboro, G. S.
EDMUND M. HASTINGS, Montgomery, G. Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE, Montgomery, G. Secretary .
DAVID B. SMEDLEY, Troy, G. Chaplain.
WILLIAM S. KNOX, Selma, G. C. H.
THOMAS McDOUGALL, Montgomery, G. Sentinel.

Brother J. M. Strong made the following report from the Committee on Dispensations, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Your committee on Dispensations have had the duties assigned to them under examination, and beg leave to make the following report:

Minutes of Opelika Chapter No. 74, have been examined and found correct. Recommend a charter be granted.

Also examined minutes of Lawrenceville Chapter No. 73, recommend a charter be granted; minutes very neatly and handsomely kept.

Also examined minutes of Pine Level Chapter No. 75; Minutes neatly kept; recommend the Secretary be instructed, and a charter granted.

Also Petitions of companions for Dispensations to organize a chapter at Pinkneyville, Tallapoosa county; Danville, Morgan county, and Carrollton, Pickens county; also in the town of Brundidge; have been carefully examined and recommended Dispensations be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. M. STRONG, Cha'n.

Companion J. McCaleb Wiley offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That Companions C. G. Cunningham, Jos. H. Johnston, Thomas Warwick, A. Bingham, A. G. Story, S. D. Watson, L. E. Parsons, Allen Weathers and M. G. Rhodes, are hereby authorized to convene and work under the charter of Talladega Chapter, No. 23, and as the charter of said chapter has been lost or mislaid on account of the said chapter having not worked for a number of years, the Grand Secretary is authorized to grant them a charter on payment of the regular fees.

Companion Thomas F. Flournoy offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That Concord Chapter No. 37, owing to the absence of a large number of its members in the army, were unable to hold their regular convocations, and make their annual returns, from which cause their charter was forfeited, at the last Grand Annual convocation, they now, having a sufficient number to carry on the work, ask that their charter may be restored free of charge, upon the payment of all back dues.

Companion J. McCaleb Wiley offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That Macon Chapter, No. 42, held at Auburn, Macon Co., having forfeited its charter some years since, and their funds, being in possession of the Grand Chapter, that they be donated to Opelika Chapter, No. 74.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow afternoon at 12 1-2 o'clock.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

THURSDAY EVENING, December 8, 1864.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 12 1-2 o'clock. The M. Ex. Grand High Priest, H. P. Watson, presiding; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were received and approved.

Companion J. Mayer made the following report from the committee on By-laws, and the report was received and concurred in.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The committee on By-laws have examined the By-laws of the following Chapters:

Elyton Chapter No. 76, we find in all respects in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

Opelika Chapter No. 74.—We recommend to strike out in Art. II., Sec. 3, the following words: "The highest officer present," and in lieu thereof insert, "the King, and in his absence the Scribe;" otherwise they are correct.

Pine Level Chapter, No. 75.—We recommend that in Art. I., Sec. 3, and in Art. IV. Sec. 3, the words, "or exaltation," be left out; also in Art. VIII., Sec. 8, insert after the words, "a companion suspended," the words "except for non-payment of dues"; otherwise they are correct.

Lawrenceville Chapter.—No number given, nor do they fix the amount of fees; the expression, "the Treasurer shall demand of the Secretary at each convocation the funds of the Chapter," is superfluous, as it is the duty of the Secretary to turn the funds over to the Treasurer; otherwise correct.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. MAYER,

R. T. MASSEY,

S. B. RIVES.

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

E. H. BERNHARD, Marion, Grand P. S.

GEORGE W. BOND, Mobile, Grand R. A. C.

JACOB MAYER, Lower Peach Tree, Grand M. 3rd V.

W. E. BEAIRD, Orrville, Grand M. 2nd V.

T. R. RUSSELL, Opelika, Grand M. 1st V.

At 1 o'clock the officers were installed in Ample Form.

Companion Isaac W. Suttle, from the committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 1, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 1.

The committee on Chartered Chapters beg leave to report that they have examined the returns submitted to them, and find the following correct, viz:

Jamestown Chapter	No. 18
Phoenix Chapter	No. 11.
Mobile Chapter	No. 21
Union Chapter	No. 26
Hope Chapter	No. 49
Livingston Chapter	No. 20

Marion Chapter No. 12.—No seal; certificate showing it was lost; otherwise correct.

St. John's Chapter No. 28.—There were Accepted and Exalted in December two; the dates when Advanced and Presided not given. Also five Exalted in the same month, their dates when advanced, presided and accepted not given; otherwise correct.

Montgomery Chapter, No. 22.—Dates when advanced and presided, were left out upon three occasions, and also short fifty cents in addition.

Courtland Chapter, No. 25.—Six ministers not charged dues; correct otherwise.

Monroe Chapter, No. 4.—Three were exalted in July; five in November and January; the dates when advanced, presided and accepted not given; otherwise correct.

I. W. SUTTLE, Cha'n.

Companion C. S. McConnico, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 2, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 2.

To the Most Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

The committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 2, beg leave to report, that they have examined the returns of the Chapters submitted to them, and find returns from the following Chapters correct:

Allenton, No. 52, Midway, No. 72, Choctaw, No. 44, James Penn, No. 30, Tyrian, No. 54, Alabama, No. 66, Hermon, No. 34, Pickensville, No. 36, members not numbered.

Fulton, No. 32.—Grade of officers improperly arranged.

Lawrenceville, No. 73.—Grade of officers improperly arranged.

Farriorville, No. 67.—Deceased members names placed in regular list of members.

Lower Peach Tree, No. 69.—Grade of Officers improperly arranged and has no seal.

Hartwell, No. 58.—Grade of officers improperly arranged.

Rockford, No. 62.—Returns very neatly made out, but not signed by H. P.

Bladon Springs, No. 59, for 1864.—Names of dimitted members placed in list of members; for 1860, 1861, 1862, and 1863. correct; and your committee would recommend, that if the Charter of this Chapter is forfeited for the non-payment of dues, that it be restored.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. S. McCONNICO, Chairman.

December 7, 1864.

The report from the committee on work was postponed until the next Annual Grand Convocation.

Companion E. W. Huestis, offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That one suspended by a Master Mason's Lodge for non-payment of "Dues," shall also stand suspended as a Royal Arch Mason.

Companion William Kerr, 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 to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, beg leave to make the following report:

Cash balance in the hands of Grand Secretary on 6th

Dec. 1864 ----- \$ 175 42

Balance due Grand Treasurer December 6th, 1864---- 44 13

Your committee respectfully recommend that the By-laws be so amended as to make the dues to the Grand Chapter one dollar, instead of fifty cents.

Your committee would also respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated out of the funds of the Grand Chapter as a contingent fund, subject to the order of the Grand Secretary.

WM. KERR.

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

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest announced the following committee on

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

DANIEL SAYRE, Montgomery.

W. E. BEAIRD, Orrville.

J. F. PATE, Lower Peach Tree.

JOHN T. FOSTER, Butler.

ROBERT BROADNAX, Suggsville.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the R. Ex. and Reverend Grand Chaplain, David B. Smedley, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, was closed in Ample Form.

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

REGISTER, ETC.—SEE PRINTED PROCEEDINGS, DUES FOR 1864.

No.	Chapter.	Location.	County.	High Priest.	Secretary.		Dues.
4	Monroe,	Claiborne,	Monroe,	R. C. Torrey,	N. A. Agee,	33	16 50
11	Phoenix,	Greensboro,	Greene,	William Kerr.	George Erwin,	56	27 50
12	Marion,	Marion,	Perry,	William Hendrix,	George W. Jones,	107	53 50
18	Jamestown,	Warsaw,	Sumter,	William Little,	J. J. Little,	31	15 50
20	Livingston,	Livingston,	Sumter,	R. G. Hamill,	S. W. Murley,	40	19 50
21	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Wm. H. Sadler,	Wm. C. Batchelor	180	90 00
22	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	H. P. Watson,	Lewis J. Cahn,	72	36 00
23	Talladega,	Talladega,	Talladega,	C. G. Cunningham,	A. G. Story,		90 00
25	Courtland,	Courtland,	Lawrence,	J. C. Baker,	G. K. Clapper,	72	36 00
26	Union,	Uniontown,	Perry,	J. L. Price,	William Deason,	27	13 50
28	St. Johns,	Selma,	Dallas,	John M. Strong,	A. Elkan,	58	29 00
30	James Penn,	Jacksonville,	Calhoun,	J. R. Clark,	Henry Gutman,	97	48 50
32	Fulton,	Orrville,	Dallas,	Wm. E. Beaird,	Alfred Blann,	32	16 00
34	Hermon,	Union Springs,	Macon,	James A. Jones,	Thomas Pullum,	48	24 00
36	Pickensville,	Pickensville,	Pickens,	H. S. Shelton,	Sampson Noland,	37	18 50
37	Concord,	LaFayette,	Chambers,				42 00
40	Camden,	Camden,	Wilcox,				110 00

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REGISTER, ETC.—SEE PRINTED PROCEEDINGS, DUES FOR 1864.

No.	Chapter.	Location.	County.	High Priest.	Secretary.		Dues.
44	Choctaw,	Butler,	Choctaw,	C. N. Wilcox,	John T. Foster,	39	19 50
49	Hope,	Bridgeville,	Pickens,	D. R. Shipman,	Robt. E. Tweedle,	28	14 00
52	Allenton,	Allenton,	Wilcox,	J. G. Bythewood,	E. H. J. Mobley,	32	64 00
54	Tyrian,	Troy,	Pike,	David B. Smedley,	J. R. Goldthwaite,	64	32 00
55	Suggsville,	Suggsville,	Clarke,			20	10 00
57	Lebanon,	Lebanon,	DeKalb,			57	28 50
58	Hartwell,	Cahaba,	Dallas,	Jas. W. Kelly,	F. W. Stradtman,	55	27 50
59	Bladon Spgs.	Bladon Spgs.	Choctaw,	J. A. M. Thompson,	A. H. Hutchinson,	10	38 28
62	Rockford,	Rockford,	Coosa,	Isaac W. Suttle,	J. L. Gilder,	106	53 00
63	Clayton,	Clayton,	Barbour,	Jas. S. Paullin,	James E. Golson,	47	23 50
64	Central,	Montevallo,	Shelby,			50	25 00
66	Alabama,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Peleg Brown,	Enoch S. Harrell,	76	38 00
67	Farriorville,	Farriorville,	Pike,	J. W. Hubbard,	R. W. Priest,	44	22 00
69	L. P. Tree,	L. P. Tree,	Wilcox,	John F. Pate,	Jacob Mayer,	28	14 00
71	Landmark,	Barnes' X Rds.,	Dale,			90	45 00
72	Midway,	Midway,	Barbour,	S. G. Burke,	James A. Cobb,	34	17 00
73	Lawrenceville,	Lawrenceville,	Henry,	W. A. O'Hara,	E. W. Teague,	20	

74	Opelika,	Opelika,	Russell,	T. F. Flournoy,	J. Waugh,	58
75	Pine Level,	Pine Level,	Montgomery,	S. J. Townsend,	H. W. Clark,	31
76	Elyton,	Elyton,	Jefferson,	T. B. Carson,	John C. Morrow,	22

Total amount Dues received, \$1,157.28.

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REPORT OF DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

DELINQUENT FOR ONE YEAR.

Perfect Friendship	-----	No. 31
Sumter	-----	No. 50
Hiram	-----	No. 60

DELINQUENT FOR TWO YEARS.

Eunomia	-----	No. 5
Wetumpka	-----	No. 17
Eufaula	-----	No. 24
Cherokee	-----	No. 68

DELINQUENT FOR THREE YEARS.

Autauga	-----	No. 33
James L. Daniel	-----	No. 35
Uchee	-----	No. 53
Signet	-----	No. 61
Russell	-----	No. 65