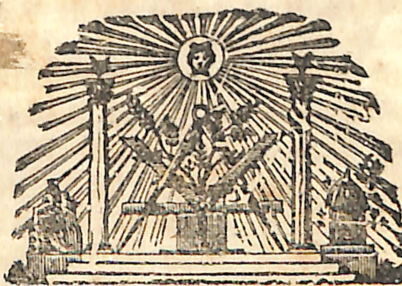


Fellowship Lodge No. 84

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT YORK MASONS,
OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

A. L. 5346.

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P. W. FANNING, M. W. Grand Master, Wilmington.  
WILLIAM T. BAIN, R. W. Grand Secretary, Raleigh.  
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Monday Evening

December 1, A. M. 1844, A. C. 5845

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, John W. Edwards, of North Carolina met at their Hall, on Monday evening, the 1st inst, at half past six o'clock, according to the provisions of the Grand Constitution, and was opened by the Grand Master in simple form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. R. Nelson:

W. W. Edwards, M. W. Grand Master, Wilmington, N. C.
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R. W. A. P. RENTON, G. C.
 WILLIAM GOTT, G. R. W. P. T.
 A. B. CHESNUTT, G. J. W. P. T.
 C. W. D. HODGKINS, G. T.
 WILLIAM THOS. BAIN, G. S.
 Bro. WILLIAM G. HILL, G. S. D.
 JOSEPH T. HUNTER, G. J. D. P. T.
 W. HOLLISTER, G. M.
 Jas. EDWARDS, G. S. P. T.
 Jas. H. DODGE, G. P. P. T.
 RICHARD W. AUSTON, T.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING SUBORDINATE LODGES:
 St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, Bro. A. P. RENTON,
 St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Wilmington, Bro. A. P. RENTON,

PROCEEDINGS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MONDAY EVENING,

December 7, A. D. 1846, A. L. 5846.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina met at their Hall, on Monday evening, the 7th inst., at half past six o'clock, agreeably to the provisions of the Grand Constitution, and was opened by the Grand Master in ample form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. P. Repiton :

PRESENT :

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

R. W. A. P. REPITON, G. C.

" WILLIAM GOTT, G. S. W., P. T.

" A. B. CHESNUTT, G. J. W., P. T.

" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

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" W. HOLLISTER, G. M.

" JAS. EDWARDS, G. S. B., P. T.

" JAS. R. DODGE, G. P., P. T.

" RICHARD W. ASHTON, T.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING SUBORDINATE
LODGES :

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, Bro. A. P. Repiton.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bro's. W. G. Hill, W. Hollister and Jos. T. Hunter.

Unanimity Lodge, No. 54, Edenton—Bro. H. E. Roscoe.

Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarboro'—L. C. Pender.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, Plymouth—Thomas B. Nicholls.

Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsboro'—Jas. M. Palmer.

Greensboro' Lodge, No. 76, Guilford—Bro's. W. Gott, J. Hiatt & P. Adams.

University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill—Bro. Jos. Waltering.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, Smithfield—Bro. B. B. Allen.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, Nashville—Bro. John H. Drake.

Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, Stantonsburg—Bro. E. G. Speight.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95, Hookerton—Bro. Edwin G. Speight.

Hiram Lodge, No. 98, Clinton—Bro. A. B. Chesnut.

Columbus Lodge, No. 102, Pittsboro'—Bro's. W. P. Taylor, John A. Hanks & William Stedman.

VISITING BRETHEREN.

Bro's. Dan'l. B. Griffin, L. W. Peck, J. D. Royster, W. J. Clarke, John Bell, J. M. Lovejoy, W. H. Hood, J. M. Powell, F. H. Reeder, W. F. Collins, W. J. Ramsay, R. W. Seawell, T. Johnson, H. E. Royal.

Ordered by the Grand Master, that all Master Masons of good standing, who may be in the City during the Session of the Grand Lodge, be allowed a seat therein as visitors.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following Bretheren the committee on credentials: Bro's. Jno. H. Drake, W. P. Taylor & W. Hollister.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening, the 8th instant, at half past six o'clock.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, Gr. Sec.

TUESDAY EVENING,

Dec. 8, A. D. 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

R. W. I. H. MARSTELLER, P. G. M.

" L. D. WILSON, P. G. M.

" A. P. REPITON, G. C.

" WILLIAM GOTT, G. S. W., P. T.

" A. B. CHESNUT, G. J. W., P. T.

" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

" W. T. BAIN, G. S.

Bro. WM. G. HILL, G. S. D.

" JOSEPH T. HUNTER, G. J. D., P. T.

" L. R. LOFTIN, G. S. B., P. T.

" W. HOLLISTER, G. M.

" W. P. TAYLOR, G. P., P. T.

" RICH'D. W. ASHTON, G. T.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

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" No. 76, Guilford—Bro's. W. Gott,

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University

" No. 80, Chapel Hill—Bro. Jos. Wal-

tering.

Zion

" No. 81, Trenton—Bro. J. W. Howard.

Morning Star

" No. 85, Nashville—Bro. Jno. H.

Drake.

Skewarky " No. 90, Williamston—Brother A H. Coffield.

Hiram " No. 98, Clinton—Bro. A. B. Chesnut.

Columbus " No. 102, Pittsboro—Bro's. W. P.

Taylor, W. Stedman & John R. Hanks.

Orr " No. 104, Washington—Bro. T. D. Smaw.

Belmont " No. 108, Duplin—Bro's. Newton, Loftin & Hill.

Franklin " No. 109, Beaufort—Bro. James W. Howard.

Saint John's " No. 3, Newbern—Bro. James W. Howard.

VISITING BRETHREN :

Bro's. A. J. Lawrence, P. G. Sec., H. W. Faison, S. M. Whitaker, O. A. Buck, L. W. Peck, H. W. Miller.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master submitted the following communication, which was read, and on motion of the Grand Secretary, it was

Resolved, That the several subjects referred to in said communication, be referred to Committees appointed by the Chair.

Resolved further, That the Masters of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, cause this communication to be read in open Lodge, and that the same be printed in the proceedings for that purpose.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

BRETHREN :

On again assembling, under the most auspicious circumstances, as the representatives of an order, claiming for its object the most disinterested benevolence, let us with becoming humility and overflowing hearts, pour forth our gratitude to that great, omnipotent Being, whose guardian care forever hovers around all who sincerely put their trust in Him—and let us fervently invoke His blessing on the labors we are now about to resume. Protected in life, in health

and in our individual pursuits, and surrounded by every blessing which conduces to the happiness of man, let us cheerfully and assiduously enter upon the discharge of those responsible duties with which we are charged—and let us, in all our intercourse, remember that we are *Masons*, whose distinguishing motto, "*Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth*" should ever be placed conspicuously before our eyes, to check the intrusion of any unhallowed passion.

As the responsible head of the Masonic Institution within the State, charged with the administration of its affairs, I am happy in having it in my power to represent the order within our jurisdiction, as being in an unusually flourishing condition, steadily advancing in respectability and usefulness, and free from those discordant occurrences which are sometimes, unfortunately, suffered to mar the harmony of our Lodges, or jeopardize their existence.

During the past year, I have received numerous communications from Lodges and Brethren, evidencing a commendable desire to be enlightened on points of duty, and a determination not blindly to violate any established regulations of the craft—to all which I have promptly responded, setting forth, in the clearest possible manner, an exposition of the principles involved.

During the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Master has granted a dispensation for a new Lodge at Wentworth, to be called Franklin; and on proper application from Bro. Jas. Griswold and others, I granted a dispensation for opening a Lodge at Everittsville, Wayne, to be named Wayne.

I have commissioned Brother Gott to re-instate Rising Sun Lodge, No. 100, at Morganton; Brother Hawks to re-instate Zion Lodge, No. 81, authorising its removal, for sufficient good reasons set forth, from Trent Bridge to Trenton, and to Brother Frieze to re-instate the Lodge at Newbern, restoring the property and jewels. I am gratified to state

on good authority, that this latter Lodge is very zealously to work, and bids fair to attain a high standing. Brothers Gott and Hawks have not as yet reported their proceedings.

Line Lodge, No. 87, at Duplin, and Enfield Lodge, No. 88 at Enfield, have both ceased to exist. Bro. Newton, Master of Belmont Lodge, has in charge the effects of Line Lodge, and Bro. Frieze took charge of those of Enfield Lodge, placing them in custody of a gentleman at Enfield, from whom I have since received the books, a desk and some other articles. The jewels of Line Lodge I have authorized to be loaned to the new Lodge at Everittsville; the charter has been placed in my hands.

I have examined satisfactorily, through our Grand Lecturer, into the condition of the property of Taylor Lodge, and am convinced that the Grand Lodge has no equitable claim to the same. Brother Frieze's statement is herewith submitted, marked A.

Immediately on adjournment of the Grand Lodge, I replied to the communication from Salisbury, relative to re-instituting Fulton Lodge; to which I have received no answer, although I required to be satisfied on certain points before I could feel justified in acceding to the application.

In obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, requiring Hiram Lodge, No. 98, to refund to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, the fees for initiating improperly an individual from that jurisdiction, the former Lodge promptly tendered the fee, which was declined by St. John's Lodge, expressing themselves satisfied by the recognition of the principle involved.

I improved the earliest opportunity, on adjournment of the Grand Lodge, to commission the General Grand Lecturer, investing him with ample powers to enable him to accomplish fully the objects of his appointment; and I am happy to state, that his services have been most efficient and are highly approved. It is to be regretted that circumstances should have caused his absence from the State, during one

half the year, thereby preventing many Lodges from enjoying the benefit of his labours. This may, perhaps, cause some murmur of discontent from those who feel that they have been neglected; but I am confident this sensation will be but momentary, when the brethren are possessed of the proper explanations, which it is to be hoped Bro. Frieze will be present to make in person. As yet, he has furnished me with no formal report of his proceedings; but I doubt not receiving it during the session of the Grand Lodge, when I shall immediately lay it before your honorable body.

Bro. Frieze has visited a number of Lodges and lectured therein, among which are Hiram Lodge at Clinton, Belmont Lodge, Hiram at Raleigh, Wake Forest, Kinston, Newbern and others; and intended, when he left the State, to have returned in season to visit every remaining Lodge previous to the sitting of the Grand Lodge, but has been prevented, as I have understood, by severe indisposition in his family.

While on this subject, I would beg leave to have it distinctly understood, that I am not the least discouraged by any untoward circumstances that may have occurred, and that my confidence in regard to the benefits of this appointment, expressed in a former communication, is in no wise abated; and I would now most earnestly, but most respectfully, urge upon the Grand Lodge, by no means to abandon the policy it has adopted for supplying the Grand Treasury, and for continuing the office of General Grand Lecturer. It is idle for us to assemble together year after year, in grand council, unless those for whom we legislate are to be enlightened by our deliberations and benefitted by our acts. [Simply to pass resolutions, appoint committees, and elect officers, will never improve the condition of our Lodges—good and wholesome laws must be enacted and enforced, and every Lodge must be made to know and feel that it has an interest in the business here transacted. A uniform and correct mode of work and lectures must be adopted, irregularities

must be corrected, and the benevolent objects of our institution must be carried out—to effect which, suitable measures must indispensably be devised and adopted.

What is Masonry? For what are Lodges constituted? and why the necessity of Grand Lodges? A solution to these queries is of infinite importance in directing us to a proper discharge of our duties,—and that solution must be apparent to every reflecting mind. Much importance is sometimes attached to the operative and speculative character of Masonry. True, 'tis both operative and speculative; so is it invested with certain forms and ceremonies, and so also does it clasp within its expansive embrace every object that may be contemplated by man—but its genuine essence consists alone in its benevolent or charitable tendency, and in its moral influence. Did every Mason carry out to perfection the principles he professes, there would be no need of Lodges to impel him to his duty—and were Lodges rigid in their discipline, and scrupulous in inculcating the healthful tenets of the order, Grand Lodges might readily be dispensed with. But Masons like other men are fallible—hence the necessity of organization for the purpose of remedying defects, not otherwise to be guarded against.

The spirit of reform is evidently abroad among our Lodges, and the desire is strongly manifested to gather the true light of masonic knowledge, and to conform strictly to all legal requirements. Such gratifying demonstrations should not be unheeded, but should be encouraged by every possible means.

I am confident that every member present feels an equal solicitude with myself for the welfare of our Lodges, and that they will not hesitate to make sacrifices, if necessary, or be slow to adopt any measures whereby Freemasonry within our State may become the admiration, as it justly should, of all who witness or experience its happy influences. To effect so great a desideratum, I cannot too strong-

ly recommend an increase in the salary of the Grand Lecturer, consistent with the resources of the Grand Treasury, to an amount sufficient to command his exclusive services, that he may labor incessantly among the lodges, and perform the various duties that would continually be required at his hands. Could the Grand Master himself make the requisite visitations, it would be far more satisfactory and beneficial, besides in a measure superceding the necessity of the above appointment; but I imagine it will rarely, if ever, be possible for that officer to devote any considerable portion of his attention to that duty.

I will be excused for having dwelt with such freedom, on a subject so near my heart and from which I find it difficult to steal, but with violence to my own feelings.

I am not possessed of such information as will enable me to make any satisfactory statement regarding the progress that has been made, in carrying into effect resolutions heretofore adopted by the Grand Lodge, with a view to the ultimate establishment of a seminary of Learning. I must refer to the report of the committee, having that subject in charge, which doubtless will be presented in due season.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at your last session, being myself unable to attend, I duly commissioned our worthy Brother, P. G. M. Lewis H. Marsteller, to represent this Grand Lodge in the Masonic Convention, to be held at Winchester, Va., in May last. His report, marked B, is herewith submitted. It will be perceived that this convention as had been predicted, completely failed in its object, a sufficient number of delegates not having attended to form a quorum for the transaction of business. How those delinquent grand Lodges which had adopted the convention project can reconcile to themselves their remissness in not providing a representation; or what justification they will attempt to offer, for having disappointed those who in good

faith entered with them into the compact and sought to fulfil it, I am at a loss to divine.

In a former communication I took occasion to express my aversion to any special conventions, whose acts might only be conditionally binding. The result in this instance proves their inutility, and strengthens me in convictions long entertained and expressed, that the establishment of a General Grand Lodge is of the most vital importance. Some of our sister Grand Lodges have expressed disapprobation of such a body; but I have seen no substantial reason advanced for abandoning the efforts for its erection. The innovations not only permitted and practised by some Grand Lodges, but sometimes absolutely insisted on as original land-marks, and the various regulations of different Masonic bodies, conflicting with each other, imperatively call for such an institution—in fact I can discover no other plan for preventing the whole Masonic system from becoming ultimately chaotic, by the infringements upon its fair proportions which are daily sanctioned. Our Grand Lodge has already taken action in the premises—but I am of opinion that the delegates should be so instructed, as that any three, assembling at the appointed time, shall be authorized to proceed at once to organize, agree upon all necessary preliminaries, draft a constitution, and continue in session until they shall have accomplished, as fully as possible, the object of their appointment. When their report shall have been spread before the State Grand Lodges, such as think proper can adopt the same, and be governed accordingly. It is of course desirable that a majority, at least, of Grand Lodges should concur—at all events it would be gratifying to see even two or three agree upon some uniformity. True, discordant feelings seem rarely to be produced by discrepancies of practice—still that is no good reason for suffering them to exist.

The Grand Lodge proceedings before me are very voluminous and unusually interesting—in their perusal I find

much to approve, and but little to condemn. I am prevented, however, by a recent mishap, from indulging in a critical review of their contents, but will take occasion to glance merely at such portions as most properly should arrest attention, recommending them to the more especial consideration of the committee to whose inspection they will be committed.

Official notice has been communicated of the lamented death of the Most Worshipful *Alexander H. Robertson*, Grand Master of Masonry in New York. That officer was distinguished alike for his Masonic worth and his private virtues. This painful event will of course call forth from your body suitable demonstrations of sympathy and respect.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is opposed to any extended publication of Masonic affairs, as is unequivocally manifested by its printed proceedings—which barely exhibit a list of officers and appointments, in addition to the respectable address of the M. W. Grand Master, and the report of the committee of correspondence, in which, marvellous enough, the accomplishment of benevolent purposes by the influence and power of the order, is severely censured.—Strong indications of opposition to a General Grand Lodge are very evident.

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut is opposed to a General Grand Lodge, to foreign delegates and to Grand Lodge certificates. There seems to have been some little disaffection and irregularity of proceedings, in some of the Lodges—especially an unwarrantable distribution of funds by the members of a Lodge ceasing to work—but they were promptly dealt with, and the fraternity in that jurisdiction is prospering.

In Maryland, the Grand Master very properly arrested the charter of a Lodge, for wilful departure from Masonic landmarks and usages. The Grand Lodge confirmed the sus-

pension. Subsequently the Master of the offending Lodge, David Parr, was expelled the order for the publication of an advertisement, highly disrespectful to the Grand Master. The annual address of the Grand Master represents the grand treasury well supplied, and the institution throughout the State in a healthy condition. The report of the special committee on the by-laws of a particular Lodge, is handsomely prepared, and contains truths worthy the serious attention of Masons. I regret, however, being compelled to dissent from one single intimation, and that in regard to a new Masonic test. The proceedings of other Grand Lodges exhibit similar improprieties.

In Virginia the craft appears to be flourishing. By report of the Grand Lecturer, Rev. Bro. McCabe, whose Masonic services in our own State have been highly approved and appreciated, I notice that, by special request, he obligingly delivered a funeral discourse on the disease of our worthy Brother, W. W. Cherry, late Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge. The report of the committee of correspondence opposes the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, upon reasonings, to my mind, altogether unsatisfactory and unsound. A *convention* is advocated upon grounds equally objectionable. The ancient landmarks would certainly be in as safe keeping in charge of one institution, possessing supreme powers, as they would to be intrusted to 26, acting independently. In other respects, the doctrines held in this report are unexceptionable.

I am truly glad that proceedings from our sister Grand Lodge of South Carolina have at length appeared. That body has determined upon the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, on conditions similar to those adopted by our own Grand Lodge. A resolution was passed, declaring it inexpédient to form a General Grand Lodge, under the belief that the *convention system* would supercede the necessity for such an institution. The failure of that system will no

doubt induce a reconsideration of their former act. The manifesto of the Supreme Council, &c., of the 33rd degree, incorporated in their proceedings, seems to me somewhat out of place. The Grand Secretary, Broth. A. G. Mackey, in his report, speaks encouragingly of the fraternity in that jurisdiction. He assumes a tone evidently adverse to the resolution above alluded to, in regard to a General Grand Lodge and convention.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia are marked with great courtesy. Resolutions are adopted by that body, approving a General Grand Lodge. The committee on the state of the Grand Lodge report the condition of the order within that jurisdiction, as being prosperous. I am pleased to see the practice of advancing candidates in too rapid succession generally condemned.

The address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee is a paper of great beauty, evincing a reflecting mind, and an intimacy with Masonic science and duties. The committee on correspondence in their well digested report, calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to an offensive feature in their by-laws, regarding the introduction of an improper test; but I cannot perceive that it was heeded. The craft in this State is in good condition.

The report of the committee on foreign correspondence of the State of Alabama, expresses proper views in regard to Masonic jurisdiction, and reprehends the practice of conferring the degrees on citizens of other States. The recommendation of the committee, to prescribe terms upon which residents, travelling into foreign jurisdictions and receiving the degrees, shall be acknowledged, will hardly be sanctioned. An individual receiving the degrees in a regular Lodge, in any State or country, cannot be denied his Masonic privileges—suspension or expulsion must first take place. The committee leaves the subject of a General Grand Lodge, for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, after which it seems

to have been entirely lost sight of. The committee on education enter warmly into the cause, and urge the rearing of seminaries of learning. Touching their support, the following language is used: "Are we asked whence the necessary means are to be obtained? this is our answer—from the ample resources of the sons of light, and from that inexhaustible treasury—masonic liberality. Both of which, we verily believe, are abundant among us."

In Florida, Masonry is flourishing. The report of the committee on correspondence evidences labor and good taste. The adoption of the resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Maryland in reference to a General Grand Lodge, is recommended.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi views with favor the proposal to establish a General Grand Lodge; and the committee on communications thinks it would be wise, if practicable, to adopt such a plan for the government of symbolic Masonry. Various and conflicting reports are made by majority and minority committees relative to the constitutionality of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, accumulating the York, Scotch, French and a host of other rights—the whole subject, however, was finally referred to the Grand Master, with the request that he should enter into correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and urge reconciliations and the correction of abuses. The mingling of different rites is very properly condemned. The Grand Lodge have taken up the subject of education earnestly, and appointed a committee to devise some means of raising a permanent fund for that purpose.

In Ohio, the Grand Master, in discharge of his duties, was compelled to arrest the charter of a Lodge for alleged improprieties. By prompt action he was also successful in suppressing irregularities and disagreements that had sprung up in several Lodges; all which was approved by the Grand Lodge. In his communication, the Grand Master notices

the very interesting circumstance of the reception of a circular letter from the General Secretary of a Lodge in Paris, offering corresponding filiation, and invoking the intervention of that officer, in opening a communication between some respectable Lodge under its jurisdiction and the Lodge *Clemente Amite*, to which, after making the proper appointment, the Grand Master respectfully responded. Publishing in the proceedings the *name* of a distressed brother, for whom a voluntary contribution was taken up, was in bad taste. The committee on communications, in speaking of abuses and difficulties originating among the craft, and of their correction and arrangement, very properly remark, that "*the reform should commence at home.*" This is the great key through which our institution must finally be purified, or can even approximate, in simplicity and beauty, to its primitive state—should we, indeed, ever hope for a "consummation so devoutly to be wished." *Begin at home*, should ever be the watchword. The committee of ways and means, in reporting upon the financial concerns of the Grand Lodge, give expression to some very wholesome doctrine. They observe, "Corporate bodies as well as individuals, should live within their income," and also that "each should be *just* before being *generous*, none having the right to apply resources to other objects, while honest creditors were suffering or importunate."

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, appear to be too enigmatical, to be clearly comprehended by those conversant only with the ancient craft Masonry. They embrace an "accumulation of rites" sufficient to astound an Ancient York Mason, whose investigations or researches had never extended beyond the history of the symbolic degrees. It would be gratifying indeed, if the Grand Lodge of Louisiana would reduce its *rites*, provided such a step be consistent with its own views of propriety; and that in other re-

spects it would conform to the established usages of sister Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas, feeling the necessity of taking steps for correcting irregularities of work in that State, has determined on the appointment of a Grand Lecturer. The committee on foreign correspondence make some very sensible remarks in urging the establishment of a General Grand Lodge: They say "the fraternity need an authorized responsible *Head*," and again, we need ONE CONSTITUTION, which shall be the PERMANENT law in each and every Grand Lodge."

I regret exceedingly to perceive that the Grand Lodge of Illinois still pertinaciously persists in imposing, as a prerequisite to masonic admission, an unwarrantable test, sanctioned by no authority or usage, but condemned almost universally. The most untiring watchfulness of all who venerate the order of freemasonry, and desire its perpetuity, is constantly required to save it from finally running into sectarianism. If innovations be not summarily checked, masonry will soon lose its boastful universality of character, and become in its influences exclusive and partial. Opinions, I know, adverse to my own on this subject, are honestly entertained; but that alone does not give them sanction. The committee on communications submitted a very lengthy and interesting report, reviewing pretty thoroughly the entire ground of Masonic government and practice. Although the committee had been industrious and presented some extremely valuable suggestions, yet they have fallen into some errors. Their first and eleventh resolutions may be so classed. The proposition for a General Grand Lodge was highly approved. There have been some pretty serious difficulties in Illinois, growing out of the practice as averred of admitting blacks into the order. Some of the Lodges have conducted very improperly, in consequence thereof, charging the Grand Master with favoring the procedure, using unbecoming

threats and taking unwarrantable action. The proper channel through which to obtain redress, would have been an appeal to the Grand Lodge. A subordinate Lodge should never be guilty of high-handed measures, whatever might be the provocation.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana are of an interesting cast. The Grand Master favors the scheme of a General Grand Lodge, but decisive action on his recommendation was postponed on account of the importance of the subject. He was compelled to exercise his authority by arresting the charter of a Lodge, on complaint of its Master, for unconstitutional proceedings. The Grand Lodge has found it expedient to elect a Grand Lecturer, but strange enough, provided no compensation. It is in contemplation to procure a farm, on which to establish a school on the manual labor system; also to be a home for such Masons as may choose to avail themselves of it—an agent to travel over the State and solicit contributions in aid thereof. The committee on communications have faithfully performed their duty—they think the fraternity need a *Head*, and urge upon the Grand and Subordinate Lodges the subject of education, indicating the most feasible plan of operation.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri are rendered peculiarly interesting on account of the various well conceived reports presented, having a reference to the condition and prospects of the Masonic College established in that State. That noble institution is represented as now being permanently established, with no fears for its success. Further, it is in serious contemplation to erect upon the College ground a female school. The committee on communications, to enable them to do justice to their appointment, were allowed till the ensuing session to make their report.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan is represented by the committee on communications, as having entirely recovered from the trials and difficulties by which it had, unfortunately, been

surrounded; and that it was now steadily increasing in members, looking forward with the most cheering prospects.

It is with pain that I feel compelled to take exceptions to some portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, especially wherein there seems to be an unjustifiable assumption of Masonic jurisdiction. The Grand Master with great apparent inconsistency, to my mind, erects a Lodge in a neighboring jurisdiction, and at the same time complains of infringement by the Lodge of an adjoining State, for having received and acted upon petitions of persons hailing as citizens of Wisconsin. The Deputy Grand Master, in an address of some merit, labors ingeniously and with much zeal to excuse and justify the course pursued by his Lodge in the uncourteous intrusion above alluded to. There is evidently great sincerity in the pretensions insisted upon, but the arguments advanced in support thereof, are without doubt fallacious. My limits will not allow of my going over the entire ground of controversy, or even bringing to view an intelligible exposition of the principles involved therein. But I must content myself by simply asserting, what can hardly be disputed, that any Grand Lodge legally constituted, should of right exercise complete jurisdiction throughout the entire State or Territory in which it might be located, and wherein no foreign influence should be permitted to exist. The Grand Master recommends to the subordinate Lodges, the very excellent plan of adding to their furniture a Masonic library, which would have a tendency of presenting additional attractions to their sacred halls, and be a means of improvement to their members. Great unanimity is said to exist among the Lodges. The committee on communications argue strongly in favor of a General Grand Lodge, taking a comprehensive view of its benefits.

The Grand Lodge of Maine, by invitation of the consti-

tuted authority of Portland, participated in the public arrangements connected with the "breaking ground" of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Rail Road, on the fourth of July last. In the proceedings before me are some useful hints respecting the charitable nature of our institution, and examples produced showing the moral principles and beneficial tendency of Masonry.

The Grand Master of Massachusetts speaks encouragingly of the healthy state and activity of the Lodges in that jurisdiction. I am somewhat surprised, however, at that brilliant officer's recommending the adoption of a resolution for the appointment of a delegate to the late Winchester Convention, and at the same time qualifying that appointment by a proviso, "if, on enquiry, the G. M. shall find that the Convention shall be held." As I before remarked, no Grand Lodge adopting the rules and regulations of that convention, had a right under any conceivable contingency, and in any justice, to detain its delegate. The Grand Master urges additional taxation with a view to the increase of the revenue of the Grand Lodge, which had become necessary in order to meet ordinary expenses—premising, that no other means, less objectionable, could be devised, than to require the Lodges to appropriate a certain portion of their earnings for the support of the parent institution.

In glancing at the proceedings from Maryland, I am sorry to perceive that any "indications" should have induced the Grand Lodge to withhold the appointment of a delegate to the Convention. Although, as previously expressed, I believed the convention inadequate to the objects of its creation, yet even that consideration should not be plead in excuse for the non-fulfilment of pledges voluntarily made. The occurrence of difficulties in balloting separately for each degree in one instance, as reported by a committee, should admonish the Grand Lodge of Maryland, as well as others, of the impropriety of such procedure. On balloting, if an

applicant is found worthy of the *first*, he most assuredly should not be denied the *third* degree. A great project is on foot in Maryland to establish a Masonic Asylum as a home for destitute brethren, their widows and orphans—one Lodge alone offering to contribute for that object \$1000.

The proceedings of Kentucky bear witness to the prosperous condition of Masonry in that State. The Grand Master has been induced to grant a dispensation for a new Lodge to be attached to a regiment on the march for Mexico, and cites as precedents similar acts during the Revolution. There might have been a propriety at that time for this species of Lodge, but I hardly think it can be prudently insisted upon in these days. Another similar instance is noticed in the Freemasons' Magazine as having recently occurred. The authority thus assumed is very questionable, to say the least: such Lodges are certainly dangerous. The committee on the Masonic College, report that institution as being in a state of successful operation, far beyond what its most ardent friends could have expected. The report of the committee on correspondence, reflects credit on their industry and good judgment.

In Iowa the Grand Lodge is alive to the importance of erecting seminaries of learning, and a committee, appointed for the purpose, have introduced resolutions for taking preparatory steps for their establishment. The subordinate Lodges are required to provide for the education of orphan children within their respective neighborhoods.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York are late at hand. An energetic meeting of that body was held in February last, for the purpose of making suitable arrangements for the funeral of their late Grand Master, M. W. Alexander H. Robertson, whose decease has before been brought to your notice. At a subsequent annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the D. G. Master in his address observes, "I am able to assure you of the continued pros-

perity of the Masonic institution in this State." The report of the committee on correspondence is worthy its emanation.

Having imperfectly brought to your notice the proceedings of all the Grand Lodges that have come to hand; and commented with some freedom on such portions as I thought most worthy of note, I will briefly allude to one other matter, now causing a considerable stir in the Masonic world, and then no longer trespass upon your patience.

It is well known that the Grand Lodge of Prussia refuses admittance to Jewish Freemasons, and that in consequence great excitement has been caused in the Masonic world; and also that the Grand Lodge of England has, for the same reason, formally withdrawn all fellowship from their Prussian brethren. The course pursued by the Prussian Grand Lodge has been generally denounced; but I am not prepared myself to join in that unqualified condemnation, principally on the ground that Masonry requires of its votaries obedience to the laws of the land in which they reside. If this position be incontestible, our offending brethren of Prussia, instead of being cast off and held up to scorn, should call forth our warmest sympathies. My own feelings were till recently, bitterly excited against what I conceived to be an outrage which that Grand Lodge obstinately refused to redress—but a very great change has been produced in my mind, by a publication that I lately met with, satisfactorily setting forth that the obnoxious action of the Prussian Grand Lodge was dictated alone by what was conceived to be an imperative obligation to respect the laws of the land—one of which, if I rightly comprehended the publication here alluded to, and which I have mislaid, prohibited to the Jews certain privileges, among which was that of membership in the Masonic Society. I only contend for the general principle, that if self preservation requires it, a Lodge, like an individual, would be justifiable in a departure

from those strict rules of propriety which otherwise could not be sanctioned.

Before closing this communication, I must be permitted to tender to the Grand Lodge my grateful acknowledgments for the high honor which their flattering partialities have permitted me to enjoy, in presiding over their deliberations for the last two years, and in superintending the general concerns of the institution. I can only wish that my labors had been more worthy their confidence. I hope the Grand Lodge will indulge me, while I suggest to them the propriety of selecting for the ensuing year, a brother whose qualifications, circumstances and leisure, will enable him to fill the responsible office of Grand Master more acceptably and with greater success than has attended the humble efforts of the present incumbent.

That our deliberations may be blessed of Him whose watchful eye is ever penetrating our most secret actions; and that we all, after having faithfully performed our sacred duties in this hall, may in health be welcomed to the bosom of our families, is my most sincere desire.

P. W. FANNING, G. M.

The building committee made the following report, which was concurred in:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Wardens of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned committee appointed to take charge of the Grand Lodge building, begs leave to report that in obedience to his appointment, he rented the lower part of the building to Messrs. Buck & Gray for the sum of ninety dollars per year, which sum has been paid to the Treas'r., (\$90,) subject to the sum of \$30 00, paid Messrs. Buck & Gray for two scholars, ordered to be sent by the said Grand Lodge; also the sum of \$12 paid to the N. C. Mutual Insurance Company for insuring the building for five years from the 21st day of February, 1846.

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS.

Raleigh, Dec. 8, 1846.

The resolution of the last Grand Lodge, which was laid over until this communication, relative to the meeting of that body alternately in the towns of Fayetteville, Wilmington and Newbern, was taken up, and after a short discussion, was, on motion of Brother Peter Adams, indefinitely postponed.

The resolution relative to the revision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge was taken up, when, on motion of Bro. John H. Drake, the same was laid over until the next meeting.

The Grand Secretary, in obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, relative to the printing of Grand Lodge certificates, for the use of subordinate Lodges, reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and presented a proof-sheet for their inspection and approval; whereupon, on motion, the same was referred to a committee consisting of Bro's. Nichols, Repiton & Hollister.

A protest from Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarboro', against the Tax of one dollar for each member of subordinate Lodges, was read, and referred to the committee on returns and communications from subordinate Lodges.

The following standing committees were appointed by the M. W. Grand Master:

On Charters and Dispensations.—Bros. B. B. Allen, H. E. Roscoe, & J. W. Howard.

On Foreign Communications and Miscellaneous Subjects.—Bros. W. Stedman, John H. Drake, W. P. Taylor and John A. Hanks.

On Grand Treasurer's Accounts.—Bros. A. B. Chesnut, L. R. Loftin & J. Hiatt.

On Accounts and Claims against the Grand Lodge.—Bros. William Gott, Jos. Waltering & T. B. Nichols.

On Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges.—Bros. W. Hollister, L. C. Pender, D. B. Newton, and A. P. Repiton.

On motion of Brother Loftin, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge elect its Officers for the ensuing year, on Thursday evening next, 10th inst.

Bros. Jas. M. Palmer of Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsboro', and B. B. Allen of Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, Smithfield, asked and obtained leave of absence from and after this day.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening, the 9th instant, at half past six o'clock. WILLIAM T. BAIN, Grand. Secretary.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

December 9, A. D. 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

R. W. A. P. REPITON, G. C.

" T. J. LEMAY, G. C.

" WILLIAM GOTT, G. S. W., P. T.

" A. B. CHESNUTT, G. J. W., P. T.

" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

" WILLIAM THOS. BAIN, G. S.

Bro. JOHN H. DRAKE, G. S. D., P. T.

" JOSEPH T. HUNTER, G. J. D., P. T.

" W. HOLLISTER, G. M.

" W. P. TAYLOR, G. S. B., P. T.

" L. R. LOFTIN, G. P.

" RICHARD W. ASHTON, T.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, Bro. A. P. Repiton.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bro's. Jos. T. Hunter and W. Hollister.

Unanimity Lodge, No. 54, Edenton—Bro. H. E. Roscoe.

Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarboro'—L. C. Pender.

Greensboro' Lodge, No. 76, Guilford—Bro. W. Gott.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, Nashville—Bro. John H. Drake.

Hiram Lodge, No. 98, Clinton—Bro. A. B. Chesnut.

Columbus Lodge, No. 102, Pittsboro'—Bro's. W. P. Taylor, John A. Hanks & William Stedman.

Belmont " No. 108, Duplin—Bro's. Newton, Loftin & Hill.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Bro's. W. J. Ramsay, B. D. Simms, H. E. Royal, W. J. Clarke, Jas. T. Marriott, J. M. Lovejoy, Doctor McMullen, John H. DeCarteret.

The committee on credentials made their report, which was read and adopted.

The committee appointed to examine the Credentials of the different proxies and representatives of the Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them, and have examined the credentials of the following Subordinate Lodges, viz :

Saint John's Lodge,	No. 1. Wilmington.
Saint John's	3, Newbern.
Joseph Warren,	92, Stantonsburg.
Zion,	81, Trenton.
Eagle,	71, Hillsboro'.
Unanimity,	54, Edenton.
Fellowship,	84, Smithfield.
Concord,	58, Tarboro'.
Greensboro',	76, Guilford.
Skewarky,	90, Williamston.
Columbus,	102, Pittsboro'.
Orr,	104, Washington.

Franklin,	109, Beaufort.
Hiram,	40, Raleigh.
Perseverance,	59, Plymouth.
Belmont,	108, Duplin Co.
University,	80, Chapel Hill.

Also the Lodge at Hookerton, name and number not mentioned in credentials. And find that all of them are correct, with the exception of Belmont Lodge, No. 108, Duplin; University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill, and the Lodge at Hookerton; neither of which have the names of the Secretary or either one of the officers signed to them, and no resolution of the appointment of delegates to the Grand Lodge; but your committee having unlimited confidence in the delegates, recommend that all informalities be waived, and the brethren present from the above named Lodge be allowed all the rights and privileges of this annual communication.

Your committee cannot too strongly recommend a form of the credentials, so that we may have some regularity in this matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. P. TAYLOR,

JNO. H. DRAKE, JR.

WESLEY HOLLISTER.

The new constitution and By-Laws prepared by the M. W. Grand Master, were submitted, and on motion of Bro. Repiton,

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary have a sufficient number of copies printed, to be laid before the Grand Lodge at the shortest notice for their consideration.

Grand Master's Report on Constitution and By-Laws.

The Grand Master, by resolution of the last Grand Lodge, has been charged with the duty of revising the Grand Constitution, and preparing By-Laws. That duty has been imperfectly performed, owing to a press of other matters, and

the result of his labors is herewith respectfully submitted. It will be perceived that the existing constitution has been but slightly modified, and such additions only as were thought necessary have been introduced. In preparing the By-Laws, it has been the endeavor to make them as comprehensive as possible, embracing every rule and regulation that could possibly be required, either by the Grand or Subordinate Lodges, thereby superseding the necessity of all others that may have been adopted.

P. W. FANNING. G. M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master laid before the Lodge the following communication from Bro. L. H. Marsteller, representative to the Winchester Convention :

[B.]

Wilmington, 1st June, A. D. 1846, A. L. 5846.

Most Worshipful P. W. Fanning }
Grand Master of the Grand }
Lodge of North Carolina, }

DEAR BROTHER :

In compliance with your request and appointment, I repaired to Winchester, Virginia, as a representative of the Grand Lodge of this State, in the Grand Masonic Convention of free and accepted Masons, to be held by adjournment in that place on the second Monday of last Month ; and I much regret to have to inform you, that in consequence of a majority of the Grand Lodges of the United States not being represented, we could not legally proceed to organize or transact any business : We therefore had an informal organization, compared notes with each other, and adjourned from day to day for three days, in hopes that other delegates might come in ; but being disappointed in this expectation, we then dispersed.

Permit me to say that the brethren who did meet, evinced a great deal of kindness and brotherly love for each other, and an earnest zeal for the advancement and prosperity of

the institution, which I thought indicated much good from their labors, could we have been authorized to transact business.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our informal proceedings.

Yours Fraternally,

L. H. MARSTELLER.

In pursuance of a resolution of the Masonic Convention of Grand Lodges held in the City of Baltimore on the 8th day of May, 1843, A. L. 5843, in the following words, viz :

" *Resolved*, That this Convention recommend to the several Grand Lodges that the next meeting of the Grand Masonic Convention of free and accepted Masons be held in the City of Winchester, Va., on the 2d Monday in May in the year 1846," and which resolution was concurred in by a majority of the Grand Lodges of the United States: Delegates from the Grand Lodges of N. Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, Iowa and District of Columbia, met on the above named day at the Masonic Hall in the City of Winchester, and having presented their credentials, adjourned over until to-morrow 9 o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, May 12, 1846.

The delegations present on yesterday met agreeably to adjournment, and organized temporarily by appointing Bro. Marsteller of North Carolina, Chairman, and H. C. Williams of the District of Columbia, Secretary.

The secretary being directed to examine credentials, reported the following Grand Lodges represented, viz :

North Carolina,	Bro. Lewis H. Marsteller, M. W. P. M.
Virginia,	" Levi L. Stevenson, M. W. P. M.
Michigan,	" E. Smith Lee, P. G. S.
Iowa,	" James R. Hartsock, R. W. D. G. M.
Dist. of Columbia,	" H. C. Williams, G. S.

Bro. Frederic L. Billon appeared and produced his credentials, as delegate from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and took his seat.

Adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday 13th inst. by agreement to afford time to such as were not represented.

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1846.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT—Delegates as yesterday.

This being the third day and no additional delegates appearing to justify or warrant the transaction of any business by those present, they accordingly adjourned *sine die*.

L. H. MARSTELLER,

L. L. STEVENSON,

E. SMITH LEE,

FRED. L. BILLON,

JAS. R. HARTSOCK,

H. C. WILLIAMS.

Bro Thomas J. Lemay, from the committee on education, made the following Report, which was read and adopted :

Report of the Standing Committee on Education to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, session, 1846.

The Standing Committee on Education, respectfully report : That they have omitted to take any steps, during the past year, to raise a fund for the establishment of the Seminary of Learning contemplated by the resolutions heretofore adopted by your Most Worshipful Body, because of their inability to devise any satisfactory feasible plan for the accomplishment of that object. They could, under the authority vested in them, have appointed an agent to solicit and collect subscriptions; but this appeared to them objectionable, because of the expense attending such an agency. The compensation of an agent, either in the form of a salary or a certain per cent. upon the amount of his collections, would in the judgment of the Committee, constitute a ruinous moth or draft upon the fund itself intended to be raised. To insure success in this noble enterprise, it must be conducted throughout, and more especially in its incipient stages, with the least possible expense; and every dollar collected, in-

stead of being subject to a deduction of any per centage, should be immediately placed in a situation for increasing its value—on the principle of stewardship laid down in the Scriptures—of him to whom five talents are committed, the gain of five other talents is required. The Committee were unwilling, therefore, to adopt any means by which a portion of the sacred fund to be collected would be absorbed in agencies, particularly as it appeared to them a scheme could be devised which would be at once efficient, easy of execution, and totally free from expense. That plan, as they were not competent to carry out themselves, the Committee would now most respectfully recommend to the Grand Lodge. It is as follows:

1. That there be a board of Trustees immediately constituted, for the School, consisting of three to be appointed by the Grand Lodge, and one to be appointed by each subordinate Lodge, under its jurisdiction, who shall hold an annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

2. That the subordinate Lodges be authorised and directed, at the earliest day practicable, to meet and appoint their trustees, respectively, by the selection of one member for that purpose, from each of their own bodies.

3. That it shall be the duty of the three Trustees appointed by the Grand Lodge to discharge any duties required of them by the Grand Lodge, or the Board of Trustees, as an Executive School Committee.

4. That the Trustee of each subordinate Lodge shall, under the direction of his Lodge, and in such manner as the Lodge may prescribe, proceed immediately to secure from the members of his Lodge, or any other individuals disposed to contribute, such voluntary subscriptions as they may be disposed to make for the purpose of establishing the school; that he shall report the amount of subscriptions to the Lodge, and the cash collected thereon, which shall, whenever it a-

mounts to ten dollars, be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Treasurer at Raleigh.

5. That the subscriptions be made payable as follows :— One fifth cash, and the remainder in four equal annual instalments ; and that notes be taken upon them, conforming thereto, made payable to the Trustees of the Charity School fund of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; and that they be kept by the Trustee of each Lodge aforesaid, and collected, when due, and reported to the Lodge as above, or, if not collected, handed over to his successor, or such person as may be hereafter designated.

6. That each subordinate Lodge be requested to subscribe, at their discretion, such amounts as they may deem it prudent or proper to spare from the fund of the Lodge for this purpose—to be forwarded, or such amount thereof as they may think proper then to pay, to the Grand Treasurer, at the next Annual Communication ; and the remainder, if any, in similar annual instalments.

7. That the Grand Lodge make such annual appropriation to this object as her funds and the other demands upon her resources, will allow.

8. That the Executive Committee, of whom the Grand Treasurer shall be one, shall put the moneys as fast as received, if practicable, in some safe and profitable investment, from which 6 per cent. interest will be realized.

9. The Trustees or Executive Committee shall be authorised also to receive any donations that may be made by charitable individuals other than regular subscriptions, and cause them to be likewise invested, by the same Committee, with the other monies, in Bank Stock, in notes of individuals, on mortgage of real estate and personal security, or in State Bonds.

10. That the Grand Lecturer be required to explain this subject to every Lodge he may visit, and urge upon them

the necessity of liberal contributions on the part of the Lodges and of individual members, in order that the benevolent designs of the Grand Lodge may be speedily and successfully accomplished.

The Committee forbear to make any suggestions with regard to the place of location or plan of conducting the institution intended to be established, (as they are matters which may properly be deferred for future decision,) further than to say, its friends should be reminded that it is contemplated to make it one of a high character and extensively useful; and that these objects will require a large amount of money, and will make a considerable draft upon their purses, which, however, it is hoped and believed, their liberality will prompt them to honor duly and cheerfully.

On this subject, the committee, in conclusion, will be pardoned for saying, it is time now to act promptly, energetically, and decisively. The cause of charity and the cause of humanity are bleeding for the want of such an institution as that proposed by the Grand Lodge. The means are in the hands of the Fraternity. There are 47 subordinate Lodges. An average of \$300 from each Lodge would give at once \$14,100;—many smaller streams from other sources will flow into your treasury; and the committee believe there are some wealthy, noble hearted, benevolent members of the fraternity in the State, who will, when they see the work progressing in earnest, step forward and pour forth their thousands like water in aid of the accumulating fund. If we would overtake our brethren in other States, we must throw off every weight and increase our speed on this great race of benevolent enterprize. Many of the Grand Lodges have instituted, and some have large and flourishing schools already in operation. If we imitate their example, we shall prosper: If we sit still and do nothing, we shall be consumed of our indolence, and our venerable and beloved in-

stitution will become in North Carolina, nothing but a reproach and a bye-word.

The committee therefore most earnestly urge upon your most worshipful body to adopt some means of banishing all apathy from your borders, and of arousing every member of our Fraternity to a sense and performance of his duty—his whole duty.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY HOLLISTER,
THOS. J. LEMAY.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations asked and obtained further time to make their report.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted their report; which was read, and on motion, it was referred back to said Committee for correction.

The Committee on Grand Treasurer's Accounts, made their report; which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of N. Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, report that the following statement has been exhibited by him to them :

We find the vouchers for expenditures recorded to be correct. There was on hand on settlement with the Committee at last communication, \$246 73

The receipts for the past year to December, 1st,

441 25

\$687 98

The expenditures for the same period were

\$524 42

which with a charge of 5 per cent. on

\$441 25,

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\$546 48

Leaves a balance of

\$140 90

now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee beg leave to say they have experienced great pleasure in the examination of the Lodge accounts, to find your Treasurer worthy and well qualified in talents and integrity for the office he so ably and faithfully fills.

A. B. CHESNUTT,
L. R. LOFTON,
JOAB HIATT.

Dec. 9th, 1846.

The Committee on Claims against the Grand Lodge asked leave for further time to make their report.

The Committee on returns and communications from Subordinate Lodges, made their report, which was read and adopted, with the exception of the protest of Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarboro', which was laid on the table:

Dec. 9, 1846.

The Committee on Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges would respectfully beg leave to

REPORT:

Saint John's Lodge, No. 1. Wilmington, pd. dues 1846, \$50	
Concord,	58, Tarboro', 10
Zion,	81, Trenton, by dispensat'n
Franklin,	109, Beaufort, 19
Perseverance,	59, Plymouth, 15
Hiram,	40, Raleigh, 27
Greensboro',	76, Guilford, 10
Saint John's	3, Newbern,
Hiram,	98, Clinton, 33
Morning Star,	85, Nashville, 19
University,	80, Chapel Hill, 7
Joseph Warren,	92, Stantonsburg, 20
Eagle, [for 1845.]	71, Hillsboro', 10
Fellowship,	84, Smithfield, 20
Skewarky,	90, Williamaston, 33
Unanimity,	54, Edenton, 18
Columbus,	102, Pittsboro', 12

Belmont,	108, Duplin Co.,	38
Royal White Heart,	2, Halifax,	20
American George,	17, Murfresboro',	24
Phalanx,	31, Charlotte,	10
King Solomon,	56, Northampton,	20
Charity,	79, Windsor,	10
St. John's,	96, Kinston,	26
Wake Forest,	97, Wake,	30
Orr,	104, Washington,	10
Perquimons,	106, Hertford,	24
Phœnix,	8, Fayetteville,	20
Franklin,	111, Wentworth, no dues pd.	
Jerusalem,	95, Hookerton,	8
		<hr/> \$543 <hr/>

Your Committee would respectfully submit that the appeal of Concord Lodge, No 58, Tarboro', should be sustained for the reason that, not having enjoyed the benefit of the provision of this M. W. G. Lodge with respect to a Grand Lecturer, they should not be required to pay for what they had not received. We would also recommend that this M. W. G. Lodge confirm the action of Concord Lodge in the expulsion of Weldon S. Hunter from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.

University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill, wishes to know if she has a right to deal with Masons in her jurisdiction not members? Your Committee would suggest that they have power to call those Masons to account, suspend or expel them, and report their action to the next communication of the Grand Lodge for confirmation.

Your Committee would further recommend, that this M. W. G. Lodge, confirm the action of Skewarky Lodge, No. 90, Williamston, in the suspension of Levi Pippin, for twelve months.

As there will be returns which your Committee cannot

now act upon, not having been received, we would suggest that the Grand Secretary fill up any defect upon this head in preparing the proceedings for publication.

Your Committee would respectfully suggest that the attention of Subordinate Lodges be called to the necessity of making up their returns in form as prescribed by the Grand Lodge: we find that there is great informality in some of their returns.

And we would further suggest, that the Subordinate Lodges would make their annual returns to this G. Lodge, on or before the first day of its meeting, as there is great inconvenience with the different committees in making their reports.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. C. PENDER, Ch'm'n.

Bro. A. P. Repiton submitted the following Resolution, which was read, and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That \$12 00 be received in full of all dues from Columbus Lodge, No. 102, Pittsboro', in view of the pecuniary difficulties under which they have been laboring for years past: Except such dues as may be collected hereafter from brethren in arrears for 1846, which amt. may be appropriated as that Lodge may deem most proper.

The following communication from Bro. Roscoe, Junior Warden of Unanimity Lodge, No. 54, Edenton, was presented:

Raleigh, 9th December, 1846.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned being delegated by Unanimity Lodge, No. 54, Edenton, to represent them in this Most Worshipful body, would most respectfully state that he finds charged upon the Grand Secretary's books, dues against his Lodge, for the years 1839 & '45 inclusive.

He would most respectfully, on the part of his Lodge, say,

that the Treasurer for those years, remitted to the then G'nd Secretary, (through mail) twenty dollars, being the dues for the two years; but that he has never received any acknowledgment for this amount. He would further state, that during the year 1843 his Lodge was at great expense in fitting up the Hall and could not do any work, in consequence of this, (only meeting sufficiently often to keep up their charter.)

Therefore, and for the above reasons, he would most respectfully ask of this Most Worshipful body, that his Lodge be relieved of the dues for these years, 1839, '40 & '43.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. ROSCOE.

This communication having been read, the following Resolution in relation thereto was submitted and adopted:

Resolved, That Unanimity Lodge, No. 54, Edenton, be remitted its annual dues for the years 1839, '40 & '43, for the reasons set forth in the communication of the delegate from that Lodge.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Certificates presented the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the Worshipful Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN:—Your committee to whom was referred the form of *Certificate* of membership, would recommend the form presented, with the alteration of the place of the word *Secretary*, and that better paper, such as is herewith presented, be procured and employed for that purpose. Also that one ream be printed.

A. PAUL REPITON, Chairman.

Agreeably to a resolution of the last evening, the Most Worshipful Grand Master referred the several portions of his communication to the following committees:

1st. On that portion relative to the condition of Subordinate Lodges, to the Committee on Subordinate Lodges.

2d. On that portion relative to the General Grand Lecturer, and the suggestions and recommendations in connection therewith, to Bros. Repiton, Roscoe & Hollister.

3d. On that portion relative to a seminary of learning, to Bros. Stedman and Hunter.

4th. On that portion relative to proceedings of Grand Lodges, and the Winchester Convention, to the Committee on Communications from Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, the 10th instant, at eleven o'clock.

WILLIAM THOS. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

THURSDAY MORNING,

Dec. 10, *A. D.* 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursaant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

" A. P. REPITON, G. C.

" WILLIAM GOTT, G. S. W., P. T.

" A. B. CHESNUT, G. J. W., P. F.

" D. B. NEWTON, G. T., P. T.

" W. T. BAIN, G. S.

Bro. H. E. ROSCOE, G. S. D., P. T.

" L. C. PENDER, G. J. D., P. T.

" L. R. LOFTIN, G. S. B.

" SWINSON, G. M., P. T.

" RICHARD W. ASHTON, T.

The Committee on Claims against the Grand Lodge, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina:

The committee to whom was referred the claims of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report :

One claim due to Thomas J. Lemay,	\$5 25
“ “ “ “ W. W. Holden,	3 75
“ “ “ “ Western R. Gales,	5 75
“ “ “ “ John H. Wheeler, P. G. M. payable to the Grand Treasurer, C. W. D. Hutchings, being a balance due for Tressle boards,	5 00
	<hr/> \$19 55

All of which your committee recommend to be paid.

JOSEPH WALTERING, } Com.
WILLIAM GOTT,

Further report on the same subject:

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Tyler, beg leave to report that the act's rendered the committee are as follows, which we recommend to be paid :

To Jas. McKimmon for sundries furnished the Grand Lodge,	\$20 75
R. W. Ashton, for tylering, &c.,	36 50
Mrs. M. G. Royster,	5 45
R. Tucker & Son,	4 32
P. F. Pescud,	1 97
Jas. Litchford,	3 25
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Making,	\$72 24

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOS. T. HUNTER,
JOS. WALTERING.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relative to subordinate lodges made their report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relative to subordinate Lodges,

would recommend the approval of the action of the Deputy Grand Master, in granting a dispensation to the brethren at Wentworth; and the action of the Grand Master in granting a dispensation for the opening of a Lodge at Everettsville, Wayne. Also that the Grand Lodge approve of the course which has been pursued with regard to the Lodges which have ceased to exist, together with other matter set forth in that portion of the Grand Master's address for the year 1846.

Respectfully submitted.

A. PAUL REPITON.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made their report, which was read and adopted:

The Committee to whom were entrusted the subject of dispensations and charters, beg leave most respectfully to report: They have before them a petition from the brethren at Wentworth, to whom a dispensation was granted in February last, asking (for certain good reasons therein contained) that a charter be granted them. Therefore your committee would most respectfully recommend that a charter be granted by this most worshipful body.

The Committee also recommend that a charter be granted to Wayne Lodge, in the town of Everettsville, in the county of Wayne, agreeably to the request of the petitioners.

Respectfully submitted.

H. E. ROSCOE, Ch'm'n.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address, relative to a General Grand Lecturer, made a report, which was received and laid over for further action.

The Grand Lodge was called, from labor to refreshment until this evening at half past six o'clock.

WILLIAM THOS. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

THURSDAY EVENING,

Dec. 10, A. D. 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

R. W. KENNETH RAYNER, P. D. G. M.

" A. P. REPITON, G. C.

" W. S. LANGDON, G. C.

" WILLIAM GOTT, G. S. W., P. T.

" A. B. CHESNUT, G. J. W., P. I.

" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

" W. T. BAIN, G. S.

Bro. JOHN H. DRAKE, G. S. D., P. T.

" L. C. PENDER, G. J. D., P. T.

" WESLEY HOLLISTER, G. M.

" L. R. LOFTIN, G. S. B.

" D. B. NEWTON, G. P., P. T.

" RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. T.

THE FOLLOWING SUBORDINATE LODGES WERE REPRESENTED.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, American George, No. 17—Bro. K. Rayner; Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, Charlotte—Bro Rufus Reid; Hiram Lodge, No. 40; Unanimity Lodge, No. 54; Concord Lodge, No. 58; Perseverance, No. 59; Greensboro' Lodge, No. 76; Charity Lodge, No. 79; University Lodge, No. 80; Morning Star Lodge, No. 85; Skewarky Lodge, No. 90; Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92; Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95; Saint John's, No. 96; Wake Forest, No. 97; Hiram Lodge, No. 98; Columbus Lodge, No. 102; Orr, No. 104; Perquimons, No. 106—Bro. K. Rayner; Belmont Lodge, No. 108; Franklin Lodge, No. 109; Saint John's Lodge, No. 3.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Bros. Collins, Pescud, W. G. Hill, J. D. Royster.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of its officers for the ensuing year,

When the following brethren were duly elected :

M. W. P. W. FANNING, Grand Master,

R. W. JOHN H. DRAKE, Grand Senior Warden,

" PETER ADAMS, Grand Junior Warden,

" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, Grand Treasurer,

" WILLIAM THOS. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

On motion of Bro. W. P. Taylor, a committee consisting of Bros. Hutchings and Adams was appointed to wait on some Past Grand Master, and procure his services for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers elect, on to-morrow evening the 11th inst. at half past six o'clock.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's report relative to a seminary of learning, made the annexed report, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's communication as relates to the establishment by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina of a seminary of learning, beg to

REPORT :

That the project is one which deeply interests the Masonic Fraternity throughout the State, and requires of this Grand Lodge the most devoted care and energetic action. It is needless for this Committee to speak of the cause of education : it is a theme which has for ages employed the most eloquent tongues and gifted pens; and the destitution which surrounds us, and which is the foundation of so much misery and crime, pleads with far greater power and more touching pathos than can be called into requisition by this Committee. We are pained to say that Masonry in North Carolina has been so long neglectful of this glorious cause, that apathy has so nearly become her second nature, that nothing but the most persevering, united and continued action can accomplish an object so necessary and so much de-

sired. We are far behind many of our sister Grand Lodges of fewer resources and less abilities; and, this in addition to our convictions of the positive necessity of the thing, and our duty to promote this grand and glorious cause, shou'd impel us, and every North Carolina Mason, to shake off the lethargy which weighs us down, to enter firmly, surely and energetically into the good work, and to determine not to cease our efforts and labours until each descendant of every destitute mason within our State shall become, as was desired by the noble Roman of old, respecting each of his countrymen—so learned that a portion of the administration of government and the execution of the laws may be safely entrusted to him.

Your Committee have had before them the report of the Standing Committee on Education, submitting a plan for raising funds for the establishment of a seminary of learning by the Grand Lodge of this State. They have carefully considered the recommendations of that Committee, and are of opinion that they are wise and practicable, and that nothing more is at this time necessary to be done but the adoption of that report, the confirmation of its suggestions, and the execution of its provisions in the manner proposed, without alteration or amendment; and they dismiss the subject by submitting the appended resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. STEDMAN,

JOS. T. HUNTER.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge accept and adopt the plan proposed by the Standing Committee on Education, for the raising of funds for the establishment of a seminary of learning by this body.

2. That the Grand Lodge, during the present communication, appoint three trustees, and that each subordinate Lodge immediately upon the reception of the proceedings of

the Grand Lodge, appoint one trustee for the purposes recommended by the Committee on Education.

3. That the trustees so appointed shall discharge the duties consigned by the Committee and make regular annual reports to the Grand Lodge; and that their appointment continue until it is vacated by death, inability to act, resignation or removal; and that in any of these events, the Grand Lodge or subordinate Lodge in whom the appointment is originally vested fill the vacancy.

4. That the Grand Treasurer report annually the amount of funds in his hands for this purpose, from whom received, and how invested.

5. That this Grand Lodge will contribute out of her funds such amount as she may be justified in doing by the condition of the finances.

6. That each subordinate Lodge in the State be required to contribute according to her ability, and to take such steps and adopt such regulations as may be necessary to fulfil the duties imposed upon them respectively.

Bro. Kenneth Rayner presented the following resolutions transmitted from Perquimons Lodge, No. 106, on the death of Bro. James P. Freer, a member of that Lodge, and one of the Grand Lecturers:

At a regular meeting of Perquimons Lodge, No. 106, held at the Hall in the town of Hertford, Nov. 9th, 1846, the following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That whereas, it has pleased the Almighty Disposer of human events, in his merciful Providence, to remove from our midst our well beloved Brother Dr. James P. Freer; we, cherishing a warm remembrance of his manly and social virtues, deeply regret the event that has deprived us of his companionship, and our brotherhood of a warm and faithful adherent.

Resolved, That in the decease of Bro. Freer, this Lodge has sustained a deep loss: for he has ever identified himself

with masonry here, from its infancy, to the time of his departure, ever manifesting the warmest attachment and a stern regard for the preservation of its ancient purity.

Resolved, That we sincerely and deeply sympathise with the friends and family of the deceased, and offer them our tenderest consolation.

Resolved, That in token of our regard and respect for the deceased Brother, we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the family of Bro. Freer and to the Grand Lodge of this State, and that the resolutions be recorded upon the books of the Lodge.

JAS. A. HUNE,	} Committee.
FRANCIS NIXON,	
JOS. M. COX.	

These resolutions having been read, the Grand Lodge thereupon manifested their regard and esteem for the memory of the deceased, by adopting the following resolutions presented by Bro. Kenneth Rayner on this melancholy bereavement :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is deeply sensible of the loss which our Lodge has sustained in the death of our deceased Brother Freer, late one of the Grand Lecturers of this Lodge, and that we cherish a warm regard for his memory.

Resolved, That the resolutions transmitted to this Grand Lodge by Perquimons Lodge, No. 106, be placed on the records of this Grand Lodge; that his family be informed of the same, and that we tender to them our warmest sympathy in their loss.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relative to a General Grand Lecturer, again submitted their report as amended, which, together with the resolutions appended, were received and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of N. Carolina:

The committee to whom were referred that portion of the Grand Master's address, relative to a Grand Lecturer, beg leave most respectfully to

REPORT :

That they *fully* concur with the Grand Master in his opinions relative to a Grand Lecturer, but from the tardiness of some of the subordinate Lodges, and the almost exhausted state of the Treasury, would submit the following resolutions :

1st. *Resolved*, That the Grand Master be authorised to appoint one or more Grand Lecturers, suitably qualified for the station ; whose duty it shall be, to attend the Grand Lodge when in session; to perfect themselves in the lectures recommended by this Grand Lodge, and to visit any subordinate Lodge requiring their services, *provided* such Lodge afford them suitable compensation.

2d. *Resolved*, That should any Lodge requiring the services of either of said Grand Lecturers, thus appointed, be unable to make said compensation, then, and in that case, the Grand Master shall have discretionary power to pay the officiating officer for said services, out of any moneys in the Grand Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such an am't. as in his judgment may be requisite.

Further Resolved, That the present system of District Grand Lecturer be abolished

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. ROSCOE, Ch'm'n.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, again submitted their report and accompanying resolutions as amended, which, after some animated debate, were received and adopted :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was referred the report of the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, in the States and Territories following, viz:

Maine, New York, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, Florida, Wisconsin and Iowa, have had the same under consideration and beg to

REPORT :

That they regret that the limited period allowed them for the discharge of the important duties of their appointment, has debarred them from the privilege and pleasure of giving the voluminous documents submitted to their consideration and the various, and in some degree conflicting subjects and sentiments therein contained, that careful and thorough investigation and deliberation, which their interest invites and their importance demands; but they are happy in being able to state that the defects in their report, arising from this circumstance, have been anticipated by the excellent and able communication of the M. W. G. M., who has reviewed these documents and discussed their contents with singular ability; and they beg to refer to that paper for information upon these subjects.— Your committee regret that improprieties and irregularities exist in the masonic usages, ceremonies and requirements of almost all the Grand Lodges whose reports are before us, and that in some instances, innovations not warranted by ancient usage or sound principle have been admitted. These improprieties, irregularities and innovations have sprung up almost necessarily from the state of things in the various Lodges; and almost every Lodge is anxiously seeking the means of redress and improvement, and we concur with those of our sister Grand Lodges who have appointed General Grand Lecturers, and suggested and advocated a General Grand Lodge; and believe that the good results desired can be secured, and only secured, by adopting this course. So far as we of North Carolina are concerned, the propriety of a G. G. Lectr. has been admitted, and the necessity of such an

officer universally declared ; and in pursuance to this sense of propriety and necessity, the G. L., at its last communication, authorised the appointment of that officer, with the duty imposed of visiting all the subordinate Lodges, to enlighten the craft, reform irregularities, correct abuses, and to place masonry throughout the entire State in the same situation, both as to usage and practice. If this beneficent provision of our Grand Lodge had been punctually fulfilled for the past year, and were it as promptly continued, with an able and experienced Lecturer, for some years to come, the proverbial short sightedness of human sagacity could not calculate the advantages and blessings that would flow from it. The grand and glorious spectacle would be presented of thousands of citizens of the State, at different points, & in every section, conducting their operations in the same precise manner ; and using and acknowledging the identical signs & ceremonies, & practising & disseminating the same moral principles and social duties. Masonry would then be what it professes to be : The benign light of the divine principles which it inculcates, & upon which it is founded, would soon be almost universally felt & acknowledged ; the character of the institution, would, with one stride, leap from the state into which it has been thrown by individual misconduct, and collective negligence, and ignorance in masonic affairs ; it would take its stand upon the same ample and elevated platform which it occupied when its founder presided over its destinies in the *sanctum sactorum*.

The question of a General Grand Lodge has been extensively discussed, and its propriety in some sections admitted and advocated, while the greater number of our sister Grand Lodges have opposed that measure. Your Committee have examined some of the arguments for and against the proposition, and have come deliberately to the conclusion, and upon the same reasoning as that of our brethren in other States, that such an institution is not only highly necessary,

but almost absolutely indispensable. The necessity of some *general head* seems to be universally admitted to be as great, as respects the several Grand Lodges, as it is with regard to the subordinate Lodges in the respective States.

The question is, how and in what manner this general head is to be formed, and of whom composed? Two plans have been suggested, viz: 'The convention system and which this Grand Lodge has hitherto adopted, and the plan now under consideration. The abortive attempt to hold a National Convention in Winchester, Va., in May last, shows, at least, that it is a matter of so much importance, we should not trust a plan liable to the objection common to conventions of all kinds, namely, uncertainty.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the State of Illinois, so fully expresses our sentiments upon this subject, that we feel justified to dismiss it with a quotation from that document. It says: "To this (convention) plan your Committee entertain a decided aversion; they have too distinctly in remembrance the Convention at Baltimore, with all its bitter fruits—the jealousies, the disputings, the rancors, and the schisms which have been its consequent—to hope anything better from a repetition of the same means. * * *

In the conflict of these ends, at present, appeal to the decisions at Baltimore is well nigh useless; for, first, when those decisions can be ascertained, they are regarded as wanting in authority; and second, because of the confessed difficulty of ascertaining what was agreed on at Baltimore, owing to the varied assertions of those who have been looked to as reporters of the doings of that Convention, and the disagreements among them, little satisfaction can be obtained regarding them; and so of necessity, private judgment must finally determine every question at issue." *** Moreover, the Conventional system of necessity, almost, permits the several Grand Lodges to be so independent of it, and of one another, as to

leave them open to all the evils of jealousy, and especially to the curse of striving on the part of one or more for the mastery in all things, that by some means pre-eminence may be obtained." As this proposition seems to be fraught with so much uncertainty, confusion and tendency to evil, and as a General Grand Lodge is not liable to these, or indeed in the opinion of your Committee to any serious objections and as the necessity of a general head to settle disputes between different Grand Lodges, and we apprehend citizens of different States also, and to secure propriety, uniformity and harmony in the work of all the Grand and Subordinate Lodges in the United States, is almost universally recognised, your Committee cannot too strongly recommend this Grand Lodge to adopt so much of the suggestion of the M. W. Charles Gillman, Grand Master of the G. L. of Maryland, as relates to the holding a Convention for the purpose of considering the question of a General Grand Lodge in the City of Baltimore, in Sep. 1847, and the appointing delegates to attend that Convention. But would dissent from the proviso contained in the Grand Master's address, viz: That a majority of the Grand Lodges in the United States, shall concur in the measure, and substitute therefor the suggestion of our M. W. G. Master in his communication on the subject, viz: that should delegates from any three Grand Lodges assemble at the appointed time, they be instructed to proceed to organize, agree upon preliminaries, draft a constitution, &c., &c.

Your Committee, though unable to touch upon many matters of interest, cannot refrain from alluding to a question to which the M. W. G. M. adverted in his address, namely, the additional test required by the Grand Lodge of Illinois as a pre-requisite to masonic admission. Your committee regret the necessity which induces them to dissent from the opinions of the Grand Master; or, rather, that in their view, the Grand Master is in error. The additional test required

is a distinct avowal of a belief in the divine authenticity of the holy Scriptures. This, to our minds, appears not only proper, but essential to the purity and perpetuity of masonry. We all know that almost the first thing that strikes our view, on entering a masonic hall, is the Holy Bible, lying open upon the altar; and we know equally well that it is the glory and boast of masonry, that it is founded upon, and supported by the Bible. We know, likewise, that the Bible has secured, for thousands of years, that inviolate secrecy among masons which is at once the wonder and admiration of the world. What mockery, then, would it be to say, in the face of all this, that belief in the scriptures is no part of the qualification of a mason, and disbelief therein no part of the disqualification of a man who seeks to enter the sacred precincts of a Masonic Lodge? Shall it be said that one who is disqualified to give evidence in a cause involving dollars and cents, in a court of justice, is a fit subject to become a member of an institution which, as regards sound morality, orthodox principles, and exalted virtue, acknowledges but *one* superior in the world? Shall it be said that one, whose lips are polluted by deridings and blasphemous reflections upon the staff of the christian's life; who says that its beauties and excellencies are a "cunningly devised fable," and that the whole christian world, containing the greatest, most learned, purest and best men that have ever lived, have been deceived and imposed upon, and are still laboring under the effects of a delusion? Shall it be said that *he* is a proper person to assist in shedding the lights and extending the benefits of masonry? If this be so—if masonry distinguishes not between the christian and infidel, if it demands that the servant of the most High shall be associated with the scoffer of the holy Scriptures in performing the most sacred duties of life, and that those who hold the truths of the Bible in high veneration shall witness one whom he is bound to consider a "brother" affect to be

bound by the obligations of masonry, because those obligations derive strength and authenticity from the Bible, and at the same time deny the power of the Bible to impose any restraints and its right to require any duty upon him: in that case, would not masonry depend upon public opinion alone for that protection which they now derive from the *square*? Would not masonry soon fall from its high estate, and its beautiful walls and chambers, now the abode of those truths upon which the good of the world and the happiness of man rests, soon be the gloomy retreats of the bats and reptiles of infidelity? In conclusion of this subject, we respectfully suggest the adoption of the first resolution reported by the committee on Foreign Communications of the G. L. of Illinois, which was adopted by that body.

With regard to that portion of the M. W. G. Master's communication which relates to the action of the Grand Lodge of Prussia, in excluding Jews from the benefits of masonry, and the conduct of the Grand Lodge of England upon that subject, we fully concur in the sentiments expressed by our Grand Master, to which we merely refer, without repeating what he has so well said.

The letter from the Grand Lodge of New York is before us, communicating the painful intelligence of the death of their M. W. Grand Master, ALEXANDER H. ROBERTSON; and we are assured that he possessed all those qualities of mind and heart, which are required to fit a man for the exalted station which he so ably filled. We sincerely sympathise with our brethren of New York in the loss they, and in common with them, masonry in general has sustained; and we think it would be proper for this Grand Lodge to suitably express their feelings upon the occasion.

We congratulate the Lodge upon the evidences furnished by the documents before us, of the flourishing condition of masonry throughout the United States; and we are happy to say that we are authorised to declare that our beloved old

commonwealth has shared largely in masonic blessings; that she has appreciated the benefits which the cause produces; and that her borders contain distinguished and devoted Masons, under whose influence the good cause is steadily advancing, and bids fair to become almost universal.

In conclusion, we tender an apology to the Grand Lodge, for this imperfect report, and are sorry that the limited time we have had for the discharge of our duty, has not allowed of a fuller and more satisfactory report of our deliberations. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. STEDMAN,
J. H. DRAKE,
W. P. TAYLOR,
J. A. HANKS,
Committee.

Resolved, That a belief in the authenticity of the holy Scriptures is essential to the faithful fulfilment of the duties required by the order of Masonry, in all Christian countries, and that a denial of the same is in conflict with the principles of our institution, calling for reprobation.

2nd. That this Grand Lodge approves of the proposition to establish a General Grand Lodge, and invites the co-operation of her sister Grand Lodges, by the appointment of Delegates, to meet in convention for the purpose of reporting a constitution for the Government of the General Grand Lodge.

3rd. That the M. W. Master of this Grand Lodge attend the proposed convention to be held for that purpose, in the city of Baltimore, in September 1847; otherwise appoint some person as a substitute.

4th. That, should any three or more of said delegates assemble agreeably to the provisions herein set forth, it shall be legal for them to organize and transact any business connected with their appointment agreeably to the recommendations of the M. W. Grand Master.

Bro. William Gott submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, was laid over for future action:

Whereas, this Grand Lodge did, at our last annual communication, rescind its resolution of 1838, in regard to the annual dues of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, and adopt a resolution in lieu thereof, requiring "that hereafter all the subordinate Lodges shall pay annually into the Grand Treasury, one dollar for each regular member of said Lodge,

for the purpose, principally, of raising a sum to pay the salary of a General Grand Lecturer: and

Whereas, some of the subordinate Lodges have not been visited by the General Grand Lecturer, or received any instructions or benefits by virtue of his appointment, while others have: And, *Whereas*, it is held by this Grand Lodge to be equitable; and just in this case, that those who receive benefits shall pay, while those who do not, shall not: Therefore,

Resolved, That those subordinate Lodges that have not been visited by our Grand Lecturer, be exempt from the requisitions of the rescinding resolution, by paying the tax imposed by our resolution of 1838.

The protest from Charity Lodge, No. 78, Windsor; and the communication from Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, Charlotte, instructing their representative, Bro. Rufus Reid, relative to rescinding the resolution of the Grand Lodge regarding taxation, were laid over for future action.

Bros. Taylor, Hanks, Stedman, Loftin, Newton, Repiton and Chesnut asked leave of absence from and after to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening, 11th inst. at half past six o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING,

Dec. 11, A. D. 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

W. S. LANGDON, GR. CHAP. P. T.

WILLIAMGOTT, G. S. W., P. T.

W. H. BLOUNT, G. J. W., P. T.

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

W. T. BAIN, G. S.

JOHN H. DRAKE, G. S. D., P. T.

L. C. PENDER, Jr. G. J. D., P. T.

T. B. NICHOLS, S. M., P. T.

— COFFIELD, G. S. B., P. T.

J. WALTERING, G. P.

RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. T.

Brothers Blount, Gott, Nicholls, Speight, Roscoe, Reid, Coffield, Pender, Drake, Adams and Waltering appeared as the Representatives of their respective Lodges.

Visitors, Bros. Collins, Peck, Jas. R. Dodge, E. Markins.

The committee appointed to procure the services of a Past Grand Master to instal the Grand Officers elect, reported that they had not been able to accomplish that object, and asked that an addition be made to the committee; where-upon Bro. E. G. Speight was added thereto.

The new Constitution and By-Laws having been printed as ordered, were laid before the Grand Lodge, and their consideration postponed till to-morrow evening.

The preamble and resolution submitted yesterday by Bro. William Gott, were taken up and adopted.

Bro. E. G. Speight presented the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1845 in regard to the annual dues of subordinate Lodges, is hereby rescinded.

On motion, it was resolved that the Grand Treasurer submit a statement of the Financial condition of the Grand Treasury on to-morrow evening, the 12th instant.

Bro. L. C. Pender, of Concord Lodge No. 58, Tarboro,' having obtained leave of absence, appointed Bro. W. F. Collins the proxy of said Lodge, until the Grand Lodge shall adjourn.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening at half past six o'clock.

WILLIAM THOS. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

SATURDAY EVENING,

December 12, A. D. 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.

SAML. F. PATTERSON, P. G. M.

W. S. LANGDON, G. C., P. T.

WILLIAM GOTT, G. S. W., P. T.

W. G. HILL, G. J. W., P. T.

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

W. T. BAIN, G. S.

JOHN H. DRAKE, G. S. D.

PETER ADAMS, G. J. D.

————— G. M.

JAS. W. HOWARD, G. S. B.

THOS. D. SMAW, G. P.

RICH'D. W. ASHTON, G. T.

Bros. Gott, Hill, Adams, Hunter, Smaw, Drake and Howard appeared as the representatives of their respective Lodges.

Visitors, Bros. Daniel and Seawell.

The following Grand Officers were duly installed by R. W. Samuel F. Patterson, who had been invited to attend for the occasion.

M. W., P. W. FANNING, Grand Master.

JOHN H. DRAKE, Grand Sen. Warden.

PETER ADAMS, Grand Jur. Warden.

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, Grand Treasurer.

WILLIAM THOS. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

Bros. William G. Hill, William F. Collins and C. W. D. Hutchings were appointed the Trustees, on the part of this Grand Lodge, of the contemplated Masonic Seminary of Learning, to act as the Committee on Education agreeably to the resolution adopted at this Communication on this subject.

Zion Lodge No. 81, Trenton, has by a resolution of this Grand Lodge, been released from the payment of dues up to this Communication.

Bro. William Gott, who asked leave of absence, appointed Bro. William S. Langdon his proxy.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge were laid over until Monday evening next.

Pursuant to a resolution, the Grand Treasurer made his report on the Finances of the Grand Lodge, which was read and adopted.

Bro. Joseph T. Hunter was appointed a committee on Accounts and Claims against the Grand Lodge.

The following appointments were then made by the M. W. Grand Master, for the ensuing year.

R. W. WM. GOTT, of Greensboro', Dep. Gnd. Master.

" Rev. WM. M. GREEN, of Chapel Hill,	} Gnd. Chpl's.
" " THOS. P. RICAUD, Beaufort,	
" " THOS. J. LEMAY, Raleigh,	
" " A. P. REPITON, Wilmington,	
" " W. S. LANGDON, Wake co.,	
R. W. JOS. T. HUNTER, Raleigh, S. G. D.	

" L. R. LOFTIN, Belmont, J. G. D.

" W. G. HILL, Raleigh, G. Marshal.

" WESLEY HOLLISTER, Raleigh, G. S. B.

" E. G. SPEIGHT, Green co. G. P.

Bro. R. W. ASHTON, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until Monday evening next, 14th, at half past 6 o'clock.

WILLIAM T. BAIN,

Grand Secretary.

MONDAY EVENING,

December 14, A. D. 1846.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. W. P. W. FANNING, G. M.
 R. W. KENNETH RAYNER, P. D. G. M.
 W. S. LANGDON, G. C.
 JNO. H. DRAKE, G. S. W.
 PETER ADAMS, G. J. W.
 C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
 WILLIAM T. BAIN, G. S.
 JOS. T. HUNTER, G. S. D.
 ROBT. W. SEAWELL, G. J. D.
 JOHN BELL, G. M.
 E. G. SPEIGHT, G. S. B.
 JOS. WALTERING, G. P.
 RICH'D. W. ASHTON, G. T.

Bros. Hollister, Bell, Mead, Hunter, Speight, Waltering
 W. S. Langdon, Stith, Whitaker, Drake, Rayner, Collins,
 Adams and Reid, appeared as the representatives of their res-
 pective Lodges.

Visitors—Bros. L. W. Peck, Seawell and Jones.

The Grand Secretary begs leave to report that he has re-
 ceived, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, sixty six dol-
 lars & fifteen cents, being the amount of funds in hands of the
 Treasurer of Golden Fleece Lodge No. 74, Milton, at the
 time it ceased to work; which has been placed in the hands
 of the Grand Treasurer.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, the resolution of Bro.
 William Gott, relative to refunding a portion of the dues for
 the present year, was reconsidered, and the question then re-
 curring on the adoption of the resolution, it was rejected.

The new Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge
 were again taken up, when, on motion of Bro. E. G. Speight,
 they were received and adopted; and will be found appen-
 ded to these proceedings.

On motion of Bro. K. Rayner, it was resolved, that the usual number of copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be published, together with the Constitution and By-Laws of the same; and that three copies be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to each subordinate Lodge in the State.

On motion of Bro. Speight, the resolution regulating the tax on subordinate Lodges, offered by Bro. Peter Adams and adopted on Friday last, was reconsidered, and amended by adding a supplementary proviso, making the resolution read as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That from and after this Grand Communication, the subordinate Lodges shall pay into the Grand Treasury, as an annual stipend, the sum of fifteen dollars. *Provided*, that no Lodge be required to pay more than one dollar for each of its members.

At the suggestion of the Grand Master, it was ordered that the Grand Treasurer pay over to the Grand Secretary the amount due for subscription to Bro. Moore's Freemason's Magazine.

On motion of Bro. Bell,

Resolved, That seven dollars be refunded to Wake Forest Lodge No. 97, being an excess of that amount over and above the dues of said Lodge, inadvertently paid by its representative.

On motion of Brother Rayner, it was

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge are deeply sensible of the assiduity and ability with which our Most Worshipful Grand Master, P. W. Fanning, has discharged his duties during this Communication of the Grand Lodge, and that we tender to him our thanks and fraternal regards for the same.

The business of the Grand Lodge being finished, it adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in December, 1847, being the sixth day of the month.

WM. THOS. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—Phoenix Lodge No. 8, Fayetteville, made returns and paid dues, after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

TO THE BRETHREN.

The peculiarly interesting character of the present Proceedings, calculated, unquestionably, to be productive of highly important consequences to the Craft, justifies the Grand Master in commending them to the most serious consideration of the Subordinate Lodges.

The Master of every Lodge should seize upon the earliest suitable occasion to have them read for the benefit of the members, that all may be made acquainted with the transactions of the Grand Lodge. Thus will the Brethren become, as properly they should, familiar with the discussions of the Grand Lodge, and with the various measures proposed or adopted for the government of the Lodges and the advancement of Masonry.

The Proceedings will disclose the action of the Grand Lodge on several subjects of very grave moment, especially those regarding a Seminary of Learning and the adoption of the revised Constitution and By-Laws.

By a reference to the excellent report of the Committee on Education, it will be perceived that every Lodge is to participate immediately in the management of the concerns of the Seminary, and exercise a direct control over its affairs. Such being the case, it may confidently be expected that the several Lodges will each immediately appoint its Trustee; and, with great liberality, come forward with the necessary means for securing the erection of so noble a monument of Masonic benevolence within our State.

The Constitution and By-Laws, appended to the Proceedings, have been carefully prepared, with a due regard to ancient land-marks and Masonic usage, as well as to the peculiar requirements of the Subordinate Lodges. Heretofore, the want of some authorised standard, to which reference could be had in the settlement of a multitude of intricate and perplexing questions continually springing up, has been the cause of no little embarrassment and irregularity in our Lodges. This defect, it is hoped, has now been suc-

cessfully remedied; and that hereafter no emergency will arise for which suitable provision has not been made. It should be borne in mind that the Grand Lodge has adopted the Constitution and By-Laws as they stand; consequently no amendment can now be proposed; but the Lodges must pass upon them as a whole, and simply say whether they *adopt* or *reject*. The decision, properly authenticated, should be immediately forwarded to the Grand Secretary. It requires a vote of two-thirds of the Subordinate Lodges to confirm, and no trifling or imaginary defect should cause them to be condemned. Perfection can hardly be expected; and it is not to be presumed that any effort, however skilfully planned, will be universally approved.

Attention is likewise invited to the change in reference to Grand Lecturers. Indisposition, probably, in the family of the Grand Lecturer, prevented his visiting all the Lodges during the past year, which is greatly to be regretted, as it has caused much disappointment and complaint. By resolution of the last Grand Lodge, the Grand Master is authorized to appoint one or more Grand Lecturers. Accordingly I purpose to appoint two Grand Lecturers—one for the Southern, and one for the Northern division of the State; also one for every district or section of the State in which a Lecturer may be required. As the surest method of giving general satisfaction, I shall be governed altogether in the above appointments by recommendations from the several Lodges; and it is expected that they will, in the different sections, confer together, as conveniently they can, for the purpose of making suitable selections, and certify to me the Brethren of their choice. The expense of all visitations will of course be paid by the Lodges requiring the services of the Lecturers, to be agreed upon among themselves—excepting that any Lodge unable to bear the whole expense, may make known its condition to the Grand Master, who, in his discretion, is authorized to afford aid. Do not mistake—in every neighborhood requiring a Lecturer, make

choice of a suitable individual, and recommend him to the Grand Master. These recommendations should come from the Lodges, certified by the Secretaries.

Diplomas, with Grand Lodge Certificates attached, have been printed on their letter sheets by order of the Grand Lodge, for the use of the Subordinate Lodges, to be furnished at fifty cents each. They can be sent conveniently by mail, and may be had of the Grand Secretary—also of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Lecturers of the Southern and Northern divisions, when appointed. Every Brother should procure a Diploma and Certificate, especially if he expects to travel.

It is most cheering to witness the rapidly improving condition of our Lodges. They seem to have received new life and become animated by the true masonic spirit, determined to see who best shall work, who best agree. Let me urge it upon the Brethren, one and all, throughout the State to persevere in their praiseworthy resolutions, until brotherly love shall prevail, the moral and social virtues be practised, and our benevolent institution become the pride of the upright and the good, and a blessing to those who have claims on its protection. Masonry never turns a deaf ear to the distressed, nor withholds its charity on suspicion. To clothe the naked, feed the hungry, relieve the distressed, counsel the evil doer, reclaim the vicious, instruct the ignorant, reconcile difficulties, and curb his own passions and desires, are duties more imperative upon the Mason than all others of his profession.

P. W. FANNING, G. M.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The following list of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. L. 5846, as revised by the Grand Master, is supposed to be nearly or quite accurate. Should any inaccuracy be discovered, notice should be immediately communicated to the Grand Secretary.

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| 1 Saint John's Lodge, | No. 1, Wilmington, |
| 2 Royal White Heart, | 2, Halifax, |
| 3 Saint John's | 3, Newbern, |
| 4 American George, | 17, Murfresboro', |
| 5 Phalanx, | 31, Charlotte, |
| 6 Davie, | 39, Bertie. |
| 7 Hiram, | 40, Raleigh, |
| 8 Hall, | 53, Currituck. |
| 9 Unanimity, | 54, Edenton, |
| 10 King Solomon, | 56, Northampton, |
| 11 Concord, | 58, Tarboro', |
| 12 Perseverance. | 59, Plymouth, |
| 13 Eagle, | 71, Hillsboro', |
| 14 Widow's Son, | 75, Camden. |
| 15 Greensboro', | 76, Guilford, |
| 16 Sharon, | 78, Greenville. |
| 17 Charity, | 79, Windsor, |
| 18 University, | 80, Chapel Hill, |
| 19 Zion, | 81, Trenton, |
| 20 Fellowship, | 84, Smithfield, |
| 21 Morning Star, | 85, Nashville, |
| 22 Skewarky, | 90, Williamston, |
| 23 Joseph Warren, | 92, Stantonsburg, |
| 24 Jerusalem, | 95, Hookerton, |
| 25 St. John's, | 96, Kinston, |
| 26 Wake Forest, | 97, Wake, |
| 27 Hiram, | 98, Clinton, |
| 28 Columbus, | 102, Pittsboro', |
| 29 Star in the East, | 103, Elizabeth City. |
| 30 Orr, | 104, Washington, |
| 31 Perquimons, | 106, Hertford, |
| 32 Clinton, | 107, Yancyville. |
| 33 Belmont, | 108, Duplin Co., |
| 34 Franklin, | 109, Beaufort, |
| 35 St. John's | 110, Smithville. |
| 36 Franklin, | 111, Wentworth, |
| 37 Wayne, | 112, Everettsville. |

RETURNS.

State of the Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which have made Returns at the present Communication:

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS:

W. A. Burr,	S. W. Acting Master.
W. A. Burr,	S. Warden.
T. F. Gause,	J. Warden.
Jno. Christian,	Treasurer.
W. D. Smith,	Secretary.
D. McMillan,	S. Deacon.
J. H. Milmore,	J. Deacon.
John Banks,	Tyler.
S. Teller,	Inner Guard.

MEMBERS:

Isaac Northrop,	A. P. Repiton,
Solomon Teller,	Jno. S. James,
A. Martin,	Asa A. Brown,
S. N. Cannon,	Geo. F. Harrison,
E. V. Kelly,	Thos. H. Howey,
H. M. Bishop,	R. B. Wood,
J. R. Kemp,	J. T. Morris,
Thos. W. Brown,	Seth King,
Jno. D. Powers,	J. A. Bizzell,
W. A. Walker,	Jacob Lyon,
Owen Fennell,	Thos. Marshall,
S. D. Wallace,	Miles Costin,
R. G. Rankin,	Thos. Cowan,
John A. Taylor,	W. W. Harris,
Geo. S. Gillispie,	N. Drey,

Thos. D. Meares,

Jas. T. Miller,

Jno. McAustan,

M. D. Redd,

P. W. Fanning,

Isaac B. Smith,

Jno. T. Russ,

T. Burr, Jr.

B. G. Bates,

John Walker,

A. J. King,

M. V. Jones,

W. W. Foy,

Admitted 2, Initiated 5, Passed 5, Raised 5, Withdrawn 5, Died 1, Suspended none, Expelled none, Rejected 1.

Returns of Masons within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, not members of any Lodge.

Chas. B. Morris, R. Baxter, Geo. R. French, Chas. Henry, Saml. Potter, Thos. Loring, ——— Weeks, J. L. Scherewuld, Alex. McRae, Seth Hoard, Jno. D. Jones, E. W. Clark, Jno. Maxwell, Owen Holmes, L. H. Mars-teller, E. P. Hall, Jas. F. McKee, R. S. McCumbe, Robt. Maxwell, J. A. Sinters, W. J. Price, A. A. Wanet, D. Sherwood, J. S. Corbett, C. D. Ellis, W. N. Peden, J. D. Moore, W. McLaurin, H. James, M. D. Mott, Jno. Hattaway, L. F. Peck, A. J. Mott.

PHOENIX LODGE, No. 8, FAYETTEVILLE.

OFFICERS:

Jos. Arey,

J. A. McRae,

J. H. Toomer,

Wm. Warden,

A. M. Campbell,

Wm. Mitchell,

P. Daily,

J. B. Walton,

W. M.

S. Warden.

J. Warden.

Treasurer.

Secretary.

S. Deacon.

J. Deacon.

Tyler.

MEMBERS:

John McRae,

G. A. Schwazman,

J. A. McLauchlin,
 W. Draughon,
 J. A. Rowland,
 A. McKenzie,
 Jacob Sneedheimer,
 E. L. Winslow,
 A. S. McNeill,
 Jas. Dodd,

J. Blake,
 J. B. Phreeslett,
 C. E. McIver,
 Wm. M. Hartman,
 C. R. Jones,
 Ed. McPherson,
 S. G. Smith.

I have only sent the names of contributing members.

AMERICAN GEORGE. No. 17, MURFREESBORO',

OFFICERS:

*S. Polkinhorn,
 *R. H. Worthington,
 *L. M. Cowper,
 *Ely Carter,
 *F. M. Capehart,
 *Saml. Darden,
 *Alexander Britt,
 *Alfred W. Moore,

W. Master.
 S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 Treasurer.
 Secretary.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Tyler.

MEMBERS:

*Samuel Moore,
 Benjamin Beal
 *Pleasant Jordan,
 John Williams,
 James Early,
 James L. Grimes,
 Joseph T. Liles,
 *William Boon,
 Joseph G. Cowper,
 *A. Vinson,
 *Elisha D. Britt,
 John Ramsey,

*Cordwell Vann,
 *Kenneth Rayner,
 *George W. Peete,
 *James Maget,
 *Giles W. Joyner,
 *James C. Wright,
 *William T. Bynum,
 *Richard H. Shields,
 *Robert S. Parker,
 *Jethro R. Darden,
 Alfred W. Darden,
 William Darden,

James Spires,

James C. Jenkins,

*Lawrence Ely,

David L. McGhlon.

Admitted 0, Initiated 1, Passed 2, Raised 6. Withdrawn
5, Died 1, Suspended 0, Expelled 0, Rejected 0.

N. B. All the names marked thus * are considered by
this Lodge as regular members making 24 in all.

PHALANX LODGE, No. 31, CHARLOTTE.

OFFICERS:

Thomas Trotter,
Thomas Harris,
Joshua Trotter,
Wm. Hunter,
J. W. Hampton,
H. C. Owens,
C. Overman,
A. Bethune,

W. Master.
S. Warden.
J. Warden.
S. Deacon.
J. Deacon.
Treasurer.
Secretary.
Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Thomas Trotter,
J. H. Wheeler,
Thomas Morris,
F. M. Ross,
H. C. Owens,
W. W. Elms,
Wm. Hunter,
N. W. Alexander,
Wm. Davidson,
Alex. Springs,
Joshua Trotter,
Chas. Overman,
Alex. Bathune,

Robert Stewart.
Robert Knox,
D. Hearne,
J. W. Hampton,
S. N. Weddington,
Alex. Tonama,
James Brian,
C. C. Mason,
John H. Grier,
John M. Patts,
Danl. Colman,
R. A. Ross,
R. S. Young,

Wm. Knox,
 Hon. John Knox,
 Adam Scyler,
 James W. Osborn,
 R. H. Brawley,
 John K. Harrison,
 Hon. Alex. Graham,
 Hon. M. A. McKebbon,
 Hon. Wm. Crook,

G. C. Catley,
 D. Asbury,
 R. G. M. Lane,
 James H. Harris,
 G. W. Houston,
 Chas. E. Spratt,
 John Booth,
 Henry Winklor.

Passed 1, Raised 4, Withdrawn 9, Dead 1, (C. E. Mass.)
 Rejected 2, Expelled 1, Daniel M. Walker.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 40, RALEIGH.

OFFICERS:

William G. Hill,
 Wesley Hollister,
 Joseph T. Hunter,
 William J. Clarke,
 William T. Bain,
 Joseph Waltering,
 C. W. D. Hutchings,
 Rich'd. W. Ashton,

W. Master.
 S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 Treasurer.
 Secretary.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Daniel B. Griffin,
 W. J. Lougee,
 T. R. Fentress,
 Silas Burns,
 W. N. Shauck,
 James Edwards,
 W. W. Johnson,
 William H. Hood,
 George W. Scarborough,

L. W. Peck,
 W. J. Ramsay,
 W. F. Collins,
 Edward Yarbrough,
 Theo. Patridge,
 P. F. Pescud,
 James D. Royster,
 Robert W. Seawell,
 John R. Harrison,

Thompson White,
 Francis H. Reeder,
 Henry W. Miller,
 Horace P. Tucker,
 J. M. Lovejoy,
 James T. Marriott,
 W. S. Langdon,

O. A. Buck,
 Samuel M. Whitaker,
 J. R. Whitaker,
 Stinson Ivey,
 Wesley Whitaker,
 Albert Johnson.

Initiated 11, Passed 11, Raised 11, Withdrawn 5, Died 1.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 58, TARBOROUGH.

OFFICERS:

William S. Baker,
 Lewis C. Pender,
 James Mehegan,
 Lewis Bond,
 Solomon Pender, Jr.

W. Master.
 S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 Treasurer.
 Secretary.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Steward.
 Tyler.

William Pender,

MEMBERS:

J. L. Horn,
 William D. Mercer,
 Kenneth Thigpen,
 Benjamin Batts,
 Charles Mabry,
 A. K. Barlow,
 William Biggs,
 John Knight,
 Britain Howell,
 Solo. Pender, sen.

Henry Foxhall,
 Noah Legget,
 Elisha Cromwell,
 Daniel Parish,
 Jesse M. Hursey,
 S. B. Staton,
 T. W. Ward,
 William D. Thorn,
 William Harrell,
 J. M. Wever,

F. D. Little, Nathan Matthewson,
 Robert H. Pender, Thos. Oberry,
 Robert Staton,
 Admitted 0, Initiated 3, Passed 2, Raised 2, Withdrawn
 4, Died 1, Expelled 1, Rejected 0.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 59, PLYMOUTH.

OFFICERS:

Joseph Ramsey,	W. Master.
Elijah H. Willis,	S. Warden.
Thomas E. Pender,	J. Warden.
Thomas B. Nicholls,	Treasurer.
Franklin F. Fagan,	Secretary.
Lemuel Douglass,	S. Deacon.
Willoughby Ballance,	J. Deacon.
Samuel T. Gaylord,	S. Steward.
John H. Walker,	J. Steward.
John McC. Boyle,	Inner Guard.
Isaac Kelly,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Joseph Ramsey,	Lemuel T. Gaylord,
E. H. Willis,	John H. Walker,
Thomas E. Pender,	Isaac Kelly,
Thomas B. Nicholls,	Hardy Hardison,
John McC. Boyle,	Joseph B. Griffin,
Lemuel Douglass,	Franklin F. Fagan,
Willoughby Ballance,	
Admitted 1, Initiated 3, Passed 3, Raised 3, Withdrawn	
4, Died 5, Suspended 0, Expelled 0, Rejected 1.	
<i>A return of Masons under the jurisdiction of this Lodge,</i>	
<i>not members of said Lodge.</i>	
Alfred Winchel, Samuel Hardison, Thomas S. Armistead,	

Julian Picot, James W. Bell, John Cornell, John C. Pettijohn, Joseph C. Norcom, Edmund Blount, Wm. L. Chesson, Jesse G. Griffin, Rev. Mr. Shepperd.

EAGLE LODGE, No. 71, HILLSBOROUGH.

OFFICERS:

John Berry,	W. Master.
George Laws,	S. Warden.
James M. Palmer,	J. Warden.
Wm. H. Brown,	Treasurer.
C. L. Cooley,	Secretary.
Daniel D. Phillips,	S. Deacon.
James S. Watson,	J. Deacon.
Robert F. Pleasants,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

William Nelson,	Wm. H. Brown,
Dennis Heart,	James S. Watson,
John Berry,	John Dooley,
John Dooley,	Pride Jones,
Robert F. Pleasants,	James Parks,
C. L. Cooley,	John Culbreth,
H. K. Nash,	Henry R. Boshamer,
George Laws,	Charles J. Warren,
D. D. Phillips,	Edwin A. Heartt,
James M. Palmer,	William C. Christmas,
Andrew C. Murdock,	John Cameron,
John J. Freeland,	Wagstaf Meynard,
Joseph Allison,	James K. Lea.
Initiated 2, Passed and Raised, 2, Died 1, Withdrawn 1	

GREENSBORO, LODGE, No. 76, GUILFORD.

OFFICERS:

William Gott,	W. Master.
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Joab Hiatt,
 L. Swain,
 S. Rainey,
 R. Mitchell,
 W. J. McConnel.
 J. M. Lognn,
 W. P. Moring,
 H. J. Warren,

S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Secretary.
 Treasurer.
 Steward.
 Tyler.

MEMBERS:

David Scott,
 J. H. Lindsay,
 M. Jordan,
 Peter Adams,
 J. Church,
 S. G. Coffin,
 M. Hedgecock,
 Boaz Adams,
 J. B. Kingsberry,
 H. T. Weatherly,
 Jno. Hiatt,
 Jas. Dossey,
 N. G. Brannock,
 D. McKnight,

Jno. S. Dare,
 R. Caffey,
 H. Armfield,
 R. J. Sapp,
 J. B. Balsley,
 J. W. Howlett,
 Rev. S. S. Bryant,
 J. N. Millis,
 M. Riley,
 Nathan Hiatt,
 W. G. Lee,
 J. A. Hansson,
 S. W. Westbrook,
 J. Patterson.

Admitted 0, Initiated 3, Passed 3, Raised 4, With-
 drawn 9, Expelled 1, Suspended none.

 CHARITY LODGE, No. 78, WINDSOR.

OFFICERS:

Solomon Cherry, W. Master.
 Kader Biggs, S. Warden.
 George W. McGlawhon, J. Warden.

E. Wilson,
West Mizells,
John S. Shepard,
Thomas W. Reddick,
Burrell B. Russell,

S. Deacon.
J. Deacon.
Secretary.
Treasurer.
Tyler and Steward.

MEMBERS:

Solomon Cherry,
Kader Biggs,
George W. McGlawhon,
E. Wilson,
West Mizells,
John S. Shepperd,
Thos. W. Reddick,
Burrell B. Russell,
James Thompson,
Thomas Henry,
West Leary,
R. Pierce,
Preston Perry,
Edward C. Outlaw,

Richard P. Freeman,
Augustus Holley,
Thomas H. Spellar,
Miles Bagley,
John Chamblee,
James H. Cherry,
James Allen,
Augustus White,
Alfred Eason,
John L. Webb,
William P. Gurley,
Joseph J. Rascoe,
Joseph R. Bird.

Admitted 1, Initiated 3, Passed 4, Raised 1, Withdrawn
2, Suspended 10, Died 2.

*List of Transient Masons within the jurisdiction of this
Lodge.*

William H. Capehart, Jacob Perry, John R. Gilliam,
Joseph Smith, Charles W. Jacocks, Z. Simmons, Thomas
Redditt, James R. Rayner, John O. Askew.

UNIVERSITY LODGE, No. 80, CHAPEL HILL.

OFFICERS:

J. B. McDade,

W. Master.

M. R. Sugg,	S. Warden.
R. H. Lee,	J. Warden.
J. Gerst,	Treasurer.
J. B. Tinney,	Secretary.
S. Lisberger,	S. Warden.
W. B. Vanderford,	J. Warden.

FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 84, SMITHFIELD.

OFFICERS:

Joel Joyner, Jr.	W. Master.
Wm. H. Morning,	S. Warden.
B. B. Allen,	J. Warden.
Wm. R. Lee,	Secretary.
Nathan Williams,	Treasurer.
Walter R. Moore,	S. Deacon.
Jesse Hinnant,	J. Deacon.
Duncan McPherson,	Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Dr. Thomas L. Vincent,	John S. Cogdell,
John F. Sanders,	Ransom Lee,
Wm. B. Sanders,	William Thornton,
David B. Adams.	Grey W. Thomas,
Joseph J. Adams,	Needham B. Stevens,*
E. S. Jones,*	Aaron Martin,*

Initiated 3, Withdrawn 2, Rejected 1.

*Initiated.

MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 85, NASHVILLE.

OFFICERS:

John H. Drake, jr.	Master.
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Wm. H. Smith,
 Theo. H. Scott,
 B. H. Blount,
 Wm. H. Terrell,
 Thos. J. A. Cooper,
 Henry H. Bryant,
 Isaac Iseman, }
 Willis Warren, }
 B. H. Sorsby,

S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 Treasurer.
 Secretary.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Stuarts.
 Tyler.

MEMBERS:

James N. Mann,
 Jno. H. Drade, Sr.
 T. P. Westray,
 Isaac Sessums,
 H. H. Sorsby,
 Bouling Melton,
 Wm. W. Bryant,
 James Sullivent,
 Duncan Floyd,
 Eli Manning,
 Jno. J. Bunn,
 W. W. Parker,
 Alsey J. Taylor,
 B. D. Mann,
 Jno. W. Bryant,
 O. K. Norton,
 James W. Lancaster,
 Ellen Mecum,
 N. J. Pitman,
 Arthur Freeman,
 Joel Rosser,
 Jon. W. Calhoun,
 W. E. Spicer,
 George R. Bell,
 Jno. E. Lindsey,

Thos. P. Weeks,
 Henderson Lee,
 B. T. Strickland.
 Jno. H. Biggett,
 James O. Thrift,
 Jno. H. Harrison,
 Calvin J. Parker,
 E. G. Armstrong,
 Thos T. Bain,
 Jno. J. Taylor,
 Wm. F. Bailey,
 Robert C. Hilliard,
 Wm. W. Boddie,
 J. J. Q. Taylor,
 C. C. Gordon,
 J. B. Culpepper,
 B. F. Knight,
 Jesse Beal,
 Thos. W. Wright,
 E. C. Lewis,
 Nicholas C. Harrison,
 Jno. W. Mitchell,
 Wm. T. Arrington,
 D. A. T. Ricks,
 Joseph A. Drake,

Richmond Upchurch,
 Willis Barbee,
 Alsel Vick.
 Moses Manning,
 Admitted 2, Initiated 7, Passed 7, Raised 6, Withdrawn
 2, Rejected 2.

SKEWARKEY LODGE, No. 90, WILLIAMSTON.

OFFICERS:

Lawrence Cherry,	W. Master.	(dead.)
H. B. Smithwick,	S. Warden.	
Bryant Bennett,	J. Warden.	
A. S. Mooring,	Secretary.	
P. P. Clements,	Treasurer.	
Jesse Martin,	S. Deacon.	
A. West,	J. Deacon.	
Thos. R. Coffield, }	Stuarts.	
J. G. Caraway, }		
S. A. Whitley,	Tyler.	

MEMBERS:

William Alsobrooks,	William J. Ellison,
Bryant Bennett,	F. J. Harrell,
Thomas R. Coffield,	George Hobbe,
Lorton Cooper,	Samuel T. Johnson,
P. P. Clements,	Jesse Martin,
James A. Daniel,	G. L. Moore,
C. C. Hines,	William Slade,
Theophilus C. Hyman,	H. B. Short,
William T. Hyman,	John P. Turner,
James Mizell,	Joseph Waldo,
A. S. Mooring,	W. McWeashersby,
H. B. Smithwick,	L. S. Yates,

A. Alsobrooks.
 Turner E. Parnhill,
 A. H. Coffield,
 Joseph G. Caraway,
 L. L. Clements,

Josshua E. Smithwick,
 Samuel C. Whitley,
 Amasa West,
 Wm. K. A. Williams:

Admitted 13, Initiated 10, Passed 10, Raised, 10, Rejected 4, Withdrawn 4, Died 1.

Returns of Masons within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, not members of any Lodge.

N. B. Marcener, Job Harrell, John Hyman, A. S. Cotton, Simon T. Everett, William Powell, M. B. Ballard, G. G. Andrews, S. R. Spruil, Needham Hyman, James Burnett, S. S. Shepard, S. M. Smithwick, S. J. Latham, William W. Andrews, S. B. Powell, John Everett, Joshua Taylor, Joseph J. Williams, E. Hyman, A. Hyman, George Cobb, Joel Ward.

JOSEPH WARREN LODGE, No. 92, STANTONSB'G.

OFFICERS:

Edward G. Speight,
 Stephenton Page,
 James W. Barnes,
 John G. Williams,
 John Wilkinson,
 Joshua Wilkinson,
 Hardy F. Barnes,
 David Jordan,

W. Master.
 S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 Secretary.
 Treasurer.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Wright Edmonson,
 Lewis J. Dortch,
 Jacob Daniel,

Jacob H. Barnes,
 Josiah Jordan,
 John Pitt,

John W. Farmer,	David W. Barnes,
Isaac B. Farmer,	Jonathan Page,
Benj. E. Farmer,	David P. Shallington,
Theophilus Simms,	William Tunnel,
Amos Hays,	James J. Taylor,
Martain Sauls,	Henry Pope,
Benjamin White,	Heirington Daniel,
John Coalman	Briant Little,
William Barnes,	William Pope,

Initiated 5, Passed 5, Raised 5, Deaths 2, Expelled 0,
Rejected 4, Admitted 0.

ST. JOHNS LODGE, 96, KINGSTON.

OFFICERS:

David Jones,	W. Master.
George T. Lovic,	S. Warden.
James McClenny,	J. Warden.
Alexander Wilson,	Treasurer.
Jesse Jackson,	Secretary.
William B. West,	S. Deacon.
John Jackson,	J. Deacon.
William L. Rowe,	Tyler.
Warren Kilpatrick,	Stewards.
Thomas Waters,	

MEMBERS:

Federick J. Cox,	William L. Rowe,
Warren Kilpatrick,	William B. West,
David Jones,	John Davis, Sr.
Benj. C. Williams,	Alexander Wilson,
James McClenny,	Jesse Cobb,
Richard Kennedy,	H. W. Blount,
Joshua Herring,	Thomas Masters, sr.

J. Jackson,
 Leonidas L. Coleman,
 James M. Spence,
 Richard B. Taylor,
 Jesse Jackson,
 Allen Davis,

George T. Lovick,
 Zadoc Einstein,
 Amos Harvey,
 William H. Phillips,
 Adam Davis,
 Joseph G. Herring.

Admitted 2, Initiated 2, Passed 2, Raised 2, Withdrawn
 4, Died 1, Suspended 0, Expelled 0, Rejected 0.

*A return of Masons under the jurisdiction of this Lodge,
 not members of said Lodge.*

James E. Mitts, Pinckney Hardee, Nicholas Hunter,
 Thomas Shoodley, Henry T. Bond, John B. Clarke, Lou-
 is Herring, William H. Croom, Louis C. Dismond, Wil-
 liam Lovick, George P. Kincey, John L. Taylor, John P.
 Dunn.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 98, CLINTON,

OFFICERS:

A. B. Chesnutt,
 O. M. Chesnutt,
 Fleet Cooper,
 Everet Peterson,
 A. M. Blackburn,
 Jas. M. Mosely,
 John E. Beaman,
 Isaiah Thompson,

W. M.
 S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Secretary.
 Treasurer.
 Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Francis Pugh,
 Hardy Herring,
 Ollen Williamson,
 James Armstrong,

Amos Herring,
 Wm. E. Pugh,
 Wm. J. Parker,
 Stephen Senter,

William H. Smith,
 Thomas Underwood,
 Ivy Lee,
 Love A. Tatom,
 Thos. L. Pugh,
 John C. Chesnut,
 Jas. A. Bizzell,
 Sion Killett,

Hardy E. Royal,
 Wm. C. Butter,
 H. Hollingsworth,
 O. H. Johnson,
 Jas. A. Moore,
 N. Stevens,
 John Robinson,
 J. T. Molten.

Admitted 1, Initiated 6, Passed 6, Raised 6, Withdrawn 3.

COLUMBUS LODGE, No. 102, PITTSBOROUGH.

OFFICERS:

William Stedman,
 John A. Hanks,
 William A. Nash,
 Paschal McCoy,
 S. L. Riddle,
 A. A. Marshal,
 William McClenahan,
 R. McIntosh, }
 Wm. Hatchcock, }
 George W. Hite,

Master.
 S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 Treasurer.
 Secretary.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Stewards.
 Tyler.

MEMBERS:

W. P. Taylor, (Honorary,)
 Reuben C. Poe,
 John Neal,
 Spence McClenahan,
 A. A. Marshall,
 John A. Hanks,
 Martin Hanks,
 Thomas J. Utley,
 Asa B. Gunter,
 William Foshee,

Will. S. Gunter,
 Will. Stedman,
 W. W. Stedman,
 Charles S. Fooshee,
 Lucian Burnett,
 Will. M. Denny,
 James F. Joller,
 George R. Hurndon,
 J. B. Hurndon,
 Pashcal McCoy,

James Taylor,
 John Terry,
 Jona. Haralson.
 Chesley Council,
 Ruffin Davis,
 William A. Nash,
 Sidney S. Hamlet,
 Asa Murray,
 Joseph Goodwin,
 H. H. Burke,
 William McClenahan,
 Richard Webster,
 Joseph Thompson,

Thomas Marks,
 William Hatchcock,
 George W. Hite,
 John J. Jackson,
 R. McIntosh,
 Will. Closs,
 A. T. Pounds,
 Abner Holton,
 Thos. Norwood,
 John W. Hatch,
 S. L. Riddle,
 Thos. E. Gloss.

Admitted 1, Initiated 7, Passed 7, Raised 7, Withdrawn
 0, Died 0, Suspended 0, Expelled 0, Rejected 1.

ORR LODGE, No. 104, WASHINGTON.

OFFICERS:

John S. Hawks,
 Caleb E. Raney,
 J. D. Elwelt,
 Thos. Shaw,
 Henry Hodges,
 Harvey Sawyer,
 J. A. Freeman,
 G. E. Buckman,

W. Master.
 S. Warden,
 J. Warden,
 Secretary.
 Treasurer.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Paul Cornell,
 Rich'd. Cogdell,
 D. H. Latham,
 Jas. H. Williams,
 Jerch. Abbott,

Edward Hoell,
 Wm. McWilliams,
 David H. Dill,
 Wm. A. Lanear,
 James C. Hall,

Wm. Ellison,
 Wm. L. Kenneday,
 B. M. Selby, Jr.
 Francis J. Day,
 Jn. Wm. Fulford,
 Charles G. Buckman,
 Briggs Langley,
 Henry Allen,
 Thos. D. Smaw,
 Banister Midyett,
 Joseph E. Blount,
 John G. Whitaker,
 Thomas Rispass,

Joseph W. Gaskill,
 E. R. Willis,
 Gilbert Floyd,
 George N. Gregory,
 James W. Satchwell,
 James T. McSwain,
 John W. Williams,
 James W. Redding,
 David Tolson,
 Isaac W. Davis,
 William Allen,
 William Creighton,
 Thomas Smallwood.

Admitted 1, Initiated 8, Passed 5, Raised 4, Withdrawn
 1, Deaths 0, Suspensions 0, Expulsions 0, Rejections 0.

BELMONT LODGE, No. 108, DUPLIN COUNTY.

OFFICERS:

D. B. Newton,
 J. F. Rhodes,
 A. R. Hicks,
 K. Millard,
 H. A. Bizzell,
 Daniel Bowdin,
 L. R. Loftin,
 Rev. G. W. Wallace,
 J. B. Wright,

W. Master and Steward,
 S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 Treasurer.
 Secretary.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Chaplain.
 Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Col. J. K. Hill,
 A. R. Hicks,
 Col. J. F. Rhodes,
 A. J. Hurst,

G. L. Kornegay,
 L. Wright,
 Willis Southerland,
 Dr. H. W. Faison,

Robt. J. Hunter,
 Joshua N. Loftin,
 C. O. Hurst,
 Wm. Vernon,
 Stephen Howard,
 Wm. Farrier,
 Joel Loftin,
 Jno. W. Hall,
 J. H. Judge,
 Francis O. Watson,

Daniel Glisson,
 N. J. Farrier,
 Henry Swinson,
 Willis Williamson,
 Charles Bradley,
 Ezekiel Rogers,
 A. P. Hightower,
 B. C. Bowdin,
 P. Forehand,
 H. B. Hurst.

Admitted 1, Initiated 14, Passed 14, Raised 12, Rejected 2, Withdrawn 6, Died 0, Expelled 0, Suspended 0.

Returns of Masons within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, not members of any Lodge.

H. A. Bizzell, Marshall Kornegay, C. J. Oates, F. B. Millard, M. C. Blount, R. J. Hines, Alfred Pollock, O. L. Phillgaw, Charles Rosendale.

FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 109, BEAUFORT.

OFFICERS:

Isaac Ramsey,
 Ralph Howland,
 Elijah W. Pigott,
 William J. Piver,
 George Lane,
 William J. Potter,
 Henry Waters,
 Samuel L. Dill,
 James T. White,
 Joel H. Davis,
 James M. Noe,

W. Master.
 S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 Treasurer.
 Secretary.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 S. Steward.
 J. Steward.
 Inner Guard.
 Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Zachariah Farrow,

Robert H. Sabiston,

Solomon H. Walker,	Gayer Chadwick,
Thomas P. Ricaud,	Barclay D. Borden,
Jno. C. Manson, Jr.	John Rumley,

Initiated 2, Passed 2, Raised 2, Withdrawn 1.

List of Transient Masons within the jurisdiction of this Lodge.

Jechonias Pigott, Elijah Whitehurst, Jno. C. Manson, Sr.
James W. Hunt, Gibbons Bell, Thomas Marshall, William
P. Marshall, Isaac Hellen, P. D. Stuart, Benj. Ellis, James
Stewart, Wallace D. Shyron, Anson Harker, Anson Gaskill,
Otway Burns, Shegars Bryant, Isaac W. Davis.

ROYAL WHITE HART LODGE, No. 2, HALIFAX.

OFFICERS:

Charles N. Webb,	W. Master.
Levi Bryan,	S. Warden.
A. V. Russel,	J. Warden.
Wm. W. Daniel, Jr.	Secretary.
F. S. Marshall,	Treasurer.
Wm. L. Long.	S. Deacon.
S. Sherman,	J. Deacon.
Theophilus Cooper,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

George W. Gary,	Wm. Doyle,
F. S. Marshall,	S. Sherman,
Thomas R. Neville,	Alfred Mabry,
Augustus H. Neville,	C. N. Webb,
Jas. S. Pearson,	A. V. Russell,
James Simmons,	Henry Aaron,
Major A. Wilcox,	James H. Walker,
William L. Long,	Charles Alston,

Robert C. Bond,	Thomas Pritchett,
N. L. B. Stith,	William W. Daniel, jr.
Wm. H. Pope,	James J. Vaughan,
George W. Owens,	James V. Allen,
Wm. D. Carstarpen,	Andrew J. Johnston,
Thos. G. Lowe,	John Campbell,
Daniel Ecbeck,	Rich'd. Carpenter,
John W. Heptinstall,	James S. Snow,
A. P. Alsobrook,	Levi Bryant,
Blake Pittman,	William H. Fellory,
John D. Weeks,	Hubbard A. Sledge,
John M. Branch,	Henry Underhill,
Henry Harris,	Thaddeus Davis,
John D. Minga,	James W. Faucett,
William G. Pride,	Wm. H. Underhill,
J. J. Anderson,	James R. Wilkes,
John T. Pope,	James L. Simmons,
John T. Aaron,	H. J. Capell,
Henry Joyner,	Daniel Nichols,
James W. Alston,	W. H. Pettway,
Thomas P. Alston,	Andrew Joyner.
Wm. W. Brickell,	

Initiated 6, Passed 3, Raised 1, Deaths 1, Expelled 0,
Rejected 0, Admitted 0, Withdrawn 1.

ZION LODGE, No. 81, TRENTON.

OFFICERS:

R. Barnes,	W. Master.
James W. Howard,	S. Warden.
Abner Green,	J. Warden.
William Huggins,	Treasurer.
Amos J. Koonce,	Secretary.

John Merrit,
James G. Stanly,
Benjamin Huggins,

S. Deacon.
J. Deacon, P. T.
Tyler.

MEMBERS:

James W. Howard,	J. B. Reynolds,
Abner Green,	James G. Stanly,
Roscoe Barnes,	Emanuel Harget,
William Huggins,	John Merrit.
Benjamin Huggins,	John Shackelford.

Admitted 0, Initiated 2, Passed 2, Raised 2, Withdrawn
0, Died 1, Suspended 0, Expelled 0, Rejected 0.

UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 54, EDENTON.

OFFICERS:

Alex. Chesire,
Jno. Thompson,
Henry E. Roscoe,
Henry A. Williams,
Thos. W. Hudgings,
Thos. J. Hathaway,
James R. Lemmett,
M. Strouse,

W. Master.
S. Warden.
J. Warden.
Secretary.
Treasurer.
S. Deacon.
J. Deacan.
Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Thos. G. Haughton,	Chas. W. Mixson,
Soloman Caffee,	Thos. Cochraine, Jr.
Wm. R. Skinner,	Robt. R. Felton,
Asa Ainsley,	Benj. A. Hines,
Thos. M. Carter,	John Boothe.

Admitted 4, Initiated 4, Passed 4, Raised 3, Withdrawn
1. Died 0, Expelled 0, Rejected 2.

PERQUIMONS LODGE, No. 106, HERTFORD.

OFFICERS:

Willis H. Bagley,	W. Master.
Jos. M. Cox,	S. Warden.
Nathan Bagley,	J. Warden.
Exum Stokes,	Secretary.
Malachi J. Berry,	Treasurer.
Jos. G. Granberry,	S. Deacon.
Thomas R. Simpson,	J. Deacon.
Mark D. Hathaway,	Tyler.
William Nixon, }	Stewards.
Miltoro Hudgins, }	
Josiah H. White,	Inner Guard.

MEMBERS:

Francis Nixon,	Matthew O. Jordan,
Thos. S. Jacocks,	Albert R. Elliott,
James Gatling,	Edward C. Blount,
Timothy Billups,	Dr. James A. Harrel,
Jas. C. Skinner,	Dr. N. C. Skinner,
James W. Hathaway,	Wilson Reed.
Micajah S. Bunch,	

Admitted 1, Initiated 4, Passed 5, Raised 6, Rejected 3,
Died 0, Suspended 0, Withdrawn 2, Expelled 0.

*Brethren residing within the jurisdiction of this Lodge,
not members of any Lodge.*

Jonathan H. Jacocks, Charles M. Ford, James V. Reed,
N. Winslow, Dr. William Mitchell, Dr. John N. Butt.

WENTWORTH LODGE, No. 111, ROCKINGHAM.

OFFICERS:

Ph. W. Archer,	W. Master.
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Hardy Felts.	S. Warden.
Jno. T. Duke,	J. Warden.
Alfred W. Ellington,	Treasurer.
A. T. M. Woollen,	Secretary.
J. G. Wright,	S. Deacon.
W. Hancock,	J. Deacon.
Nichs. Felts,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Valentine Allen,	Booker T. Lillard,
Thompson Brown,	Levin Miner,
Wm. Daniel,	Wm. Patterson,
Rich'd. Ellington,	Newman F. Read,
Wm. M. Ellington,	Hamilton Scales,
John Forrest,	A. C. Whittemore,
Daniel E. Guerrant,	David A. Widdows,
Bird J. Hall,	Joseph D. Wilson,
Reuben J. Johnston,	James Curry, M. D.
Gilbert A. Lowe,	Samuel A. Dalton,
J. T. York,	Joseph Holderby,
——— Brodnax, M. D.	

Initiated 26, Passed 24, Raised 22, Admitted 3, Withdrawn 1.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 3, NEWBERN.

OFFICERS:

James Hayward,	W. Master.
Matthew A. Outten,	S. Warden.
Alonzo T. Jerkins,	J. Warden.
Truman Stowe,	Treasurer.
Henry D. Machen,	Secretary.
John Harvey,	S. Deacon.
Luther R. Clark,	J. Deacon.
Lovic Jones,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

William G. Hall,	Francis R. Vincent,
Francis J. Prentiss,	George E. Carraway,

William S. Webb,
 Thomas Carney,
 George Cooper,
 Thomas Sparrow,
 John A. Brookfield,
 John S. Hunter,
 Joseph S. Fowler,
 William B. Perkins,
 Jonathan Wood,
 Edward W. Montfort,
 Emanuel M. Certain,
 Jesse G. Mumford,
 James M. Williams,
 Bryan Jones,
 John D. Frion,

George W. Howard,
 Oliver S. Dewey,
 David S. Willis,
 Henry P. Whitehurst,
 William M. Herritage,
 Thomas G. S. Ellis,
 George W. Willis,
 Benjamin J. Perkins,
 John N. Benners,
 Stillman W. Mildrum,
 Rev. Jacob Utley,
 Edward R. Stanly,
 Joseph Carter,
 Samuel W. Chadwick,
 William H. Handcock.

Original members 8, Admitted 14, Initiated 18, Passed 17, Raised 15, Bejected 3.

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 56, JACKSON.

OFFICERS:

William Barrow,
 James R. Barkley,
 William B. Turner,
 John B. Odom,
 Richard T. Allen,
 Nathan J. Crocket,
 Hezekiah Lassiter,
 John T. Wheeler,
 James W. Newsom,
 Madison Dupree,

W. Master.
 S. Warden.
 J. Warden.
 S. Deacon.
 J. Deacon.
 Treasurer.
 Secretary.
 Tyler.

Stewards.

MEMBERS:

Samuel Calvert,
 George R. Reese,
 Thomas Hughes,
 Britton Sikes,
 Wm. H. Woodroughf,
 Wm. C. Fox,
 Samuel B. Spruill,
 L. S. Cole,
 Wm. D. Davis,
 Oliver P. Copeland,
 John W. Foster,
 Wm. H. Clark, Sr.

Benoni Park,
 Jesse Flythe,
 James Martin,
 George R. Jourdan,
 Benj. D. Harriss,
 Richard W. Taylor,
 Robert Burnes,
 Henry T. Deloatch,
 Thos. W. Drewrey,
 Wm. J. Deakins,
 L. W. Matthews,
 Joseph G. Barkley,

James S. Flythe, John W. Shellton.
Initiated 5, Passed 6, Raised 6, Withdrawn 1.

*Returns of Masons within the jurisdiction of this Lodge,
not members of any Lodge.*

Cyprian Cross, E. J. Peebles, John Summerwell, Thos.
V. Roberts, Simeon Wood, Jas. M. S. Rodgers, Henry
H. Johnson, Lemuel Bowden, Jeremiah P. Johnson.

WAKE FOREST LODGE, No. 97, WAKE FOREST.

OFFICERS:

William H. Mead,	W. Master.
Robert E. Harris,	S. Warden.
James W. Fort,	J. Warden.
Reddick Hunter,	Treasurer.
James B. Dunn,	Secretary.
John W. Justice,	S. Deacon.
Boling Dunn,	J. Deacon.
Jeremiah Dunn,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Peterson Dunn,	James A. Hicks,
Willie D. Jones,	Thomas C. Robertson,
James G. Jeffreys,	Joseph D. Powell,
Richard Ligon,	Robert N. Jeffreys,
John M. Flemming	Rev. Wm. T. Brooks,
James M. Terrell,	Rev. George W. Purify,
James Redford,	Rev. Thomas J. Lemay,
Thomas J. Terrell,	Willis S. Thompson,
D. S. Crenshaw,	John R. Cooper,
John H. Bell,	Alston A. Jones,
Elias Ligon,	John L. Little,
Wm. R. Harris,	Josiah R. Jeffreys,
Henry Seawell,	

Admitted 0, Initiated 9, Passed 8, Raised 5, Withdrawn
4, Died 0, Suspended 0, Expelled 4.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT YORK MASONS,
OF NORTH CAROLINA.

[As amended at the Annual Communication—December 1846,—and submitted for the adoption of the subordinate Lodges.]

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ARTICLE I,

Section 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Deacons, and the Masters & Wardens for the time being, of the several Lodges within this State, or Representative or Representatives, specially appointed by the Lodge for that purpose, who shall be considered as their proxy or proxies, and the Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, that is to say, Past Grand Masters; Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurers and Grand Secretaries, and the said enumerated officers and persons shall be the only members and voters of the Grand Lodge. The Master and Wardens of every Lodge are the Representatives thereof in the Grand Lodge, or their proxy or proxies, or the Representative or Representatives constituted as aforesaid.

Section 2. In all cases where special Representatives shall not be appointed by any subordinate Lodge, and the Master and Wardens of any Lodge cannot personally attend the Grand Lodge, they shall have the privilege of constituting a proxy; and such proxy shall be a Master Mason, and a member of some Lodge under this jurisdic-

tion; and he or they shall be entitled to the same number of votes as his or their constituent or constituents.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. A Grand Master shall be annually chosen, to wit—at the annual communication; and no person shall fill the office more than three years successively, unless by a unanimous vote.

Section 2. In the election of Grand Master a ballot at large shall be taken, (every voter writing the name of the candidate he thinks best qualified) and the brother who has two thirds of the votes present shall be declared Grand Master elect, and installed in due form according to ancient usage.

Section 3. In cases of sickness or necessary absence, the Grand Master, or any other Grand Officer, may be installed by proxy; but whoever represents them must have sustained the office to which such absent officer is to be installed, or such office as might have entitled him to fill the chair in the absence of the Grand Master.

Section 4. The Grand Master shall appoint and commission his Deputy and the Grand Lecturers, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and he shall appoint and declare the Grand Chaplains, Grand Deacons, the Grand Steward, the Grand Marshal, the Grand Pursuivant, Grand Tyler and Grand Sword Bearer: which appointments shall be entered on the minutes of the Grand Lodge: and in case any other office shall become vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Grand Master, for the time, shall fill such vacaney by his nomination.

Section 5. The Grand Master shall, when present, indispensably fill the chair—in his absence the Deputy Grand Master—in the absence of both, the Senior Grand Warden—in the absence of these, the Junior Grand Warden—and in the case of the absence of all these Officers, the eldest Grand Officer in the Lodge is to fill the chair.

And, that the Grand Lodge may always appear in due form, the presiding officer shall wear the Jewel of the Grand Master, and all others the Jewels of the Offices they respectively represent.

Section 6. No Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or Grand Warden, shall, during his continuance in office, be Master or Warden to, or Representative of, a particular Lodge; and no brother shall be eligible to either of the said offices who is not a Past Master.

Section 7. The Grand Master enjoys all the powers and prerogatives conferred by the ancient Constitutions and usages of the Craft. He has power absolutely to prohibit the introduction of any matter conflicting with the spirit of masonry, or with Grand Lodge regulations; and his decision on all questions shall be final, unless reversed by a vote of two thirds of the members present. He may convene any Lodge within his jurisdiction, preside therein (with his officers or otherwise;) inspect their proceedings, and correct all irregularities, or he may appoint a suitable Brother for that purpose. For any dereliction of duty, or other unmasonic conduct, he may suspend a Brother, whatever may be his grade, or arrest the Charter of a Lodge, until the ensuing session of the Grand Lodge, before which he shall present all the circumstances connected with the case. He may also grant dispensations on all proper occasions, and do all such other acts and deeds as are warranted or required of him by the regulations and the ancient usages of the fraternity.

Section 8. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, shall severally, at the time of their installation, make the following declaration:—"I solemnly promise, upon the honor of a Mason, that in the office of
I will, according to the best of my abilities, strictly comply with the laws and regulations of this

Grand Lodge, and other ancient Masonic usages."

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The Grand Wardens shall be chosen annually, by a majority of written votes, and must be Past Masters.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be chosen annually, by a majority of written votes.

Section 2. He must be a brother of good worldly substance, and to him shall be committed the monies belonging to the Grand Lodge. He shall always keep a fair record of his accounts and transactions, and the uses to which the monies are appropriated; and shall lay the same, when required, before the Grand Lodge, and account for the monies as may be directed.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. The Grand Secretary shall be chosen annually, by a majority of written votes.

Section 2. He must be a brother who can write a fair and legible hand, and shall keep accurate records of all the transactions of the Grand Lodge. He shall present all the votes and orders of the Grand Lodge, after they are entered, to the Grand Master, for his approbation and signature. He shall issue summonses as the Grand Master may direct; and shall give a seasonable notice in at least one public newspaper of every stated meeting of the Grand Lodge; and he shall be rewarded for his services in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.

ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. None but Master Masons, members of regular Lodges, shall be members of the Grand Lodge, or be eligible to any office or appointment therein.

Sec. 2. The Grand Lecturers shall qualify themselves for their duties, and attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge,

and exemplify the work and lectures of the several degrees, when required. They shall visit the several Lodges when required; lecture and instruct them in work, and see that they are properly regulated and conducted. For their services, they shall be suitably compensated, in such manner as the Grand Lodge may provide.

Sec. 3. The Grand Marshal shall attend to the organization of the Grand Lodge, collect petitions and communications, introduce visitors, direct the formation of processions, and execute commands of the Grand Master.

Sec. 4. The Grand Sword-Bearer and Pursuivant shall act as assistants to the Grand Marshal.

Sec. 5. The Grand Deacons shall occupy their proper stations, and each attend to his particular duty.

Sec. 6. The Grand Chaplains, when called upon, are to perform all suitable clerical duties.

Sec. 7. The Grand Steward and Tyler shall attend every call of the Grand Master, and be present at every Grand Communication; for which services a suitable compensation shall be made. He shall attend yearly in season to having the Grand Lodge room properly prepared for the reception of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. A Grand Lodge shall be held at least once in every year, and the Grand Master may call special meetings whenever he shall deem it advisable.

Section 2. In the adoption of this Constitution, and all amendments hereafter made, and in the election of officers, the votes shall be taken according to the rights of the several Lodges, and the members of the Grand Lodge—that is to say, every Lodge present by its Representatives, shall be entitled to three votes, whether represented by one or more brethren; and every member of the Grand Lodge otherwise entitled than by being a representative of a particular Lodge, shall have one vote; all matters in the

Grand Lodge, not otherwise provided for, shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present, and the brother in the chair shall have the casting vote.

Section 3. The Grand Lodge shall have power by charter under their seal in form heretofore used, to constitute new Lodges, to establish an uniform mode of working in all the Lodges within this State, and superintend and regulate the general police of Masonry; according to the ancient usages and customs of Masons, carefully regarding the old land marks, which are on no account to be removed or defaced.

Sec. 4. The Grand Lodge shall be the supreme masonic authority within the State of North Carolina, and shall claim and exercise all the original essential powers, privileges, rights and authority appertaining to the ancient craft; and shall moreover rank on an equality with all other regularly constituted Grand Lodges; and be empowered to legislate upon all matters of masonic government; and make all necessary regulations for its own government and that of its subordinates.

ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. No new charter shall be granted but upon the petition of at least seven known and approved Master Masons; nor shall a new warrant issue to any number of Masons, residing within less than ten miles of the usual place of meeting of any regular established Lodge, unless important benefits are to be derived therefrom; and the petition shall contain the causes which render it expedient that such a charter should be granted, with the nomination of the Master and Wardens; and the petition shall be approved by some regular constituted Lodge in the vicinity of the petitioners.

ARTICLE IX.

Section 1. No amendment to this Constitution shall be

adopted by the Grand Lodge until the same, after being proposed in writing to the Grand Lodge, and thereby concurred with, shall be submitted to the consideration of all the individual Lodges and adopted by at least two-thirds of all the said Lodges.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT YORK MASONS,
OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. The annual meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Raleigh, on the first Monday of December in each and every year.

Sec. 2. The Representatives of three subordinate Lodges, with such Grand Officers and members as may be in attendance, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3. The Grand Lodge shall continue in session, until all legitimate business coming before it, shall have been disposed of, or until adjourned by the Grand Master.

Sec. 4. Immediately on the organization of the Grand Lodge, the presiding Officer shall appoint a Committee of three, to whom shall be referred the credentials of all claiming a seat; and upon a satisfactory Report, and as soon as he may deem it advisable, the Grand Master shall proceed to the appointment of the following standing Committees, each to consist of a discretionary number of members, to wit:—

1st. *A Committee on Charters and Dispensations*; to whom shall be referred all matters appertaining to the constituting or Chartering of Lodges.

2nd. *A Committee on Foreign Communications and Miscellaneous subjects*; to whom shall be referred all foreign communications, and such miscellaneous matters, as may not otherwise be specially disposed of.

3rd. *A Committee on Work, Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Lodges*; to whom shall be referred the By-Laws, Returns and Proceedings of the several Lodges, to—

gether with every other matter relating in any way to said Lodges, and which may not meet with other disposition.

4th. *A Committee on Accounts and Claims*; whose duty it shall be to examine the Grand Treasurer's accounts, and also all other accounts and claims in which the Grand Lodge may be interested, and Report the existing condition of the Grand Treasury.

5th. *A Committee of Ways and Means*; on whom shall devolve the duty of advising and recommending the most suitable method for sustaining the Grand Treasury, and of meeting the current expenses of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 5. After the Grand Master shall have presented his annual Message, he shall appoint a special committee of reference, who shall take the same in charge, and make a report, specifying the appropriate committees to whom the several subjects therein noticed shall be referred.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. All Communications and Documents must first be submitted to the inspection of the Grand Master, before they can properly come before the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2. Every Resolution or Motion submitted to the Grand Lodge, shall, if required, be reduced to writing and referred to appropriate committees.

Sec. 3. Every Member wishing to address the Grand Lodge, shall rise and respectfully address himself to the *Most Worshipful Grand Master*, confining his remarks to the subject under consideration, and avoiding personality and all gross expressions.

Sec. 4. No Member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission, nor shall he interrupt another when decorously addressing the Grand Lodge. All calls to order shall be addressed to the chair.

Sec. 5. No motion shall be debateable until seconded and stated from the chair, when it shall be considered in possession of the Grand Lodge and cannot be withdrawn, except

by the mover, previous to decision or amendment. A question, when put by the Grand Master, cannot after be debated.

Sec. 6. No motion to adjourn is admissible, that responsibility resting alone with the Grand Master, who is obligated to allow the occurrence of nothing tending to interrupt or defeat the regular course of any business legitimately coming before the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 7. On all other matters, the Rules which generally govern deliberative assemblies, shall be observed.

Sec. 8. No Member, during the session of the Grand Lodge, shall leave the Hall, or absent himself from the City, without permission of the Grand Master.

Sec. 9. No vote of the Grand Lodge shall be reconsidered by a less number of members than were present at the passing of the same.

Sec. 10. No brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge but such as are members, excepting petitioners and witnesses; Provided, that the bretheren properly entitled by their grade in Masonry, may, by permission from the chair, be admitted as visitors; in neither of which cases, shall they be admitted to vote.

Sec. 11. The first business in course, shall be the reading of the proceedings of the previous session, or the consideration and disposal of all unfinished business appearing therein.

Sec. 12. All Committees, chosen or appointed, shall report heir proceedings in writing—the first named Brother on each to be chairman; unless he waive his right to another.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. Dispensations for new Lodges may be granted upon petition to the Grand Master, or to the Dep. Grand Master, of not less than seven Worthy Master Masons, said petitioners to be known and recommended by a Lodge near their residence, accompanied by a fee of five dollars.

Sec. 2. The Grand Secretary shall always keep on hand a sufficient number of Diplomas with Grand Lodge certificates attached, for the use of the Subordinate Lodges, for which they shall pay fifty cents each copy, one half whereof shall go into the Grand Treasury, the other to the Grand Secretary for affixing seal, &c.

Sec. 3. The Grand Master shall annually appoint a Building committee, whose duty will be to take care of, and keep in repair the Grand Lodge Building, and rent such portions of it as may be authorised by the Grand Lodge.— He shall likewise effect a reasonable insurance on the Building, making annual reports, and pay over to the Grand Secretary any balance on hand, taking his receipt therefor.

Sec. 4. No monies shall be paid out of the Grand Treasury, unless authorised by the Grand Lodge and approved by the Grand Master.

Sec. 5. The Grand Secretary in addition to his other duties, shall receive and receipt for all monies due the Grand Lodge, handing the amount over each day to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; and as compensation for his services he shall receive a salary of seventy five dollars; in addition to which, he shall be entitled to one dollar for engrossing a Dispensation or Charter and affixing seal, and one dollar for every certificate or other document requiring a seal. Diplomas, and papers required by the Grand Master are excepted.

Sec. 6. Appeals brought up to the Grand Lodge will not be considered, unless the same be in writing, accompanied with all necessary papers, proceedings and proofs, when consistent, to enable the formation of a correct decision. When the matter is thus properly presented, it shall be referred to a special committee. All grievances shall be disposed of in the same manner. In any extreme case, however, it will be competent for the Grand Lodge to deviate from the above rule.

Sec. 7. Whenever any property, funds, furniture &c., shall become forfeited to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall

have power, at his discretion, to sell, lease or rent the same, or to loan to a Lodge any part thereof until the ensuing session of the Grand Lodge; or he may restore such property on the revival of a Lodge.

Sec. 8. The Subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction shall be divided into districts, corresponding with the judicial districts of the State; and the Grand Master has authority, whenever he may deem it advisable or upon request, to appoint a special Grand Lecturer for each or any of said districts.

Sec. 9. The Grand Secretary shall preserve all the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, that may come to hand, and have the same bound each year together, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 10. Itinerant or moveable Lodges cannot be sanctioned or allowed.

Sec. 11. In publishing the yearly returns of Lodges, the names of *rejected* persons shall be withheld.

Sec. 12. Representatives to the Grand Lodge must bear with them certificates of appointment, under the seal of the Lodge they represent, attested by the Secretary; and all credentials must be handed to the Grand Secretary, together with all fees or dues.

Sec. 13. Every dispensation granted must be returned to the Grand Lodge at its ensuing session, together with a copy of the Bye-laws of the new Lodge, an attested transcript of its proceedings, a list of officers and members, and a fee of ten dollars, for which a charter shall be issued, if so directed by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The price, chargeable by the Subordinate Lodges for the three Degrees of Masonry, shall not be less than twenty dollars, and must indispensably be enclosed in the petition—no part of which shall be returned to the candidate, unless on refusal of a Lodge to confer all or any one of the Degrees.

Sec. 2. Any Mason so reckless of his duty as to lend his influence, or give a certificate or recommendation to enable an individual, in defiance of expressed disapprobation or known regulation of a Lodge, to thrust himself into their society, may be suspended or expelled by the injured Lodge, or other competent tribunal, the proper usages in such cases to be observed.

Sec. 3. No Lodge can proceed to work, until the Master be regularly installed, either by the Grand Master in person, or by some Past Master duly authorised.

Sec. 4. All regular Lodges under this jurisdiction, with not less than seven members, have the right to convene as free and accepted Masons, receive petitions, confer the degrees of entered apprentices, fellow craft and master mason, admit members, and assess fees therefor; to choose officers annually, exact quarterage, establish a charity fund, frame and adopt Bye-Laws, and act upon all other matters of masonic concernment not inconsistent with their charters, the Laws of the Grand Lodge, or the ancient usages of the craft.

Sec. 5. Every Lodge shall hold regular monthly meetings, which can only be suspended, and then temporarily, on great emergency. The annual meetings for election of officers and for adjusting the affairs of the Lodge generally, shall be held within a month prior to the festival of St. John the Evangelist. No election for Master or Wardens can take place at any other meeting, except by dispensation, nor then unless all of said offices become vacated by death or otherwise; and no brother can refuse an office which he has not before filled, except by consent, or be permitted to resign until his successor be duly qualified.

Sec. 6. Every Lodge which shall cease to meet for twelve months, or neglect to make returns and forward dues to the Grand Lodge for two successive terms, shall forfeit its charter; and no such charter shall be restored except on application by the Master, Wardens or seven members, ac-

accompanied by satisfactory explanations, to be approved by the Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master during recess.

Sec. 7. No Lodge can suspend its Bye-Laws, or allow a petition to be withdrawn, after the day of its presentation, without first obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master.

Sec. 8. No business can be transacted at an extra meeting other than that for which it was called, nor can such meeting receive petitions, ballot, or engage in any other business affecting the general interests of the craft. The presence of Grand officers warrant exceptions.

Sec. 9. The Master only has power to convene his Lodge; or, in his absence, the Wardens by seniority—All meetings, as a Lodge, otherwise convened, together with the proceedings therein, unless sustained by dispensation, shall be considered clandestine, and subject all so improperly concerned to the severest penalties.

Sec. 10. No petition shall be acted upon unless the whole amount of fees for the three degrees be enclosed; and every petition shall be submitted to a committee of inquiry and lie over at least one month, unless in cases of pressing emergency, which shall not be considered to exist, unless the candidate is about to journey abroad; neither shall more than one degree be conferred on the same day, except as above provided, unless due proficiency be attained in each advancing step, to be manifested in open Lodge. An excess of five candidates shall not be received on the same day.

Sec. 11. On balloting for a candidate, one black ball shall reject without a question—except that a second ballot may be demanded to be satisfied of no mistake. Should the brother, however, voting in the negative, see proper to state his objections, the Lodge may then determine upon their validity and admit the candidate, if, upon another ballot, the same result appears.

Sec. 12. No Lodge shall act upon the petition of an applicant for the degrees, whose residence is nearer some other

Lodge, unless by written sanctions of such Lodge, or of the Grand Lodge of the State from which he hails.

Sec. 13. A petition, once rejected, shall not again be acted upon within the space of one year.

Sec. 14. No business shall be transacted in any other than a Master's Lodge, excepting only such as pertains especially to the work and lectures of the E. A. or F. C. degrees.

Sec. 15. Every Lodge has the power to arraign its members, or any other Mason within its jurisdiction, on a charge of immoral or unmasonic conduct; and after due investigation, may proceed to pass such lawful sentence as the aggravation of the case shall warrant—provided that, in case of suspension or expulsion, a transcript of the whole proceedings be laid before the ensuing Grand Lodge, to be confirmed or reversed.

Sec. 16. Whenever charges are preferred against a brother, he shall be notified or cited, through the Post Office or otherwise, at least ten days before the day of trial, and be furnished with a copy, under the Secretary's hand, of the charges and specifications. Should he fail to attend, the trial may proceed ex-parte. Any evidence, allowable in a court, may be taken on honor; and every facility shall be allowed the accuser for his defence. When the case is closed, the sense of the Lodge shall be taken through the ballot box—If guilty, the penalty shall be determined in like manner, requiring a vote of two thirds present to suspend or expel—from which an appeal may be taken to the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 17. Every Lodge under this jurisdiction shall make regular annual returns to the Grand Lodge, containing a list of the officers and members; a list of those initiated, passed, raised and admitted; of deaths, withdrawals, suspensions, expulsions and rejections; of the number of children under charge for tuition; and of all resident Masons not members,

to be certified by the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge. Each Lodge shall likewise transmit with its returns, such annual dues or fees, as the Grand Lodge may at any time assess.

Sec. 18. In conferring the degrees, the lectures appertaining thereto shall indispensably be delivered; and it shall be considered irregular, in the opening or closing a Lodge, to waive any portion of the ceremonies.

Sec. 19. In case of the suspension or demise of any Lodge, the charter, furniture, jewels, funds and property shall be delivered to such person as may be authorized by the Grand Master to receive the same—the withholding or other disposal of such effects will subject the parties concerned to the severest penalties.

Sec. 20. None but Master Masons of good standing, against whom no other Lodge has claims, can be admitted to membership in any Lodge.

Sec. 21. In order to insure a uniformity of work and lectures in all the Lodges, they shall suffer no other system to be introduced but such as may be taught or authorised by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 22. The regalia worn in Lodge shall be such only as may be recognised therein—that worn on public occasions, white aprons with suitable devices, trimmed with blue, and blue collars for the officers, trimmed with white, having appended thereto the appropriate jewels—in funeral processions, the clothing shall be white aprons and gloves, the officers wearing in addition their jewels.

Sec. 23. It is the duty of the Master of every Lodge, on the decease of a member, or sojourning brother, to ascertain if masonic honors would be agreeable, and take measures accordingly.

Sec. 24. For each visit after the first, every resident mason, not a member of some Lodge, shall be required to pay

a fee of not less than one dollar.

Sec. 25. No Mason can be a member of more than one Lodge, within the State, at one and the same time.

Sec. 26. Every Lodge shall appoint a committee of enquiry on each petition for initiation; and also a committee of reference, to consist of at least three judicious persons, who shall patiently and impartially consider and pass upon all such matters of controversy or dispute, unfortunately arising at any time among the brothers, as may be submitted for their decision—Should either party be dissatisfied with the judgment, an appeal may be made to the Lodge.

Sec. 27. A Lodge cannot be opened unless the dispensation or charter be present—which are considered to be under the special charge of the Master.

Sec. 28. The decision of the Master of a Lodge cannot be reversed, neither can a Lodge try its Master—but any three members, after giving due notice may, in case of a wilful neglect of duty on his part, or for gross unmasonic conduct, prefer charges against him before the Grand Lodge, whose action shall be abided; or, the Grand Master, during recess, has power to suspend.

Sec. 29. A brother, whose expulsion may have been confirmed by the Grand Lodge, can only be restored by that body, or by the unanimous vote of the Lodge by which he was suspended. Restoration by the Grand Lodge does not extend to membership.

Sec. 30. The introduction or use of intoxicating drink is prohibited to every Lodge, regardless of the occasion.

Sec. 31. Every Lodge shall hold sacred all initiation fees for charitable or educational purposes—unless the necessity should present requiring their use in providing suitable accommodations, or for providing essential fixtures.

Sec. 32. Every applicant for initiation, must be born of free white parents; and no individual, physically so deformed as to disable him from honestly acquiring the means of

subsistence, or who may be incapacitated to become an useful member, shall be initiated in any Lodge.

Sec. 33. The ceremonies may be arrested at any time previous to the conferring of either degree, should a member so insist and show satisfactory cause therefor.

Sec. 34. None of the provisions in any of the above sections can be deviated from, except by dispensation from the Grand Master.

Sec. 35. Whenever a Lodge shall suspend or expel a Brother, notice of the same shall be immediately transmitted to the other Lodges in the State and to the Grand Secretary. The charges and proceedings in the case shall indispensably be sent up to the ensuing Grand Lodge for final action.

Sec. 36. Every Lodge should provide for its own welfare and the harmony of its Members—for which reason it is fully competent for them, in drafting Bye-Laws, to incorporate therein any regulation by which a refractory or obnoxious member may be removed.

Sec. 37. No Lodge can rightfully suspend or expel a Mason for a disregard of any special regulations conditioned upon membership—such as non-payment of arrears, non-attendance, or transgressions of minor consideration, the severest penalty for which shall be dismembership. Disclosures to others than Masons, of transactions within a Lodge of serious importance, will of course be considered as exceptions, and may be dealt with in severity commensurate with the magnitude of the offence.

Sec. 38. A becoming solemnity shall be observed during the introduction or advancement of a candidate, and no unsanctioned ceremony shall, under any consideration, be permitted.

Sec. 39. The utmost decorum should be observed in every Lodge; and no infringement of the established usages regarding respect and behaviour should, under any pretence, be countenanced or allowed.

Sec. 40. Expulsion from a higher degree of Masonry, shall not necessarily affect the standing or relations of a Brother in ancient craft or Blue Masonry. A Blue Lodge can only, in courtesy, recognise the action of another body claiming an independent or superior grade.

Sec. 41. To avoid reproach, no Lodge shall extend its labors beyond the hour of ten at night; except on extreme emergencies.

Sec. 42. It is desirable that Brethren visiting a Lodge should produce a Grand Lodge certificate—but it shall not be considered indispensable, and for reasons readily appreciated.

Sec. 43. No alteration or amendment of these By-Laws shall be made, unless by a vote of two thirds of all the members present at any Grand Communication, when the same shall be proposed.

