





PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

ANCIENT YORK MASONS

OF

NORTH-CAROLINA.

DECEMBER, A. L. 5822.



RALEIGH:

BELL & LAWRENCE, PRINTERS.

.....

1823.

Proceedings of the Grand  
Lodge of North-Carolina,  
at an annual communication  
held at Raleigh, on the 2.<sup>d</sup>  
of December, 1822, con-  
-taining, among various other  
objects of their consideration,  
their disagreement to the  
report of a Committee of  
Masons held in the City of  
Washington, in March, 1822.  
relative to the establish-  
-ment of a General Grand  
Lodge for the United States  
of America.

Communicated by Alex.<sup>r</sup>  
J. Lawrence, D. Grand Secy,  
received the 13.<sup>th</sup> February,  
1823.

---

# PROCEEDINGS.

---

## GRAND LODGE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

*Raleigh, December 2, A. L. 5822.*

At a Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina, at the Masons' Hall, in the city of Raleigh, on Monday, the 2d day of December, 5822.

### PRESENT,

M. W. JAMES S. SMITH, G. Master P. T.  
R. W. JOSEPH H. BRYAN, S. G. Warden P. T.  
WILLIAM M. SNEED, J. G. Warden P. T.  
THOMAS CLANCY, G. Treasurer P. T.  
BENJ. A. BARHAM, G. Secretary.  
ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, D. G. Sect.  
MARK COOKE, G. S. Deacon P. T.  
SAM'L F. PATTERSON, G. J. Deacon P. T.  
ROBERT WILLIAMSON, G. Marshal P. T.  
JOHN PEEBLES, G. Pursuivant.  
THOMAS HENDERSON, G. Sword Bearer.  
Bro. JOHN C. STEDMAN, G. Steward.  
JOHN LUMSDEN, G. Tyler.

### REPRESENTATIVES.

*Royal White Heart, No. 2, Elisha H. Eure,*  
*St. John's, No. 3, Richard D. Spaight.*  
*Phoenix, No. 8, Alex. H. M'Rea, Robert Strange.*  
*Washington, No. 15, Thomas W. Blackledge, J. O. Williams.*  
*American George, No. 17, John Peebles.*  
*King Solomon, No. 18, Richard D. Spaight, Isaac Hellen.*  
*Davie, No. 39, Simon A. Bryan.*  
*Hiram, No. 40, B. A. Barham, B. Gillet, J. C. Stedman.*  
*Liberty, No. 45, Samuel F. Patterson, Edmund Jones.*  
*Unanimity, No. 54, George Blair, Jr. R. T. Brownrigg.*  
*King Solomon, No. 56, John Peebles, Wm. B. Lockhart.*  
*Perseverance, No. 59, Benjamin Phelps.*  
*Taylor, No. 69, Isaac Hellen.*  
*Eagle, No. 71, John Scott, Thomas Clancy.*  
*Western Sun, No. 72, Woodson Clements.*  
*Golden Fleece, No. 74, Jeremiah Dixon.*

*Widow's Son*, No. 75, W. B. Webster.

*Greensborough*, No. 76, Abraham Geren.

*Albemarle*, No. 77, Jonathan H. Jacocks.

*Sharon*, (by dispensation,) E. B. Harrell.

*Charity*, do. Simon A. Bryan.

#### VISITORS.

Bros. Robert Martin, Dirk Lindeman, Thomas Trotter, Richard Yarborough, William D. Smith, John Dunn, Alfred Jones, Joel L. Jones, Fanning M. Jones, J. H. Harvey, Benjamin Person, Samuel P. Carson, John Carson, Cartwright Bell, Mason Culpepper, Louis D. Wilson, John J. S. Ruffin, and Henry M'Aden.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, in the third degree of masonry.

The M. W. G. Master presented the report of Bro. John Murdaugh, who, at the last Grand Annual Communication, was appointed by this Grand Lodge to inquire into the proceedings and situation of Royal Edwin Lodge, No. 5, Windsor, which was read; and, on motion of the R. W. J. G. Warden, *Resolved*, that the Royal Edwin Lodge, No. 5, Windsor, be stricken from the rolls of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master presented a communication, containing the proceedings of a meeting of Masons, held in the city of Washington, on the 9th of March, 1822, recommending the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, which, with the proceedings of all Grand Lodges communicated to this Grand Lodge on the same subject, was referred to a committee, consisting of Bros. the M. W. Grand Master pro tem. Richard D. Spaight, Thomas W. Blackledge, Joseph H. Bryan and Robert Williamson.

Bro. E. B. Harrell presented the petition of Sharon Lodge, working under dispensation at Greenville, praying to be chartered; when, on motion of Bro. Harrell, the petition was referred to Bros. Thomas Henderson, John Scott and Jonathan H. Jacocks, who are appointed a committee to examine the proceedings of all Lodges working under dispensations, and praying charters.

The M. W. Grand Master presented the petition of Mr. Thomas Loring, who, in the year 1820, was expelled from all the benefits of masonry by Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsborough, praying to be restored to the rights and benefits of masonry; which was referred to a committee, consisting of Bros. Jeremiah Dixon, William M. Sneed and Mark Cooke.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Annual Communication, to purchase a sword and candlesticks for this Lodge, not having performed the duties of their appointment, on account of unavoidable circumstances, it was, on motion of the R. W. J. G. Warden, *Ordered* that Bro. Benj. A. Barham, Samuel F. Patterson and Alex. J. Lawrence be a committee for that purpose, to report to the next Grand Annual Communication.

On motion of the R. W. J. G. Warden, Bros. William M. Sneed, Thomas Clancy and Simon A. Bryan were appointed a committee to examine the Grand Treasurer's accounts, and report.

Sandry communications, from the different Grand Lodges with which this Grand Lodge holds correspondence, on the subject of furnishing them with the signatures of the Grand Officers whenever any change in office shall take place, were referred to Brothers Richard D. Spaight, George Blair, jr. and John Peebles.

On motion of Bro. Richard D. Spaight, Bros. Joseph H. Bryan, Thos. Henderson and Wm. M. Sneed were appointed a committee to take into consideration the petition of King Solomon Lodge, No. 18, Jones county, praying to have the dues of said Lodge to the Grand Lodge remitted, to this time.

On motion of Bro. B. A. Barham, Bros. John Scott and Thos. W. Blackledge were appointed a committee to examine the returns of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge; and also the proceedings and communications of foreign Grand Lodges holding correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge having completed the work of the evening, was closed in due form, and adjourned, to meet again to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock.

B. A. BARHAM, G. Secretary.

---

*December 3, A. L. 5822.*

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

M. W. JAMES S. SMITH, G. Master P. T.

R. W. JOSEPH H. BRYAN, S. G. Warden P. T.

WILLIAM M. SNEED, J. G. Warden P. T.

THOMAS CLANCY, G. Treasurer P. T.

BENJ. A. BARHAM, G. Secretary.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, D. G. Secretary.

R. W. MARK COOKE, G. S. Deacon P. T.  
 SAM'L F. PATTERSON, G. J. Deacon P. T.  
 THOMAS HENDERSON, G. Sword Bearer.  
 JOHN PEEBLES, G. Pursuivant.  
 JEREMIAH DIXON, G. Marshal P. T.  
 M. W. WILLIAM MILLER, Past G. Master.  
 R. W. LOUIS D. WILSON, Past G. S. Warden.

The same representatives as at the last meeting, with the addition of Scotland Neck Lodge, No. 68, Bros. E. H. Eure and Simons J. Baker.

#### VISITORS.

Bros. John Braselman, Dirk Lindeman, Thomas Trotter, John Taylor, John W. Young, Allen Tyson.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, in the third degree of masonry.

The proceedings of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bro. Jonathan H. Jacocks, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the officers and members of Sharon Lodge, by dispensation, submitted the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of the officers and members of Sharon Lodge, by dispensation, have examined the proceedings and bye laws of said Lodge, and find them regular, and, in the opinion of your committee, they are entitled to a charter.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. JACOCKS, Chairman.

With which the Lodge concurred. *Ordered*, that a charter issue to Sharon Lodge accordingly.

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial of King Solomon Lodge, No. 18, Jones county, submitted the following report:

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina :*

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Brothers Dickson and Foy, members of King Solomon Lodge, No. 18, Jones county, having performed the duty committed to them, report,

That King Solomon Lodge, No. 18, Jones county, was represented in this Grand Lodge, at its Grand Annual Communication in December, 1812, by Brother Nathaniel Pinkham, deceased ; that no dues have been paid by that Lodge since 1810 ; and that said Lodge stands indebted on the books of the Grand Treasurer the sum of eighty dollars, comprehending the dues from 1810 to 1818, the latter inclusive.

Your committee further state, that the said Lodge has ceased to work since that period ; but that the few members who now remain, propose recommencing their operations. Their first object is to build an appropriate Hall ; but their slender means, burthened with the debt due this Grand Lodge hanging over them, will present an obstacle to them, perhaps, insurmountable.

Your committee, believing that the prosperity of the craft will be promoted by the adoption of such a measure, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the arrearages due this Grand Lodge from King Solomon Lodge, No. 18, Jones county, be, and they are hereby remitted; and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to balance the account.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS HENDERSON, Chairman.

December 3, 1822.

With which report the Lodge concurred, and adopted the accompanying resolution.

The committee, to whom was referred the communications from the several Grand Lodges, relative to the manner of authenticating their communications, by the proper signatures of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, having had the same under consideration, reported,

That they can see no objection to the mode pointed out by the several communications referred to them; and, as the plan has been adopted by many of the Grand Lodges, they recommend to this Grand Lodge the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, when communicating to the respective Grand Lodges, with whom a correspondence is preserved, the result of any election of officers of this Grand Lodge, whenever a change may have been made, shall accompany the same with the signatures of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, written with their own proper hands, and duly authenticated under his hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge.

R. D. SPAIGHT, Chairman,  
GEO. BLAIR,  
JOHN PEEBLES.

The M. W. Grand Master presented a letter from the R. W. James Cushman, Grand Lecturer of North Carolina, containing a report of his doings in the subordinate Lodges of this state for the last year; which was read, and ordered to be filed in the archives of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother Richard T. Brownrigg, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, when

The M. W. JAMES S. SMITH, of Hillsborough, formerly a Member of Congress from this state, was duly elected Grand Master;

The R. W. JOSEPH H. BRYAN, of Williamsborough, formerly a Member of Congress from this state, was duly elected Senior Grand Warden;

The R. W. RICHARD D. SPAIGHT, of Newbern, a Member of the Senate in the state Legislature, was elected Junior Grand Warden;

The R. W. WILLIAM BOYLAN, of Raleigh, Grand Treasurer; and

The R. W. BENJ. A. BARHAM, of Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

The work being finished, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned, to meet again to-morrow evening, at 3 o'clock.

B. A. BARHAM, G. Secretary.

---

*Wednesday, Dec. 4, A. L. 5822. }  
3 o'clock, P. M. }*

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

M. W. CALVIN JONES. Past G. Master.

JAMES S. SMITH, G. Master Elect.

R. W. JOSEPH H. BRYAN. S. G. Warden do.

RICHARD D. SPAIGHT, J. G. Warden do.

THOMAS CLANCY. G. Treasurer P. T.

BENJ. A. BARHAM, G. Secretary Elect.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, D. G. Secretary.

MARK COOKE, G. S. Deacon P. T.

SAM'L F. PATTERSON, G. J. Deacon P. T.

RICH'D T. BROWNRIGG, G. Marshal P. T.

JOHN PEEBLES. Grand Pursuivant.

JEREMIAH DIXON. G. Sword Bearer P. T.

Bro. JOHN C. STEDMAN. G. Steward.

Members and Representatives as at the last meeting.

VISITORS.

Brothers Cartwright Bell, William D. Smith and Thomas Trotter.

The M. W. Calvin Jones, Past Grand Master, then installed, in due form, the M. W. James S. Smith Grand Master.

The M. W. James S. Smith installed the other Grand Officers elect of this Grand Lodge in ample form.

The committee, to whom was referred the examination of the Grand Treasurer's accounts for the last year, submitted the following report:

Your committee find, from an inspection of the Grand Treasurer's accounts, that he has received, since the last Grand Annual Communication, the sum of \$255 00

Which, added to the sum remaining in his hands at the last Grand Annual Communication, per report of a committee at that time, viz. 391 37

Will form the sum of 646 37

From this sum deduct the amount of his disbursements, for which satisfactory vouchers have been exhibited, 288 12

And a balance will remain in his hands of 358 25

To which add the sum of \$190, which has been received during the present Communication, 190 00

A balance will be left of 548 25

It appears that the sum of five hundred and forty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents as before stated, is now in the hands of Brother Wm. Boylan, Grand Treasurer, and subject to the order of this Grand Lodge.

THOMAS CLANCY, Chairman.

The Lodge concurred with the report.

On motion of Brother R. T. Brownrigg, the same committee are instructed to inquire into the expediency of investing the balance due this Lodge, from the Treasurer, in bank stock, and report to the next meeting.

Whereas, it is represented to this Grand Lodge, by Brother Benj. A. Barham, that certain Masons, who have been expelled from Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh, and their expulsion sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of the state, are now, and have been since the time of their expulsion, members of Western Sun Lodge, No. 72, Wake county:

*Ordered, therefore,* That Brethren Calvin Jones, John Bell and John Dunn be appointed a committee, to ascertain the facts, with instructions, if they find such expelled Masons to be members of Western Sun Lodge, to require the officers of said Lodge to appear before this Grand Lodge, at the next Grand Annual Communication, to answer to the above charges of having received into their Lodge, as members, persons expelled by another Lodge.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Loring, who was expelled from Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsborough, in the year 1820, praying to be restored to all the rights, privileges and benefits of masonry, submitted the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Loring, report, That, on full consideration of the subject matter contained in said petition, they are of opinion that Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsborough, acted correctly in expelling the said Thomas Loring from the masonic society; but, from the favorable reports of the M. W. Grand Master, James S. Smith, and Brother Thomas Clancy, of the apparent reformation and contrition of the said Thomas, they submit to the Grand Lodge the propriety of restoring him again to the rights and privileges of masonry.

Your committee might here stop, without going into any detail of their reasons for believing that Eagle Lodge has acted correctly; but, as it appears something further is expected from them, and being willing that the petitioner should know that they have paid due attention to his case, they

would suggest for his consideration, that, by the reasoning made use of in his petition, (and to compare masonic with civil and political institutions,) a native or citizen of any foreign country, by removing himself within the limits of North-Carolina, or any other of the United States, might with impunity be guilty of the most enormous crimes, and plead his allegiance to such foreign country as a justification, or, if not a justification, at least a protection from merited punishment; that a judge of a superior might deny the power of an inferior judicial tribunal to try him for a breach of the peace, &c. because, when sitting in his judicial capacity in such superior tribunal, he has the power to correct or reverse the judgments of the inferior.

They believe that Masons, like nations, are, or ought to be governed by certain general laws and leading principles, to which every one, no matter how high his order may be, is amenable, not only in the particular Lodge to which he may belong, or be a member of, but to the craft in general; and which every constitutional Lodge has the power of enforcing, not only against their own immediate members, but against all who may claim the privileges of masonry, and be within the jurisdiction of such Lodge.

With a hope that the contrition of the petitioner is real, and that his reformation may be permanent and lasting, they respectfully submit to this Grand Lodge the following resolutions for adoption:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner, Thomas Loring, be restored to his rights and privileges as a Mason; that so much of the sentence of expulsion pronounced against the said petitioner by Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsborough, as may be inconsistent with this resolution, be reversed and annulled, and it is hereby so far reversed and annulled accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish the said Thomas Loring with a copy of the foregoing report and resolution.

JEREMIAH DIXON, Chairman.

December 4, 1822.

The Lodge concurred with the report, and adopted the accompanying resolutions.

The work being finished, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and adjourned until to-morrow, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

B. A. BARHAM, G. Secretary.

*Thursday, December 5, A. L. 5822.*

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

M. W. JAMES S. SMITH, G. Master.  
 R. W. RICHARD D. SPAIGHT, S. G. Warden P. T.  
 THOMAS HENDERSON, J. G. Warden P. T.  
 THOMAS CLANCY, G. Treasurer P. T.  
 BENJ. A. BARHAM, G. Secretary Elect.  
 ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, D. G. Secretary.  
 MARK COOKE, G. S. Deacon P. T.  
 SAM'L F. PATTERSON, G. J. Deacon P. T.  
 RICH'D T. BROWNRIGG, G. Marshal P. T.  
 J. H. JACOCKS, G. Sword Bearer P. T.  
 JOHN PEEBLES, Grand Pursuivant.  
 Bro. JOHN C. STEDMAN, G. Steward.  
 JOHN LUMSDEN, G. Tyler.

Members and representatives as yesterday.

VISITORS.

Joel H. Lane, Thomas Trotter, John Carson, Robert Martin and John J. S. Ruffin.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the third degree of masonry, in ample form.

The proceedings of the two preceding meetings were read and approved.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, for the ensuing year:

R. W. JAMES IREDELL, D. G. Master.

JOSEPH CALDWELL,	} G. Chaplains.
WILLIAM M. GREEN,	
WILLIAM I. NEWBERN,	

JAMES CUSHMAN,	} G. Lecturers.
LOUIS D. WILSON,	
THOMAS THOMPSON,	
JOHN PEEBLES,	

JEREMIAH DIXON, G. S. Deacon.

SAM'L F. PATTERSON, G. J. Deacon.

RICHARD T. BROWNRIGG, G. Marshal.

JONATHAN H. JACOCKS, G. Sword Bearer.

THOMAS W. BLACKLEDGE, G. Pursuivant.

JOHN LUMSDEN, G. Tyler.

Brother Richard D. Spaight, from the committee to whom was referred the communication from Washington City, re-

lative to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, submitted the following report:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Wardens of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina:*

The committee, to whom was referred the proposal for forming a General Grand Lodge of the United States, and the report made to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on that subject, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report,

Your committee, with due deference to the opinions of the respectable body by whom the plan has been recommended, are unable to perceive any advantages which may arise from its adoption. The communication between the Grand Lodges of the United States, together with their jurisdiction over the different Lodges in the several states, are, in the opinion of your committee, sufficient to obtain every object which might be expected from the establishment of a General Grand Lodge; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to form a General Grand Lodge of the United States; and that it is unnecessary to adopt any measures for an occasional convocation of Delegates from the respective Grand Lodges of the several states, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

All which is respectfully submitted.

RICH'D D. SPAIGHT, Chairman.

The said report was concurred in, and the accompanying resolution adopted.

On motion of Bro. Richard D. Spaight, the Grand Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the same to William W. Seaton, Esq. at Washington City.

The M. W. Grand Master then installed the newly appointed officers of this Grand Lodge in due and ancient form.

On motion, Bros. William Boylan, Thomas Henderson and Benj. A. Barham were appointed a committee, to purchase suitable window curtains and a sufficient number of settees for this Hall, by the next Grand Annual Communication.

On motion of Bro. Samuel F. Patterson, the Grand Treasurer is directed to purchase three shares of stock in some Bank of this state.

No further business coming before this Grand Lodge, it was closed in due and solemn form until the next Grand Annual Communication.

B. A. BARHAM, G. Secretary.

## LIST OF LODGES

*Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of N. Carolina, 1823.*

St. John's,	No. 1,	Wilmington.
Royal White Heart,	2,	Halifax.
St. John,	3,	Newbern.
Phoenix,	8,	Fayetteville.
Johnston Caswell,	10,	Warrenton.
Washington,	15,	Beaufort.
American George,	17,	Murfreesborough.
King Solomon,	18,	Jones County.
Hiram,	24,	Williamsborough.
Mount Moriah,	27,	Iredell.
Phalanx,	31,	Charlotte.
Freeland,	33,	Rowan.
Davie,	39,	Bertie.
Hiram,	40,	Raleigh.
Liberty,	45,	Wikesborough.
Hall,	53,	Currituck.
Unanimity,	54,	Edenton.
King Solomon,	56,	Northampton.
St. Andrews's.	57,	Louisburg.
Concord,	58,	Tarborough.
Perseverance,	59,	Plymouth.
Union,	62,	Waynesborough.
Camden,	63,	Jonesborough.
Kilwinning,	64,	Wadesborough.
William R. Davie,	65,	Lexington.
Williams,	66,	Currituck.
Scotland Neck,	68,	Halifax.
Taylor,	69,	Beaufort.
John L. Taylor,	70,	Currituck.
Eagle,	71,	Hillsborough.
Western Sun,	72,	Wake.
Blakely,	73,	Franklin.
Golden Fleece,	74,	Milton.
Widow's Son	75,	Camden.
Greensborough,	76,	Guilford.
Albemarle,	77,	Hertford.
Sharon,		Greensville.
Western Star, (by dispensation.)		Rutherfordton.

---

SUSPENDED,

By Perseverance Lodge, Plymouth, February 2, 1822,

Lambert B. Bartle, for non-payment of dues.

Simeon Kider, for long absence and non-payment of dues.

Nathaniel Wilson, for do. do.

*Worshipful Sir and Brother,*

In the discharge of a duty incumbent on me, I have the honor of communicating to you the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina, at its Grand Annual Communication, A. L. 5822, accompanied with a list of the Lodges working under the authority of this Grand Lodge.

With respect, I have the honor to be yours fraternally,

*Alex. J. Lawrence,*

*H. G. Secretary.*







