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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

North-Carolina

AND

TENNESSEE,

FOR ANNO LUCIS, 5808, ANNO DOM. 1808



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AGREEABLY to a notice and order made by the Most Worshipful the Honorable JOHN HALL, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, Grand Master ; the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina and Tennessee convened in their Lodge Room, in the City of Raleigh, on the evening of December 9th, A. L. 5808, A. D. 1808—When were present,

The Right Worshipful Major-general Montfort Stokes, Deputy Grand Master ; Grand Master *pro tem*.

R. W. Major-general Benjamin Smith, G. S. W.

R. W. George Lee Davidson, G. J. W.

R. W. Robert Williams, Grand Secretary.

R. W. William Boylan, Grand Treasurer.

Brother Andrew Caldwell, G. S. D. *pro tem*.

Brother Allen Rogers, G. J. D. *pro tem*.

Brother Thomas Pound, Grand Tyler.

Representatives from the subordinate Lodges, to wit :

St. John, No. 1, Wilmington, Brother General Benjamin Smith.

Royal White Heart, No. 2, Halifax, Brother William B. Lockhart.

St. John, No. 3, Newbern, Brother Robert Williams.

Old Cone, No. 9, Salisbury, Brothers General Montfort Stokes and Jacob Fisher.

Johnston Caswell, No. 10, Warrenton, Brothers Kemp Plummer and Alexander C. Miller.

King Solomon, No. 18, Jones county, Brother Enoch Foy.

Hiram, No. 24, Williamsborough, Granville county, Brothers Thomas Taylor and William Robards.

Mount Moria, No. 27, Iredell county, Brothers George Lee Davidson and Andrew Caldwell.

St. Tammany, No. 30, Wilmington, Brother William Watts Jones.

Phalanx, No. 31, Charlotte, Mecklenburg county, Brother John Harriss.

Stokes, No. 32, Cabarrus county, Brother George Harriss.

Freeland, No. 33, Rowan county, Brother Jesse A. Pearson.

Hiram, No. 40, City of Raleigh, Brother Allen Rogers.

Tennessee, No. 41, Knoxville, in the state of Tennessee, Brother Robert Williams.

Greenville, No. 43, in the town of Greenville, state of Tennessee, Brother Robert Williams.

Williams, No. 44, in Johnstonville, Randolph county, Brother Jonathan Parker.

Liberty, No. 45, Wilkesborough, in Wilkes county, Brothers Israel Pickens, Edmund Jones and Wm. Hulme.

Taylor, No. 48, Beaufort, Brother Jacob Henry.

Newport, No. 50, in the town of Newport, state of Tennessee, Brother Robert Williams.

Overton, No. 51, in the town of Rogersville, state of Tennessee, Brother Robert Williams.

King Solomon by dispensation, in the town of Gallatin, state of Tennessee, Brother Robert Williams.

The Lodge by dispensation, in old Indian Town, in the county of Currituck, Brothers Thomas Williams and Willoughby Dozier.

Unanimity by dispensation, in the town of Edenton, Brothers Thomas Brownrigg and Wm. A. Littlejohn.

This Grand Lodge was opened in due and solemn form.

The Grand Secretary laid before this Lodge, communications received from the following Grand Lodges since the last annual communications, to wit: Nova Scotia, Massachusetts, New-Hampshire, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina and Georgia; which were committed to Brothers William A. Littlejohn, Jesse Pearson, General Benjamin Smith and Thomas Taylor.

Ordered, That Brothers Hulme, Brownrigg, Foy, Fisher and Rogers be appointed a committee to examine into the state of the Treasury and the accounts of the Treasurer, and make a report.

On motion of Brother Robert Williams, it is ordered, that a Charter issue, constituting a Lodge in the town of Gallatin, state of Tennessee, by the name of King Solomon, No. 6 of Tennessee, and No. 52 on the archives of this Grand Lodge; and that Brothers John Johnston be appointed Master, Andrew Buckham, Senior Warden, and John Mitchell, Junior Warden, in said Lodge.

Ordered, That Brothers Gen Benjamin Smith, George Lee Davidson, Robert Williams, William Boylan and Edmund Jones, be appointed a committee to enquire into the mode of working in Unanimity Lodge, constituted by dispensation, in the town of Edenton, and report make to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

On motion it is ordered, that a Charter issue constituting a Lodge to be holden in Indian Town, in the county of Currituck, by the name of Hall, No. 53, and to be directed to Brothers Bassett Smith, Master; Brickhouse

Bell, Senior Warden, and Samuel Robertson, Junior Warden.

Brother Gen. Benjamin Smith introduced and read the resignation of Robert Williams as Grand Secretary to this Grand Lodge, which was accepted.

The Grand Treasurer reported that after deducting the expenditures made, there remains in his hands the sum of £520 19 3: five hundred and twenty pounds, nineteen shillings and three pence; and which yet remains to be accounted for.

This Grand Lodge adjourned until the 16th instant.

DECEMBER 16th, A. L. 5808, A. D. 1808.

This Grand Lodge met according to adjournment—when were present,

The Right Worshipful Major Gen. Montfort Stokes, Deputy Grand Master; Grand Master, *pro tem.*

R. W. Major General Benjamin Smith, G. S. W.

R. W. George Lee Davidson, G. J. W.

R. W. Robert Williams, Grand Secretary.

R. W. William Boylan, Grand Treasurer.

Brother Allen Rogers, G. S. D. *pro tem.*

Brother Andrew Caldwell, G. J. D. *pro tem.*

Brother Thomas Pound, Grand Tyler.

Visitors.—Brothers Calvin Jones, Thomas L. Williams, Jehu Scott and Alexander Henderson.

Representatives to wit—from

St. John Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, brother General Benjamin Smith.

Royal White Heart, No. 2, Halifax, brother Matthew C. Whitaker and Wm. Lockhart.

St. John, No. 3, Newbern, brother Robert Williams.

Royal Edwin, No. 5, Windsor, brother Joseph H. Bryan.

Phoenix No. 8, Fayetteville, brother James Campbell.

Old Cone, No. 9, Salibury, brother General Montfort Stokes and Jacob Fisher.

King Solomon, No. 18, Jones county, brother Enoch Foy.

Hiram, No. 24, Williamsborough, Granville county, brothers William Robards and Thomas Taylor.

Mount Moria, No. 27, Iredell county, brothers George Lee Davidson and Andrew Caldwell.

St. Tammany, No. 30, brother William W. Jones.

Phalanx, No. 31, Charlotte, Mecklenburg county, brother John Harriss.

Stokes, No. 32, Cabarrus county, brother George Harriss.

Freeland, No. 33, Rowan, brother Jesse Pearson.

Hiram, No. 40, city of Raleigh, brother Allen Rogers and William Hill.

Tennessee, No. 41, Knoxville, state of Tennessee, brother Robert Williams.

Greenville, No. 43, in the town of Greenville, state of Tennessee, brother Robert Williams.

Williams, No. 44, Johnstonville, Randolph county, brother Jonathan Parker.

Liberty, No. 45, Wilkesborough, in Wilkes county, brothers Edmund Jones, Wm. Hulme and Israel Pickens.

Social, No. 46, Pittsborough, Chatham county, brothers Oliver Prince and William Scurlock.

Orange, No. 47, Lincoln county, brother John Crow.

Taylor, No. 48, Carteret county, brother Jacob Henry.
Newport, No. 50, in the town of Newport, state of Tennessee, brother Robert Williams.

Overton, No. 51, in the town of Rogersville, state of Tennessee, brother Robert Williams.

Davie, No. 39, Bertie county, brother Joseph H. Bryan.
Lodge by dispensation in the town of Gallatin, state of Tennessee, brother Robert Williams.

Lodge by dispensation in the town of Edenton, brothers Thomas Brownrigg and Wm. A. Littlejohn.

Lodge by dispensation in Indian Town, Currituck county, brothers Thomas Williams and Willoughby Dossier.

This Grand Lodge was opened in due and solemn form.

On motion it is ordered, that the Charters of the following Lodges be arrested, and said Lodges declared forever hereafter to be dissolved and defunct, to wit—Harmony, No. 1 of Tennessee, and No. 29 on the archives of this Grand Lodge, in the town of Nashville, and state of Tennessee: and Friendship Lodge, No. 36, at Fort Barnwell in this state, agreeable to the powers and authorities vested in this Grand Lodge and according to the ancient usages and land marks of Masonry. It having first been made appear that the said Lodges had that notice to appear by delegation, &c. as is prescribed as the standing rule and usage of this Grand Lodge; and they failing or refusing so to appear.

This Grand Lodge now proceeded to the election of its Grand Officers for the ensuing year—when

Major General Benjamin Smith was duly elected Grand Master.

George Lee Davidson, a member of the legislature of this state from the county of Iredell, was elected Grand Senior Warden.

Andrew Caldwell, a member of the legislature of this state from the county of Iredell, was elected Grand Junior Warden.

Thomas L. Williams was elected Grand Secretary.

William Boylan, was duly elected Grand Treasurer.

And the said Grand Officers were severally installed in due form, according to the ancient land marks of Masonry.

The most worshipful Grand Master elect, did then by virtue of his office, appoint Robert Williams of the city of Raleigh, Attorney at Law, Deputy Grand Master.

Doctor Calvin Jones, Grand Senior Deacon.

Colonel Jesse A. Pearson, Grand Junior Deacon.

The Reverend Doctor Halling, Grand Chaplain.

The Honourable Samuel Lowrie, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this state, Grand Pursuivant.

The Honourable Joshua G. Wright, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this state, Grand Marshal.

Resolved, That the third Monday of January, A. L. 5810, A. D. 1810, be recommended to the Grand Lodges of America, as a convenient time for the assemblage of a Grand Convention of Masons in the City of Washington, for the purpose of constituting a superintending Grand Lodge of America with corrective powers over all the Grand Lodges :—and that the Grand Secretary give information immediately by circular letters for that purpose.

The committee to whom was referred the examination

of the Accounts of the present and former Treasurers, Report—That they find a balance of cash remaining in the hands of the present Treasurer on the first day of December, instant, of five hundred and twenty pounds, nineteen shillings. That there is a balance of £ 83 17 3: eighty three pounds, seventeen shillings and three pence, stated against brother Richard Freear a former Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, which they find to be incorrect because they discover on the Books of this Grand Lodge a resolution of December, A. D. 1798, remitting to him the sum of £ 55: fifty five pounds—that sum being stolen from him of the funds of this Grand Lodge. Brother Freear is therefore entitled to a credit for this last mentioned sum, which will leave a balance against him as due this Lodge, of £ 28 17 3: twenty eight pounds, seventeen shillings and three pence—And that the present Treasurer be requested to call on him for that sum.—Which is submitted, &c.

This Grand Lodge taking the foregoing Report into consideration—*Resolved*, That they do concur therewith.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to our most worshipful brother, the honourable John Hall, late Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina and Tennessee; for his able, faithful and meritorious services in the discharge of his duties of that important station—For his care and attention to the interest of the Craft generally, and to this Grand Lodge in particular.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to our brother Gen. Montfort Stokes, for the ability and impartiality with which he has perform-

ed the duties of Deputy Grand Master of Masons.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to our worthy brother, Robert Williams, late Grand Secretary ; for his long, able and impartial discharge of the duties of his said office.

This Grand Lodge then adjourned to the 18th instant.

DECEMBER 18th, A. L. 5808, A. D. 1808.

This Grand Lodge met according to adjournment—
when were present,

The Right Worshipful Robert Williams, Deputy Grand Master ; Grand Master, *pro tem*.

R. W. George Lee Davidson, G. S. W.

R. W. Andrew Caldwell, G. J. W.

R. W. Thomas L. Williams, Grand Secretary.

R. W. William Boylan, Grand Treasurer.

Brother Edmund Jones, G. S. D. *pro tem*.

Brother William Hill, G. J. D. *pro tem*.

Brother Thomas Pound, Grand Tyler.

Member.—Brother General Montfort Stokes.

Representatives from the subordinate Lodges, to wit—

Royal White Heart, No. 2, Halifax, brother William Lockhart.

Royal Edwin, No. 5, Windsor, brother Joseph H. Bryan.

Old Cone, No. 9, Salisbury, brother General Montfort Stokes and Jacob Fisher.

Hiram, No. 24, Williamsborough, Granville county, brother William Robards.

Mount Moria, No. 27, Iredell county, brothers George Lee Davidson and Andrew Caldwell.

St. Tammany, No. 30, Wilmington, brother Wm. W. Jones.

Stokes, No. 32, Cabarrus, brother George Harriss.

Freeland, No. 33, Rowan, brother Jesse Pearson.

Davie, No. 39, Bertie county, brother Joseph H. Bryan.

Hiram, No. 40, city of Raleigh, brother William Hill.

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Greenville, No. 43, in the town of Greenville, state of Tennessee, brother Robert Williams.

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Social, No. 46, Pittsborough, Chatham county, brothers Oliver Prince and William Scurlock.

Newport, No. 50, in the town of Newport, state of Tennessee, brother Robert Williams.

Overton, No. 51, in the town of Rogersville, state of Tennessee, brother Robert Williams.

Lodge by dispensation in the town of Gallatin, state of Tennessee, brother Robert Williams.

Lodge by dispensation in the town of Edenton, brother Thomas Brownrigg.

Lodge by dispensation in old Indian Town, Currituck county, brother Thomas Williams.

This Lodge was opened in due form.

Ordered, That Brothers William Boylan, Robert Williams, General Montfort Stokes, Henry Potter (Judge) and Doctor Calvin Jones, be appointed a committee of correspondence between this Grand Lodge, and other the Grand Lodges of Masons around the Globe.

Ordered, That Brothers, the Honorable John L. Taylor (Judge,) Robert Williams, William Duffy, Francis X. Martin and William Cherry, Esquires, be appointed a committee to procure a plate of proper devices, and form a proper certificate to be engraved thereon for the purpose of granting Diplomas from this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That Brothers Robert Williams, George Lee Davidson, William Boylan and Gen. Montfort Stokes, be appointed a committee to enquire what compensation ought to be made to the Grand Secretary for his services in future.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Grand Lodge be allowed four dollars as a fee for every dispensation granted by this Grand Lodge ; and that no sum hereafter shall be paid to the use of the Grand Lodge for issuing such dispensations, except as above, notwithstanding an order for that purpose having heretofore been made, which last order is hereby annulled.

Resolved, That the Certificates or Diplomas to be granted by this Grand Lodge, agreeable to a Resolution heretofore entered into for that purpose, shall be formed by the Committee appointed for that purpose in the English, French and Latin languages. That they be printed or stamped on parchment, with a space or spaces for each person to whom they are given to write his name so as to prevent impositions, &c.

This Grand Lodge was then adjourned, *sine die*.

Test,

THOMAS L. WILLIAMS,

Grand Secretary.

A LIST OF LODGES

*Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina
and Tennessee.*

St. John,	No. 1, Wilmington.
Royal White Heart,	2, Halifax.
St. John,	3, Newbern.
Royal Edwin,	5, Windsor.
Phoenix,	8, Fayetteville.
Old Cone,	9, Salisbury.
Johnston Caswell,	10, Warrenton.
Washington,	15, Beaufort county.
American George,	17, Murfreesborough.
King Solomon,	18, Jones county.
Hiram,	24, Williamsborough, Granville.
Pansophia,	25, Moore county.
Mount Moria,	27, Iredell county.
St. Tammany,	30, Wilmington.
Phalanx,	31, Charlotte, Mecklenburg co.
Stokes,	32, Cabarrus county.
Freeland,	33, Rowan county.
Jerusalem,	35, Carteret county.
Davie,	39, Bertie county.
Hiram,	40, City of Raleigh.
Tennessee, No. 2, of } the state of Tenn. }	41, Knoxville.
Federal,	42, Pitt county.
Greenville, No. 3 of Ten.	43, Greenville, Tennessee.
Williams,	44, Johnstonville, Randolph co.
Liberty,	45, Wilkesborough, Wilkes co.
Social,	46, Pittsborough, Chatham co.
Orange,	47, Lincoln county.
Taylor,	48, Beaufort.
Young Eagle,	49, Martin county.
Newport, No. 4 of Ten.	50, Newport, state of Tennessee.
Overton, No. 5 of Ten.	51, Rogersville, state of Ten.
King Solomon, No. 6 } of Tennessee, }	52, Town of Gallatin, State of Tennessee.
Hall,	53, Indian Town, Currituck co.
Unanimity,	54, Edenton.

From the Grand Archives.

THOMAS L. WILLIAMS,

Grand Secretary.





