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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

NORTH CAROLINA

AT ITS

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

In Wilmington, N. C., on Monday the Sixth day of June,

A. L. 5859, A. I. 2389, A. D. 1859.



WILMINGTON, N. C.....HERALD OFFICE.

1859.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina.

To

H. P. of

CHAPTER No.

You are hereby ordered to cause the Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to be read in your Chapter within two months after receipt.

E. F. WATSON, *G. H. P.*

Attest

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

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 THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

BEGUN AND HELD IN THE HALL OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1, IN WILMINGTON,  
 N. C., ON MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, A. L. 5859, A. I. 2389, A. D. 1859.



P R E S E N T .

- M. E. E. F. WATSON, D. G. H. P. . . . . G. H. P., *Presiding.*  
 E. P. W. FANNING, P. G. H. P. . . . . G. K. *pro tem.*  
 E. L. R. LOFTIN . . . . . G. S. " "  
 ALEX. MURDOCH . . . . . G. C. H. " "  
 CALVIN COX, . . . . . G. P. S. " "  
 M. CRONLY . . . . . G. R. A. C. " "  
 M. NEWHOFF . . . . . G. M. 3d V. " "  
 H. GRIMES . . . . . G. M. 2d V. " "  
 BENJ. F. COBB . . . . . G. M. 1st V. " "  
 THOS. B. CARR . . . . . G. Secretary.  
 THOS. W. BROWN . . . . . G. Treasurer.  
 E. TURLINGTON . . . . . G. Tyler.

O. L. Fillyaw, A. Martin, P. G. H. P., Alfred Smith, S. E. Milburn, John Z. Coblens, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia, Pa., Joseph B. Russell, John J. Whitehead.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

Comp. A. G. Mackey, M. D. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, was introduced by Comp. Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P., and received with the usual honors.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committee :

*On Credentials*—Comp'ns P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., Thos. W. Brown, and Calvin Cox.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

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TUESDAY MORNING, June 7, 1859.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T .

M. E. E. F. WATSON, D. G. H. P.....	G. H. P.	<i>pro tem.</i>
E. P. W. FANNING, P. G. H. P.....	G. K.	"
E. L. R. LOFTIN.....	G. S.	"
ALEX'R MURDOCH.....	G. C. H.	"
CALVIN COX.....	G. P. S.	"
S. E. MILBURN.....	G. R. A. C.	"
GEORGE LAUDER.....	G. M. 3d V.	"
H. GRIMES.....	G. M. 2d V.	"
BENJ. F. COBB.....	G. M. 1st V.	"
THOS. B. CARR.....	G. Secretary.	
THOS. W. BROWN.....	G. Treasurer.	
E. TURLINGTON.....	G. Tyler.	

A. Martin, P. G. H. P., M. S. McRae, H. C. Lucas, W. K. Blake, Jas. H. Strum, A. G. Mackey, G. H. P. Grand Chapter S. C., M. Cronly, Jno. W. Hinson.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have performed the duty required of them, and find the following Companions entitled to seats as representatives :

GOLDSBORO CHAPTER,	No. 29, L. R. Loftin, proxy for H. P. and K.
SALISBURY,	No. 20, Alexander Murdoch, H. P.
UNION CHAPTER,	No. 17, Benj. F. Cobb, H. P.
MONTGOMERY,	No. 23, M. S. McRae, proxy for H. P. K. and S.
OXFORD,	No. 8, Jas. H. Strum, proxy for H. P.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING,  
T. W. BROWN,

*Committee.*

On motion of Comp. Fanning, it was

*Resolved,* That the reading of the minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, each member being furnished with a copy.

The M. E. appointed the following Committees :

*On Unfinished Business*—Comps. Benj. F. Cobb, S. E. Milburn, and L. R. Loftin.

*On Charters and Dispensations*—Comps. Calvin Cox, Jas. H. Strum, and O. L. Fillyaw.

*On Returns and Proceedings*—S. W. Neal, Alexr. Murdoch, and M. S. McRae.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which was read by the Grand Secretary, and on motion, was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes :

TO THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA,—

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence for the year 1858-59, beg leave to report, that they have received from the Grand Secretary the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters :

Vermont, held.....	12 August, 1858.
Michigan, “ .....	11 January, 1858.
Missouri, “ .....	19 May, 1858.
Texas, “ .....	22 June, 1858.
California, “ .....	6 May, 1858.
Alabama, “ .....	7 Decem'r, 1858.
Ohio, “ .....	15 October, 1858.
Virginia, “ .....	10 Decem'r, 1858.
Wisconsin, “ .....	2 Febr'y, 1859.
Massachusetts, held from September, 1856, to.....	Septem., 1858.
New York, held.....	2 Febr'y, 1858.
Illinois, “ .....	1 October, 1858.
Maine, “ .....	3 May, 1858.
Kentucky, “ .....	11 October, 1858.
Rhode Island, held from June, 1855, to.....	June, 1858.
Connecticut, held.. .....	11 May, 1858.
Indiana, held.....	19 May, 1858.
Georgia, “ .....	28 April, 1858.
Louisiana, “ .....	15 Febr'y, 1859.
Maryland and District of Columbia, held .....	8 Novem., 1858.
Canada, held January, 1857, to.....	Febr'y, 1859.
Minnesota, held.....	13 October, 1858.

Also a small volume presented by the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, and entitled, “The Book of the Chapter,” of which our excellent Companion Mackey is the author.

Arrangements for a protracted absence will entirely prevent the proper discharge of the duties assigned to the chairman of your Committee; and he cannot, in justice to himself and the voluminous proceedings before him, attempt a full review of the interesting matter therein contained. And this absence, extending beyond your next Convocation, will deprive him of the great pleasure he has always experienced in this annual interchange of fraternal greetings; and he looks forward with no pleasure to the prospect of his first absence from the Grand Chapter since its organization. This must be the apology for a brief report; and he must request the forgiveness of those of our sister Grand Chapters, whose proceedings are merely acknowledged.

The proceedings noted above have been perused, and we are once more pleased to observe the general prosperity of the Royal Arch Craft. There are but two elements tending to disturb our harmony, or tending to retard our progress to the very summit of prosperity; and these are, first, the too rapid increase in numbers,—as to numerical strength, there is sufficient to gratify the most visionary,—but as to moral strength, there is a voice of complaint; but we are cheered by the attention that is now awakened to this important subject; and the voice of exhortation and warning now heard is touching the true chord; and if its vibrations are heeded, we shall no longer hear this voice of complaint, shall soon cease to find recorded “that there is nothing in the condition of our chapters to cheer the zealous lover of our order—no satisfaction in the present, no hope for the future.” May our subordinates take warning, and in all applications

for exaltation, applying faithfully the moral square, only present such work as may be wanted for the building of the Temple !

The second and greatest disturbing element, is the General Grand Chapter ; and did time or inclination permit us to undertake an extended review of the proceedings before us, we would again be necessarily compelled to devote our attention to that Grand Body, for she has claimed the larger share of attention from our sister Grand Chapters. Its powers for good or evil, its utility, its failure, its conservatism or want of conservatism, finds advocates on either side, ready and able to enter the field of discussion, and give prominence to its merits or demerits. The best claim for its merits arises from its intention to do good ; but our sympathies are with its opponents ; for, from the direct interference of the M. E. G. H. P. with the sovereignty of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, in declaring a subordinate Chapter, established by her within the limits of her own jurisdiction, an irregular Masonic body, and its again organizing a chapter within the jurisdiction of another Grand Chapter, we can forcibly see its great power for evil, its want of conservatism ; while its intention to do good in 1859, 1862, or some future time, affords no guaranty of its due performance.

While we cannot approve of the entire language of our Worthy Most Excellent of Michigan, in contending for the rights of his jurisdiction (and he has permitted his zeal to overcome the discreet use of words), yet we admire him and his Grand Chapter for their firm maintenance of a principle we would be the last to yield.

This institution, created somewhere about the end of the last, or beginning of the present century, then beautifully small, has grown into large and overbearing proportions, and bids fair to become a point of discord in exciting bitter feelings ; and as our Companions of Louisiana appear to be the most unamiable of all, we must solicit the pardon of our sister Grand Chapters, if we give them a more extended notice in this our brief report. Not content with the use of harsh expressions in her previous report, she now reiterates and attempts justification of them. In this she must consult her own taste. In discussing Masonic matters, we cannot, nor will not, reply to attacks of having " jaundiced visions," of being " slanderous," or expressions of kindred character. The dignity of the Grand Chapter we represent, forbids it ; and we design noticing only those points, where she flies in the face of history and facts. Had she been an observant reader of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, or our Grand Chapters, the mistakes and misrepresentations made by her, would not have found place in her records. Her assertions are not arguments ; in fact, her whole reply to North Carolina, appear to be but blows struck without reason or judgment ; and in her appeals to history, she is unfortunate.

We are perfectly aware as to who compose the General Grand Chapter ; and while we regret, as all good Masons should, that any remarks we have conscientiously made, should be construed into censure upon any one it is a deeper source of regret, that our Companions of Louisiana should have found it necessary to assume so great a share to themselves. We intended only to speak of facts as they existed, and disclaimed any intention of casting censure upon individuals. Let us appeal to facts. Who pronounced the work established in 1850 as contrary to, and subversive of, the ancient landmarks ? The vote, as recorded in the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, exhibits one Grand officer and

eleven Grand Chapters, casting thirty-eight votes in favor of the report against the work, while it was sustained by four General Grand officers and eleven Grand Chapters, casting forty-two votes. This work, pronounced by so many bright Masons as subversive of ancient landmarks, was retained, not by the "four first officers of the Grand Chapters," but by the deciding votes of the General Grand officers. If, then, in speaking of this attempt to force this work upon the craft, sustained as we were by so respectable a minority, can be construed into censure, we can only plead guilty and ask pardon.

We were not aware, in penning our report of last year, that we were making assertions "contrary to truth;" and are still unconvinced, though open to conviction. We have given offense by stating that the General Grand Chapter was of *recent* formation. Is this not so? Appeal to history, and there you will find that it is scarce fifty years since this organization was inflicted upon the Grand Chapters of the United States. This, to our Companions of Louisiana, may appear *ancient*; but to us it looks like the work of modern times; and this may account for our different views as to its recent formation.

Again, they assert that the writer must have known that the General Grand Chapter *refused* to say that it was the creature of the State Grand Chapters. We are not in the habit of making mere assertions in our Masonic reports. We appealed, and again appeal, to the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, 1856, page 37, line 34, where, in language so plain that any misunderstanding is impossible, will be found recorded, as the sentiments of the General Grand Body, this resolution:

*Resolved*, That the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter derives all its powers, by grant and delegation, from the respective Grand Royal Arch Chapters.

And with this staring them in the face, they assert that the General Grand Chapter refuses to acknowledge itself as the creature of Grand Chapters; but even as they wrote, a faint glimmer of the truth flashed with irresistible force across the writer, and the assertion was closed with an "even if it said so," it would be absurd in the "face of history," to "pretend that it was so." It is worse than folly to attempt to reply to arguments founded upon the assumption that the General Grand Chapter did not know from whence it derived its powers.

Let us again deprecate that our Companions of Louisiana have, as they plainly assert, made the report to our Grand Chapter personal. This was farthest from our thoughts; and as long as we are governed by the teachings of Masonry, we feel incapable of personalities. Nor can we make whatever we choose to conceive a personal attack, an excuse to speak bitter things; but will ever remember, that words softly spoken will overturn vials of wrath; and we shall prefer to make those appeals, so well known to Masons, which, touching the heart, do not embitter the head. And in conclusion, we must say to our worthy Companions of Louisiana, that we are ignorant of any charge in the Entered Apprentice, or any other degree in Masonry, justifying a Masonic body in commenting upon any political subject agitating the profane, or in applying harsh language to Companions differing in opinion. As for ourselves, we notice it more to give place to our feelings of pain, than with a view of recrimination or retaliation.

From the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, we have

another report from the pen of our distinguished companion B. B. French, breathing a more masonic spirit than characterizes our Louisiana Companions, and presenting plausible, if not strengthly views against the action of North Carolina and Kentucky. His history of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina as extracted from the minutes of the Genl. Grand Chapter, contains any thing but evidence of the fostering care of that institution; and to this history we refer our Companions of Louisiana for evidence of our indebtedness (??) to that August Body for our existence as Royal Arch Masons. We cheerfully extend credit to Comp. French for his zeal in masonry, nor do we conceive he ever willingly and knowingly entertains an unmasonic idea; but to err is human, and without intending we often give vent to expressions conveying ideas bearing different constructions from our intention; and in his selection of the "Code Military," as a figure of speech to bear upon our case he was unfortunate; equally unfortunate is he in the selection of a figure to represent our want of reflection, for to North Carolina the withdrawal of our Grand Chapter was no new thing, and had been agitated for years. And when Comp. French can inform us as to the *time* the Grand Chapter of North Carolina was "formed under the auspices and by the consent of the Genl. Grand Chapter" we shall cheerfully defend the "sort of spirit" inducing us to dissolve connection. We are observant of the doings and sayings of our sister Grand Chapters, for their opinions we have, and shall entertain the greatest respect; but time, the great discoverer of all things, will bring to light the correctness or incorrectness of our deliberately formed judgment; so far it has convinced us that we are correct, and every year's discussion establishes it.

The report of the Maryland Committee on proposed amendments to the Genl. Grand Constitution, and the very report upon which we are now commenting, and particularly that portion of it relating to the appendant degrees, will carry conviction to the mind of every candid and unprejudiced enquirer. Companion French, the great expounder of masonry, has completely thrown a "cooling shower-bath," to use his own words, upon the boasted independence of Grand Chapters, and in one fell swoop has demolished Genl. Grand Chapters and State Grand Chapters and has proved that Royal Arch Masonry in its original position is the property of and under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges. We do not design to notice the question, thus raised. When Grand Lodges claim this as their right, the time will then have arisen for a full and free discussion. We only advocate the independence of Grand Chapters, as at present existing. They are now the "head and front" of Royal Arch Masonry in their respective jurisdictions, and without their consent no subordinate can come into being. This is in strict analogy with masonic usage, in strict accordance with established rights, and we must demand for them a sovereign independence. Notwithstanding shower-baths administered by a skillful hand, Grand Chapters do and ever will exist, without authority, knowledge, or consent of the Genl. Grand Chapter.

The Genl. Grand Chapter has everything to fear from the zeal of its friends, in claiming for it and its grand officers powers not universally acknowledged, and which they are aware cannot be enforced. They treat it as if it was a just and legally constituted masonic body, forgetting that it is a mere voluntary association, a mere convention, of masons, existing solely by sufferance.

One or two Grand Chapters rather sneeringly expect to see great things from North Carolina, now that she has assumed an independent position. We hope that,

they will not be disappointed; but we shall pursue the even tenor of our way, deaf alike to unwarranted censure or uncourteous remarks. We shall ever remember that King Solomon's Temple was built without the sound of "hammer, axe, or tool of iron;" but noiselessly and steadily towered into magnificent proportions; and we must endeavor to be guided by the wisdom of our illustrious founder, and place reliance on the Supreme Grand High Priest for good results to flow from our works.

The following resolutions by the Grand Chapter of Ohio, were introduced, and passed by a large affirmative vote by chapters.

*Resolved*, That the delegates from the Grand Chapter to the next session of the Genl. Grand Chapter be, and they are hereby, instructed to use their utmost influence to secure a peaceable, orderly, and early dissolution of said Genl. Grand Chapter."

*Resolved*, That should our delegates fail in securing the dissolution of said Genl. Grand Chapter, they then, unless circumstances should in their opinion render it inexpedient, respectfully ask it to relinquish whatever allegiance it may claim from the body, and its consent that the Grand Chapter may resume an entirely independent position, free from all claims of allegiance to said Genl. Grand Chapter."

Sundry decisions made by the Grand High Priest of Ohio were confirmed by the Grand Chapter for the government of Subordinate Chapters, are conspicuously printed, and are in the opinion of your committee correct in principle; and with slight modifications created by our By-Laws, they are usage with us.

From the Grand Chapter of Canada, we have proceedings dating from the convention called 19th January, 1857, to its second annual convocation in February, 1859. At our last annual session it will be recollected a circular was presented from our companions in Canada, advising us of the formation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for that province, setting forth their reasons, requesting a friendly recognition. As we understood, the Chapters then meeting in convention, held warrants or charters from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, and she in turn derived her powers from the Grand Lodge of England; and we delayed extending the hand of fellowship, until we could be in possession of information affording us some assurance that we, by our recognition, were not encouraging "insubordination or resistance" to the legal authority of a foreign jurisdiction. We now learn that the Grand Lodge of England has virtually relinquished her claims by the formal acknowledgment of the independence of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and she not claiming jurisdiction over the Royal Arch and the appendant degrees, we see no reason for withholding masonic fellowship; and we recommend that this Grand Chapter extend to her a cordial recognition, and welcome her into the ranks of independent Grand Chapters, with a true fraternal greeting. In so doing we would be acting in unison with the Grand Chapters of Ireland, and with the Grand Chapters of our sister States of Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Kentucky, and others.

We apologized at the outset for the meagerness of our report; but we are solaced by the hope, that its brevity will be esteemed its choicest merit; for reports of committees of correspondence are now assuming such ponderous shape that it has become almost a hopeless task to read, much less review them. We regret

that our minds did not turn to the more agreeable points presenting themselves on every side; for in the addresses of the respective Grand High Priests, in reports of the committees on foreign correspondence, and in special reports, are to be found many bright thoughts eloquently expressed, much ability and learning, tending to ennoble and enlighten the Craft.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. RANKIN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Work, not having been called together by their chairman, were not prepared to report.

On motion of Comp. Murdoch, it was

*Resolved*, That Companions Martin and Neal be requested to commence the exemplification of the work this evening at 8 o'clock, and that our Most Excellent Companion Mackey be requested to assist them.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 3 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY EVENING, June 7, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present*—Officers and members as this morning; Comp. T. M. Gardner, J. B. Russell, J. W. Hinson.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following additional report, which was accepted.

The Committee on Credentials ask leave to present an additional report, No. 2.

The following Companions are regularly certified, viz.:

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1.	O. L. Fillyaw, K.	
	Thos. B. Carr, S.	
PHENIX, No. 2.	Wm. K. Blake,	} Proxies for H. P. and S.
	Geo. Lander,	
	H. C. Lucas, Proxy for K.	
UNION, No. 17.	Jno. W. Hinson, Proxy for S.	

P. W. FANNING,  
THOS. W. BROWN,

June 7, 1859.

*Committee.*

On motion of Comp. Loftin, it was

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Committee on Binding presented the following report, which was received, and the committee continued.

Your Committee on Binding hereby respectfully reports, that he has had two volumes of Foreign Proceedings, and one volume of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, bound, which are now presented, making in all *twelve volumes* of valuable masonic matter, available at all times for information or reference.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, *Committee*.

June 7, 1859.

The Committee on Royal and Select Masters' Degrees made the following report, which, on motion of Comp. Blake, was received and made the special order for to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

At the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, the following Resolutions were referred to a Committee to be reported upon at this session, to wit:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters are a part and parcel of R. A. Masonry, and that subordinate Chapters, under our jurisdiction, are hereby authorized to confer them.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, to report, at the next Annual Convocation the proper arrangement of said Degrees."

Another resolution subsequently referred the whole subject to the committee.

The chairman, not having had an opportunity to confer with the other members associated with him, must ask indulgence while he offers but an imperfect report on his own responsibility.

It is not proposed to enter into a tedious exposition of these Degrees; for nobody pretends to know of a certainty how they, like many other similar Degrees, originated; nobody has the temerity to claim their paternity. Yet, if it be true that possession is nine points in law, then there are many who might claim very plausible ownership over them.

It is unquestionably true, as set forth in the above resolution, that the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees are, or should be, a part and parcel of R. A. Masonry; and your chairman has labored to find grounds for justifying the assumption of them by the Chapters, but, he is sorry to say, without success; and he therefore feels constrained to report adversely to the proposition set forth in the resolutions submitted, and recommends to the Grand Chapter to disclaim all control over them.

By reference to an able report on these Degrees, submitted by Comp. Martin in 1850, adverse to their appropriation, in connection with the surrender of all claim to them by most of our sister Grand Chapters, and in view of the disaffection that would be created in portions of the masonic family by the assumption of at least doubtful authority by this Grand Body, your chairman deems it prudent to offer the following resolution, to wit :

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, after due consideration, hereby disclaims for itself and subordinates any and all control over the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, *Chairman*.

June 7, 1859.

A communication was read from Concord Chapter, No. 1, inviting the Grand Chapter to participate in an excursion on Thursday next.

On motion of Comp. Murdoch, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to Concord Chapter, No. 1, and that we accept of their invitation.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report which, on motion, was received and adopted.

TO THE M. E. GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF N. C. :

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that after having examined the proceedings of the last Grand Chapter, they find the business of the last convocation has been disposed of, except that portion relating to the annual support of a Grand Lecturer, on page 31, and that relating to a representative fund, on page 35.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. F. COBB, *Chairman*.

On motion of Comp. H. C. Lucas it was

*Resolved*, That the resolution requiring each proxy to be a member of the Chapter which he represents, adopted at the last Annual Grand Communication, held on the 7th day of June, 1858, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

The M. E. D. G. H. P. presented his Annual Address, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

**MOST EXCELLENT COMPANIONS**—In compliance with the instructions given me at your last convocation, I have procured the charter granted to Cyrus Chapter the 24th June, A. D. 1826, and revived the 1st day of August, A. D. 1851; and in the absence of the Most Excellent High Priest, Peter Custis, I present it to your Grand Body.

I learned from a Companion who formerly belonged to the Chapter, that a meeting had never been held under the charter after its revision.

Having been unexpectedly called to preside over this Grand Body during its present convocation, I hope the Companions will extend to me that charity which should ever characterize the good and true Mason, and that any error I may in my decisions have committed, was an error of the head and not of the heart.

Companions, permit me to return to you my thanks for the repeated honors you have conferred upon me, and to assure you that those marks of distinction will ever be held in sacred remembrance by one, who takes this occasion to extend to each member of this Grand Body his highest regards and esteem.

E. F. WATSON, *D. G. H. P.*

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until this evening at 8 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Secy.*

TUESDAY EVENING, June 7th, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present*—Officers and Members as this afternoon.

*Visitors*—M. Newhoff, J. M. Monk, M. Cronly, L. C. Turner, W. E. Freeman, J. Z. Coblens, A. G. Mackey, G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

The hour having arrived that had been set apart for the exemplification of the work, Comps. Martin and Neal, assisted by M. E. A. G. Mackey, proceeded to perform that duty, and exemplified the work in the Mark Master's Degree to the close of the first section. The work as exemplified by the committee was then adopted.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 8, 10 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T :

M. E. E. F. WATSON, D. G. H. P.....	G. H. P.,	<i>Presiding.</i>
E. P. W. FANNING, P. G. H. P.....	G. K.	<i>pro tem.</i>
E. L. R. LOFTIN.....	G. S.	"
ALEX. MURDOCH.....	G. C. H.	"
CALVIN COX.....	G. P. S.	"
S. E. MILBURN.....	G. R. A. C.	"
GEORGE LAUDER.....	G. M. 3d V.	"
H. GRIMES.....	G. M. 2d V.	"
BENJ. F. COBB.....	G. M. 1st V.	"
THOS. B. CARR.....	G. Secretary.	
THOS. W. BROWN.....	G. Treasurer.	
E. TURLINGTON.....	G. Tyler.	

A. Martin, P. G. H. P. ; A. G. Mackey, G. H. P. of Grand Chapter of South Carolina ; H. C. Lucas, James H. Strum, W. K. Blake, M. S. McRae, S. W. Neal, J. W. Hinson, O. L. Fillyaw, J. B. Russell, M. Cronly.

The time having arrived that had been set apart for the election of officers, the M. E. appointed Comps. T. W. Brown and O. L. Fillyaw tellers, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year ; which resulted as follows :

Comp. E. F. WATSON.....	G. H. P.
“ S. W. NEAL.....	D. G. H. P.
“ W. K. BLAKE.....	G. K.
“ L. R. LOFTIN.....	G. S.
“ T. W. BROWN.....	G. Treasurer.
“ THOS. B. CARR.....	G. Secretary.
“ CALVIN COX.....	G. C. H.

The M. E. made the following appointments :

R. B. VANCE.....	G. P. S.
S. E. MILBURN.....	G. R. A. C.
H. GRIMES.....	G. M. 3d V.
M. S. McRAE.....	G. M. 2d V.
B. F. COBB.....	G. M. 1st V.
E. TURLINGTON.....	G. Tyler.
J. T. WHEAT.....	G. Chaplain.

On motion of Comp. W. K. Blake, it was

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter proceed to the installation of officers immediately, and that Comp. Fanning, P. G. H. P., be requested to perform the installation service.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the installation of officers.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that they have discharged their duty, and find no business claiming their attention.

CALVIN COX,  
 JAS. H. STRUM,  
 O. L. FILLYAW,  
*Committee.*

Companions L. R. Loftin and H. Grimes requested leave of absence which was granted, and they appointed Comp. Cobb their proxy to represent them during the remainder of the present Convocation.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 3 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, June 8, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T .

M. E. E. F. WATSON.....	G. H. P.	
M. E. S. W. NEAL.....	D. G. H. P.	
E. W. K. BLAKE.....	G. K.	
E. H. C. LUCAS.....	G. S.	<i>pro tem.</i>
CALVIN COX.....	G. C. H.	
GEO. LAUDER.....	G. P. S.	<i>pro tem.</i>
S. E. MILBURN.....	G. R. A. C.	
ALEX. MURDOCH.....	G. M. 3d V.	<i>pro tem.</i>
M. S. McRAE.....	G. M. 2d V.	
B. F. COBB.....	G. M. 1st V.	
THOS. W. BROWN.....	G. Treasurer.	
THOS. B. CARR.....	G. Secretary.	
E. TURLINGTON.....	G. Tyler.	

O. L. Fillyaw, J. W. Hinson, P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.,  
A. Martin, P. G. H. P., M. Cronly, Jas. H. Strum.

The special order for this hour being the report of the Committee on the Royal and Select Master's Degrees, the report was read and on motion adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report; which, on motion, was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The Finance Committee have examined the Treasurer's and Secretary's books and find them correct and in proper form, and submit the following report of the financial condition of the Grand Chapter:

Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer, at the time of the last annual report.....	\$588 22
Interest received on R. G. Rankin's note.....	100 41
"      "      W. A. Burr's note.....	31 20
Dues received during the present convocation.....	160 75
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	\$880 58
From which he has disbursed, including appropriations.....	\$610 06
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Balance in hands of G. Treas.....	\$270 52

In addition to the above the Grand Treasurer holds the following notes:—

R. G. Rankin's note for.....	\$400 00
W. A. Burr's note for.....	520 00
I. Northrop's note, including interest due....	290 08
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	\$1,210 08

The arrearage of dues from Subordinate Chapters are as follows:—

Eureka	No. 7.....	\$20
Choraizin	" 13.....	20
Warrenton	" 9.....	80
Gaston	" 18.....	20
Montgomery	" 23.....	20
Louisburg	" 26.....	35
Mount Lebanon	" 27.....	20
Graham	" 28.....	35
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		\$250

all of which is respectfully submitted.

P. W. FANNING,	} Comm.
THOS. W. BROWN,	
A. MARTIN,	

On motion of Comp. Blake it was

*Resolved*, That the plan recommended by the Committee at the last Grand Convocation for the employment of a Grand Lecturer, be adopted.

On motion of Comp. Blake it was

*Resolved*, That the proposition in reference to a Representative Fund reported by a Committee at the last Grand Convocation, and recommended to be submitted to the subordinate Chapters, is inexpedient and impracticable.

On motion of Companion Neal it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay over to the Trustees of St. John's College on the first day of December next, one hundred dollars out of any funds remaining in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The Committee on work then resumed the exemplification of the Mark Master's degree, commencing at the second section, and exemplified the work of the remainder of the degree.

The work as exemplified by the Committee, was then adopted.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 8 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present*—Officers and members as this afternoon.

*Visitors*—J. H. Flanner, Geo. Harriss, M. Cronly, W. H. Beatty, J. M. Monk, John Z. Coblens, J. B. Russell.

The M. E. appointed the following Committees :

*On Foreign Correspondence*—P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., W. K. Blake, J. H. Strum, R. T. Hall, and W. G. Hill.

*On Finance*—A. Martin, P. G. H. P., P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., and O. L. Fillyaw.

The Committee on Work exemplified the Past Master's Degree, and on motion their work was adopted.

The Committee on Work then exemplified the Most Excellent Master's Degree, and, on motion, their work was adopted.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY EVENING, June 9, 1859, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T :

M. E. E. F. WATSON.....	G. H. P.
M. E. S. W. NEAL .....	D. G. H. P.
E. W. K. BLAKE.....	G. K.
E. O. L. FILLYAW.....	G. S. <i>pro tem.</i>
CALVIN COX.....	G. C. H.
GEORGE LAUDER.....	G. P. S. <i>pro tem.</i>
JAS. H. STRUM.....	G. R. A. C. "
H. C. LUCAS.....	G. M. 3d V. "
J. W. HINSON.....	G. M. 2d V. "
BENJ. F. COBB .....	G. M. 1st V. "
THOS. B. CARR .....	G. Secretary.
E. TURLINGTON.....	G. Tyler.

Alex. Murdoch, Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.

*Visitors*—A. G. Mackey, G. H. P. Grand Chapter of South Carolina; J. Z. Coblenz, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia, Pa.

On motion of Comp. Fillyaw, it was

*Resolved*, That forty dollars be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter, to the M. E. G. H. P. as his traveling expenses incurred in attending our present Convocation; seventy-five dollars to the Grand Secretary; thirty dollars to the Grand Treasurer, and Fifteen Dollars to the Grand Tyler.

On motion of Comp. Lauder, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the pleasant and delightful excursion enjoyed by the Companions this day.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the returns and proceedings of subordinate Chapters would beg leave to state that they have performed that duty, and would respectfully report that they have received and examined the returns of 13 Chapters, as follows: Concord, No. 1; Phœnix, No. 2; Temple, No. 6; Oxford, No. 8; Raleigh, No. 10; Lafayette, No. 11; Union, No. 17; Salisbury, No. 20; Keystone, No. 19; Montgomery, No. 23; Goldsboro', No. 29; Wadesboro', No. 31; Mount Vernon, No. 30.

The returns are for the most part in proper form, but deficient in seals, with the exception of Concord, No. 1, and Raleigh, No. 10; and while we would here reiterate the opinion of a former Committee that all subordinate Chapters ought to comply with the requisition of the Grand Chapter, we would respectfully recommend that hereafter no returns be received except they are certified under the seal of the Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. MURDOCH.

The Committee on Work made a Report on the work of the Royal Arch Degree, which was, on motion, adopted.

The following preamble and resolution offered by Comp. Martin was on motion adopted.

*Whereas*, The Committee on the Work of the Chapter have, in the discharge of the duties assigned them, examined Comp. Albert G. Mackey's Book of the Chapter, and compared its arrangement with the work recommended by them and adopted by this Grand Chapter, and find it better adapted to our system than any other of the text-books now in use, they therefore move the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the subordinate Chapters in the jurisdiction be requested to procure and use as their text-book, M. E. Comp. A. G. Mackey's Book of the Chapter.

On motion of Comp. Lucas, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the use of their Hall during the present Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. appointed Comp. S. W. Neal, Grand Lecturer.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter closed in solemn form.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

*Registry of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, from Returns received June 7th, 1859.*

CHAPTERS.	NO.	LOCATION.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	EXALTA- TIONS.	REJE- CTIONS.	WITH- DRAWALS.	DEATHS.	EXPU- SIONS.	TOTAL NO. OF MEMBERS
Concord	1	Wilmington	R. G. Rankin	J. B. Russell	0	0	1	0	0	79
Phoenix	2	Fayetteville	A. M. Campbell	W. B. Shemwell	0	0	1	1	0	33
Mount Ararat	3	Murfreesboro	F. M. Capelhart	Ely Carter	2	0	0	0	0	37
Roanoke	4	Halifax	No Returns		0	0	0	1	0	*15
Concord	5	Tawboro	Jas. Mehegan	L. C. Pender	0	0	1	1	0	32
Temple	6	Windsor	S. B. Smith	J. T. Roscoe	0	0	1	1	0	25
Eureka	7	Newbern	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*52
Oxford	8	Oxford	W. A. Philpot	T. L. Hargrove	2	0	1	0	0	30
Warrenton	9	Warrenton	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*9
Raleigh	10	Raleigh	Wm. G. Hill	T. J. Utley	0	0	0	1	1	26
Lafayette	11	Hillsboro	J. M. Wolfe	LL. K. Nash	0	0	0	0	0	29
Conoho	12	Hamilton	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*31
Chorazin	13	Greensboro	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*53
Cherokee	14	Hertford	J. M. Cox	E. Brace	2	0	2	0	0	29
Union	17	Bear Swamp P. O.	B. F. Cobb	J. G. Dickson	3	0	4	0	0	30
Gaston	18	Roxboro	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*17
Keystone	19	Plymouth	T. B. Nichols	J. Ramsey	0	0	0	0	0	28
Salisbury	20	Salisbury	A. Murdock	J. D. Ramsey	0	0	1	0	0	55
Lincoln	22	Lincolnton	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*26
Montgomery	23	Clark's Creek	C. W. Wooley	J. T. Matheson	4	0	0	2	0	37
Germantown	24	Germantown	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*41
Asheville	25	Asheville	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*24
Louisburg	26	Louisburg	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*34
Mount Lebanon	27	Wilson	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*18
Graham	28	Watsonville	No Returns		0	0	0	0	0	*27
Goldsboro	29	Goldsboro	E. W. Hines	J. B. Griswold	0	1	0	0	0	20
Mount Vernon	30	Greenville	Good Hoyt	Jas. Murray	0	0	0	0	0	23
Wadesboro	31	Wadesboro	R. T. Hall	A. C. Benton	4	0	0	1	1	34

\* Number estimated from last returns.

## FORM OF RETURNS FOR A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

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*Return of* \_\_\_\_\_ *Chapter, No.* \_\_\_\_\_ *working under*  
*the jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.*  
*Regular meeting on* \_\_\_\_\_

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 OFFICERS.
 

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MEMBERS.				MEMBERS.		

EXALTATIONS.	REJECTIONS.	WITHDRAWALS	DEATHS.	EXPULSIONS.	SUSPENSIONS.	TOTAL MEMBERS.

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 FORM OF PROXY FOR A HIGH PRIEST, KING, OR SCRIBE OF A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

*I, A. B. (High Priest, King, or Scribe) of*  
*constitute Companion C. D. my proxy, to represent me at the next Convocation of*  
*the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, to be held in*  
*Wilmington, on the* \_\_\_\_\_ *day of* \_\_\_\_\_ *, in the year A. I. 238 ,*  
*A. D. 185 .*

*Witness my hand and seal, this* \_\_\_\_\_ *day of* \_\_\_\_\_ *. A. D. 185 .*

[SEAL.]

*Dr. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA in account with THOS. W. BROWN, G. Treasurer, Cr.*

1858.					
June 11.	Appropriation G. H. P.	\$40 00	By balance to new account.	\$588 22	
" 17.	Grand Secretary's account.	82 98	By interest on Rankin's note.	100 41	
July 24.	Rankin & Martin's bill.	124 98	" interest on W. A. Burr's note.	31 20	
" "	Amount paid Wilmington Herald.	4 00	" dues Oxford Chapter, No. 8 (for 1858).	15 00	
" "	" Wm. Robinson & Co.	5 00	" " Asheville " " 25.	25 00	
" 30.	" Jno. W. Sycm, Raleigh Register.	6 25	" " Germantown " " 24.	15 00	
" "	" W. A. Walsh, Warrenton News.	1 75	" " Wadesboro " " 31.	10 00	
Aug. 2.	" Hillsboro Recorder.	1 50	" " Temple " " 6.	15 00	
" 3.	" Grand Tyler.	15 00	" " Salisbury " " 20.	10 00	
" "	" Brown & De Rossett (for Safe).	100 00	" " Goldsboro " " 29.	10 00	
" "	" E. J. Hale & Son.	3 60	" " Concord " " 1.	10 00	
Nov. 12.	" C. E. & R. Burr.	180 00	" " Raleigh " " 10.	10 00	
1859.			" " Union " " 17.	10 00	
Jan'y. 7.	" Heinsberger (for binding).	10 00	" " Oxford " " 8.	5 00	
June 15.	" Robert G. Rankin.	5 00	" " Phenix " " 2.	10 00	
	Appropriation Grand Treasurer.	30 00	" " Lafayette " " 11.	10 00	
	Amount to balance.	270 52	" " Keystone " " 19.	5 00	
			" Diploma.	75	
					\$880 58
					\$880 58

*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in Account with THOS.  
B. CARR, Grand Secretary.*

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1859.	To balance as per last account published.....	\$55 00
May 18.	1 Diploma sold to Union Chapter, No. 17.....	00 75
" 20.	Dues of Wadesboro' Chapter, " 31.....	10 00
" 23.	" Temple " 6.....	15 00
June 6.	" Salisbury " 20.....	10 00
" 6.	" Goldsboro " 29.....	10 00
" 6.	" Concord " 1.....	10 00
" 7.	" Raleigh " 10.....	10 00
" 7.	" Union " 17.....	10 00
" 7.	" Oxford " 8.....	5 00
" 7.	" Phoenix " 2.....	10 00
" 8.	" Lafayette " 11.....	10 00
" 8.	" Keystone " 19.....	5 00
		\$160 75
1859.	By Amount paid Grand Treasurer, as per receipts.....	\$160 75

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WILMINGTON, N. C., June 8, 1859.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

## A LIST OF HIGH PRIESTS

IN THE

## State of North Carolina.

M. E. James F. McRee.....	Wilmington.	M. E. Jas. Mehegan.....	Tarboro'.
" Alex. McRae, .....	"	" E. F. Watson, G. H. P.	Graham.
" P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.	"	" W. W. Daniel.....	Halifax.
" H. P. Russell.....	"	" C. N. Webb.....	"
" Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.	"	" Z. M. Paschall, P. G. K.	Oxford.
" Isaac Northrop, P. D. G. H. P.	"	" W. A. Philpott.....	"
" D. McMillan.....	"	" Wm. Burge.....	Wadesboro'.
" R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.	"	" A. P. Yancy.....	Murfreesboro'.
" A. Empie, Jun.....	"	" F. M. Capehart.....	"
" W. G. Thomas, P. G. S.	"	" P. P. Clements.....	Hamilton.
" Wm. G. Hill.....	Raleigh.	" Wm. Slade.....	"
" E. B. Freeman.....	"	" R. E. Weathersbee..	"
" John W. Crosby.....	"	" C. H. Jordan.....	Roxboro'.
" J. R. Harrison.....	"	" Jones Drumright....	"
" Jos. M. Cox.....	Hertford.	" C. W. Wooley.....	Montgomery.
" Jos. G. Granbery.....	"	" J. S. Gibson.....	"
" J. W. Alberston.....	"	" A. T. Jerkins.....	Newbern.
" E. Myers, P. D. G. H. P.	Salisbury.	" Peter Custis, P. G. H. P.	"
" D. A. Davis.....	"	" H. K. Nash.....	"
" A. H. Caldwell.....	"	" C. P. Mendenhall....	"
" A. Murdock.....	"	" Geo. Green.....	"
" Luke Blackmer.....	"	" Wm. Sloan.....	Lincolnton.
" T. B. Nicholls.....	Plymouth.	" C. J. Hammerskold..	"
" Wm. Bagley.....	"	" Jas. A. Caldwell....	"
" J. Ramsey.....	"	" Jos. K. Bird.....	Windsor.
" Jno. McC. Boyle.....	"	" Stark B. Smith.....	"
" John McRae.....	Fayetteville.	" Kater Biggs.....	"
" A. M. Campbell.....	"	" J. W. Haskins.....	"
" E. L. Winslow.....	"	" B. J. Spruill.....	"
" L. R. Loftin.....	Dupln.	" Joshua Roberts.....	Asheville.
" Thos. Wright.....	"	" James Reid.....	Louisburg.
" Jas. W. Blount.....	"	" J. S. Gibson.....	Germantown.
" B. F. Cobb.....	"	" J. B. Kingsberry....	"
" Pride Jones.....	Hillsboro'.	" L. D. Farmer.....	Wilson.
" J. M. Wolfe.....	"	" E. W. Hines.....	Goldsboro'.
" D. D. Phillips.....	"	" Goold Hoyt.....	Greenville.
" E. F. Watson.....	Graham.	" S. W. Neal.....	Wadesboro'.
" J. S. Pender.....	Tarboro'.	" R. T. Hall.....	"
" Lewis Bond.....	Tarboro'.		

The above list comprises all the High Priests, as far as can be at this time ascertained. Should there be any omission, the Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive notice, to enable him to make a complete Register.

# RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

## Grand Chapter of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. L. 1859.

### CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1.—WILMINGTON.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. Robt. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.	H. P.
E. Owen L. Fillyaw . . . . .	K.
E. T. B. Carr . . . . .	S.
Comp. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.	C. H.
“ Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P. . . . .	P. S.
“ M. Newhoff . . . . .	R. A. C.
“ L. C. Turner . . . . .	M. 3d V.
“ T. M. Gardner . . . . .	M. 2d V.
“ W. Murphy . . . . .	M. 1st V.
“ Jos. B. Russell . . . . .	Secretary.
“ Jno. A. Taylor . . . . .	Treasurer.
“ E. Turlington . . . . .	Tyler.

#### MEMBERS.

John Banks,  
J. A. Barnes,

B. G. Bates,  
D. P. Beatty,

Alex. Boon,	Alex. Lamont,
John Branton,	Thos. H. Lane,
A. A. Brown,	E. J. Lutterloh,
Thos. W. Brown,	Jacob Lyon,
James Burney,	A. Martin, P. G. H. P.
W. A. Burr,	R. Maxwell,
T. B. Carr,	W. H. McDowell,
A. B. Chestnut,	M. McInnis,
Thos. Cowan,	D. McMillan, P. H. P.
M. Cronly,	A. McRae, Jun.
Jno. C. Devane,	T. D. Meares,
A. Empie, Jun., P. H. P.	J. E. Metts,
Owen Fennell,	Jas. T. Miller,
J. H. Flanner,	J. M. Monk,
J. M. Foy,	R. Morriss,
H. W. Foy,	C. S. Murphy,
W. E. Freman,	M. Newhoff,
G. R. French,	Isaac Northrop, P. D. G. H. P.
T. M. Gardner,	Jno. Nutt,
Jno. Garwood,	J. B. Price,
T. F. Gause,	W. J. Price,
Jos. Green,	R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.
Geo. Harriss,	Jos. B. Russell,
W. W. Harriss,	Alfred Smith,
N. T. Harriss,	R. Strange,
H. Hirsh,	J. A. Taylor,
Owen Holmes,	W. G. Thomas, P. G. S.
W. C. Howard,	E. Turlington,
A. J. Howell,	L. C. Turner,
W. G. Jones,	S. D. Wallace,
D. Kahnweiler,	J. H. Wright,
D. A. Lamont,	

Exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died,

none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, seventy-nine; regular time meeting, first Monday in each month.

J. B. RUSSELL, *Secretary*.

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PHENIX CHAPTER, No. 2.—*FAYETTEVILLE*.

OFFICERS.

M. E. A. M. Campbell	.	.	.	H. P.
E. James McDaniel	.	.	.	K.
E. Joseph Arey	.	.	.	S.
Comp. Geo. Lauder	.	.	.	C. H.
" W. K. Blake	.	.	.	P. S.
" Geo. H. Makepeace	.	.	.	R. A. C.
" H. C. Lucas	.	.	.	M. 3d V.
" John Lawrence	.	.	.	M. 2d V.
" B. F. Pearce	.	.	.	M. 1st V.
" W. B. Shemwell	.	.	.	Secretary.
" Warren Prior	.	.	.	Treasurer.
" David Wemyss	.	.	.	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John McRae,	J. McD. Jessup,
E. L. Winslow,	A. N. McDonald,
Thomas J. Curtis,	Phillip A. Wiley,
Joseph B. Starr,	Thomas Waddill,
A. H. Whitfield,	W. F. Fowlkes,
Neill S. Stuart,	Charles P. Jones,
John McCormick,	Isham Blake,
Charles A. Clark,	John A. McLaughlin,

J. A. Worth,	James B. Ferguson,
J. R. Carten,	John W. Lett.
G. F. H. Crockett,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Geo. McNeill,	Oliver P. Stark,
James Dodd,	John D. Williams,
Jno. W. Sandford,	Abram Weaver,
Edwin Glover,	

Exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, seven; whole number, thirty-three; regular time meeting, first Tuesday in every month.

W. B. SHEMWELL, *Secretary.*

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 MT. ARARAT CHAPTER, No. 3—*MURFREESBORO.*

## OFFICERS.

M. E. F. M. Capehart . . . . .	H. P.
E. J. M. Wynns . . . . .	K.
E. R. H. Worthington . . . . .	S.
Comp. B. A. Capehart . . . . .	C. H.
“ R. F. Hart . . . . .	P. S.
“ Isaac Baugham . . . . .	R. A. C.
“ Alex. Brett . . . . .	M. 3d V.
“ James H. Vinson . . . . .	M. 2d V.
“ James S. Flythe . . . . .	M. 1st V.
“ Ely Carter . . . . .	Secretary.
“ Jas. M. Wynns . . . . .	Treasurer.
“ Goodman D. Parker . . . . .	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Daniel Brown,	A. P. Rawls,
John R. Rochell,	A. D. Ramsey,
Samuel Darden,	Richard Shane,
Jet. R. Darden,	Joseph J. Freeman,
Jno. P. Lee,	R. E. Beal,
William T. Bynum,	Howel Francis,
William H. Darden,	H. L. Bowden,
Charles Vann,	Joshua L. Garrett,
A. E. Grant,	E. A. Martin,
Abner Carter,	C. B. Reddick.
James J. Rochell,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Isaac Pipkin,	J. L. Long,
F. A. Nolley,	William J. Magett.

Admitted, two ; exalted, two ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, none ; died, none ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, four ; whole number, thirty-seven ; regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each month.

ELY CARTER, *Secretary*.

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 CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 5.—*TAWBORO'.*\*

## OFFICERS.

M. E. James Mehegen	.	.	.	H. P.
E. Henry T. Clark	.	.	.	K.
E. Josiah D. Jenkins	.	.	.	S.

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\* Received since the close of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. William S. Long	. . .	C. H.
“ William Harrell	. . .	P. S.
“ David Cobb	. . .	R. A. C.
“ Mayo Worsley	. . .	M. 3d V.
“ John Knight	. . .	M. 2d V.
“ John H. Leigh	. . .	M. 1st V.
“ Louis C. Pender	. . .	Secretary.
“ William Norfleet	. . .	Treasurer.
“ Joseph H. Brown	. . .	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Benjamin M. Jackson,	William H. Smith,
Josiah S. Pender,	Kenneth Thigpen,
William Andrews,	Andrew J. Cotten,
James F. Jenkins,	James Nelson,
Jesse H. Drake,	John F. Hughes,
John H. Drake,	William F. Mercer,
Daniel S. Crenshaw,	John R. Mercer,
John Mooring,	William S. Duggin,
Benjamin Batts,	Redden Daughtery,
Wm. S. Baker,	Elisha Cromwell.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Epenetus Cromwell,	Robert H. Pender.
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Admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, two; whole number, thirty-two; regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each month.

L. C. PENDER, *Secretary.*

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 6.—*WINDSOR*.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Stark	B. Smith	.	.	H. P.
E. G. W. McGlauchon		.	.	K.
E. Z. L. Simmons		.	.	S.
Comp. W. P. Gurley		.	.	C. H.
"	F. W. Bird	.	.	P. S.
"	B. B. Russell	.	.	R. A. C.
"	A. Piland	.	.	M. 3d V.
"	David Harrell	.	.	M. 2d V.
"	W. R. Swain	.	.	M. 1st V.
"	J. T. Roscoe	.	.	Secretary.
"	T. H. Speller	.	.	Treasurer.
"	John S. Shepperd	.	.	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

F. W. Bird,	R. H. Smith,
W. F. Ellis,	John S. Shepperd,
R. P. Freeman,	Thos. H. Speller,
W. P. Gurley,	Samuel Spruill,
P. H. Hennebury,	W. R. Swain,
Augustus Holley,	Stark B. Smith,
David Harrell,	Z. L. Simmons,
G. W. McGlauchon,	C. H. Stevenson,
W. T. Parker,	Noah H. Thompson,
Arodi Piland,	P. H. Winston,
B. B. Russell,	E. Wilson,
T. W. Reddick,	Jno. T. Roscoe.
B. I. Spruill,	

Exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, one ; died, one ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, none ; whole number, twenty-five ; regular time of meeting, second Tuesday in each month, with the exception of court weeks ; then, Tuesday of each court.

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OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 8.—*OXFORD.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. William A. Philpott . . .	H. P.
E. Lyman Latham . . .	K.
E. Leonidas C. Taylor . . .	S.
Comp. Isaiah R. Fuller . . .	C. H.
“ James H. Strum . . .	P. S.
“ Alex. F. Spencer . . .	R. A. C.
“ Charles W. Clay . . .	M. 3d V.
“ Samuel A. Williams . . .	M. 2d V.
“ Daniel A. Paschall . . .	M. 1st V.
“ Tazewell L. Hargrove . . .	Secretary.
“ Róbert W. Lassiter . . .	Treasurer.
“ David L. Latham . . .	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

L. H. Bullock,	W. M. Barford,
John D. Bullock,	Geo. Wortham,
Rev. R. I. Devin,	L. A. Paschall,
John B. Green,	S. A. Williams,
Arch. Taylor,	Jas. M. Satterwhite,
S. F. Venable,	Jas. H. Horner.

R. P. Taylor,	Jas. T. Littlejohn,
D. S. Wilkerson,	Thos. H. Rayney,
Jno. S. Overbey,	W. A. Johnston.

Admitted, none; exalted, two; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, thirty; regular time of meeting, third Monday in each month.

T. L. HARGROVE, *Secretary.*

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RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. 10.—*RALEIGH.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. William G. Hill . . .	H. P.
E. Charles H. Johnson . . .	K.
E. T. R. Debnam . . .	S.
Comp. D. H. Stephenson . . .	C. H.
“ J. R. Harrison . . .	P. S.
“ T. H. Avira . . .	R. A. C.
“ Edward Debnam . . .	M. 3d V.
“ D. B. Griffin . . .	M. 2d V.
“ Wm. E. Anderson . . .	M. 1st V.
“ Thos. J. Utley . . .	Secretary.
“ Geo. W. Norwood . . .	Treasurer.
“ James M. Bates . . .	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Willie W. Johnson,	E. Smith,
Jos. D. Powell,	A. J. Woodward,
J. M. Lovejoy,	E. H. Woodard,
R. T. Hefin,	B. T. Strickland,

Dabney Cosby,	J. Robert Jeffreys,
R. W. Seawell,	Wm. H. Hood,
Wm. T. Bain,	H. A. Hodge,
Wm. D. Haywood,	James M. Tirrell,
Wm. F. Collins,	R. K. Tirrell.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	

## RESIDENT R. A. M. NOT MEMBERS.

E. B. Freeman,	E. O. Macey.
Albert Johnson,	

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, none ; died, one ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, three ; whole number, thirty-four ; regular time of meeting, first Tuesday after the third Monday in each and every month.

THOMAS J. UTLEY, *Secretary.*

## LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 11.—HILLSBORO.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. John M. Wolfe . . . .	H. P.
E. John A. Faucette . . . .	K.
E. Alexander Dickson . . . .	S.
Comp. Pride Jones . . . .	C. H.
“ Thomas Webb . . . .	P. S.
“ Calvin E. Parish . . . .	R. A. C.
“ John McCown . . . .	M. 3d V.
“ A. C. Murdock . . . .	M. 2d V.
“ Sam'l P. Moore . . . .	M. 1st V.
“ Henry K. Nash . . . .	Secretary.
“ George Laws . . . .	Treasurer.
“ Daniel D. Phillips . . . .	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Dr. D. A. Montgomery,	Wm. F. Bason,
Jno. C. Douglass,	James M. Palmer,
Thomas Howerton,	Wm. McCown,
Antonio Di Martino,	Jno. Q. Anderson,
Jno. F. Lyon,	Wm. Nelson,
John McRackin,	William Dickson.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Dr. E. Sturdwick,	John McCown.
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Advanced, three ; admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, none ; died, one ; expelled, one ; suspended, none ; residents not members, two ; whole number, twenty-four. Regular time of meeting, second Thursday afternoon of each month.

HENRY K. NASH, *Secretary*.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 17.—*DUPLIN*.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Benjamin	F. Cobb	.	.	H. P.
E. Lewis	F. Williams	.	.	K.
E. David	Wright	.	.	S.
Comp. Daniel	Bowdin	.	.	C. H.
"	James W. Blount	.	.	P. S.
"	Joel Loftin	.	.	R. A. C.
"	John W. Hinson	.	.	M. 3d V.
"	John D. Shine	.	.	M. 2d V.

Comp. Thomas Wright	.	.	M. 1st V.
“ James G. Dickson	.	.	Secretary.
“ James R. Hurst	.	.	Treasurer.
“ Daniel B. Newton	.	.	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

A. R. Hickes,	A. Guy,
B. C. Bowden,	D. K. Kornegay,
H. W. Faison,	D. Watkins,
Spaight Hill,	J. B. Hill,
Jas. Canon,	J. R. Hatch,
Wm. Herring,	H. Grimes,
H. F. Murphy,	David Cobb,
Wm. J. Hill,	T. J. Carr,
J. G. Branch,	J. J. Whitehead.
C. D. Hill,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

W. F. Pollock,	B. W. Williams,
H. H. Hodges,	E. Peterson,
D. Glison,	F. O. Wilson,
F. B. Millard,	G. W. Wallace.
Josh. Moon,	

Exalted, three; rejected, none; withdrawn, four; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, nine; whole number, thirty. Regular time of meeting, second Thursday in each month.

JAMES G. DICKSON, *Secretary*.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 19.—*PLYMOUTH.*

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Thomas B. Nieholls	.	.	H. P.
E. Henry B. Short	.	.	K.
E. John McC. Boyle	.	.	S.
Comp. William Bagley	.	.	C. H.
" Henry A. Gillian	.	.	P. S.
" George W. Pierce	.	.	R. A. C.
" Edgar Hanks	.	.	M. 3d V.
" John Simmons	.	.	M. 2d V.
" James Magee	.	.	M. 1st V.
" Joseph Ramsey	.	.	Secretary.
" Joseph A. Spruill	.	.	Treasurer.
" Wiley Whitaker	.	.	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

John Brown,	Franklin F. Fagan,
Thomas E. Pender,	Charles G. Phelps,
Enoch Jones,	Silas Murray,
Isaae Kelly,	Edwin H. White,
Thomas P. White,	William W. Ward,
Warren W. Ward,	Donald E. Jordan.
John F. Phelps,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Samuel T. Gaylord,	Benjamin J. Spruill,
Joseph E. Short.	

Exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, three; whole number, twenty-eight. Regular time of meeting, second Tuesday evening in each month.

J. RAMSEY, *Secretary.*

SALISBURY CHAPTER, No. 20.—*SALISBURY*.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Alexander Murdoch	.	.	H. P.
E. Joseph F. Chambers	.	.	K.
E. D. B. Wood	.	.	S.
Comp. D. A. Davis	.	.	C. H.
" L. Blackmer	.	.	P. S.
" Wm. Murdoch	.	.	R. A. C.
" Chas. L. Partee	.	.	M. 3d V.
" A. J. Yorke	.	.	M. 2d V.
" Thos. A. Burk	.	.	M. 1st V.
" J. D. Ramsey	.	.	Secretary.
" Jos. Chambers	.	.	Treasurer.
" Lewis Gumb	.	.	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

A. H. Caldwell,	J. W. Wiseman,
H. C. Simonton,	Martin Richwine,
Obadiah Woodson,	J. T. Alexander,
I. M. Coffin,	John O. Ross,
A. M. Nesbitt,	J. B. Jones,
D. W. Honeycutt,	H. G. Holden,
A. D. Montgomery,	Horace Lazell,
Daniel Coleman,	H. H. Dent,
A. M. Bove,	Hugh Murdoch,
B. Bailey,	Samuel Taylor,
John S. Shaver,	J. H. McKinley,
James A. Johnson,	J. S. Caldeleugh,
Jos. A. Worth,	E. R. Gibson,

Clarkson Coffin,	G. A. Bingham,
J. G. Ramsey,	J. A. Kelly,
T. I. Bryan,	John W. Ellis,
George Riley,	John G. Bynum,
G. W. Johnson,	R. P. Bessent,
John Kelley,	J. W. Shinn,
John A. Holt,	R. W. Mills,
W. P. Burke,	E. Myers.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Abram Myers,	Myer Myers,
Jas. C. Turner,	J. M. Happoldt.

Exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, four; whole number, fifty-five; regular time of meeting, first Wednesday evening in each month, and Wednesday of each court week.

J. D. RAMSEY, *Sec.*

## MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 23.—ZION.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Calvin W. Wooley . . .	H. P.
E. John H. Montgomery . . .	K.
E. Saml. H. Christian . . .	S.
(Vacant) . . .	C. H.
Comp. Wm. G. Deberry . . .	P. S.
“ E. J. Christian . . .	R. A. C.
“ S. M. Ballard . . .	M. 3d V.
“ J. R. Livingston . . .	M. 2d V.

Comp. James C. Andrews	. . .	M. 1st V.
“ J. T. Matheson	. . .	Secretary.
“ William McRae	. . .	Treasurer.
“ John Boggan	. . .	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

M. S. McRae,	O. P. Luther,
D. N. Patterson,	J. P. Little,
James W. McRae,	A. H. Ingram,
Alex. McRae,	N. T. Bowden,
W. H. Steed,	John Randle,
S. M. Ballard,	T. R. Baldwin,
C. J. Cochran,	W. Ward Viridin,
J. M. Lilly,	J. T. Andrews,
Owen Hadley,	E. D. Scarbrough, P. M.
J. Luther,	John B. Ballard,
D. S. Monroe,	Calvin Pemberton,
H. G. Lucas,	John O. Ross,
R. T. Steele,	Davidson Hearne.
W. S. Pemberton,	

Exalted, four; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, two; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, thirty-eight; regular time of meeting, on the first Tuesday evening after the full moon in every month, at 5 o'clock.

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 GOLDSBORO CHAPTER, No. 29.—*GOLDSBORO*.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. E. W. Hines	. . .	H. P.
E. I. J. Baker	. . .	K.

E. Wm. Robinson	.	.	S.
Comp. M. D. Craton	.	.	C. H.
" W. F. Kornegay	.	.	P. S.
" R. S. More	.	.	R. A. C.
" E. B. Wood	.	.	M. 3d V.
" J. C. Borden	.	.	M. 2d V.
" J. W. Davis	.	.	M. 1st V.
" J. B. Griswold	.	.	Secretary.
" C. F. Dewey	.	.	Treasurer.
" J. G. Parker	.	.	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

John Wright,	John T. Kennedy,
J. H. Brent,	D. A. Powell,
T. T. Hollowell,	James McDuffie,
W. Carraway,	John C. Rhodes.

Admitted, none; rejections, one; expulsions, none; whole number of members, twenty.

JOHN B. GRISWOLD, *Secretary*.

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MT. VERNON CHAPTER, No. 30.—*GREENVILLE*.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Goold Hoyt	.	.	H. P.
E. Calvin Cox	.	.	K.
E. W. L. Cherry	.	.	S.
Comp. S. E. Milburn	.	.	C. H.
" W. T. Marsh	.	.	P. S.
" G. W. Cox	.	.	R. A. C.
" Jos. B. Barrett.	.	.	M. 3d V.

Comp. Ashley A. Allen.	M. 2d V.
“ Montgomery Long	M. 1st V.
“ Jas. Murray	Secretary.
“ Wm. R. Frizzle	Treasurer.
“ Franklin Bell	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

B. G. Albritton,	Geo. L. Prichard,
Thos. B. James,	J. D. Doughty,
Walter S. Hanrahan,	Jas. Nelson,
Wm. A. Pugh,	H. G. Barnhill.
Elias J. Blount,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Geo. W. Johnson,	Chas. Green.
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Exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; total members, twenty-three.

JAS. MURRAY, *Secretary.*

## WADESBORO CHAPTER, No. 31.—WADESBORO.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Robt. T. Hall,	H. P.
E. E. F. Kendall	K.
E. Jno. Boylin	S.
Comp. B. F. Smith	C. H.
“ S. W. Neal, P. H. P.	P. S.
“ B. C. Hutchinson	R. A. C.
“ E. H. Streater	M. 3d V.

Comp. Jno. Roseoe	.	.	M. 2d V.
" Jno. Coniek	.	.	M. 1st V.
" A. C. Benton	.	.	Secretary.
" J. C. Caraway	.	.	Treasurer.
" E. Hutelison	.	.	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

W. O. Bennett,	W. S. Richardson,
Eli Freeman,	Jas. P. Richardson,
Thos. Gulledge,	Rev. A. L. Stough,
W. S. Hendley,	J. P. Smith,
Rev. F. M. Kenedy,	Geo. A. Smith,
W. A. Liles,	Thos. G. Saunders,
Alexander Little,	Jas. T. Streaton,
A. C. Moore,	T. A. Vestal,
Dr. A. Myers,	Joseph White,
Rev. J. L. McGrigor,	Levin Woolen,
Rev. M. A. McKibbon,	W. C. Watkins.
H. W. Robinson,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Rev. S. H. Browne.

Exalted, four; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, one; suspended, none; residents not members, one; whole number, thirty-four. Regular time of meeting, first Monday in each month.

A. C. BENTON, *Secretary*.

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF

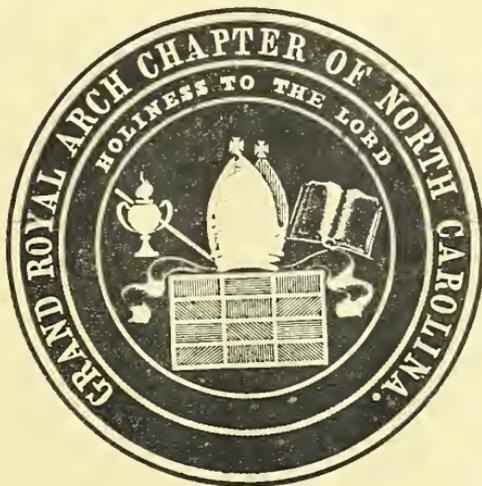
## NORTH CAROLINA

AT ITS

### FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

In Wilmington, N. C., on Monday, the Fourth day of June,

A. L. 5860, A. I. 2390, A. D. 1860.



WILMINGTON, N. C.....HERALD OFFICE.

1860.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina.

To

H. P. of

CHAPTER No.

You are hereby ordered to cause the Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to be read in your Chapter within two months after receipt.

E. F. WATSON, *G. H. P.*

Attest

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

**PROCEEDINGS**  
 OF THE  
**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION**  
 OF THE  
**M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter**  
 OF  
**NORTH CAROLINA,**

BEGUN AND HELD IN THE HALL OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 1, IN WILMINGTON,  
 N. C., ON MONDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF JUNE, A. L., 5860, A. I. 2390, A. D. 1860.

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P R E S E N T.

M. E. E. F. Watson, - - - - G. H. P. Presiding.  
     E. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P. G. K. Pro tem.  
     E. L. R. Loftin, - - - - G. S.  
 Comp. Alex. Murdoch, - - - G. C. H. Pro tem.  
     " William Murdoch, - - G. P. S.      "  
     " W. B. McMillan, - - - G. R. A. C.   "  
     " A. A. Harbin, - - - - G. M. 3d V.   "  
     " John M. Wolfe, - - - - G. M. 2d V.   "  
     " John F. Howlett, - - - G. M. 1st V.   "  
     " Thos. B. Carr, - - - - Grd. Secretary.  
     " E. Turlington, - - - - Grd. Tyler.  
 Comp's M. Cronly, L. C. Turner, T. M. Gardner, W.  
 Murphy, John B. Griswold, J. C. Borden, Alfred Martin,  
 P. G. H. P.; O. L. Fillyaw, R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. appointed the following Committee on  
 Credentials :

Comp's O. L. Fillyaw; P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., and William Murdoch.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which, on motion of Comp. Martin, was received and adopted, and the Committee was continued, with leave to make additional reports from time to time, as the delegates arrive :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report, that they have performed the duty required of them, and find the following Chapters duly represented :

Concord,	No. 1....	Comp. R. G. Rankin, H. P.;	O. L. Fillyaw, K.;
			T. B. Carr, S.
Lafayette,	No. 11....	“	John M. Wolfe, Rep.
Choraizin,	No. 13....	“	John F. Howlett, H. P.
Salisbury,	No. 20....	“	Alex. Murdoch, H. P., and prox. for K.,
			Wm. Murdoch, S.
Goldsboro',	No. 29....	“	L. R. Loftin, Rep.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. L. FILLYAW,	} Committee.
WM. MURDOCH,	
P. W. FANNING,	

On motion of Comp. Fanning, it was

*Resolved*, That the reading of the Minutes of the last regular communication be dispensed with, each member being furnished with a copy.

The M. E. appointed the following Committees :

*On Unfinished Business.*—Comp's Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.; Wm. Murdoch, and R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.

*On Charters and Dispensations.*—Comp's P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.; Jno. M. Wolfe, and L. R. Loftin.

*On Returns and Proceedings.*—Comp's Alex. Murdoch, John F. Howlett, and O. L. Fillyaw.

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

*Resolved*, That all Royal Arch Masons in the city, who are in regular standing, be invited to visit this Grand Chapter during the present Convocation.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grd. Secretary.*

**TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 5th, 1860.**

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T.

M. E. E. F. Watson, - - - - -	G. H. P.
E. S. W. Neal, - - - - -	D. G. H. P.
E. Pleasant A. Holt, - - - - -	G. K. Pro tem.
E. L. R. Loftin, - - - - -	G. S.
Comp. Alex. Murdoch, - - - - -	G. C. H. Pro tem.
“ P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., -	G. P. S. “
“ W. B. McMillan, - - - - -	G. R. A. C. “
“ A. A. Martin, - - - - -	G. M. 3d V. “
“ John M. Wolfe, - - - - -	G. M. 2d V. “
“ John F. Howlett, - - - - -	G. M. 1st V. “
“ Thos. W. Brown, - - - - -	G. Treasurer.
“ Thos. B. Carr, - - - - -	G. Secretary.
“ E. Turlington, - - - - -	G. Tyler.

Comp's Dr. A. G. Mackey, G. G. H. P. Gen'l. Grand Chapter of U. S.; John B. Griswold, O. L. Fillyaw, William Murdoch, J. C. Borden, Dan'l. Bowden, R. T. Hall, B. W. Williams, P. P. Clark, Joseph Whitty.

The M. E. Grand High Priest presented his Annual Address, which, on motion of Comp. Faanning, was received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, and so much of the address as refers to the General Grand Chapter was referred to a special committee of five, consisting of Companions Alex. Murdoch, Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.; R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.; P. A. Holt and Wm. Murdoch, and the remainder of the address was referred to a committee consisting of Comp's P. A. Holt, S. W. Neal and R. T. Hall.

## ADDRESS.

## MOST EXCELLENT COMPANIONS :

We have been permitted, after another year has passed, by an all wise Providence, to again assemble in Grand Convocation, around the altar at which we have, from time to time, been accustomed to kneel and offer up our devotions and renew our vows of fidelity.

When rejoicing in the successful completion of our second Temple, we renew our zeal and pledge again our faith to maintain inviolate from the ravages of barbarous force its sacred archives, and preserve from the devastations of time its majestic columns, its spacious porches and beautiful proportions—how thankful we should be to that protecting Providence, who, with parental solicitude, has watched our wayward wanderings, and permitted us again to assemble in this loved spot, ever dear to the Mason's heart, diffusing abroad as it does, the glorious principles of our order. While the social and political world has been torn by dissension, while our happy and glorious federal Union itself has been rent by faction, and blind fanaticism for a while has swayed the popular mind and threatened to overthrow our free institutions and engulf our liberties in the turbid stream of civil strife, the star of our cherished order has still gone on in undiminished lustre, unmoved by the threatening elements overhanging its pathway, unchecked by the angry waves and bursting storms, it still shines an unwavering beacon to admiring thousands. We have continued to receive from the hands of a most kind and indulgent Providence, the blessings of health, prosperity, and happiness, and we would fall far short of our duties to Him as Christians and Masons, if we failed to make reverently and devoutly our acknowledgments for these and all other blessings and mercies so unsparingly lavished upon us.

To have before me, as I have on this occasion, a band of Companions connected by the firmest engagements and the most affectionate ties,—Companions who are warmed with the most general philanthropy, while they profess to unite their endeavors in the benevolent design of assisting the perfection of the human character and the harmony and happiness of society, is one of the most pleasant and gratifying events of my life. To communicate the blessings of which we are partakers, to contribute to the successful propagation of knowledge, virtue and peace, with all the masonic virtues, and to assist in the advancement of human happiness, have ever been the great objects of the venerable institution of which we are members.

Impressed with a due sense of their great obligation to these duties, the members of the mystic tie have ever pursued such means as were apparently most conducive to the accomplishment of so desirable an end. There are indeed a great many troubles in the lot of humanity, and we, like others, are exposed to them; but we should not be discouraged. By our excellent institution we are furnished with preventives, or remedies against the most

of them, and with solace and supports under all. We have a retreat in the peaceful shades of the Masonic Temple, over which the changes of time and the world, with a multitude of their evils, have not the least power. They reach not its peaceful recesses, nor dare to intrude on its sacred quiet. Our cares, perplexities, or misfortunes follow us not into the Holy Sanctuary. We leave them all behind us, with the agitated scenes, of which they are but a part, and come hither to our Annual feast to partake bountifully of the sweet and delicious comforts of brotherly love and affection.

Here we are introduced to associates whose warm and generous souls, whose enlightened and elevated minds are drawn towards each other by wishes the most virtuous, and sentiments the most sublime. Here we enter into a faithful, tender and refined friendship. In this intimate connection and intercourse with each other, the inclinations are free, the feelings genuine, our sentiments unbiassed, and the undisguised and free exchange of our wishes and views, shows that the confidence is mutual. Yea, Companions, in coming up hither we gather restoration from the past, refreshment for the present, and resources against the future, and each of us can return back to the world with a resolute, calm, but well fortified mind, the better fitted to meet the trials, and the better enabled to bear the many burdens of life. Masonry prepares us for acquiring a firm and steady resolution of mind, prepared for every reverse or emergency, and superior to every shock. We learn the discipline of virtue and listen to the instructions of wisdom, and following a faithful and unerring guide, we put our trust in God and fear no evil.

Therefore permit me to congratulate each of you on the favorable circumstances under which you have convened, to deliberate upon the various subjects that may be presented for your careful consideration and action, and to indulge the fond hope that nothing may occur to mar the peace and harmony of this grand body during its present Convocation.

The action of this Grand Chapter at its last Grand Convocation, on the report and resolution of the Committee, of which Comp. Fanning was Chairman, in regard to the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, has, we are glad to say, given general satisfaction to the Royal Craft, and the result has been the organization of Councils of Royal and Select Masters at Greensborough, Salisbury, and Wadesborough, which Councils have sent up to this Grand Body, representatives for the purpose of organizing a Grand Council. That those degrees are now placed under their proper jurisdiction, there can be no doubt, and we have great reason to hope and believe the time not far distant when those degrees will be in the reach of all Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction, and the Grand Council well attended with the representatives of Subordinate Councils from various sections of the State.

In the erection of the spacious and beautiful Temple of King Solomon, everything was so prepared that "there was neither hammer nor axe, nor any other iron tool heard in the house while it was building." So it should

be with us as Masons. We should perfect our work by the most quiet and orderly method, all walking by our rule and following the same thing, having but one interest and but one object, the benefit and advancement of the whole. While we are particularly interested in the welfare of the Chapter of which we are members, we should be regardful of the general welfare of the Craft. There should be no contests among us, except that most honorable of all contests, who shall do the most good.

There is in this age, when everything seems to be propelled by steam, too great a desire manifested by many Subordinate Chapters, we fear, to pass work which is unfit for the builders' use.

That the avenues to the Chapter should be well guarded, all must admit, to prevent those who are unworthy from obtaining access to the sacred tabernacle. We find individuals who have been regular members of Chapters for years, that seem not to have learned what Masonry is. Yea, they have not learned the first and most important lesson which is taught them on their first entrance into the Lodge upon the first degree. I have long entertained the opinion and do most emphatically insist, that a good and true Mason cannot in any way be a profane man. To take the name of God in vain with those lips which pledged his honor to cheerfully conform to the ancient usages and customs of the order, if found worthy, and admitted a member among us, is a flat contradiction and violation of all those sacred pledges he has taken at the Altar and in the presence of God and the Companions. It is the duty of those who have become the sons of light, to conform to all the rules and regulations of the Order, and to aid in building up the beautiful and well proportioned walls of our Moral and Masonic Temple, and to guard with an eagle's eye the outer and inner courts which lead to the Sanctuary, or Holy of Holies; that drones, and those who from their position in society and education are unworthy, may be refused admittance. For we may rest assured that none but those who have passed the overseer's square and have taken the Book of the Law as their faith and guide, and have squared their lives by the great moral truths therein taught, will ever be admitted as living stones, into that spiritual building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, where the Supreme Grand High Priest presides.

That Masonry has done much for suffering humanity, all must admit, yet much remains for her in her great mission to accomplish. History informs us to a limited extent of the great good that has resulted from her benign influence. Tradition teaches those who are brought more intimately in connection with her workings and hidden mysteries, the real benefits resulting to those of the order, and we might say, to those whose kindred ties are linked with her high destiny, what we may reasonably expect her to accomplish in the future.

Empires have risen and have had their days of glory and renown and have crumbled again into the dust, but Masonry, Heaven-born Masonry, remains the same. The clamors of party strife and the carnage of war may devastate

and lay waste our glorious and happy country, and the blood of thousands of our own happy fellow-creatures and kindred may stain our mother earth from one extremity to the other of this, our glorious Union,—yet Masonry remains the same.

Hence, have we not great reason to hope much from her, and that she may yet calm the troubled elements of our civil and political atmosphere, which at present seem fraught with such portentous and threatening danger. Masonry recognizes no North, no South, no East, no West, except Masonically; then if she is true to her great principles, the dangers which at present threaten us and the breakers and whirlpools upon which the great ship of State seems likely to be thrown and dashed into a thousand atoms, to sink and rise no more, will be avoided, and she will be conducted safely into a harbour of safety. May God speed her on in her great work.

The age in which we live have great reason to expect much from us, and it is our duty to see what Masonry can do in allaying party and sectional strife, and the promotion of Brotherly Love and Charity amongst all men, but more especially the members of the Fraternity. O that we all could exclaim in the language of the poet,

“O that the voice of clamor and debate  
That prates of peace while it disturbs the State,  
Were hushed in favor of thy glorious plea,  
The poor thy client, and Heavens smile thy fee.”

The propriety of providing means for the support of a Grand Lecturer for this jurisdiction for the ensuing Masonic year, should engage your most serious and careful attention. The experiment made by your last Grand Body, (for an experiment it may with propriety be called, so far as regards Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina,) has, we think, worked well, and your Grand Lecturer has everywhere met with the respect due the position he occupied, and we might say, with that cordial welcome and hearty reception which is characteristic of the Order, and we have every reason to believe much good has resulted from his labors, not only in establishing a uniformity of work, but by inspiring the members of the various Chapters which he has been able to visit, with renewed energy and zeal. That he has performed his duty faithfully, I have no reason to doubt. It was my good fortune to be able to attend with him for several days during his Lectures at Graham, Greensborough, and Goldsborough, and am perfectly satisfied that the work, as exemplified and adopted by the last Grand Chapter, was correctly and properly taught during his instructions at those places, and the Companions were well pleased with the same, some expressing great surprise that they had not been able themselves to detect and correct the many errors they had fallen into in many parts of the work. I consider it important, yea, vastly important, that the system of furnishing a Grand Lecturer for the State be placed within the reach of all the Subordinate Chapters; it is a duty we owe the Craft; hence my urging the subject so strongly upon the attention of this Grand Body.

The exemplification of the work (as adopted by our last Convocation) by the Grand Lecturer during the present session of your body, should also claim your attention, and some time as early as possible, be set apart for the same. The importance of this course must be obvious to every Companion present, and we hope the proper steps may be taken to carry the same into effect. Some discrepancy of opinion may possibly exist in the minds of some of the Companions present, as to what is the true work as adopted at the last meeting of your Grand Body. Hence the great necessity for a thorough exemplification of the same at the present, that any errors the Companions or Grand Lecturer may have fallen into, may be corrected speedily as possible.

During my official term, I have been applied to by the requisite number of Companions at Mocksville, Davie County, for a Dispensation for a new Chapter, to be called and known as Davie Chapter. Said petition being in proper form and recommended by Salisbury Chapter No. 20, I granted the petitioners a Dispensation on the 1st day of December, 1859, the requisite fee having been previously sent to the Grand Secretary, and its receipt by him duly acknowledged.

I also instructed Companion Neal, Grand Lecturer, to visit as early as possible said Companions, and to instruct them and set them properly to work, which duty I understand he performed.

I made, during the past year, an unsuccessful attempt to procure the Charter of Warrenton Chapter. Said Chapter has long since ceased to work, and from information which seems reliable, none of the Companions residing at that place seem to know anything relative to the Charter, furniture or anything else belonging to the Chapter, or what has become of them. I thought I had secured the services of a Companion who would procure and forward me the Charter if it could be found, but I have not heard from him, therefore I take it for granted he was not able to get it in possession to forward to me as requested.

I beg leave to suggest to this Grand Body the propriety of requiring an annual fee of fifteen dollars from each Subordinate Chapter. I am aware that the importance of this step depends in some degree upon the present action of this Grand Body, but should you draw upon the present funds to the amount anticipated in paying your current expenses and the expenses of your Grand Lecturer, we have some reason to fear that too rapid an exhaustion of the same may take place, and we know of no Subordinate Chapter that would in the least hesitate to pay the additional five dollars to what they now pay.

I desire to call the attention of this Grand Body to the action of the last General Grand Chapter, which convened in Chicago in September last, upon the subject of the withdrawal of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina from that body. It is not our object at this time to discuss the propriety or legality of the act of this Grand Body in the course pursued by her towards the General Grand Chapter, neither is it our design in any way to find fault

or censure the action of the General Grand Chapter, but simply to bring the action of the General Grand Body to your notice, and to do this, and relieve ourself from any liability for censure, we will simply quote the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the subject was referred :

“Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom certain subjects have been referred, have attended thereto, and respectfully report as follows :

“In relation to the withdrawal of the State Grand Chapters of North Carolina and Kentucky from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Body, and of the Masonic relations which those Grand Bodies now bear to this, your Committee are of the opinion that no State Grand Chapter, which has heretofore acknowledged the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, has any power to withdraw forcibly therefrom by its own single act. The original compact between every State Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter, was made at the request of the one and by the assent of the other. The compact was mutual and can only be lawfully severed by mutual consent. It contained no reserved right on the part of those State Grand Chapters, to withdraw ; and all the members of the State Grand Chapter jurisdictions have, if they have complied with the compact, solemnly obligated themselves to sustain and support the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution. In forcibly dissolving the connection by a State Grand Chapter, that obligation is directly violated, and your Committee are unable to perceive why such an act does not clearly involve a distinct violation of moral obligation on the part of those who originated the severance and of those who assented to it.

“As to the relations which would naturally result from the acts of the Grand Chapters of North Carolina and Kentucky towards the General Grand Chapter, your Committee find themselves embarrassed by the fact, that the forcible withdrawals of those two State Grand Bodies was not wholly unanimous on the part of the members, but that large minorities opposed to the action taken, existed in both instances, towards which minorities the same course of action would hardly seem appropriate as towards the assenting members, and yet it seems wholly impossible, in the existing state of things to make a proper and just distinction.

“Your Committee believe that the acts of withdrawal by those two Grand Chapters would not interfere with the individual rights of the Royal Arch Masons residing under those jurisdictions, as they existed at the respective times of said withdrawals, and that such Royal Arch Masons are, at the present time, to be considered as wholly regular as individual Masons ; but your Committee entertain the opinion that such position is dependent upon the future action of those Grand Chapters, and that if, after a suitable time has elapsed without any reconsideration of the acts of said State Grand Chapters, it would be wholly competent for the General Grand Chapter to declare that all the membership of said State Grand Chapters was irregular and not to be recognized by other State Grand Chapters acknowledging the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.”

This Report of the Committee that I have quoted at length, was adopted with only the delegations of five Grand Chapters voting against it, namely : Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Texas, with one out of the four delegates from Alabama ; while all the General Grand Officers and thirteen Grand Chapters voted in its favor.

I felt it a duty incumbent upon me as your Grand High Priest, to bring this subject to your notice, and hope it will receive that attention and consideration at your hands its importance demands.

In conclusion, Companions, let me urge upon you the importance of letting harmony prevail in our deliberations—be actuated by a proper spirit of co-operation and conciliation—let no discordant element intrude, but may our Convocation be a great nucleus, around which cluster the most enduring ties of the order in this jurisdiction; let us render our annual assembling in this spot dear to every votary of the Order in the broad limits of the State. May it prove a Mecca in Masonry towards whose sacred gates many a zealous votary will delight to make a periodical pilgrimage. And when our labors have been terminated, may we all return to our homes bearing the conscious reflection of having faithfully discharged the trust confided to our care, and no mournful memory of neglected duty disturb us when rendering a report of our stewardship.

E. F. WATSON, *G. H. P.*

The Committee on Credentials presented the following additional report, which was received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to present the following additional report. We find the following Chapters duly represented :

Union Chapter, No. 17. . . .	B. W. Williams, prox. for Scribe ; Daniel Bowden, prox. for H. P.
Eureka, No. 7. . . .	Joseph Whitty, Rep.
Mt. Lebanon, No. 27. . . .	P. P. Clark, Rep.
Graham, No. 28. . . .	P. A. Holt, King and prox. for H. P. and S.
Wadesboro', No. 31. . . .	R. T. Hall, H. P. and prox. for K. and S.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. L. FILLYAW, *Chairman.*

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 4 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Gr'd. Secretary.*

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### TUESDAY EVENING, 4 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and members as this morning.

*Comp.*—J. M. Monk.

The Committee on Binding presented the following report, which was received and the Committee continued :

The Committee on Binding respectfully report, that they have had three volumes of sister Grand Chapters bound and herewith present the same.

P. W. FANNING, *Committee.*

On motion of Comp. Alex. Murdoch, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send three copies of the Constitution to each of the Subordinate Chapters.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 8 o'clock. THOS. B. CARR, *Gr'd. Secretary*.

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TUESDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present*.—Officers and members as this afternoon.

*Comp's*.—M. Newhoff, L. C. Turner, M. Cronly, W. H. Turlington, J. M. Monk, Samuel Loftin, W. J. Price, T. M. Gardner.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through their Chairman, P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes :

TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report, that the Proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters, enumerated below, have been placed in their hands by the Grand Secretary, to wit :

Alabama.....	December, 1859	Missouri.....	May, 1859
Arkansas.....	November, 1859	Maine.....	May, 1859
Connecticut.....	May, 1859	Maryland.....	May, 1859
California.....	May, 1859	Mississippi.....	January, 1859
Georgia.....	April, 1859	New York.....	February, 1859
Indiana.....	May, 1859	New Jersey.....	September, 1859
Illinois.....	October, 1859	New Hampshire.....	June, 1859
Kentucky.....	October, 1859	Vermont.....	August, 1859
Louisiana.....	February, 1860	Virginia.....	December, 1859
Michigan.....	January, 1860	Wisconsin.....	February, 1860

Your Committee rejoice at the opportunity afforded them of bearing witness to the conciliatory and fraternal spirit which breathes so exclusively through every page of the very interesting documents now claiming their attention—moderation, even in exciting discussion, being a remarkably predominant feature; and the intrusion of discordant propensities hardly perceptible or favored.

All the Proceedings under examination are mostly engrossed with the all absorbing topic of the General Grand Chapter, each expressing with more or less earnestness, according to the measure of its devotion, opinions for and against the legitimacy and perpetuity of that institution, and condemnatory or otherwise of the action of those Grand Chapters which have seceded and assumed an independent position. The censure manifested in this latter instance, seems, not to be so much against the *act*, as against the *manner* of *consummating it*—which is decidedly the most admissible conclusion, as your Committee conceive, and most entitled to respect.

We have not been furnished with a copy of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, which we regret, and the more so, if the omission was pre-meditated—but other Grand Chapters more favored, supply the defect in a measure, by liberal quotations from her proceedings, enabling us to quote from the report of a Committee of that August Body, so much as particularly relates to, or interests, North Carolina, as follows:

“Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom certain subjects have been referred, have attended thereto, and respectfully report as follows: In relation to the withdrawal of the State Grand Chapters of North Carolina and Kentucky from the jurisdiction of this General Grand Body, and of the Masonic relations which those Grand Bodies now bear to this, your Committee are of the opinion, that no State Grand Chapter, which has heretofore acknowledged the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, has any power to withdraw forcibly therefrom by its own single act. The original compact between every State Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter, was made at the request of the one and by the assent of the other. The compact was mutual, and can only be lawfully severed by mutual consent. It contained no reserved right on the part of those State Grand Chapters to withdraw; and all the members of the State Grand Chapter jurisdictions have, if they have complied with the compact, solemnly obligated themselves to sustain and support the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution. In forcibly dissolving the connection by State Grand Chapters, that obligation is directly violated, and your Committee are unable to perceive why such an act does not clearly involve a distinct violation of moral obligation on the part of those who originated the severance, and of those who assented to it.

“As to the relations which would naturally result from the acts of the Grand Chapters of North Carolina and Kentucky towards the General Grand Chapter, your Committee find themselves embarrassed by the fact, that the forcible withdrawals of those two State Grand Bodies, was not wholly unanimous on the part of their members, but that large minorities, opposed to the action taken, existed in both instances; towards which minorities the same course of action would hardly seem appropriate as towards the assenting members; and yet it seems wholly impossible, in the existing state of things, to make a proper and just distinction.

“Your Committee believe that the acts of withdrawal by those two Grand

Chapters would not interfere with the individual rights of the Royal Arch Masons residing under those jurisdictions, as they existed at the respective time of said withdrawals; and that such Royal Arch Masons are, at the present time, to be considered as wholly regular as individual Masons; but your Committee entertain the opinion that such position is dependent upon the future action of those Grand Chapters, and that if, after a suitable time has elapsed without any reconsideration of the acts of said State Grand Chapters, it would be wholly competent for the General Grand Chapter to declare, that all the membership of said State Grand Chapters was irregular, and not to be recognized by other State Grand Chapters acknowledging the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter."

We apprehend that the Committee was, to say the least, very indiscreet, if not guilty of a great oversight, in giving utterance to the sentiment contained in the latter clause of the last sentence above quoted, being nothing short of a threat of general excommunication to all seceders, as well as menace to those particular members among them who are pronounced guiltless of offence, for the purpose of inciting them to such exertion for effecting a speedy reconciliation of the parties, and return to pledged allegiance, as a sense of duty might not otherwise dictate. We regret this species of manifesto put forth by the Committee—the more so, as it compels us to avow our settled purpose to protect our Grand Chapter, as far as our ability lies, against any and all malignant assaults or threatened disturbance of happily existing relations. And we now seriously warn the General Grand Chapter, in no factious spirit, against the consummation of any act tending to the creation of confusion among the Grand Chapters, or to estranging them from each other.

And in this connection, we unhesitatingly declare that the General Grand Chapter has not the power or authority, as intimated, to execute any such threat as expelling the membership of any Masonic body, save only what perhaps itself might have created. If such extraordinary power be claimed, from what source does she derive it—from whom emanates her authority? Did she inherit it previous to her existence and preliminary meeting in 1797, or when she organized as the *Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America* in 1798? Did she fall heir to it when she changed her name to *General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America* in 1799, or when in 1806 she again changed her name to that of *General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America*? Or at any time subsequently when certain States, *partially*, one by one, acknowledged her authority by enlisting under her banner, had she legally derived the power to make or break a solitary Mason?—or to blot out of existence under any pretence, an entire community or jurisdiction of Masons? No Grand Body of Masons originally existed; but, by compliance with properly existing regulations, Grand Chapters have been legally established; while the General Grand Chapter can rightfully make no such

pretence. To be *general* in its character, it must not be *partial* in its nature; and no one will pretend that it sprung into life clothed with the essential characteristics of a General Grand Chapter—it was established without the concurrence of Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Florida, legally existing Grand Chapters at the time; therefore the General Grand Chapter can at best be viewed only in the light of a voluntary association—no Grand Chapter having a right to delegate to it power to exercise authority over another; and mere assumptions under specious pretences are not to be tolerated. In fact, by her own showing, as also by general appreciation, she is emphatically a self-constituted Body, with such accumulated and restrictive powers only as have been deposited with her by those who have sheltered under her wings—deposited simply in trust, to be yielded up again upon proper requisition.

We are not disposed to undervalue the capacity of the General Grand Chapter, or to cast a reproach upon those who sustain it—our duty is to do justice to every subject meeting the eye connected with Royal Arch Masonry, within the province of a Committee, and in which the Grand Chapter of North Carolina may be interested.

The writer hereof, as is amply evidenced, has never been inimical to General Grand Bodies, properly constituted—notwithstanding which, however, he cannot tacitly submit to any usurpation of authority over the Grand Chapter to which he owes allegiance; and, if she is to be immolated for asserting her independence, he must, with others in her defence, share her fate.

We transcribe for information and reference the following memoranda relative to the General Grand Chapter, abstracted from a valuable statistical table appended to the Wisconsin proceedings:

- Oct. 24, 1797. . . Preliminary meeting of three Chapters at Boston.  
 Jan. 24, 1798. . . . Organization of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."  
 Sept., 1798. . . . First meeting after organization for choice of officers.  
 Jan. 9, 1799. . . . Adjourned meeting; change of name to that of "General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."  
 Jan. 9, 1806. . . . Change of name to that of "The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America"—the next septennial meeting was fixed to be held in New York, Sept., 1812.  
 June 6, 1816. . . . Held in New York by reason of failure to meet in 1812.  
 Sept., 1819. . . . Held agreeably to adjournment.  
 Feb., 1823. . . . Adjournment to Washington, but not held.  
 Sept., 1826. . . . Met according to previous notice—meetings made triennial.  
 Nov., 1832. . . . Held this month on account of cholera in Baltimore in Sept.

*August 9, 1859—Grand Chapters Under the General Grand Chapter.*

Alabama,	Illinois,	Mississippi,	Ohio,
Arkansas,	Indiana,	Missouri,	Rhode Island,
Connecticut,	Louisiana,	Michigan,	South Carolina,
California,	Maine,	New Hampshire,	Tennessee,
Georgia,	Massachusetts,	New York,	Texas,
Iowa,	Maryland,	New Jersey,	Vermont,
	Wisconsin.		

*Subordinate Chapters.*

Minnesota, No. 1, Minnesota; Multonamah, No. 1, Oregon; Leavenworth, No. 1, Kansas; Honolulu, No. 1, (U. D.) Sandwich Islands; Vermillion, No. 2, (U. D.) Minnesota; Clackamas, No. 2, (U. D.) Oregon; St. Anthony Falls, No. 3, Minnesota; Atchison, No. 2, (U. D.) Kansas; Portland, No. 3, (U. D.) Oregon.

With these preliminaries, your Committee will take up the Proceedings of Grand Chapters in alphabetical arrangement:

ALABAMA.—In absence of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, S. A. M. Wood, presided, who delivered an interesting address. Comp. Wood participated in the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and says the question of its continuance was settled in its favor. He also remarks, that there is no dread of either the General Grand Chapter or of the General Grand Officers exercising any arbitrary power. In fact it appears that the recent amendments to the Constitution have shorn it of harm. Comp. R. C. Torrey, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a report, reviewing in a becoming spirit the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters—besides the General Grand Chapter. North Carolina not acknowledged.

ARKANSAS.—The address of M. E., E. H. English is commendatory of the General Grand Chapter and its proceedings, in which he acknowledges to have participated. The report on Foreign Communications was presented by the Chairman, Comp. W. L. D. Williams, who, in consequence of ill health sparingly reviewed nineteen proceedings, North Carolina included. The proceedings before us are rendered peculiarly interesting by decisions on important questions of jurisprudence, reported by Comp. Pike.

CONNECTICUT.—The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are handsomely presented, and the report on Foreign Correspondence does credit to its worthy Chairman, Comp. Storer, who respectfully reviews twenty-two proceedings, North Carolina of the number. From a rejoinder to Comp. B. B. French, who had taken exceptions to opinions previously expressed by Comp. Storer, we quote a bold and somewhat pithy portion:

“We have failed to see the great utility of the General Grand Chapter, which seems to be so manifest to the vision of our esteemed Companion. On the contrary, we do see, or think we see many reasons why that organization should be abolished,—and the sooner the better. We have not failed to discover, in our annual review of the transactions of the several Grand Chapters, that a deep-seated mistrust and dislike of the General Grand Chapter has taken possession of the minds of many of the best Masons in the land; that

this feeling of dissatisfaction has been growing more impatient and more extended from year to year; and that the best efforts of the General Grand Chapter have not been able to quiet or allay this feeling of unhappiness and alarm.

"We are by no means sure that a majority of the Grand Chapters are in favor of abolishing the general head; but we have every reason to believe that there are many of the most intelligent Companions in every jurisdiction, who honestly think that the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry would be promoted by abandoning the national organization and giving the absolute control to the State Grand Chapters in their several jurisdictions. We hear certainly that two Grand Chapters (by a disorderly movement, to be sure,) have severed the ties that bound them to the National Head; and the fact cannot be concealed, that several others have taken measures that must inevitably lead to the same result at an early day. And now we would ask Comp. French, in all sincerity, whether he does not believe it would be far better for the General Grand Chapter peacefully and good naturedly to dissolve and abandon its organizations, than to attempt to retain within its jurisdiction and control, against their will, even a minority of the State Grand Chapters?"

Comp. Storer is otherwise tart on the General Grand Chapter, but we have not space to follow him—our principal object, in the freedom of our quotations, is to familiarise our constituency with the views and feelings of the fraternity at large, touching the organization of the General Grand Chapter.

CALIFORNIA.—From the Address of the M. E. Thos. H. Caswell, we make a pleasing quotation:

"From afar, also, a volume of harmony is swelling which cannot fail to convince the most obdurate of the superior excellence of Masonic teaching. New York is once again a Masonic unit—Pennsylvania and Illinois are no longer at variance—and the faltering steps of the independent organizations in Canada have been recognized and supported by the genuine old English mother. Proud may we all be, Companions, that our noble institution is capable of accomplishing ends like these; and prouder still, if our present deliberations shall be characterized by that spirit of fairness and equality, which alone will continue to produce results so joyous."

The Grand High Priest is severe upon the General Grand Chapter for alleged acts of infringement in that jurisdiction. The very able and well digested Report on Correspondence by Comp. Henry H. Hartley, reviews the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters. In commenting upon that portion of the address of the Grand High Priest of North Carolina, congratulating the Grand Chapter "that the fetters which hitherto had shackled their legislation, had been thrown aside," the Committee have felt it agreeable to administer a little gentle rebuke, which is gratefully received—as follows:

"We are at a loss to conceive what *shackles* the General Grand Chapter imposed upon North Carolina, and how its actions and powers of use-

fulness were circumscribed; and we are equally at a loss to divine through what process of reasoning they have satisfied their consciences that they had a right to throw aside, not the *shackles*, but the obligations which bound them to the General Grand Chapter. The second section of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, entitled "Miscellaneous," is rather a stubborn, awkward something to get over. We opine that it is a *shackle* which our sister of North Carolina will find it not easy to throw aside."

Acting with the minority when the deed here alluded to was consummated, it would perhaps be unreasonable to expect the Chairman of the North Carolina Committee to advance any very forcible arguments in defence of the responsibility so boldly assumed by that Grand Body—suffice it to say, that North Carolina did not heedlessly take that step, so freely reproached—she had long complained of inaction on the one hand, and oppression on the other—of indications for the undue concentration of power—all of which seeming only to be viewed with indifference by the General Grand Chapter, North Carolina, in the exercise of what she conceived her sovereign rights, promptly severed the bonds existing between them. What may be the consequence of that act, and how far she may be justified or sustained, time alone must develop. The California Committee pass an oblique, and in our opinion, a very unjust censure on the late Chairman of our Correspondence Committee, Comp. R. G. Rankin, for a seeming want of courtesy in not vouchsafing any allusion to Grand Chapters whose proceedings had not been received. Our worthy Comp. Rankin's high Masonic, as well as social position, utterly precludes the idea of his wittingly descending to any disrespectful or other unbecoming act. We can assure Comp. Hartley that California Masonry, particularly, is held in high estimation in North Carolina, as the published proceedings of both Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge will verify.

GEORGIA.—In these proceedings we notice reports, majority and minority, of a Committee appointed at a previous Convocation, on the subject of dissolving the connection between that Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter. We append both the majority and minority resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the connection now subsisting between the Grand Chapter of Georgia and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, be, and the same is hereby dissolved."

Minority Report:

"*Resolved*, That the General Grand Chapter be requested to dissolve its organization, or permit any Grand Chapter to withdraw from all association with it, retaining all its existing rights and privileges."

All of which was laid over until the next regular Communication. Comp. S. Lawrence, from the Committee on Correspondence, made a report highly creditable to its author, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, including North Carolina.

Our worth Companion Rankin is again reproached by Georgia for alleged slight of her proceedings, while others received marked attention. We are

led to believe that the Masonic charity of Georgia will interpose in exonerating Comp. Rankin from the imputation of intended disrespect while endeavoring to discharge with fidelity and circumspection the perplexing duties of his office. No report, confined within reasonable limits, can possibly do justice to the voluminous proceedings annually published—without the strictest economizing of criticisms, the enormous bulk of every Report on Correspondence would be truly frightful. In regard to apologising for every sin of omission or commission that occurs, everybody knows that

“’Tis not meet that every nice offence should bear its own comment.”

INDIANA.—We notice in these proceedings the Report of a Special Committee relative to the connection of Indiana with the General Grand Chapter, as follows:

“Nothing new has occurred since our last meeting to change the character of this question, or induce a rescision from the position then assumed by this Grand Chapter. The design of a General Grand Chapter, at its organization, was no doubt good; but it has failed to meet the expectations of its best friends; we think, therefore, it were better to dissolve it; and more especially as its existence is an anomaly in the government of Masonic bodies. If, however, the members of that Body, at their next session, refuse to dissolve it, we recommend that our delegates respectfully ask permission to dissolve our connection with the General Grand Chapter, in conformity to the resolutions adopted by this Grand Chapter at our last annual session.”

Which report, together with a resolution conformable thereto, was adopted. These proceedings are not burthened by any Report on Foreign Correspondence—but much interest is imparted to them by the handsome address of the Grand High Priest, which speaks of existing relations with the General Grand Chapter as being “the *great* question of the Communication.” We notice, likewise, many interesting reports acted upon, besides other attractive matter.

ILLINOIS.—The Grand High Priest evidently views with distaste the institution of the General Grand Chapter. He says: “I cannot venerate the General Grand Chapter, because, not alone that it is an anomaly in Free Masonry, but also because there does not exist the least necessity for such an organization. Let the State Grand Chapters exercise the same relative powers as do the Grand Lodges, and we may then look for the same degree of union which so happily exists among those bodies at the present time.”

We regret the necessity of resisting the temptation to appropriating a larger portion of this most excellent address. The following quotation is but a taste of the luxury we are obliged to forego: “With me it is an axiom that *true Masonry* approaches perfection as nearly as a human institution can. Her laws are simple, obvious, and perfect—they were ordained and instituted long centuries ago, and time has but consecrated them to the heart of the faithful Craftsman. Let us therefore venerate and uphold them and shield them from the innovation and obscurity of modern legislation.”

We notice in these proceedings a case of rebellion in one of the Subordinates which was very properly disciplined, and its Charter forfeited. Comp. H. G. Reynolds submitted a neat Report on Correspondence, in which are briefly, but courteously reviewed, the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chapters, including North Carolina.

KENTUCKY.—We perceive nothing in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter to arrest attention, excepting the brief address of the Grand High Priest, and a commendable Report on Communications presented by Comp. A. G. Hodges, in which the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters, North Carolina included, are becomingly reviewed. In alluding to the General Grand Chapter, the Committee say: "The proceedings of this body, at its Triennial Convocation at Chicago in September last, prove to our minds the inherent weakness and fast approaching decay of the entire fabric. We withdrew from it in good time. In companionship with Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina, we feel that we can go on our way prosperously working out the sublime lessons of our institution with deference only to its admitted land marks, and subject to the behest of no one inferior to the I AM of the skies. We have no accusations to make against any one, neither do we conceive any one can accuse us. While the partnership existed we performed our part, as history affirms, with honor and fidelity. Our sleeping partner having failed to do what was agreed upon at the setting out, we close up our connexion, peremptorily, we admit, yet honorably, and hereafter shall form no other engagements of the sort. If any body of men again assume the control of Royal Arch Masonry, as the few assumed in 1797, we wish it understood that we shall admit of no such assumption, but claim the Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky, to be the reference-giving body of that branch of Masonry in this jurisdiction."

LOUISIANA.—The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are rendered peculiarly attractive by the ability and zeal manifested by the Grand High Priest, J. Q. A. Fellows, in his extended address. It is, however, mainly devoted to the action of the General Grand Chapter—to its legality, and to its relations with those bodies over which it claims authority—generally sustaining views in conflict with those predominant in North Carolina. Comp. Fellows deservedly enjoys a high reputation for his Masonic virtues and attainments, and is always active and efficient where duty is to be performed. His detail of the doings of the General Grand Chapter is circumstantial and instructive, and we are strongly provoked to make free appropriations from the address before us, but are warned by an imposed restraint.

We miss the usual welcome Report on Correspondence, but have marked a valuable statistical table to be appended to our proceedings.

MICHIGAN.—This Grand Chapter, it will be remembered, had a difficulty with the General Grand H. Priest, being charged with illegally chartering a Subordinate Chapter. The General Grand Chapter subsequently censured Michigan, and legalized its proceedings. The Grand High Priest, S. C.

Coffinberry, having been a delegate, reports the action of the General Grand Chapter, as does also the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who, like Louisiana, enter into an extended history of its doings; besides which, the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, with North Carolina, are complimented with a notice. The Grand Chapter of Michigan seems to have been industriously engaged during its session, expressing by the way, satisfaction at the action of the General Grand Chapter.

MISSOURI.—Comp. A. O'Sullivan, the intelligent Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, who constitutes also the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in his spirited Report, reviews with earnestness and frankness the proceedings of twenty-two sister Grand Chapters, not omitting a complimentary notice of North Carolina. In criticising the Report of Maine, he gracefully chides its Chairman, Comp. Pearl, who, he says, "In his zeal to sustain the General Grand Chapter, makes use of language which we regret to see. The estimable Companion should not forget that in upholding the General Grand Chapter, his comments should not be of such a character as to leave a wound. We now allude," continues Comp. O'Sullivan, "to his criticisms on North Carolina and Kentucky, believing that such ungenerous remarks will not help the cause he seeks to advocate. The Report of our Companion" (continuing our quotations,) "turns almost exclusively on the General Grand Chapter, and advocates its continuance with all of its supposed powers, unabridged, with a pertinacity worthy of a better cause."

There are other portions of the Missouri Report, bold and truthful in expression, whose incorporation in this Report our limits forbid.

MAINE.—The proceedings of this Grand Chapter, as usual, *bear* evidence of worth and a high degree of talent in its membership. The Report on Correspondence is from the ready pen of Comp. Pearl—and, respecting the position he occupies, his devotion to the General Grand Chapter is both natural and proper—which may in some measure account for his industry in accumulating from the various reports and other sources a formidable display of material with which to sustain the legitimacy of that Grand Body, and the supremacy of its power, while at the same time he improves the occasion to administer to North Carolina a fraternal rebuke for having offensively assumed an independent attitude, besides reading for her edification and comfort an effecting homily on taste, magnanimity, masonic charity and courtesy, of which he deems her deficient, and for all which philanthropic regard we hope he will not find the good old North State ungrateful—yet, we cannot refrain from congratulating our worthy Comp. Pearl on his production of a most excellent report, sustaining his claims as a talented Mason. The proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters receive marked attention from the Committee. We herewith transfer the criticism entire, by which North Carolina is honored, without any desire to comment, that our Companions may have an opportunity of enjoying the friendly salutations intended specially for their benefit, and which they cannot fail to appreciate. After

quoting from the Grand High Priest's Address, the Committee thus proceed: "The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Passed Grand High Priest Robert G. Rankin. His notice of Maine is fraternal, if we except the allusion to the 'defender of the General Grand Chapter.' Any allusion to that body by way of defence or criticism upon the action of North Carolina and Kentucky in withdrawing, seems to disturb our Excellent Companion. The page devoted to the General Grand Chapter strikes us as in bad taste after their action in withdrawing last year. It betrays a want of confidence in their own course. Why else the necessity of assailing the General Grand Chapter in the manner they do? We can see neither magnanimity nor Masonic charity or courtesy in such a course. If our Companions of North Carolina are so elated with a sense of their oft asserted independent position, as to find this course a delightful one, perhaps we ought not to desire them to reform. It is certainly better that such assaults upon the General Grand Chapter should come from open and avowed enemies, outside of its organization, than from those who profess allegiance while seeking to destroy it. It is gratifying to record that the assaults from North Carolina are less offensive than when she claimed affiliation."

MISSISSIPPI.—The proceedings are mostly of a local character, as is also, the brief Address of the Grand High Priest; and there is no Report on Foreign Correspondence. But a Committee on that part of the Grand H. Priest's Address touching the General Grand Chapter, appointed at a previous session, submitted an elaborate Report entering into its history, and freely canvassing its acts and pointing out its short comings; at the same time bringing to view the opinions and actions of such Grand Chapters as have manifested interest in the subject. The following resolution, submitted by a majority of the Committee, was adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the General Grand Chapter should be dissolved, or that this Grand Chapter should take measures to obtain the consent of the General Grand Chapter to its withdrawal from that jurisdiction, and that our delegates be, and are hereby instructed to carry out these views."

The minority report did not differ essentially from the above conclusion, only as to time.

MARYLAND.—A special session of this Grand Chapter was convened in May of last year, on account of circumstances growing out of the refusal of a Council of High Priests to anoint two High Priests who had been successively elected to that office by a Subordinate Chapter. It seems they had been balloted for in Council and rejected. Such difficulties, your Committee apprehend, arise altogether from a misapprehension of the functions pertaining to a Council of High Priests. They certainly possess no power to *elect* or *reject* a candidate who claims to have been elected High Priest of a Chapter, and produces a duly authenticated certificate of the fact—behind

that certificate they have no right to go, their duty being simply to *grant* what he is prepared to *demand*.

The Grand Chapter, on presentation of the case, adopted a resolution healing all irregularities in any part of the proceedings above alluded to, and relieving the Subordinate Chapter from its consequent embarrassment. Subsequently, at the ensuing regular Convocation, the Grand Chapter, by resolution, deprived the Council of High Priests of vitality, by rendering the office nugatory.

Comp. B. B. French, from the Committee on Correspondence, apologized for the brief report which peculiar circumstances compelled him to submit, the transactions of the General Grand Chapter being the principal topic discussed. The proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters are cursorily examined, and the report closes with a well deserved and feeling tribute to the memory of two distinguished Companions, W. C. Baker and Robt. P. Dunlap, recently deceased.

Our worthy and highly esteemed Companion French will find a sympathetic response in the heart of every Mason that reads the manly sentiments reflected in the following paragraph which we extract from the report in hand: "Many—nearly all—of the proceedings before us have alluded to former reports of the Committee on Correspondence of this Grand Chapter, and especially to that of last year, and your Committee are most happy to observe the spirit of kindness with which some of the rough corners of that report have been knocked off and thrown over among the rubbish. If ever a thought has been sent forth by the writer of the reports alluded to—who also is the writer of this—which has been construed as intended to wound the feelings of any living Companion, assurance is now given that no such intention existed. The position of your Chairman was such that he could not but feel sensitive to any attack upon the General Grand Chapter or his beloved Companion *and friend of a life-time*, Past Grand High Priest Gilman—whom he has often tested in the alembic of brotherly love, and always found the result to be as pure as the finest gold that ever was eliminated from the crucible of the assayer—and he has, perhaps, used terms in commenting upon, and replying to, remarks and arguments of respected Companions, which may have seemed offensive. If any Companion has regarded them thus, the hand and the heart of reconciliation is hereby tendered, and the assurance of sincere regret is hereby given."

Companion French is one of the veterans in the Masonic cause. May length of days be his portion, with the capacity to enjoy, and the ability to continue, for an indefinite period his good work.

NEW YORK.—The proceedings of New York are always acceptable. Those before us sustain the high reputation for intelligence and Masonic integrity which she ever enjoys. The Address of the Grand High Priest is principally confined to local matters; and he improves the occasion to congratulate the Grand Chapter on the restoration of peace and harmony to the Masonic

fraternity in the State. Comp. Joseph White presented the Report on Foreign Communications—affording a condensed and discriminating review of the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters—North Carolina courteously. New York expresses the determination to sustain the General Grand Chapter, “conceiving itself bound by the most sacred ties to maintain its existence, uphold its supremacy, and recognize it as the governing body of Royal Arch Masonry in the Union.”

NEW JERSEY.—We are pleased to acknowledge the reception of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter from its organization in December, 1856, to its third annual Convocation in September 1859. They appear to be regular, and manifest a determination in our worthy Companions of New Jersey to prosecute the good work with earnestness and fidelity. May blessings attend her. The several Addresses of the Grand High Priest breathe the true Masonic spirit, and are happily conceived. Comp. W. H. Jefferys presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing in a kindly spirit and with ability, the proceedings of seventeen Grand Chapters, including North Carolina. The following resolution, passed at a previous session, was, on motion, re-affirmed :

“Resolved, That we are satisfied with our present relation to the General Grand Chapter, but we declare our willingness to give up our interest in that body, whenever we are convinced that such action will promote the harmony of the Royal Craft throughout the United States.”—That certainly expresses the true Masonic sentiment.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Grand High Priest, in his very excellent Address, speaks with no little warmth of the apathy—indifference—which exists in regard to the Arch Degree in that State, and the consequent want of punctual attendance upon the meetings of the Chapters. Among various other causes to which this state of things is charged, the Grand High Priest alludes to the fact that a large proportion of the officers and many influential members of the Chapter belong to the higher Orders, and as a consequence operates as an evil, not necessarily but incidentally. The Grand High Priest has doubtless touched upon the right chord which produces the most baleful effects on the body of Masonry. We may have occasion, elsewhere in this report, to enlarge more fully on the crying sin of *accumulated degrees*.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted by its Chairman, Comp. Geo. H. Hubbard, is the most thorough and perhaps impartial that has come under our observation. The proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters, with North Carolina, are treated with great liberality, and very copious extracts are freely copied from their pages. We apprehend that no Grand Chapter will have occasion to complain of neglect, or lack of courtesy in the New Hampshire Committee. The prominent subjects of discussion are those relating to the position of the General Grand Chapter, and the various attitudes assumed by the several Grand Chapters in connection therewith.

VERMONT.—The Address of the Grand High Priest, among other matters of less grave import, calls the attention of the Grand Chapter to an infringement of its jurisdiction by New York, in the admission of a candidate from Vermont who already had a petition in one of her Subordinates unacted upon. In a correspondence the Grand High Priest of New York promised redress. Probably Vermont does not require a deposit of the entire fee, as does North Carolina, or the evil complained of would not have occurred. We do not see how the individual, after having legally received the degrees, wheresoever, without himself practising deception to obtain them, could have been denied the benefits thereof, even of admittance. The censure lies in the offending Chapter, which permits too easy access.

The Grand High Priest, Jno. S. Webster, enters also into an interesting account of his connection with the ancient institution, especially during the dark days of its persecution, having been a Mason more than forty years, and placed in position to feel the poisonous darts of anti-Masonry.

Comp. B. Davenport presented a well digested and courteous Report on Correspondence, reviewing with calmness the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, with North Carolina, and incorporating Comp. French's "concise account of the origin of the General Grand Chapter." In concluding their report, the Committee cheerfully allude to the fraternal spirit that so generally pervades Masonic discussion, observing that, "even when differences of opinion are to be looked for and expected, in so large a body of heterogeneous elements, we find these differences discussed in a courteous and forbearing manner, and generally with a single-hearted disinterestedness, that marks the true-hearted Mason, who seeks only the development of truth and the best interests of the Order."

VIRGINIA.—The Grand Chapter of Virginia convened on the 15th, and closed on the 16th day of December last. The proceedings, by no means voluminous, are proof against criticism. We regret the necessity for the following apologetic explanation, and hope our sister may not again encounter any similar disappointment: "The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report, that through some misapprehension they failed to receive the several reports of proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters in time to present such subjects as are of interest to the Royal Arch Masons in Virginia."

WISCONSIN.—The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are respectful in appearance, and creditable in contents. The Address of the Grand High Priest relates to his official transactions during recess—introduces the action of the General Grand Chapter, and appropriately and feelingly notices the decease of the late Grand Secretary, Jno. W. Hunt.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported through their Chairman, Comp. M. M. Cothren, who briefly notices the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters. We quote as follows from the opening of the Report: "There are at present no questions, either of jurisprudence or government,

dividing the Craft, the discussion of which would, in our opinion, advance the interests of the Order. Indeed, the only difference of any magnitude which exists, is with regard to the General Grand Chapter. The recent action of that Grand Body, we trust, will prove a sufficient vindication of its importance. Its action throughout was characterized by the moderation, dignity, ability and spirit of concession, which might have been expected from an institution, the claims of which are so high, the objects so great, and the fields of usefulness for which are so broad."

We also quote what is said relative to our Grand Body: "North Carolina held her annual Convocation at Wilmington, June 6th, 1859. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. R. G. Rankin, is a short but able document. We will not, at this time, advert to the sentiments that it contains, as we shall look with hope for a change of views with regard to the General Grand Chapter, and also for an interchange of kindly feelings between our Companions of North Carolina and Louisiana."

Notwithstanding any tartness of expression in last year's Report that may have been provoked by inconsiderate epithets employed by Louisiana, we can confidently assure our Companions of Wisconsin that neither Comp. Rankin, its author, nor any other true Mason in North Carolina, can be so forgetful of his solemnly assumed responsibilities, as to allow the feeling of malignity even a momentary shelter in his heart, however exciting might be the surrounding influences; and we respect too highly the chivalry of Louisiana than even to suspect her of entertaining a debasing impulse. We cannot believe that our Wisconsin Companions intended to place the two Grand Chapters in a false position.

A resolution, recognizing the Grand Chapter of Canada as legitimate, and regularly organized, was adopted.

Were not the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence a little hasty in deciding that a Chapter might be *closed* with a less number than *nine*, when, from any casualty, the Companions became reduced below that number? Our teachings require to be present the same number either to *open* or *close*. The members whose unauthorized withdrawal places the Chapter in such predicament, are subject to discipline. In the dilemma here presented, the Chapter should call off, and the record be made to show the cause. A Lodge or Chapter temporarily calling off during a sitting, does not of itself authorize the withdrawal from the meeting of a single individual—otherwise, the Lodge or Chapter might possibly be left to *close itself*.

Thus concludes our very imperfect review. In its preparation we have endeavored to treat courteously every subject upon which we have dwelt, without indulging in offensive allusions or comments, being conscious at the same time of having overlooked much valuable matter, and unheeded the expression of many beautiful conceptions which enrich and beautify the pages of the voluminous documents submitted to our consideration; but for all such short comings we bespeak that forbearance so generally awarded to incapacity and the painful control of necessary restraint.

We are at a loss to account for the non-reception of proceedings of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Iowa, Florida, and Pennsylvania. An opportunity afforded your Committee to have incorporated into their Report a review of those absent proceedings, would have been most gratifying. Without intending any uncharitable insinuation, we may be permitted to remark, that North Carolina is capable of appreciating any courtesies that may be extended towards her, and that she is ready at all times to reciprocate in good offices and fraternal regard whenever occasion presents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. W. FANNING, *Chairman.*

The Deputy Grand High Priest presented the following Annual Report, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes :

#### REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

JUNE 4TH 1860.

TO THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA :

*Companions*:—Another year has passed, and we have assembled again around the common altar of our Tabernacle to render homage and adoration to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for his continued loving kindness to us and the institution to which we belong. And we meet to extend to each other our fraternal salutations, and to legislate for the good of the Royal Craft, more especially that under this jurisdiction.

May the Supreme High Priest, the Judge of Heaven and Earth, be pleased to preside over the deliberations of this Convocation; may He rule, govern and direct us in all things appertaining thereto, so that our coming together may not be in vain. May we be inspired by his wisdom, have our understanding enlarged and our minds enlightened. And may we go forth again, with renewed vigor, to dispense light and truth to the uninformed Mason, and to contribute to the relief of all worthy distressed Companions, their widows and orphans, wheresoever dispersed.

In the latter part of August, I entered upon the duties of the office to which you have been pleased to appoint me, and, during the Masonic year, have visited the following Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, viz: Concord, No. 1; Phoenix, No. 2; Concord, No. 5; Eureka, No. 7; Oxford, No. 8; Lafayette, No. 11; Choraizin, No. 13; Union, No. 17; Salisbury, No. 20; Lincoln, No. 22; Montgomery, No. 23; Louisburg, No. 26; Mount Lebanon, No. 27; Graham, No. 28; Goldsboro', No. 29; Mount Vernon, No. 30; Wadesboro', No. 31.

I found some of the Chapters in a declining state—some of them very irregular in holding their communications, calling off from one meeting to another; and others having almost ceased to work. But I am happy to

state, that, after having been reorganized and instructed in the work, and many worthy Companions added to their number, they have again returned to the Tabernacle with renewed interest, and, so far as I have been able to learn, are much pleased with the work, and promise to be more useful in future in promoting the interest of Royal Arch Masonry, more especially that under our Masonic Domain.

I was unable to get a meeting of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 30, Greenville; consequently could not reorganize or instruct them in the work, but urged upon the Companions with whom I conversed the necessity of sustaining their Chapter until a more favorable opportunity offered for the acquisition of new members, by which they would be enabled to hold their regular communications.

The Companions of Concord Chapter, No. 5, 'Tarboro', met me in their Hall at the appointed time. The most of them being planters, and living out of town, and it being a very busy season of the year, at their solicitations I deferred the instruction until a more convenient season. I learn, however, from the Companions that said Chapter still continues to work, though somewhat irregular. They have work to do, and desire to be instructed.

I was also unable to exemplify the work before Concord Chapter, No. 1, Wilmington, in the manner which I desired to do. I spent two weeks with them at different times, (November and April,) but was unfortunate in making my appointments. These periods being also busy seasons of the year with the merchants and citizens, the members were able to devote but little or no time to the work, and then only an hour or so in the evening.

On the 16th day of January, under instructions from the M. E. E. F. Watson, Grand High Priest, I organized a new Chapter in the town of Mocksville, styled Davie Chapter. I spent some time with the members, instructing them in the work, and have no doubt, from the zeal manifested by the Companions, Davie Chapter will be a creditable acquisition to this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

On my arrival at Greenville in April, I received an application from a constitutional number of Companions, to revive Clinton Chapter in the town of Washington; and, after having been fully satisfied in regard to the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, I granted the dispensation, and proceeded, on Monday, the 23d day of April, with the necessary assistance, to revive and organize said Chapter, of which Comp. Jno. S. Hawks is the First Most Excellent High Priest, Comp. Jno. A. Stanly, E. K., and Comp. Thos. Shaw, E. S. The fee has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary. I spent two weeks with the Companions of said Chapter, and can bear testimony to their moral worth and to their zeal for Royal Arch Masonry, their punctual attendance upon the lectures, and the advancement made. And the many acts of kindness bestowed upon me during my sojourn with them, will ever be to me a pleasant recollection.

I wrote to the officers of Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, Conoho, No. 12, and Key

Stone, No. 19, with the view of visiting them, but received no reply. It was my desire to have visited all the Chapters in the State, but circumstances entirely beyond my control prevented my doing so. It affords me pleasure, however, to state, that at the Chapters visited, where the officers and members gave their attention to the instruction, they learned the work with considerable accuracy.

Several of the Chapters desire a portion of the ceremonies of the Past Master's Degree restored, and requested that I should present the subject for your consideration.

I am aware that the subject of a representative fund has heretofore been presented for the consideration of this Grand Chapter, and laid over for future action. It is certainly very desirable, if not almost absolutely necessary, that every Chapter under this jurisdiction should be represented in the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter by one of its presiding officers, if possible—if not, by a representative member of said Subordinate.

The Subordinate Chapters formerly paid each the annual sum of fifteen dollars dues to this Grand Chapter, but in consequence of a surplus fund in the Grand Treasury and for other reasons, the dues in 1857 were reduced to ten dollars. We now have under this jurisdiction twenty-eight working Chapters, and if each Chapter contributed the annual sum of twenty dollars dues, it would produce a revenue of \$560, independent of fees from other sources. And from the present facilities of traveling throughout the State, most of the Chapters being situated upon or near the different lines of railroad, the sum of \$475 would about, if not more than, cover the traveling expenses of one delegate from each Subordinate Chapter (exclusive of board) to and from the Annual convocations of this Grand Chapter. And certainly no Subordinate Chapter would be unwilling to contribute the small sum of twenty dollars annually to the General Fund of this Grand Chapter for the good of Royal Arch Masonry within our jurisdiction.

The Subordinate Chapters that I have visited, with one or two exceptions, concur in the decision of this Grand Body at its last Annual Communication, relative to the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

I would here again impress upon the Subordinate Chapters, which I have instructed, the necessity of holding informal meetings for instruction, in order that the officers and members may become familiar with the work, so that, when Degrees are to be conferred, they may be done intelligibly to the candidates and with honor to the craft.

During the three years past, ending June, 1858, there were 57 withdrawals, 8 expulsions, and 22 deaths. For the Masonic year now closing I know of but 1 withdrawal and 1 death. Doubtless there are more. Permit me, therefore, to congratulate you (so far as I have been able to learn) upon the increased prosperity of the Royal Craft in this State during the past year. Two new Chapters have been organized, and, in the discharge of my official duties, I have exalted some 75 to 80 candidates, and others have since been

admitted to our ranks; all of whom, I trust, may prove themselves to be the true descendants of those faithful Giblemites who wrought at the building of the first Temple. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the office assigned me to the best of my ability. In conclusion permit me to express to you my profound gratitude for the honor you have conferred upon me, and through you to the officers and members of the Subordinate Chapters which I have visited, my kind regards for their respect and kindness manifested toward me during my official visits to them. Companions, we have a good work to perform; then let us move forward with the Ark of our Covenant until misfortune has no tear to dry and sorrow no wound to heal—until all men shall recognize their obligations to each other, and men of every religion, nationality and vocation shall sit and act together in harmony and friendship as a band of brothers. Then, and not till then, may we close the avenues to our Tabernacle, and cease our labors.

S. W. NEAL, *D. G. H. P.*

On motion of Comp. Murdoch, it was

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Gr'd. Secretary.*

### WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 6th, 10 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

#### P R E S E N T.

M. E. E. F. Watson, - - - - -	G. H. P.
E. S. W. Neal, - - - - -	D. G. H. P.
E. P. P. Clark, - - - - -	G. K. Pro tem.
E. L. R. Loftin, - - - - -	G. S.
Alex. Murdoch, - - - - -	G. C. H. Pro tem.
P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., -	G. P. S. “
A. A. Harbin, - - - - -	G. R. A. C. “
John M. Wolfe, - - - - -	G. M. 3d V. “

Dan'l. Bowden, - - - - - G. M. 2d V. P. T.  
 Joseph Whitty, - - - - - G. M. 1st V. "  
 Thos. W. Brown, - - - - - G. Treasurer.  
 Thos. B. Carr, - - - - - G. Secretary.  
 E. Turlington, - - - - - G. Tyler.

Comp's A. G. Mackey, G. G. H. P. General Grand Chapter U. S.; R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.; B. W. Williams, Jno. M. Wolfe, O. L. Fillyaw, William Murdoch, R. T. Hall, John F. Howlett, W. B. McMillan, A. Martin, P. G. H. P.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes :

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of Davie and Clinton Chapters, working under Dispensations, and find them regular and in accordance with Masonic usage, and recommend that Charters issue to said Chapters under their proper numbers, and that their delegates be admitted to seats in this Grand Chapter.                      Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. WOLFE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report, that they have examined the Credentials and find the following Chapters duly represented :

Davie Chapter, No. — (U. D.) . . . By A. A. Harbin, H. P.

Clinton " No. — (U. D.) . . . By A. Martin, prox, for King ; T. B. Carr, prox. for Scribe.

Respectfully submitted.

O. L. FILLYAW, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes :

JUNE 6TH, 1860.

The Finance Committee have examined the Treasurer and Secretary's Books and find them correct and in proper form, and submit the following as the financial condition of the Grand Chapter :

Cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the time of the last annual report.....	\$270 52
Interest received on W. A. Burr's note.....	31 20
Amount received as principal on the same.....	120 00
Interest on R. G. Rankin's note.....	20 85
Principal on the same.....	100 00
Dues received during the present Convocation.....	261 00

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\$803 57

From which he has disbursed, including appropriations.....

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\$384 30

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer.....

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\$419 27

In addition to the above the Grand Treasurer holds the following notes:

I. Northrop's note and interest.....	\$305 62
W. A. Burr's note for.....	400 00
R. G. Rankin's note for.....	300 00

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\$1,005 62

The arrearage of dues from Subordinate Chapters are as follows :

Roanoke, No. 4.....	\$20 00
Concord, " 5.....	30 00
Eureka, " 7.....	10 00
Oxford, " 8.....	10 00
Raleigh, " 10.....	20 00
Conoho, " 12.....	15 00
Charaizin, " 13.....	10 00
Gaston, " 18.....	30 00
Keystone, " 19.....	10 00
Lincoln, " 22.....	30 00
Germanton, " 24.....	20 00
Ashville, " 25.....	20 00
Louisburgh, " 26.....	45 00
Graham, " 28.....	15 00
Mt. Vernon, " 30.....	20 00

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\$305 00

Less Mt. Ararat, No. 3, overpaid.....

\$15 00

Cherokee, " 14, ".....

15 00

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\$30 00

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\$275 00

Respectfully submitted.

P. W. FANNING, *Chairman.*

An election of officers, as per appointment, was held, which resulted as follows:

Comp's	M. E. E. F. Watson,	-	G. H. P.
"	S. W. Neal,	- -	D. G. H. P.
"	P. A. Holt,	- -	G. K.
"	P. P. Clark,	- -	G. S.
"	T. W. Brown,	-	Grand Treasurer.
"	Thos. B. Carr,	-	Grand Secretary.
"	R. T. Hall,	- -	G. C. H.

The Special Committee on M. E. High Priest's Address presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes:

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Address of Most Excellent Grand High Priest E. F. Watson, in relation to the action of the General Grand Chapter in regard to the withdrawal of the Grand Chapters of Kentucky and North Carolina from that General Grand Body, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report, that this Grand Chapter having received no copy of the proceedings of the last Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and the Committee being unable to procure one, have nothing before them except such detached portions of the acts of that General Grand Body as they find in the proceedings of the State Grand Chapters. It is true that M. E. Albert G. Mackey, General Grand High Priest, has, in a very able and eloquent address before this Grand Chapter, given in considerable detail, a verbal report of the proceedings of that General Grand Body. Yet the Committee cannot undertake upon these to bring the subject of our present relation to the General Grand Chapter before this Grand Body for definite action, and would respectfully recommend that any consideration of the subject or expression of the views of this Grand Body be deferred until our next General Communication.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEX. MURDOCH, *Chairman.*

On motion of Comp. Wolfe, it was

*Resolved,* That this Grand Chapter proceed to the installation of officers this evening at 8 o'clock, and that Comp. A. G. Mackey, G. G. H. P. of General Grand Chapter be requested to perform the installation service.

The Committee on M. E. High Priest's Address presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes:

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Communication of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, have had the same under careful consideration, and beg leave to submit the following Report: Your Committee highly appreciate the moral sentiment of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest's Address, and specially commend its wholesome precepts to the careful and attentive consideration of every lover of our noble art. It is a lamentable fact that many of our order, though punctilious in the discharge of all the legitimate duties of Masonry, literally adhering to its mutual obligations, are yet seemingly oblivious of the fact, that there is a necessary consistency to sustain to society—a certain moral deportment which we should maintain, in order that the world may be satisfied of our consistency—and sincerity in those professions of morality with which we endeavor to impress society as a part of our rites.

We are glad to learn that the proposed action in reference to the Royal and Select Master's Degree has been heartily responded to in some portions of this jurisdiction, and several Councils have been formed, and doubtless an effort will be consummated very soon to organize a Grand Council. How important it is to guard well the avenues of our noble structure against the intrusions of the unworthy. Our portals should not be too easily unlocked responsive to the alarms of any unless they have been fully tested in the crucible, and the dross separated from the pure metal. We have nothing to fear from the rigid use of the black ballot. We may occasionally be chagrined at the failures in the proposed advancement of friends, but be assured it but lays broad and deep the foundations of Royal Arch Masonry—diffuses its ramifications broad and deep in the hearts of our order. When our favors are hastily and indiscriminately conferred, they are not sufficiently appreciated—and our superstructure mushroom-like, is scared and withered by the first scorplings of adversity.

How often do we find animosities existing in our order where we should ever find conciliation and compromise. Estrangements between Royal Arch Masons is foreign to every precept of our institution. How it is possible after practicing the sublime, allegorical teachings of our art, to see Companions who have worshipped together around the same common altar of our institution entertaining mutual feelings of ill will, is certainly an inconsistency too glaring to escape the observation of every reflecting mind. Rather let harmony prevail—peace calm every troubled element, and good will characterize all our deportment. Let each resolve to act well his part, and inconsistency is forever erased from our escutcheon.

We heartily commend the policy of keeping a competent Grand Lecturer permanently in the field. Without it we necessarily languish, or at least enjoy but fitful gleams of prosperity. We must also contribute to his support. It is exacting too much from any Companion to enlist his services in any undertaking so important without providing for his adequate compensation. The visitations of the Grand Lecturer, his exemplifications of the

work harmonize discrepancies and infuse new life and vigor in all Subordinate Chapters—a zealous emulation is promoted, and local and general prosperity are legitimate results.

We would suggest the very great importance of Subordinate Chapters taking into consideration the policy of amending our organic law, and thereby increasing the annual stipend paid by Subordinates to an amount sufficient to get up a permanent representative fund. In order to effect this, they will consider the propriety of effecting this either by increasing the aggregate amount or fixing a stipend by a *per capita* contribution.

There are some points of general and others of special application in the Address of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest which your Committee would be glad to refer to, but as they more legitimately come under the consideration of a special committee, who will doubtless elaborate their opinions fully in reference to them, we shall protract this hasty report no further at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. A. HOLT, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes:

Your Committee upon Unfinished Business have examined the proceedings of the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and beg leave to report, that they find nothing therein requiring the action or consideration of any subsequent Convocation.

A. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

Comp. Loftin was granted leave of absence and appointed Comp. T. B. Carr his proxy.

Comp. Bowden was granted leave of absence and appointed Comp. Neal his proxy.

On motion of Comp. Rankin, it was

*Resolved*, That Article 25th of the Constitution be so amended as to read "All propositions for altering or amending this Grand Constitution shall be submitted at a regular Convocation and be acted upon at the succeeding Regular Convocation."

On motion of Comp. Holt, it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to devise more specific ways and means by which a Grand Lecturer may be kept permanently in the field, and compensated for his services.

*Committee.*—Comp's P. A. Holt, W. Murdoch, R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 8 o'clock. THOS. B. CARR, *Gr'd. Secretary.*

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.**

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and Members as this morning.

*Comp's.*—W. J. Price, I. C. Turner, J. M. Monk, M. Newhoff.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of Grand Officers, M. E. A. G. Mackey, General Grand High Priest, presiding.

The M. E. made the following appointments :

Wm. Murdoch,	- - - - -	G. P. S.
J. Whitty,	- - - - -	G. R. A. C.
J. M. Wolfe,	- - - - -	G. M. 3d V.
M. Newhoff,	- - - - -	G. M. 2d V.
Geo. Lauder,	- - - - -	G. M. 1st V.
Rev. J. F. Reid,	- - - - -	G. Chaplain.
E. Turlington,	- - - - -	G. Sentinel.

Comp. R. G. Rankin, Recorder of Convention of High Priests, held in St. John's Hall this afternoon, requested that the proceedings of the same be appended to the published proceedings of this Grand Convocation, which was granted.

Comp. Alex. Murdoch, Thr. Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, requested that the proceedings of the Grand Council be appended to the published proceedings of this Grand Convocation, which was granted.

Comp. Wm. Murdoch was granted leave of absence and appointed Comp. Howlett his proxy.

Comp. B. W. Williams was granted leave of absence and appointed Comp. Neal his proxy.

Comp. A. A. Harbin was granted leave of absence and appointed Comp. T. B. Carr his proxy.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Gr'd. Secretary.*

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**THURSDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.**

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers in their stations.

No business having been prepared for the action of the Grand Chapter, it was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Gr'd. Secretary.*

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**FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 8th, 1860, 10 O'CLOCK.**

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T.

M. E. E. F. Watson,	- - - - -	G. H. P.
P. A. Holt,	- - - - -	G. K.
P. P. Clark,	- - - - -	G. S.
R. T. Hall,	- - - - -	G. C. H.
P. W. Fanning,	P. G. H. P. -	G. P. S. Pro tem.
J. Whitty,	- - - - -	G. R. A. C.
John M. Wolfe,	- - - - -	G. M. 3d V.
M. Newhoff,	- - - - -	G. M. 2d V.
Alex. Murdoch,	- - - - -	G. M. 1st V.
Thos. W. Brown,	- - - - -	G. Treasurer.
Thos. B. Carr,	- - - - -	G. Secretary.
E. Turlington,	- - - - -	G. Tyler.

Comp's John F. Howlett, A. G. Mackey, Gen. Grand High Priest; R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings presented the following Report, which, with the annexed resolution, was received and adopted and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes:

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Your Committee to whom the Returns of Subordinate Chapters were referred, beg leave to report, that they have received and examined the returns of ten Chapters—

Of which the following are correct in all particulars, viz: Concord, No. 1; Mt. Lebanon, No. 27; Union, No. 17.

The following returns are deficient in not having seals attached, viz: Lafayette, No. 11; Choraizin, No. 13; Cherokee, No. 14; Salisbury, No. 20; Goldsboro', No. 29, and Wadesboro', No. 31.

The following returns are deficient in not reporting date of Charter: Eureka, No. 7; Cherokee, No. 14; Salisbury, No. 20; Goldsboro', No. 29, and Wadesboro', No. 31.

The returns of Goldsboro' Chapter are also deficient in not giving time of regular meetings.

The Committee on Returns have, on two former occasions, recommended that no returns be received without seals, yet from the above it appears that few Chapters have complied with the recommendation. Your Committee would therefore recommend the passage of the resolution appended.

The Committee would further report, these following Chapters have neglected to make returns for the years opposite their names, viz:

Roanoke,	No. 4,	for 2 years.....	1859 and 60
Warrenton,	" 9,	" 3 " .....	1858-59 " 60
Conoho,	" 12,	" 2 " .....	1859 " 60
Gaston,	" 18,	" 3 " .....	1858-59 " 60
Lincolnton,	" 22,	" 2 " .....	1859 " 60
Germanton,	" 24,	" 2 " .....	1859 " 60
Asheville,	" 25,	" 2 " .....	1859 " 60
Louisburg,	" 26,	" 3 " .....	1858-59 " 60
Graham,	" 28,	" 3 " .....	1858-59 " 60

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. MURDOCH, }  
JOHN F. HOWLETT, } *Committee.*

*Resolved,* That hereafter the returns of no Subordinate Chapter be received, except the seal is attached thereto.

On motion of Comp. A. Murdoch, it was

*Resolved*, That forty dollars be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter to the M. E. Grand High Priest as his traveling expenses incurred in attending our present Convocation, one hundred dollars to the Grand Secretary, thirty dollars to the Grand Treasurer, and fifteen dollars to the Grand Tyler.

The Committee on Grand Lecturer presented the following Report, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes :

TO THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Your Committee to whom was referred all matters of business pertaining to the better compensation of Grand Lecturer, would beg leave respectfully to submit the following report: After an examination of the duties performed by your Grand Lecturer since your last Grand annual Convocation, we find they have been very extensive and laborious, and have exercised a most salutary effect in promoting the general prosperity of our Royal Craft. Those Chapters visited have not only had new life and vigor infused in all their workings, but the increase in their actual financial condition has been in the aggregate a sum probably not less than two thousand dollars. Here then, in the actual demonstration of figures we find illustrated the indispensable importance of making some efficient effort to keep in the field a competent Grand Lecturer. The enquiry naturally suggests itself, how can we most certainly produce this result? We think, in view of the importance of the results, that the line of policy is clearly defined. In the examination of the accounts of our Grand Lecturer, we find that in the performance of that portion of his duty of visiting and instructing Subordinates, he has been in the main fairly supported. But there are other collateral duties equally as important and obligatory. Among these is the duty of visiting and endeavoring to resurrect defunct Chapters, where the sacrifice of time, traveling expenses and labor performed is of no inconsiderable character. In the present rates of compensation to him by working Chapters we do not think it important to suggest any material modification of the plan designated on the face of our Constitution. But we think expenses incurred by him in the discharge of duties imposed, from which he has received nothing, demands some attention at our hands. In reviewing the plan and method adopted in the past history of this Grand Body in reference to her Lecturers, we find she paid their necessary expenses to and from this Grand Convocation. With our present Lecturer she has contributed nothing. The consequence is that a large amount of his proceeds has been absorbed in this way, leaving him a compensation too meagre to command the services of any one at all competent to its duties, unless he works with consolatory effect of grim ruin staring him eternally in the face. Now Companions, the sublime teachings of our order inculcate no such line of policy either for ourselves or to inflict it on others. Hence, to practice our sublime maxims, how can we accept the self-sacrificing

services of a Companion without remunerating him. We think the indignant scorn of such littleness would incite a responsive echo in the breast of every genuine son of the craft in the broad limits of this jurisdiction. We would then suggest that we pay to our present Grand Lecturer from the funds of this Grand Body one hundred and fifty dollars, to compensate him for services performed the past Masonic year. This amount, together with what he has already received, will be as small an amount as we ought to expect to secure us the services of a competent instructor. And we think the record should be made upon the face of our proceedings, enunciating the fact that we do not expect to enforce service from a Companion without adequate compensation.

All of which we respectfully submit.

P. A. HOLT, *Chairman.*

Comp. Martin offered the following amendment to the Report, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay the appropriation to the Grand Lecturer out of any funds which may remain in the Treasury after paying the current expenses of the present Convocation, and in case there is any deficiency he is instructed to call upon the Finance Committee to collect the same from the invested fund.

Comp. Howlett offered the following amendments to the Constitution, which were laid over for action until the next annual Convocation:

*Resolved,* That Article 16 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, be amended by striking out the first four lines to the clause beginning "And whenever the three first officers of a Subordinate Chapter," &c., and by substituting the following, viz: Every Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to three votes, to be cast by the H. P., K. and S., or any one of them, in person, or by their respective proxies.

*Resolved further,* That all articles or parts of articles or resolutions that may contravene this, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

On motion of Comp. Rankin, the following preamble and resolutions were received and laid over for action until the next annual Convocation, which, on motion, were adopted:

*Whereas,* The annual expenses of the Grand Chapter have so increased that it has become essentially necessary to provide the ways and means to meet the expenditures—be it

*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Chapters be requested to send their delegates to the next Annual Convocation prepared to vote upon the question of increasing taxation, and as to whether the annual dues shall be fixed at a specific sum for each Chapter, or whether the said dues shall be paid in the form of a capitation tax.

*Resolved*, That the 14th Article of the Grand Constitution be acted upon at the next Grand Convocation.

That the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish each Subordinate Chapter with all the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

On motion of Comp. Holt, it was

*Resolved*, That whereas Concord Chapter No. 1 have endeared themselves to the members of this Grand Chapter by the whole-souled Masonic welcome and entertainment afforded us at their hands—therefore,

*Resolved*, That we shall ever cherish with profound pleasure the memory of our present visit among the generous Masons of Concord Chapter, and the delightful and hospitable entertainment they have afforded us, their constant effort not only to minister to, but even anticipate our every want, demands at our hands this unqualified expression of our thanks.

Unanimously adopted.

Comp. Clark offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid over until the next Convocation :

*Resolved*, That Article 14 be so amended as to read twenty dollars instead of ten dollars, as per amendment passed at the Convocation of 1857.

On motion it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to St. John's Lodge No. 1, and Concord Chapter No. 1 for the use of their Hall during the present Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments :

*Finance Committee*.—Comp's A. Martin, P. G. H. P.; T. W. Brown, G. T.; P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.

*Foreign Correspondence Committee*.—Comp's P. A. Holt, G. K.; R. T. Hall, Wm. Murdoch, H. C. Lucas, A. Martin, P. G. H. P.

*Grand Lecturer*.—Comp. S. W. Neal.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter closed in ample form. THOS. B. CARR, *Gr'd. Secretary*.

*Registry of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, from Returns received June 7th, 1860.*

CHAPTERS.	NO.	LOCATION.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	EXALTA- TIONS.	REJEC- TIONS.	WITH- DRAWALS.	DEATHS.	EXPUL- SIONS.	TOTAL NUM- BER OF MEMBERS.
Concord.....	1	Wilmington.....	R. G. Rankin.....	Thos. M. Gardner....	1	0	2	2	0	61
Phoenix.....	2	Fayetteville.....	A. M. Campbell.....	W. B. Shemwell.....	3	1	6	1	0	37
Mount Ararat.....	3	Murfreesboro.....	James M. Wynns....	R. H. Worthington..	0	0	2	0	3	35
Roanoke.....	4	Halifax.....	No Returns.....							*15
Concord.....	5	Tarboro.....	James Mehegan.....	Lewis C. Pender....	0	0	0	1	0	31
Temple.....	6	Windsor.....	No Returns.....							*25
Eureka.....	7	Newbern.....	Peter Custis.....	J. Frederick Jones..	7	1	0	1	0	49
Oxford.....	8	Oxford.....	No Returns.....							*30
Warrenton.....	9	Warrenton.....	No Returns.....							*9
Raleigh.....	10	Raleigh.....	No Returns.....							*26
Lafayette.....	11	Hillsboro.....	John M. Wolfe.....	Henry K. Nash.....	12	0	0	1	0	41
Conoho.....	12	Hamilton.....	No Returns.....							*31
Choraizin.....	13	Greensboro.....	John F. Howlett....	Jed. H. Lindsay....	10	1	0	3	0	62
Cherokee.....	14	Hertford.....	Jonat'n W. Albertson	Edwin Bruce.....	1	0	3	0	0	29
Union.....	17	Bear Swamp P. O.	Jas. W. Blunt.....	Jas. G. Dickson....	7	0	1	0	0	35
Gaston.....	18	Roxboro.....	No Returns.....							*17
Keystone.....	19	Plymouth.....	No Returns.....							*24
Salisbury.....	20	Salisbury.....	D. A. Davis.....	J. D. Ramsey.....	4	0	0	0	0	51
Lincoln.....	22	Linecolnton.....	No Returns.....							*26
Montgomery.....	23	Zion.....	E. J. Christian.....	J. T. Matheson.....	3	0	0	0	0	37
Germanon.....	24	Germanon.....	No Returns.....							*41
Ashville.....	25	Ashville.....	No Returns.....							*24
Louisburg.....	26	Louisburg.....	No Returns.....							*24
Mount Lebanon.....	27	Wilson.....	Larry D. Farmer....	S. M. Warten.....	7	0	0	1	0	24
Graham.....	28	Watsonville.....	Wm. H. Faucett....	John Faucette.....	5	0	0	1	0	34
Goldsboro.....	29	Goldsboro.....	E. W. Hines.....	J. B. Griswold.....	3	0	0	0	0	25
Mount Vernon.....	30	Greenville.....	No Returns.....							*23
Wadesboro.....	31	Wadesboro.....	Robert T. Hall.....	Charles B. Smith....	6	0	0	1	0	41
Davie.....	32	Mocksville.....	A. A. Harbin.....	Thomas Shaw.....						9
Clinton.....	33	Washington.....	John S. Hawks.....							*12

\*Number estimated from last returns.

## FORM OF RETURNS FOR A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

Return of Chapter, No. working under  
 the jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.  
 Regular meeting on

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OFFICERS.

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MEMBERS.

MEMBERS.

EXALTATIONS.	REJECTIONS.	WITHDRAWALS.	DEATHS.	EXPULSIONS.	SUSPENSIONS.	TOT. MEMBERS.

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**Form of Proxy for a High Priest, King, or Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter.**

I, A. B. (*High Priest, King, or Scribe*) of  
 constitute Companion C. D. my proxy, to represent me at the next Convoca-  
 tion of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, to  
 be held in Wilmington, on the                      day of                      , in the  
 year A. I. 238 , A. D. 186 .

Witness my hand and seal, this                      day of                      A. D. 186 .

[SEAL.]



*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in Account  
with THOMAS B. CARR, Grand Secretary.*

1853.		
June 9.	To Dues of Mt. Ararat Chapter, No. 3.....	\$15 00
Dec. 10.	" Dispensation Davie Chapter. ....	50 00
1860.		
Mch. 10.	" Diploma to Concord Chapter, No. 1.....	1 00
May 25.	" Dues Wadesboro' " " 31.....	10 00
June 2.	" " Cherokee " " 14.....	30 00
" 4.	" Charter to revive Clifton Chapter.....	25 00
" "	" Dues Salisbury Chapter, No. 20.....	10 00
" "	" " Goldsboro' " " 29.....	10 00
" "	" " Lafayette " " 11.....	10 00
" 5	" " Choraizin " " 13.....	20 00
" "	" " Union " " 17.....	10 00
" "	" " Mt. Lebanon " " 27.....	30 00
" "	" " Eureka " " 7.....	20 00
" "	" " Concord " " 1.....	10 00
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THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

WILMINGTON, June 8, 1860.

## A LIST OF HIGH PRIESTS

IN THE

## State of North Carolina.

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M. E. James F. McRee.....	Wilmington.	M. E. E. F. Watson, G. H. P.,	Graham.
" Alex. McRae.....	"	" W. W. Daniel.....	Halifax.
" P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.	"	" C. N. Webb.....	"
" H. P. Russell.....	"	" Z. M. Paschal, P. G. K.	Oxford.
" Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.	"	" W. A. Philpott.....	"
" Isaac Northrop, P. D. G. H. P.	"	" Wm. Burge.....	Wadesboro'.
" D. McMillan.....	"	" A. P. Yancy.....	Murfreesboro'.
" R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.	"	" F. M. Capehart.....	"
" A. Empie, Jun.....	"	" P. P. Clements.....	Hamilton.
" W. G. Thomas, P. G. S.	"	" Wm. Slade.....	"
" Wm. G. Hill.....	Raleigh.	" R. E. Weathersbee.....	"
" E. B. Freeman.....	"	" C. H. Jordan.....	Roxboro'.
" Jobu W. Crosby.....	"	" Jones Drumright.....	"
" J. R. Harrison.....	"	" C. W. Wooley.....	Montgomery.
" Jos. M. Cox.....	Hertford.	" J. S. Gibson.....	"
" Jos. G. Granbery.....	"	" A. T. Jerkins.....	Newbern.
" J. W. Alterston.....	"	" Peter Custis, P. G. H. P.	"
" E. Myers, P. D. G. H. P.	Salisbury.	" H. K. Nash.....	"
" D. A. Davis.....	"	" C. P. Mendenhall.....	"
" A. H. Caldwell.....	"	" Geo. Green.....	"
" A. Murdock.....	"	" Wm. Sloan.....	Lincolnton.
" Luke Blackmer.....	"	" C. J. Hammerskold.....	"
" T. B. Nicholls.....	Plymouth.	" Jas. A. Caldwell.....	"
" Wm. Bagley.....	"	" Jos. K. Bird.....	Windsor.
" J. Ramsey.....	"	" Stark B. Smith.....	"
" Jno. McC. Boyle.....	"	" Kater Briggs.....	"
" John McRae.....	Fayetteville.	" J. W. Haskins.....	"
" A. M. Campbell.....	"	" B. J. Spruill.....	"
" E. L. Winslow.....	"	" Joshua Roberts.....	Asheville.
" L. R. Loftin.....	Duplin.	" James Reid.....	Louisburg.
" Thos. Wright.....	"	" J. S. Gibson.....	Germantown.
" Jas. W. Blunt.....	"	" J. B. Kingsberry.....	"
" B. F. Cobb.....	"	" L. D. Farmer.....	Wilson.
" Pride Jones.....	Hillsboro'.	" E. W. Hines.....	Goldsboro'.
" J. M. Wolfe.....	"	" Goold Hoyt.....	Greenville.
" D. D. Phillipps.....	"	" S. W. Neal.....	Wadesboro'.
" E. F. Watson.....	Graham.	" R. T. Hall.....	"
" J. S. Pender.....	Tarboro'.	" Jno. F. Howlett.....	Greensboro'.
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" Jas. Mehegan.....	"		

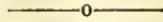
The above list comprises all the High Priests, as far as can be at this time ascertained. Should there be any omission, the Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive notice, to enable him to make a complete Register.

# RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

## Grand Chapter of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1860.



CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1.—*WILMINGTON.*

### OFFICERS.

M. E. R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.	H. P.
E. O. L. Fillyaw	K.
E. T. B. Carr	S.
Comp. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.	C. H.
“ A. Martin, P. G. H. P.	P. S.
“ M. Newhoff	R. A. C.
“ L. C. Turner	M. 3d V.
“ I. Northrop	M. 2d V.
“ Wm. J. Price	M. 1st V.
“ Thos. M. Gardner	Secretary.
“ Jno. A. Taylor	Treasurer.
“ E. Turlington	Tyler.

### MEMBERS.

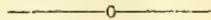
John Banks,	A. B. Chesnutt,
B. G. Bates,	M. Cronly,
D. P. Beatty,	J. C. Devane,
Alex. Boon,	A. Empie, Jr., P. H. P.
A. A. Brown,	O. Fennell,
Thos. W. Brown,	J. H. Flanner,
T. B. Carr,	J. M. Foy,

W. E. Freeman,	W. H. McDowell,
G. R. French,	M. McInnis,
Jno. Garwood,	D. McMillan, P. II. P.
T. F. Gause,	T. D. Meares,
Jos. Green,	J. E. Metts,
Geo. Harriss,	J. T. Miller,
W. W. Harriss,	J. M. Monk,
N. T. Harriss,	R. Morriss,
H. Hirsh,	C. S. Murphy,
W. C. Howard,	M. Newhoff,
A. J. Howell,	Jno. Nutt,
W. G. Jones,	J. B. Price,
D. Kahnweiler,	W. J. Price,
D. A. Lamont,	Alfred Smith,
A. Lamont,	Robt. Strange,
Thos. H. Lane,	W. G. Thomas,
E. J. Lutterloh,	S. D. Wallace,
J. Lyon,	J. H. Wright.

RESIDENT NOT A MEMBER.—R. Maxwell.

Admitted, three; exalted, one; rejected, none; withdrawn, two; died, two; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, one; whole number, sixty-one; regular time of meeting, first Monday in each month.

THOS. M. GARDNER, *Secretary*.



## PHENIX CHAPTER, No. 2.—*FAYETTEVILLE*.

### OFFICERS.

M. E. A. M. Campbell.....	H. P.
E. James McDaniel.....	K.
E. Joseph Arey.....	S.
Comp. H. C. Lucas.....	C. H.
“ Geo. Lauder.....	P. S.
“ John A. McLaughlin.....	R. A. C.
“ B. F. Pearce.....	M. 3d V.

Comp. John Lawrence.....	M. 2d V.
“ John W. Lett.....	M. 1st V.
“ W. B. Shemwell.....	Secretary.
“ Warren Prior.....	Treasurer.
“ David Wemyss.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

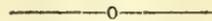
John McRae,	James McD. Jessup,
E. L. Winslow,	Geo. H. Makepeace,
Joshua Blake,	Albert P. Hurt,
Joseph B. Starr,	G. F. H. Crockett,
A. H. Whitfield,	John McCormick,
Neill S. Stuart,	Arch'd. N. McDonald,
C. P. Jones,	C. W. Andrews,
Joseph A. Worth,	O. J. Brent,
John R. Carter,	Thos. Waddill.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

John D. Williams,	John W. Sandford,
James Dodd,	Thos. J. Curtis,
Oliver P. Stark,	H. A. McSwain.
Geo. McNeill,	

Admitted, none; exalted, three; rejected, one; withdrawn, six; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, seven; whole number, thirty-seven, regular time of meeting, first Tuesday of each month.

W. B. SHEMWELL, *Secretary.*

MT. ARARAT CHAPTER, No. 3.—*MURFREESBORO*.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. James M. Wynns.....	H. P.
E. F. M. Capehart.....	K.
E. Isaae Bangham.....	S.
Comp. Jas. S. Flyth.....	C. H.
“ R. F. Hart.....	P. S.
“ Ely Carter.....	R. A. C.

Comp. E. A. Martin . . . . .	M. 3d V.
“ Jas. H. Vinson . . . . .	M. 2d V.
“ Daniel Brown . . . . .	M. 1st V.
“ R. H. Worthington . . . . .	Secretary.
“ Jet. R. Darden . . . . .	Treasurer.
“ G. D. Parker . . . . .	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

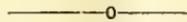
Jno. R. Rochell,	A. P. Rowls,
Jno. P. Lee,	A. D. Ramsy,
Wm. T. Bynum,	Richard Shane,
Wm. H. Darden,	Jos. J. Freeman,
Charles Vann,	R. E. Beal,
A. E. Grant,	B. A. Capehart,
Abner Carter,	Howel Francis,
James H. Vinson,	Joshua L. Garrett,
James J. Rochell,	C. B. Riddick,

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Isaac Pipkins,	Samuel Darden,
Isaac Baughan,	F. A. Nolley.
Wm. J. Maget,	

Admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, two; died, none; expelled, three; suspended, none; residents not members, five; whole number, thirty-five; regular time of meeting, third Saturday night in each month.

R. H. WORTHINGTON, *Secretary*.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 5.—*TARBORO'*.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. James Mehegan . . . . .	H. P.
E. Henry T. Clark . . . . .	K.
E. Josiah D. Jenkins . . . . .	S.
Comp. William S. Long . . . . .	C. H.
“ William Harrell . . . . .	P. S.
“ David Cobb . . . . .	R. A. C.

Comp. Mayo Worsley.....	M. 3d V.
“ John Knight.....	M. 2d V.
“ John H. Leigh.....	M. 1st V.
“ Lewis C. Pender.....	Secretary.
“ William Norfleet.....	Treasurer.
“ Joseph H. Brown.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

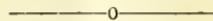
Benj. M. Jackson,	Kenneth Thigpen,
Josiah S. Pender,	Andrew J. Cotten,
William Andrews,	James Nelson,
James F. Jenkins,	John F. Hughes,
Jessee H. Drake,	William F. Mercer,
John H. Drake,	John R. Mercer,
Daniel S. Crenshaw,	William S. Duggin,
John Mooring,	Redden Daugherty,
William S. Baker,	Elisha Cromwell.
William H. Smith,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Epenetus Cromwell,	Robert H. Pender.
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Admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, two; whole number, thirty-one; regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each month.

L. C. PENDER, *Secretary.*

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7.—*NEWBERN.*

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Peter Custis.....	H. P.
E. Alexander Miller.....	K.
E. Joseph Whitty.....	S.
Comp. John V. Jordan.....	C. H.
“ J. P. Dillingham.....	P. S.
“ Edw'd K. Bryan.....	R. A. C.
“ Charles S. Hoskins.....	M. 3d V.

Comp. John N. Whitford.....	M. 2d V.
“ John E. Amyett.....	M. 1st V.
“ J. Fred’k Jones.....	Secretary.
“ J. Desosway.....	Treasurer.
“ Needham Case.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

M. F. Arendell,	Isaac Ramsay,
Sitgreaves Attmore,	M. L. F. Redd,
Allen Blount,	R. A. Russell,
Luther R. Clark,	A. F. N. Rolfe,
O. S. Dewey,	S. H. Roundtree,
Jno. D. Flanner,	J. M. F. Rhodes,
Geo. Green,	Edward R. Stanley,
Rev. W. C. Hunter,	Stephen Sparrow,
F. B. Harrison,	John Shackelford,
F. S. Humphrey,	Franklin Thomas,
Joseph A. Hartley,	Rev. Jacob Utley,
Wm. H. Oliver,	Thomas R. Wilson,
Wm. C. Pittman,	William Wellons,
Wm. J. Pope,	Jno. D. Whitford,
Wm. A. Pugh,	T. J. Whittaker,
Cicero S. Primrose,	Charles C. Clark,
John M. Patrick,	J. M. F. Harrison,
Stephen D. Pool,	Wm. H. Jones,
A. T. Jerkins,	John H. Jones.
T. Paige Ricand,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Thos. Hudson,	Calvin Cox.
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Exalted, seven; rejected, one; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, two; whole number, forty-nine; regular time of meeting, first Wednesday in each month.

JOHN F. JONES, *Secretary.*

## LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 11.—HILLSBORO.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. John M. Wolfe.....	H. P.
E. John A. Faucett.....	K.
E. Alex. Dickson.....	S.
Comp. Pride Jones.....	C. H.
“ Thomas Webb.....	P. S.
“ Calvin E. Parrish.....	R. A. C.
“ John McCracken.....	M. 3d V.
“ A. C. Murdoch.....	M. 2d V.
“ S. P. Moore.....	M. 1st V.
“ Henry K. Nash.....	Secretary.
“ George Laws.....	Treasurer.
“ C. L. Cooley,.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

William Nelson,	J. J. Allen,
John F. Lyon,	J. P. Mason,
James M. Palmer,	Willis Barbee,
D. D. Phillips,	M. J. W. McCauley,
Thomas Howerton,	J. C. Webb,
William Dickson,	John Berry,
J. Allison,	W. F. Bason,
A. De Martino,	J. J. Allison,
H. C. Stroud,	William McCown,
T. J. Strayhon,	John Q. Anderson,
H. B. Guthrie,	John Duglass,
T. T. Simpson,	Joseph Wood.
W. B. Gordon,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

E. Strudwick,	C. E. Lightfoot,
C. M. Latimer,	John McCown.

Exalted, twelve; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, four; whole number, forty-one; regular time of meeting, second Thursday in each month and Monday of each County Court.

H. C. STROUD, *Sec'y, P. T.*

CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. 13.—*GREENSBORO*'.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	John F. Howlett.....	H. P.
	E. Joab. Hyatt.....	K.
	E. John L. Cole.....	S.
Comp.	William Adams.....	C. II.
"	C. C. Cole.....	P. S.
"	John D. Donnell.....	R. A. C.
"	Jonathan W. Howlett.....	M. 3d V.
"	B. L. Cole.....	M. 2d V.
"	A. M. Bureh.....	M. 1st V.
"	Jed. H. Lindsay.....	Secretary.
"	Joseph A. Houston.....	Treasurer.
"	James Kirkman.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

C. P. Mendenhall, P. H. P.	John Hyatt,
Peter Adams,	John O. Holt,
R. F. Armfield,	William Henderson,
Rev. A. S. Andrews,	John Kerr,
Haley Brown,	Johannes Kuhl,
Dempsey Brown,	Jehu C. Lamb,
Rev. Joshua Bethel,	Sam'l Lander,
Wm. H. Cumming,	David McKnight,
Rev. B. Craven,	S. W. McKnight,
Shubol G. Coffin,	E. O. Maey,
C. A. Colby,	James N. Millis,
J. J. Collier,	Tho's J. Patriek,
W. S. Clark,	William H. Recce,
Rob't W. Denny,	Joseph Sears,
William A. Dunn,	J. P. Simpson,
John Eridy,	D. N. Sherwood,
W. C. A. Frerichs,	Henry Schneider,
George H. Gregory,	A. P. Sperry,
P. W. Parker,	Peter Thurston,
William Gott,	H. J. Warren,
Ralph Gorrell,	Jos. A. Weatherly,
N. M. Gardner,	George G. Walker,

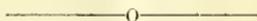
John A. Groves,	Wm. P. Watlington,
J. Burney Gretter,	D. N. Kirkpatrick, M. M.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Hon. John M. Dick,	David Scott.
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Exalted, ten; rejected, one; withdrawn, none; died, three; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, two; whole number, sixty-two; regular time of meeting, third Friday evening in each month.

JED. H. LINDSAY, *Secretary*.

CHEROKEE CHAPTER, No. 16.—*HERTFORD*.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Jonathan W. Albertson.....	H. P.
E. Dempsy Barelift.....	K.
E. John L. Ferrell.....	S.
Comp. M. O. Jordon.....	C. H.
“ Jas. G. Granbey.....	P. S.
“ Francis Barrow.....	R. A. C.
“ Wm. Felton.....	M. 3d V.
“ Dr. S. W. Streets.....	M. 2d V.
“ Geo. H. Freer.....	M. 1st V.
“ Edwin Brace.....	Secretary.
“ Benoni Morris.....	Treasurer.
“ John G. Berry.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Jos. M. Cox,	Willis H. Bagley,
M. D. Hathaway,	Josiah H. White,
Wm. Small,	Wm. Harrall,
Samuel Sutton,	Geo. F. Doggett,
Darius White,	Thos. H. Pritchard,
Evin Forbes,	Nathan Newby,
John A. Doll,	John Thomas,
Dr. R. C. Jenkins,	Thos. C. Murden.
Dr. R. K. Speed,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Francis Nixon,

Wm. Nixon.

Exalted, one; rejected, none; withdrawn, three; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, one; residents not members, two; whole number, twenty-nine; regular time of meeting, second Monday in each month and Tuesday night of Superior and County Courts.

EDWIN BRACE, *Secretary.*UNION CHAPTER, No. 17.—*BEAR SWAMP P. O.*

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Jas. W. Blunt.....	H. P.
E. Joel Loftin.....	K.
E. James R. Hunt.....	S.
Comp. Benj. F. Cobb.....	C. H.
“ Daniel Bowden.....	P. S.
“ Thomas Wright.....	R. A. C.
“ John Vann.....	M. 3d V.
“ Benj. C. Bowden.....	M. 2d V.
“ David Wright.....	M. 1st V.
“ James G. Dickson.....	Secretary.
“ Josh. R. Ezzell.....	Treasurer.
“ David Watkins.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

James W. Blount,	William J. Hill,
Daniel Bowden,	Josh. R. Hatch,
James G. Dickson,	Barchias W. Williams,
David Wright,	John W. Hinson,
Joel Moftin,	William H. Herring,
Christopher D. Hill,	David Cobb,
Thomas Wright,	Benjamin F. Cobb,
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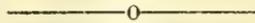
Everett Peterson,	Luke A. Powell,
Lott W. Humphry,	John Vann,
James R. Hurst,	Lemuel W. Hodges,
Daniel K. Kornegay,	Eli J. Hines,
David Watkins,	Joshua R. Ezzell,
Lewis F. Williams,	James G. Branch,
Speight Hill,	James G. Davis.
Thomas B. Hill,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

F. B. Millard,	F. O. Wilson,
H. W. Faison,	W. F. Pollock,
Samuel Loftin,	A. Chesnut,
A. Guy,	J. R. Braman,
G. W. Wallace,	W. E. Hill.
D. Glisson,	

Admitted, one; exalted, seven; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, twelve; whole number, thirty-five; regular time of meeting, second Thursday in each month.

JAS. G. DICKSON, *Secretary.*

SALISBURY CHAPTER, No. 20.—*SALISBURY.*

## OFFICERS.

M. E. D. A. Davis.....	H. P.
E. Henry C. Simonton.....	K.
E. John M. Coffin.....	S.
Comp. James Slater.....	C. H.
“ John A. Holt.....	P. S.
“ R. P. Bessent.....	R. A. C.
“ Jas. G. Ramsey.....	M. 3d V.
“ Charles L. Partee.....	M. 2d V.
“ A. M. Nesbitt.....	M. 1st V.
“ Julius D. Ramsey.....	Secretary.
“ Joseph F. Chambers.....	Treasurer.
“ F. C. Schaffer.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

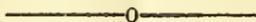
E. Myers,	A. M. Booe,
B. Bailey,	Jno. A. Holt,
John J. Shaver,	Geo. Riley,
G. W. Johnson,	A. G. Holder,
John O. Ross,	D. B. Wood,
W. P. Burk,	Hugh Murdoch,
Sam'l Taylor,	J. S. Caldeleugh,
J. W. Wiseman,	J. A. Kelly,
A. H. Caldwell,	Jno. W. Ellis,
O. Woodson,	Wm. Murdoch,
D. W. Honeycutt,	Luke Blackner,
Jas. A. Johnson,	F. C. Schaffer,
T. J. Bryan,	C. A. Henderson,
Jno. Kelly,	W. P. Hughes,
J. B. Jones,	Dan. Coleman,
Alex. Murdoch,	E. R. Gibson,
H. H. Dent,	A. J. York,
Jno. H. McKinley,	Thos. A. Burk,
G. A. Bingham,	Martin Riehwine,
Jno. M. Coffin,	Lewis Gumb.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

M. Myers,	Jas. C. Turner,
Abr'm Myers,	Thos. Howerton.

Exalted, four ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, none ; died, none ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, four ; whole number, fifty-one ; regular time of meeting, first Wednesday in every month and Wednesday of every Court.

J. D. RAMSEY, *Secretary*.



## MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 23.—ZION.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. E. J. Christian.....	H. P.
E. S. H. Christian.....	K.
E. J. M. Lilly.....	S.

Comp. C. W. Wooley.....	C. H.
“ W. G. Deberry.....	P. S.
“ M. S. McRae.....	R. A. C.
“ J. C. Andrews.....	M. 3d V.
“ Wm. McRae.....	M. 2d V.
“ A. McRae.....	M. 1st V.
“ J. T. Matheson.....	Secretary.
“ J. H. Montgomery.....	Treasurer.
“ John Boggan.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

J. H. Montgomery,	H. G. Lucas,
C. W. Wooley,	R. T. Steele,
S. H. Christian,	W. S. Pemberton,
C. J. Cochrane,	O. P. Luther,
W. G. Deberry,	J. P. Little,
J. B. Ballard,	A. H. Ingram,
P. P. Ballard,	N. T. Bowden,
J. C. Andrews,	E. J. Christian,
J. M. Lilly,	John Randle,
J. W. McRae,	S. R. Baldwin,
Wm. McRae,	W. Ward Virden,
O. Hadley,	J. R. Livingston,
J. Luther,	C. Pemberton,
A. McRae,	W. H. Steed,
John Boggan,	D. N. Patterson,
J. T. Andrews,	M. S. McRae,
M. Morrison,	E. D. Scarborough,
S. M. Ballard,	P. H. Scovell,
J. T. Matheson,	W. D. Barringer.
D. S. Monroe,	

Admitted, three; exalted, three; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, thirty-nine; regular time of meeting, Tuesday evening after the Friday before the full moon in each month.

J. T. MATHESON, *Secretary.*

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER.—No. 27.—*WILSON.*

OFFICERS.

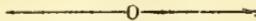
M. E. Larry D. Farmer.....	H. P.
E. R. D. Johnston.....	K.
E. Jno. G. Williams.....	S.
Comp. P. P. Clark.....	C. H.
“ B. H. Bardin.....	P. S.
“ T. C. Davis.....	R. A. C.
“ F. W. Taylor.....	M. 3d V.
“ Albert Farmer.....	M. 2d V.
“ W. N. Hackney.....	M. 1st V.
“ S. M. Warren.....	Secretary.
“ Arthur Barnes.....	Treasurer.
“ Jacob Fiedler.....	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Jethro W. Aycock,	Dr. Wesley Swift,
Henry King,	B. C. Strickland,
A. E. Gill,	Harrington Daniel,
David W. Barnes,	Gen. D. S. Crenshaw,
Charles J. Rountree,	Isaac Farmer,
Moses Farmer,	A. J. Simms.

Exalted, seven; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, twenty-four; regular time of meeting, first Friday in each month.

C. J. ROUNTREE, *Secretary, P. T.*



GRAHAM CHAPTR, No. 28.—*WATSONVILLE.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. Wm. H. Faucette.....	H. P.
E. P. A. Holt.....	K.
E. Wm. Patterson.....	S.
Comp. J. A. Murray.....	C. H.

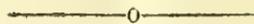
Comp. A. H. Boyd.....	P. S.
“ W. A. Holt.....	R. A. C.
“ C. F. Klapp.....	M. 3d V.
“ B. McCray.....	M. 2d V.
“ H. C. Hurdle.....	M. 1st V.
“ John Faucette.....	Secretary.
“ A. Moore.....	Treasurer.
“ John Klapp.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

D. Coble,	John R. Holt,
Wm. G. Clendenin,	E. W. Beale,
C. N. Roney,	Josiah McCulloch,
Daniel Worth, Jr.	Thos. E. Roberts,
L. H. Woods,	T. J. Fredson,
A. Pyles,	C. C. Davis,
G. G. Walker,	P. H. Williams,
Thos. I. Fowler,	D. A. Carter,
Wm. R. Denny,	J. B. Randleman,
Robt. Tinen,	E. F. Watson, G. H. P.
T. S. Robertson,	C. Davis, Sen.

Exalted, five; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, one; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, thirty-four; regular time of meeting, first Friday in each month.

JOHN FAUCETTE, *Secretary.*

GOLDSBORO' CHAPTER, No. 29.—*GOLDSBORO'.*

## OFFICERS.

M. E. E. W. Hines.....	H. P.
E. I. I. Baker.....	K.
E. W. Robinson.....	S.
Comp. M. D. Craton.....	C. H.
“ W. F. Kornegay.....	P. S.
“ R. S. Moore.....	R. A. C.

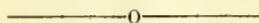
Comp. E. B. Wood.....	M. 3d V.
“ J. C. Borden.....	M. 2d V.
“ J. W. Davis.....	M. 1st V.
“ J. B. Griswold.....	Secretary.
“ C. F. Dewey.....	Treasurer.
“ Jno. G. Parker.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

L. R. Loftin,	John C. Rhodes,
John Wright,	James H. Brent,
T. T. Hallowell,	Nathan. Adams,
William Carraway,	W. A. Thompson,
John T. Kennedy,	F. C. Patrick,
D. A. Powell,	G. Sherard.
James McDuffie,	

Exalted, three; admitted, one; rejected, none; expelled, none;  
whole number of members twenty-five.

JNO. B. GRISWOLD, *Secretary.*

WADESBORO' CHAPTER, No. 31.—*WADESBORO'.*

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Robt. T. Hall.....	H. P.
E. Eli F. Kendall.....	K.
E. John Boylin.....	S.
Comp. John Ruscoe.....	C. H.
“ Henry W. Robinson.....	P. S.
“ William A. Liles.....	R. A. C.
“ Edward H. Streater.....	M. 3d V.
“ John G. Bennett.....	M. 2d V.
“ Benjamin C. Hutchins.....	M. 1st V.
“ Charles E. Smith.....	Secretary.
“ A. C. Benton.....	Treasurer.
“ Edmund Hutchinson.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

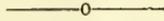
W. O. Bennett,	Rev. R. R. Pegues,
J. C. Carraway,	W. S. Richardson,
John Conick,	J. P. Richardson,
Jesse Edwards,	Rev. A. L. Stough,
Eli Freeman,	B. F. Smith,
Thomas Gullledge,	Joseph P. Smith,
Wm. S. Henly,	George A. Smith,
Rev. F. M. Kennedy,	Jos. T. Streater,
A. Little,	W. L. Tillman,
W. B. Little,	T. A. Vestal,
A. C. Moore,	Joseph White,
Dr. A. Myers,	L. Woolen,
Rev. J. L. McGregor,	W. C. Watkins,
Rev. A. M. McKibbon,	John H. Liles, P. M.
S. W. Neal, D. G. H. P.	Benj. F. Clarke, P. M.

RESIDENT NOT A MEMBER.—Rev. S. H. Brown.

Exalted, six; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, one; whole number, forty-one; regular time of meeting, first Monday night in every month, and Tuesday night of Court week.

CHARLES E. SMITH, *Secretary*.

# CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS.



WILMINGTON, N. C., June 6th, A. D., 1860, A. L., 5860.

A Convention of High Priest assembled in St. John's Hall.

PRESENT:

M. E. A. G. Mackey	.....	President.
" P. W. Fanning	.....	Master of Ceremonies.
" A. Martin	.....	Conductor.
" R. G. Rankin,	.....	Recorder.
Ex. Companion E. F. Watson,	High Priest elect of	Graham Chapter, No. 28,
" " S. W. Neal,	" " " " " "	Wadesboro' " " 31,
" " A. A. Harbin,	" " " " " "	Davie " " 32,
" " Jno. F. Howlett,	" " " " " "	Choraizin " " 13,
" " J. M. Wolfe,	" " " " " "	Lafayette " " 11,
" " R. T. Hall,	" " " " " "	Wadesboro' " " 31,
" " Alex. Murdoch,	" " " " " "	Salisbury " " 20,

Presented the certificate of their election as High Priest of their respective Chapters, and were in due form anointed into the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

The Recorder was requested to make known the action of the Convention to the Grand Chapter and request them to permit these proceedings to be appended to those of their Grand Convocation.

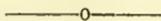
No further business appearing, the Convention was closed in ample form.

A. G. MACKEY, *President.*

ROBT. G. RANKIN, *Recorder.*



## NOTE BY THE GRAND SECRETARY.



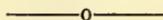
The Proceedings of the Grand Council alluded to on page thirty-seven cannot appear, a copy not having been furnished for publication.

# Statistical Table of Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the United States and Canada.

(FROM THE LOUISIANA PROCEEDINGS.)

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	THEIR RESIDENCES.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	THEIR RESIDENCES.	WHEN ORGANIZED.	No. Chapters.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions.	Demissions.	Deaths.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.
Alabama	S. A. M. Wood.	Florence.	Daniel Sayre.	Montgomery.	June 2, 1827	51	1573	..	10	40	23	..	2
Arkansas	T. D. Merrick	Little Rock.	J. H. Newbern.	Little Rock.	April 28, 1851	24	583	57	10	40	23	..	..
California	Whiting G. West.	Shasta	L. C. Owen.	San Francisco	May 6, 1854	20	911	227	28	107	6	1	..
Canada	T. D. Harrington.	Toronto.	Thos. B. Harris.	Hamilton.	Jan'y 20, 1857	11	394	..	..	..	..	..	..
Connecticut	Samuel Tripp.	East Hartford.	E. G. Storer.	New Haven.	June —, 1798	21	1670	155	1	6	11	..	3
Florida	D. P. Holland.	Quincy.	Jno. B. Taylor.	Tallahassee	Jan'y 11, 1847	15	433	..	..	..	..	..	..
Georgia	Philip T. Schley.	Savannah.	Benj. B. Russell.	Augusta.	..	43	1567	204	33	81	23	15	1
Illinois	Nelson D. Elwood	Joliet.	H. G. Reynolds.	Springfield.	April 9, 1850	57	1752	355	23	54	13	34	5
Indiana	Daniel K. Hays.	Attica	Francis King.	Indianapolis	May —, 1845	41	1391	168	11	71	19	2	5
Iowa	E. W. Eastman.	Eldora.	W. B. Langridge	Muscatine.	June 8, 1854	22	652	143	15	22	7	1	..
Kentucky	Thomas Todd.	Shelbyville	Philip Swigert.	Frankfort.	Dec. 4, 1817	71	1890	227	..	89	18	11	4
Louisiana	Abel J. Norwood.	Clinton	Sam'l G. Risk.	New Orleans.	May 1, 1848	21	817	132	20	43	26	8	..
Maine	Moses Dodge.	Portland	Ira Berry.	Portland	June —, 1821	10	595	37	..	10	8	1	1
Maryland and D. C.	James Goszler.	Washington, D. C.	Jos. Robinson.	Baltimore.	..	8	436	5	..	10	8	1	1
Massachusetts	John McClellan.	Boston.	Thos. Waterman.	Boston.	June 12, 1798	19	1115	242	..	..	..	..	..
Michigan	S. C. Coffinberry.	Constantine	R. S. Cheney.	Jackson.	March 9, 1849	21	993	164	21	44	11	33	3
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson.	Saint Paul.	G. W. Prescott.	Saint Paul.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mississippi	Giles M. Hillyer.	Natchez.	R. W. T. Daniel.	Jackson.	May 18, 1846	67	2452	265	34	132	45	70	2
Missouri	Marcus Boyd.	Springfield	A. O'Sullivan.	St. Louis.	Oct'r 16, 1846	20	703	86	16	31	8	2	1
New Hampshire	Theo. T. Abbott.	Mancaster	Horace Chase.	Hopkinton	May —, 1798	7	245	61	..	..	..	..	..
New Jersey	Wm. W. Goodwin.	Burlington	J. Woolverton.	Trenton	Dec'r 30, 1856	6	278	78	..	3	3	..	..
New York	Jas. M. Austin.	New York City.	John O. Cole.	Albany	March —, 1798	87	3711	567	..	..	..	..	..
North Carolina	E. F. Watson.	Graham.	Thos. B. Carr.	Wilmington.	Feb'y —, 1847	23	894	17	2	11	7	..	2
Ohio	George Rex.	Wooster.	J. D. Caldwell.	Cincinnati	Feb'y —, 1816	73	2777	408	20	147	25	3	4
Pennsylvania	John Eldred.	Newport.	Wm. H. Adams.	Philadelphia	Feb'y 24, 1798	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rhode Island.	Albert G. Mackey.	Charleston	Thos. A. Doyle	Providence.	March 13, 1798	5	300	81	..	..	21	..	..
South Carolina	Robt. S. Moore.	Charleston	Eben. Thayer.	Charleston	May 29, 1812	22	372	52	..	..	..	1	..
Tennessee	Andrew Neill.	Clarksville.	Chas. A. Fuller.	Nashville	..	43	1325	..	..	..	..	..	..
Texas	Thos. H. Campbell.	Seguin	A. S. Ruthven.	Galveston	1849	65	2148	203	41	103	43	17	..
Vermont	P. B. Starke.	St. Albany.	J. B. Hollenbeck.	Burlington	July 18, 1849	13	731	..	..	12	9	..	..
Virginia	Henry L. Palmer.	Charles City.	Wm. Dove.	Richmond	May 1, 1808	33	1237	..	..	..	14	7	2
Wisconsin	..	Milwaukee.	W. T. Palmer.	Milwaukee.	Feb'y 13, 1850	18	589	80	..	20	3	28	1
Total.	..	..	..	..	..	949	34,559	4009	275	1025	849	236	88

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

# NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS,

On the First Monday of June,

A. L., 5863-'4 AND '5, A. L., 2393-'4 AND '5, A. D., 1863-'4 AND '5.



WILMINGTON, N. C.:

DISPATCH BOOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1866.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina.

TO THE

II. P. of

CHAPTER, No.

You are hereby ordered to cause these Proceedings of the Grand Chapter to be read in your Chapter within two months after receipt.

GEO. B. WATERHOUSE, *G. II. P.*

Attest,

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

**PROCEEDINGS**  
 OF THE  
**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION**  
 OF THE  
**M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER**  
 OF  
**NORTH CAROLINA,**

BEGUN AND HELD IN THE HALL OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1, IN  
 WILMINGTON, N. C., ON MONDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE,  
 A. L., 5863, A. I., 2393, A. D., 1863.

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P R E S E N T.

M. E. E. F. Watson, - - - -	G. H. P.
E. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.	G. K. Pro tem.
E. Joab Hiatt, - - - - -	G. S.
Comp. R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.	G. C. H. Pro tem.
“ J. A. Caldwell, - - -	G. P. S. “
“ Jas. W. Blount, - - -	G. R. A. C. “
“ Speight Hill, - - -	G. M. 3d V. “
“ C. J. Hammarskold, - -	G. M. 2d V. “
“ Wm. Robinson, - - -	G. M. 1st V. “
“ Thos. B. Carr, - - - .	Grd. Secretary.
“ Lemuel W. Hodges, - -	Grd. Treas. Pro tem.
“ Alex. Boon, - - - - -	Grd. Tyler.
Comp's David A. Carter, Thos. E. Roberts, H. E. McDuffie,	
A. M. Nesbitt, J. L. Farmer.	
The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.	

The M. E. appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Comp's P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., Jas. W. Blount and Wm. Robinson.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which, on motion of Comp. C. J. Hammarskold, was received and adopted, and the Committee continued, with leave to make additional reports from time to time, as the delegates arrive:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report, that they have performed the duty assigned them, and find the subjoined Chapters informally represented, as follows, viz:

Union Chapter, No. 17.—Comps. Jas. W. Blount, H. P.; Speight Hill, prox. for King; L. W. Hodges, prox. for Scribe.

Lincoln Chapter, No. 22.—Comps. G. A. Caldwell, H. P.; C. J. Hammarskold, prox. for K. and S.

Concord Chapter, No. 1.—Comp. T. B. Carr, Scribe and Representative.

Salisbury Chapter, No. 20.—Comp. A. M. Nesbitt, Representative.

Choraizin Chapter, No. 13.—Comp. Joab Hiatt, King, as Representative.

Goldsboro' Chapter, No. 29.—Comp. Wm. Robinson, Scribe, as Representative.

Members: Comps. R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.; P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.

It is proper to remark that, owing to the distracted state of the Country, a great deal of irregularity unfortunately prevails in the government and business of the Chapters. It is therefore recommended that the Grand Chapter legalize by resolution, as hereto appended, all such irregularities not conflicting with Constitutional Provisions.

P. W. FANNING,  
JAS. W. BLOUNT, } *Committee.*  
WM. ROBINSON,

June 1, 1863.

*Resolved*, That in accordance with the above recommendation, all irregularities in the appointments alluded to, are hereby legalized and sanctioned.

On motion of Comp. A. M. Nesbitt, it was

*Resolved*, That the reading of the Minutes of the last regular communication be dispensed with, each member being furnished with a copy.

The M. E. appointed the following Committees:

*On Unfinished Business*.—Comp's R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.; C. J. Hammarskold, and Joab Hiatt.

*On Charters and Dispensations*.—Comp's J. A. Caldwell, Speight Hill, and A. M. Nesbitt.

*On Returns and Proceedings.*—Comp's Wm. Robinson, Jas. W. Blount, and L. W. Hodges.

On motion of Comp. Rankin, it was

*Resolved*, That all Royal Arch Masons in the city, who are in regular standing, be invited to visit the Grand Chapter during its present Convocation.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand. Secretary.*

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TUESDAY MORNING, June 2nd, 10 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T .

M. E. E. F. Watson,	- - - - -	G. H. P.
D. A. Carter,	- - - - -	G. K. Pro tem.
E. A. M. Nesbitt,	- - - - -	G. S. " "
Comp. Joab Hiatt,	- - - - -	G. C. H. Pro tem.
" J. A. Caldwell,	- - - - -	G. P. S. " "
" Jas. W. Blount,	- - - - -	G. R. A. C. " "
" Speight Hill,	- - - - -	G. M. 3d V. " "
" C. J. Hammarskold,	- - - - -	G. M. 2d V. " "
" Wm. Robinson,	- - - - -	G. M. 1st V. " "
" Thos. B. Carr,	- - - - -	G. Secretary.
" Thos. W. Brown,	- - - - -	G. Treasurer.
" Alex. Boon,	- - - - -	G. Tyler.

Comp's Lemuel W. Hodges, D. D. Phillips, P. G. S.; James M. Harriss, Thos. M. Gardner, and H. E. McDuffie.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following additional report, which was on motion received and adopted :

We find the following Chapters informally represented ; and recommend in relation thereto, the adoption of the same resolution offered in our preceding report.

Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.—James M. Harriss, Representative.

La Fayette Chapter, No. 11.—D. D. Phillips, Representative.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report that the Charter of Choraizin Chapter, No. 13, has been lost by fire. They recommend that the Charter be renewed by a duplicate copy.

J. A. CALDWELL,

A. M. NESBITT,

SPEIGHT HILL.

The M. E. Grand High Priest presented his Annual Address, which was read and referred to a Committee of three, consisting of Comps. A. M. Nesbitt, Wm. Robinson, and D. D. Phillips, P. G. H. P.

## A D D R E S S.

### MOST EXCELLENT COMPANIONS :

The providence of God in his wisdom, has permitted us to meet once more around our common altar to offer up our annual devotions for his kind protection during the past Masonic year, and to implore his guidance and protection for the dark and mysterious future.

May the great light of his divine countenance shine upon us, and enliven our hearts to act as becomes Masons, in the great and powerful evolutions that are going on around us, and of which we, in common with our countrymen, are the participants. Our final destiny is one in which we all must share. We have a foe to contend against, who, regardless of right, seek the subversion of our liberties, and the entire destruction of all we hold most dear and sacred on earth. Yea, they are straining every nerve and exhausting every resource to subjugate and destroy us ; hence we have met under circumstances that are most appalling and heart-rending. Our own glorious and happy country has become the battle field upon which has been, and still has to be fought, one of the most horrible and devastating civil wars, of which history has given any record. We can but imagine, the future historian will turn with sickening disgust,

while penning the heart-rending scenes of the present struggle. May we not exclaim : " O, man, how fallen and degenerate thou hast become."

We had once fondly hoped, and rather anticipated, that reason might take the place of passion in the minds of our Northern brethren ; but in this we have been disappointed. Yet the idea entertained by them, of subjugating and enslaving a free people, who acknowledge no superior but God alone, we look upon as madness and folly in the extreme.

The genuine Mason, no matter in what country or clime he may be found—in the East, or in the West ; in the North, or in the South ; in civilized, or savage life—cannot but regret to see strife and dissensions among the brethren. It has been wisely and most truly said, that " Masonry is the realm of peace ; and that among Masons there must be no dissention, but only that noble emulation, of who can best work and best agree ; hence, wherever we find strife and hatred, we feel assured there is no Masonry ; for Masonry is peace, brotherly love, concord and harmony ; yea it is known to be the great peace society of the civilized world, around whose altar, all tongues, kindred and people, can kneel and offer up their devotions to an all-wise and beneficent Creator, in a language which is peculiar to the order, and known only to themselves. Masonry was never instituted to teach any peculiar religious dogma, but to prepare the way and point to the true worship of the Great I Am. Through the dark ages of bigotry and superstition, its small, but pure and holy light, might be seen shining from the altar, and shedding a mild, but heaven-born glory upon man's benighted pathway. When the lamp of religion grew pale and dim, and the nations of the earth, as it were, were given up to idolatry ; a melancholy gloom hung over our banners ; but by the strong arm of Jehovah, Masonry still lived, and continued to be the true depository of the doctrine of our God. Did the hydra-headed monster, infidelity, stalk forth in its worst forms, yet everywhere a little private band of brothers were found congregated together, who continued to preserve a true knowledge of God and his laws. Did the Spanish Inquisition lead to the stake or guillotine, the votaries of Masonry, still in some hiding place where only the All-seeing eye could behold them, did they congregate for the purpose of perpetuating the doctrine which they taught through all time. One of the great and leading objects of Masonry, is to prepare the hearts and minds of men to live together as a band of brothers, looking only to Him who rules on high for superior blessings. God's great benevolence to man, caused him to institute Masonry, and in gratitude to its great author and founder, Masons have, and ever will continue to teach benevolence to all mankind. That God entrusted Masonry with the keeping of a copy of His holy laws, when every other copy was destroyed by the ruthless hand of the invader, is familiar to every companion, and true to the divine appointment. She

preserved a copy, where neither the infidel nor the ravages of time could sully its pages, and at God's appointed time brought it forth to be read to the people, as evidence against themselves, and as proof of the power and goodness of God. Admitting the position taken to be true, that Masonry is the great peace society of the world, can she be faithfully engaged in the discharge of the duties incumbent upon her, unless she struggles and uses her influence to prevent all personal, as well as international difficulties and disputes, and uses all means in her power to bind in a cord of brotherly love and affection, individuals, States, Republics, Kingdoms and Empires in one great bond of peace. Masonry, since the commencement of the revolution that is now ravaging our country, has suffered; the light has burned dimly on her altars; her members have buckled on their armor, and gone forth to bare their bosoms to the balls of the enemy, and have fallen victims of liberty on many a bloody field, and we shall no more be greeted with their cheerful faces and smiles, or be instructed by their counsels in our annual assemblages. They are gone "to that bourne from whence no traveller returns."

Never was there a time since the first discovery of this continent, so propitious for the exercise of those great Masonic virtues, which are peculiarly characteristic of the order, as the present. A country in a state of civil war, brother arrayed against brother, father against son, and son against father. Each armed, and aiming at the destruction of the other; Great God, what a scene. Was ever such anticipated by those great and good men, who fought the battles of the revolution, that severed us from Great Britain, and formed and fashioned the government under which we had lived, and enjoyed so many blessings? Could a Washington with a prophetic eye have had a view of the scenes, which are now being enacted when he penned that noble production, in which he warned us of the rock upon which we might split and divide a nation? Surely he had—and gave to us that great beacon light, to enable us to steer the noble ship of State safely through these dark whirlpools and breakers of sectional fanaticism and strife. Companions, it is impossible for the noble patriotic and most ancient order existing in the world to look on such a state of things as now exists in a spirit of indifference, and see thousands of their brethren and kindred slain in this contest. Such cannot be, and we would kindly invoke our brethren of the North and of the South, of the East and the West, not to stand as idle spectators of so interesting a scene. We admit nothing can be done by the order to stay the tornado, that is now slaying thousands, and laying waste many of the most beautiful and productive portions of our country, but much can be done to alleviate the suffering and distress, incident thereto. Suffering humanity calls upon you for your sympathy. The lamentations of the widow, and the tears of the

orphan call for your aid and assistance; let us buckle on the armor, and enter the arena in our true character as Masons, believing no sacrifice too great to be made in the present crisis, and God will bless our efforts.

Where is the companion who can calculate or sum up the horrors and woes that await us in the present struggle for independence. Masonry is not dazzled with any of the pomp, glitter, or show of war, but views it as coming with its blood-stained hands into the dwellings of us all, both North and South, and taking from thousands of homes, those who have there lived in peace and quiet as brothers, and were held together by the most dear and tender ties of affection and kindred, carrying them away to die from exposure, often unattended, in infectious and miasmatic elimes, or to be cut, shot, and mangled in a fierce fight on the battle field, there to fall to rise no more until the resurrection morn, or to be borne off the bloody battle field, to some loathsome hospital, there to linger in pain and misery, for weeks or months, to return, perhaps, ultimately, to their family and friends, mutilated and diseased for life. The groans of the battle field have reverberated, and must in a short time be echoed again in sighs of intense bereavement, from thousands of desolated hearths; and the cries and lamentations of the widowed mother and orphaned children, will be ascending to heaven in appeals to Him, whose ears are ever open to their cries and lamentations, and whose strong arm is vouchsafed to protect and defend them. He it is in whom we must trust, to stay the present tornado, and again bring peace and quiet to a distracted and distressed country, and happiness to the homes and firesides of the people. If the immense treasure now being expended by our Northern brethren were sunk in the sea, it would be a great calamity, but it is to be expended in a much worse and unholy purpose, in a crusade against those who have repeatedly asked to be permitted to peaceably separate from those with whom they cannot live in peace.

Yea, it is to be expended in severing the veins and arteries of human life, and subjugating, if possible, the population of the Southern States. That the Great I Am may yet open the eyes of our enemies to see the atrocity of the crime they are now committing against us, and stay the hand that would be guilty of so foul a deed, should be the sincere prayer of every companion, in every clime on the habitable globe.

Masonry is not exempt from the evils which often fall to the lot of humanity. She, in common with other institutions, has been assailed by her enemies, and the blood of her followers has been made to flow until the earth has been literally drenched with the same. Chains and dungeons, the doom of many, and the rack and wheel, have loudly responded to the groans of her victims. Yet she has remained unhurt by the ignorance, superstition and tyranny of her enemies. Kingdoms and Empires have risen

and had their days of glory and renown, and have again crumbled into the dust ; but Masonry remains the same. War may lay waste and devastate the most beautiful portions of God's creation. Nations may be annihilated, and republics crumble to the dust, yet Heaven-born Masonry will ever remain the same through all the mutations of time, while the great Jehovah has a people upon the earth ; and by the aid of her enlightened philanthropy, and pure and holy views of religion, she has been enabled to soar aloft to the regions of Heaven, and dip her broad pencil in the clouds of charity, and spread the cement of brotherly love and affection throughout earth's remotest bounds. She has scattered bands and mobs ; extinguished the flames, and unbound the victim at the stake, and shed her genial rays in every part of the habitable globe. Her influence is felt by the distressed in every clime ; the widow's thanks and the orphan's tears are made to flow, as her grateful encomiums ; and friendship hails her with gratitude among all nations. She promotes the kindly intercourse not only of individuals, but of Kingdoms and Empires ; softens the asperities, and diminishes the horrors of war, and acts in aid and concert with our holy religion, in alleviating all the sufferings of man, in the present world, thereby preparing him for an admittance into the sanctuary, or Holy of Holies, there to enjoy the presence of the great I Am, through endless ages.

I cannot permit the present occasion to pass, without calling your attention, as the representatives of the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, to some of the practices among Masons, which are in direct violation of the teachings and charges of the order ; and which every individual companion, or subordinate Chapter should endeavor to suppress. I do this in no fault-finding spirit, but with a sincere desire to remedy the evil as far as practicable, and that the attention of those who have the honor to preside over the royal art, may be called to the subject, and use all the Constitutional means in their power, not only to prevent so unnatural a practice, but to keep those who are addicted to such vices from gaining admittance into the order. I do not mean by this, that Masons should act merely for the purpose of creating in the minds of the uninitiated a good opinion of Masonry, but to show our great regard for the laws and principles which govern us as Masons, and which have been properly taught us. Governed by those influences, we may expect to see Masonry fulfilling her high mission, not with reference to the brotherhood merely, but taking her proper place, as one of the great instruments or remedies, used by God in regenerating the world. One of the vices to which I allude, is taking the name of God in vain. No man has ever been admitted into the mysteries of the order, but under the most solemn charge not to take the name of God in vain. Lessons inculcating

the most sincere reverence of the Supreme Being, are taught the candidate at every step he takes in Masonry; he is taught to invoke the blessing of deity in every important undertaking, with the most solemn awe, and ask his favour and protection with entire humility. Yea, we are congregated around the altar, and all join in lifting our hearts to him in grateful adoration. Yet without the Chapter, we often hear the sacred name of God used with thoughtless levity. Do those who act thus, look upon the laws and charges of the order as not binding or of any force? Surely not. Then they present themselves in an inconsistency, and in a condition entirely anomalous. No Mason can be guilty of habitual profanity that is worthy of the royal craft. This may seem to some to be going too far, but it is the honest conviction of my heart; all must admit that profane swearing is a useless habit, and one that blunts all our perceptions, weakens our powers of self-control, and one in whose indulgence we give the lie to our professions as Masons, and hence one that strikes at the very foundation of our most holy and ancient order, and prevents all individual progress in Masonry. Other evils of not much less magnitude, are often met with among Masons. I allude to intemperance, gambling and speaking evil of each other. These are evils that should be closely guarded against by the subordinate Chapters; and should members be habitually guilty of either, those offending should be dealt with as Masons only know how to deal with offending brethren. The craft owe it to themselves; they owe it to their laws, and to the credit of the institution. If we but kept that beautiful law in mind: "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you;" some of the evils of which we speak would not be known among us. But alas, how few of us remember to side with the weak, or try to uphold the falling, or reclaim the erring. Yet these are duties imperative on every Mason, and we should take them home to ourselves. We should each examine himself by the touchstone of the Golden Rule, and when we have done this, and carried out the mandates of Masonic law in this respect, we shall have done more to advance the institution of Masonry, than we could have done by initiating hundreds of unworthy members.

In these remarks, we would not have you to understand us as claiming for the institution of Masonry absolute perfection, but the great object of Masonry, is to fashion the rough ashler of the soul; to polish and perfect it, that it may pass the grand overseer's square, and take its place in that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. In common with other institutions that owe their propagation to the weak arm of humanity, Masonry, must possess within its portals, more or less of imperfection, and to some extent be burthened with unworthy members; it being beyond the power of human foresight, penetrating as it may be, to prevent this

evil. Being often mistaken in the true character of those who apply for admission among us, their true characters are too soon developed after their reception; their real worth is then brought to light, just as in dressing the marble, its true qualities are exhibited. So it is with a member of the Masonic Fraternity, if he possesses within himself the requisites for a good Mason, they are soon exhibited in all their form and beauty; but defects of which we have been speaking, do not exist alone in the Masonic order. The Church of Christ in common with Masonry, and every thing else, has to suffer by the imperfection and corruption of man. All institutions are encumbered with unworthy members, and the fact, that this is the destiny of all, should more strongly impress upon our hearts the great Masonic virtue of charity. We should often reflect, and be admonished that our work on earth may be nearly done; and often refer our thoughts to those shining truths of our order which are taught us at every step we take. What was it that constituted the glory of the Tabernacle in the wilderness? It was the sacred roll there deposited containing the law of God. What formed the chief glory of the Jewish Temple? The law and the Prophets. What is the chief glory of the Church? The Books of the Old and New Testament. What is the glory of a Mason's Lodge, or a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and without which neither could be set to work? The Holy Bible, and its attendant lights. This great Book is the gift of God to man, and contains his sacred revelations for the benefit of all his creatures. It is a record of truth and standard of holiness, a great persuasive to virtue. Every step in Masonry and every mystery of the order, like things hard to be understood in scripture, are most potent witnesses of Divine truth. All the precepts of the order are drawn from this great fountain of light, which is inexhaustible, and we should reduce them to practice, in our ordinary intercourse with society. With this application our moral teaching will not be useless, but if carried fully into practice, our minds will be filled with lofty ideas of God and his works.

In my last communication to this Grand Body, I called your attention to the action of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held at Chicago, and the action taken by that Grand Body in regard to the withdrawal of the M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina from the same. Some time last summer, I received a communication from the Grand Secretary of that Grand Body, notifying me, and through me, the M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina, that owing to the difficulties under which our country was laboring, the meeting of the General Grand Chapter would not take place, at the time appointed, but that as soon as the condition of the country would justify it, a meeting of the same would be held, and that the State Grand Chapters, should be duly notified of

the time and place. Having received such a communication, I thought it my duty as the presiding officer of this Body, to lay the facts before you, that such action as you might deem proper, might be taken in regard to it. I think time has proven most conclusively, that the action of the M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina, in withdrawing from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was one of prudence, and the link that connected the two together being once severed, should never be reunited. We can see no justifiable reason why any State Grand Chapter in the Confederate States of America, should acknowledge, or profess to owe, any allegiance to any General Grand Body, which is composed of material hailing from the Northern States, composed in part, at least, of men who aim at the subjugation of a free people, and the entire destruction of their property, and in short of every thing which is most dear to them as a people. Masonry teaches us, that the whole world is but one Republic; of which each nation is a family—and every individual a child—the sublime art in no way whatever, derogating from the different duties which the diversity of each State or Republic requires; in fact it only tends to create a new people, which, composed of many nations, shall all be bound together by the strong ties of brotherly love, and of sincere morality and virtue; essentially philanthropic, philosophical and progressive. In every age its device has been Liberty, Equality and a Fraternal feeling for the whole human family—from the fact, that it embraces all parties, and all sects, both political and religious, to form from amongst them all, one vast fraternal association. It recognizes the dignity of man, and his right to political freedom whenever he is fitted for it, and that life and the world are what we make them by our social character. Yea, every man has the power, and should use it, to make all situations, trials and temptations, instruments to promote his happiness and virtue, and is so far from being the mere creature of circumstances that he actually creates and controls them; the true Mason making them to be all they are, of evil or of good to him as an intellectual and moral being.

Since my last communication to this M. E. Grand Body, no application has been made to me for a dispensation to open any new Chapters. This is owing no doubt in part, at least, to the condition of the country. Therefore, I have nothing to lay before you on this subject. A portion of the State as you are aware, is in the lines of the enemy; hence several Chapters in this jurisdiction, under such circumstances, will forfeit their charters. I would specially call the attention of this Grand Body to this subject, and recommend such action to be had, as will prevent such forfeiture, hoping the time may speedily arrive, when all of them can again resume their labors, and peace and quiet be restored to a distracted country.

I desire to call the attention of the subordinate Chapters, to the importance of keeping a record of those of our companions, who have fallen on the field of battle, since the commencement of the present revolution. It is due to departed worth, that such record should be kept, that our children may be able to turn to our records and there learn that the order is not unmindful of the members composing the same.

Since we last met in convocation, many of our companions have been called by the Great I Am, from labor to refreshment. Our M. E. P. Grand High Priest, Peter Custis, to whose counsels we are indebted for many wholesome instructions, is no more. He has finished his work, and it has been carried up to the great Architect of the Universe for inspection. We have every reason to hope it passed the Grand Overseer's Square, and that the mortal has put on immortality, and is now enjoying the repose that ever awaits the faithful. I would recommend, that suitable resolutions of condolence be passed by this Grand Body, and that a copy of the same be sent to the bereaved widow of our deceased worthy Companion.

Companion M. Newhoff, Grand Master of the 2d Veil of this Grand Chapter, is no more. He fell far from his native country, far from relatives, but among brothers and friends, in his adopted country. His great moral worth was known but to those who had the pleasure to know him, as one brother only knows another.

I addressed a communication to each of the subordinate Chapters, urging upon those officers who have the honor to preside over them—the importance of having their Chapters represented at the present convocation. I feel grateful that the companions have so nobly responded, thereby showing their love for the institution of Masonry; and I shall ever cherish their kindness and promptness in the proper discharge of the duties incumbent upon them.

I have received the proceedings of some few of the Grand Chapters, in the Confederate States, but nothing of importance in them has been brought to my notice, which I deem necessary to call to your attention. The Committee on foreign correspondence has under their charge this branch of the duties, imposed by this Grand Body.

In conclusion, Companions, let me urge upon you the great importance of letting harmony prevail in all your intercourse and deliberations. We should be actuated by the noble spirit of co-operation and conciliation, and our present convocation should be a nucleus around which cluster the most endearing ties of the Fraternity.

Our annual assemblages should prove a mecca in Masonry, where every true Mason will desire to make a periodical pilgrimage; and when our labours have been brought to a close, may we return to the loved ones at home, bearing the conscious reflection of having discharged the im-

portant trust confided to our care, and have no painful remorse of conscience for neglected duty to disturb us when rendering a report of our stewardship.

E. F. WATSON, *M. E. G. H. P.*

The following Committee was appointed to inquire into the condition of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, of Newberne, now within the lines of the enemy: Comps. James W. Blount, Thos. B. Carr, and J. A. Caldwell.

On motion of Companion Hiatt, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify every Chapter within our lines, and not represented at this Grand Convocation, to make their returns within sixty days, to the Grand Secretary, in order that the same may appear in the printed proceedings of this Grand Body. The notification to be addressed to the Secretary or any other officer or member of each Chapter.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter, called from labor to refreshment until this evening at three o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Gr'd. Secretary.*

TUESDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present*.—Officers and members as this morning.

The Committee on M. E. Grand High Priest's Address, presented the following report, which was received and adopted and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual communication of the most Excellent Grand High Priest, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report: Your Committee cannot but regret that the brief space allotted to an ordinary report, will not allow them to do full justice to the exalted sentiments of virtue and philanthropy which pervade this document. In common with our most Excellent

Grand High Priest, every good Mason devoutly recognizes the mysterious handiwork of the Grand Architect of the Universe, in all the mutations of life; and reverently submits to His divine will. All good Masons love God and their country; and, therefore, your Committee cannot too highly appreciate, nor sufficiently commend those ennobling sentiments of universal benevolence which constrain our most Excellent Grand High Priest to express his regret at the cruel and unnatural war, which an unrelenting foe is waging against us. We thank him—all good men, and especially all good Masons in this Confederacy, will thank him, for that fervid patriotism, which prompts him to regard our subjugation as impossible, and the ultimate independence of a people, who acknowledge no superior but God, as ultimately certain.

Your Committee invite special attention to that part of the Address, which deprecates the vices, which too often destroy the symmetry of the Masonic structure. "Intemperance, profane swearing, gambling, and speaking evil of each other," are vices which can find sap and nutriment, only among the rubbish of the Temple; and which every individual Companion, and subordinate Chapter, should endeavor to extirpate. We can only invite the immediate attention of every member of this Grand Convocation, as well as that of every subordinate Chapter, under its jurisdiction, to the high-toned moral sentiments which characterize this part of the Address, and exhort each to apply its teachings to himself; for to express our individual appreciation thereof, would be to transcribe every word which our most Excellent Grand High Priest has uttered on the subject. If the avenues of our noble structure be not sedulously guarded against the profane and immoral deceivers and deceived, its ancient lights may not become totally extinguished; but they will burn but dimly.

Your Committee most cordially approve, and commend the sentiments of our most Excellent Grand High Priest, relative to the withdrawal of the most Excellent Grand Chapter of North Carolina from the General Grand Chapter of the United States. With him we fully agree, that, the connection being once severed, should never be reunited.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend, that that part of the Address which relates to Chapters within the enemy's lines, be referred to a special Committee of three, to report what, if any action can be taken by this Grand Chapter for their relief.

In order to carry out the views of our most Excellent Grand High Priest, in preserving a record of those of our Companions, who, true to their country and just to their God, have fallen in this unholy war, in defense of their homes and their altars; your Committee beg leave to recommend, that every subordinate Chapter in North Carolina, at once

open a book, for the enrollment of their names, and make such record a part of their next Annual returns to this Grand Convocation. Your Committee recommend, that that part of the Address which relates to the death of our most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Peter Custis, of Newberne, be referred to a Committee of three, that suitable resolutions may be reported thereon.

Your Committee feel keenly the imperfect manner in which they have adverted to a few of the leading points in the most excellent Address under review. To be fully appreciated, it must be read; and only when the principles and precepts which it inculcates, shall have been reduced to practice; will any of us find ourselves pursuing the path which leads to that Temple, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. NESBITT, }  
 WM. ROBINSON, } *Committee.*  
 D. D. PHILLIPS. }

The M. E. appointed the following Companions a Committee on the subject of the death of our M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Peter Custis :

Wm. Robinson, Thos. W. Brown, and Thos. B. Carr.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to report as follows :

We have carefully examined the proceedings of the last Grand Convocation, and consider the question, regarding the casting the vote of the three principal officers by one officer, as unimportant.

We recommend that the subject of increasing the dues of subordinate Chapters be indefinitely postponed, there being three years tax now unpaid.

ROBT. G. RANKIN, }  
 C. J. HAMMARSKOLD, } *Committee.*  
 JOAB HIATT. }

The following Companions were then, by unanimous consent, duly elected officers of the Grand Chapter, for the ensuing Masonic year.

Comp's E. F. Watson, - - - - - G. H. P.  
 " Jas. W. Blount, - - - - - D. G. H. P.  
 " Wm. Robinson, - - - - - G. K.  
 " J. A. Caldwell, - - - - - G. S.  
 " Thos. W. Brown, - - - - - G. Treasurer.

Comp's Thos. B. Carr, - - - - G. Secretary.  
 " D. D. Phillips, - - - - G. C. H.

On motion of Comp. Hiatt, 11 o'clock to morrow morning was set apart for the installation of officers.

Leave of absence was granted to Companions J. A. Caldwell, C. J. Hammarskold, and Joab Hiatt.

The Committee on that portion of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address, relating to the death of P. G. H. P., Peter Custis, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the address of the most Excellent Grand High Priest, relative to the death of our most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Peter Custis, of Newbern, beg leave to report :

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Great High Priest of the Universe, to call from temporal labor to eternal refreshment, our most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Peter Custis, of Newberne, while yet in the vigor of life and meridian of Masonic usefulness : Therefore

*Resolved*, While in his death, this Grand Chapter has lost one of its most brilliant Masonic luminaries, our country an upright virtuous citizen, and his family an indulgent father and husband, we yet bow in meekness and submission to His divine will, taking the sweet consolation from our well grounded faith, that our loss is the eternal gain of our beloved Companion.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, offer their unaffected sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family of our deceased Companion, and recommend them to the protection and care of all good Masons, wherever their lot may be cast.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Grand Chapter, and that a copy thereof be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the family of our deceased Companion, as a token of the sincerity of the sentiments herein expressed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ROBINSON, }  
 THOS. W. BROWN, } *Committee.*  
 THOS. B. CARR. }

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 3d, 11 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T.

M. E. E. F. Watson,	- - - - -	G. H. P.
E. Wm. Robinson,	- - - - -	G. K. Pro tem.
E. A. M. Nesbitt,	- - - - -	G. S. " "
Comp. D. D. Phillips,	P. G. S., - -	G. C. H. " "
" Lemuel W. Hodges,	- - - - -	G. P. S. " "
" Jas. W. Blount,	- - - - -	G. R. A. C. Pro tem.
" Speight Hill,	- - - - -	G. M. 3d V. " "
" David A. Carter,	- - - - -	G. M. 2d V. " "
" H. E. McDuffie,	- - - - -	G. M. 1st V. " "
" Thos. B. Carr,	- - - - -	G. Secretary.
" Thos. W. Brown,	- - - - -	G. Treasurer.
" Alex. Boon,	- - - - -	G. Tyler.

The Committee on returns and proceedings, presented the following report, which was on motion received and adopted :

Your Committee to whom was referred the returns and proceedings of subordinate Chapters, beg leave to report :

They have examined the returns of six Chapters, and find that Union Chapter No. 17, is the only one which has complied with the prescribed forms.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to specify the slight informalities which appear in the other returns, but would earnestly recommend greater exactness and punctuality in the future.

In view of the action already taken by this Grand Chapter, to procure such returns as have not yet been sent in by subordinate Chapters, your Committee deem it unnecessary to detail those which are missing.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. BLOUNT,  
WM. ROBINSON.

The Committee on Eureka Chapter No. 7, made the following report, which was on motion received and adopted :

To the M. E. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the condition of Eureka Chapter No. 7, of Newberne, beg leave respectfully to report :

We have made diligent inquiry as far as we have been able to hear of any source of information, and are informed that the Masonic Hall in that place, has been converted into a hospital by the commanding General of

the enemy, now in possession there, and that the books, furniture and jewels have been removed.

We respectfully recommend that the M. E. G. H. P. open a correspondence with the commanding General of that department, and protest in the name of Masonry against any desecration of the Masonic Hall.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. W. BLOUNT, }  
 THOS. B. CARR, } *Committee.*  
 J. A. CALDWELL. }

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of Grand Officers, M. E. Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P., presiding.

The M. E. made the following appointments :

- Comp. C. J. Hammarskold, - - - - - G. P. S.
- “ A. M. Nesbitt, - - - - - G. R. A. C.
- “ D. Carter, - - - - - G. M. 3d V.
- “ Speight Hill, - - - - - G. M. 2d V.
- “ J. B. Griswold, - - - - - G. M. 1st V.
- “ E. W. Beale, - - - - - G. Chaplain.
- “ Alex. Boon, - - - - - G. Sentinel.

On motion of Companion Nesbitt, it was

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter endorse the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest, in relation to the neglect of duty of subordinate Chapters, in not paying their arrearages and making their annual reports to the Secretary, and recommend a continuation of forbearance during the war, provided they annually make a return and forward their dues to the Grand Secretary.

On motion of Companion Fanning, it was

*Resolved*, That one hundred dollars be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter to the M. E. Grand High Priest, as his travelling expenses incurred in attending our present Convocation ; one hundred and fifty dollars to the Grand Secretary ; fifty dollars to the Grand Treasurer, and fifteen dollars to the Grand Tyler.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until this evening at 3 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T.

M. E. E. F. Watson,	- - - - -	G. H. P.
E. Jas. W. Blount,	- - - - -	D. G. H. P.
E. Wm. Robinson,	- - - - -	G. K.
E. Thos. E. Roberts,	- - - - -	G. S. Pro tem.
Comp. D. D. Phillips,	- - - - -	G. C. H.
“ Lemuel W. Hodges,	- - - - -	G. P. S. Pro tem.
“ A. M. Nesbitt,	- - - - -	G. R. A. C.
“ D. A. Carter,	- - - - -	G. M. 3d V.
“ Speight Hill,	- - - - -	G. M. 2d V.
“ H. E. McDuffie,	- - - - -	G. M. 1st V. Pro tem.
“ Thos. W. Brown,	- - - - -	G. Treasurer.
“ Thos. B. Carr,	- - - - -	G. Secretary.
“ Alex. Boon,	- - - - -	G. Tyler.
“ R. G. Rankin,	- - - - -	P. G. H. P.

The finance Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Finance Committee having examined the Treasurer's and Secretary's books, find them correct and in proper form, and submit the following report of the Finances :

Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer last Convocation,	- -	\$419 27
Amount received on Burr's note,	- - - - -	100 00
1861, June 19th, dues from Davie Chapter No. 32,	- - - - -	10 00
“ “ “ “ “ Lebanon “ No. 27,	- - - - -	10 00
1863, April 2d, Northrop's note dated June 1, 1860,	- - - - -	259 00
“ “ “ Interest,	- - - - -	91 00
“ “ “ Dues from Montgomery Chapter No. 23,	- - - - -	30 00
“ “ “ “ “ Mt. Ararat “ No. 3,	- - - - -	15 00
“ “ “ “ “ Graham “ No. 28,	- - - - -	30 00
“ “ “ Diploma,	- - - - -	62
“ June 2d, Dues from Lafayette Chapter No. 11,	- - - - -	30 00
“ “ “ “ “ Union, “ No. 17,	- - - - -	30 00
“ “ “ “ “ Goldsboro' “ No. 29,	- - - - -	30 00

\$1055 01

Amount paid by proper vouchers, - - - - - 557 69

\$497 32

The Treasurer has two notes principal and interest, - - - \$708 00

A. MARTIN,  
P. W. FANNING, } *Committee.*  
THOS. W. BROWN. }

On motion of Companion Nesbitt, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered to St. John's Lodge No. 1, and Concord Chapter No. 1, for the use of their Hall, and other marks of their distinguished Masonic courtesies during the present Convocation.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments :

*Finance Committee*.—Companions P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., and Thos. W. Brown, Grand Treasurer.

*Committee on Foreign Correspondence*.—Companions A. Martin, P. G. H. P., Wm. Robinson, Jas. W. Blount, A. M. Nesbitt, and L. W. Hodges.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
OF THE  
M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER  
OF  
NORTH CAROLINA,

BEGUN AND HELD IN THE HALL OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1, IN  
WILMINGTON, N. C., ON MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE,  
A. L., 5864, A. I., 2394 A. D., 1864.

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ST. JOHN'S HALL, June 6th, 1864.

No Quorum being present, the meeting of the M. E. Grand Chapter was postponed, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, until the next day.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

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ST. JOHN'S HALL, June 7th, 1864.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

P R E S E N T.

M. E. E. F. Watson, - - - - - G. H. P.  
E. Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P., - G. K. Pro tem.  
E. J. W. Howlett, - - - - - G. S. " "

Comp. Thos. M. Gardner,	- - - -	G. C. H. Pro tem.
“ C. J. Rountree,	- - - -	G. P. S. “
“ M. Bowes,	- - - -	G. R. A. C. “
“ D. J. Ezzell,	- - - -	G. M. 3d V. “
“ Hugh McAlpin,	- - - -	G. M. 2d V. “
“ H. Mahler,	- - - -	G. M. 1st V. “
“ Thos. W. Brown,	- - - -	G. Treasurer.
“ Thos. B. Carr,	- - - -	G. Secretary.
“ M. M. Katz,	- - - -	G. Tyler, Pro tem.

Companions George Riley, T. J. Boykin, James McCormick, and H. E. Roberts.

The M. E. appointed Companions Thos. B. Carr and Thos. W. Brown, a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which, on motion of Companion Bowes, was received and adopted, and the Committee continued with leave to make additional reports from time to time, as delegates may arrive.

The Committee on Credentials report the following Representatives and Delegates, as properly entitled to seats in this Grand Body :

Coneord, No. 1.—Alfred Martin, H. P.; Thos. B. Carr, K.; L. C. Turner, S.

Phoenix, No. 2.—Alfred Martin, prox. for H. P. K. and S.

Mt. Ararat, No. 3.—Thos. B. Carr, Representative.

Raleigh, No. 10.—H. Mahler, prox. for H. P.; and M. Bowes, as prox. for King.

Choraizin, No. 13.—J. W. Howlett, H. P.

Salisbury, No. 20.—Alfred Martin, prox. for H. P.

Mt. Lebanon, No. 27.—C. J. Rountree, H. P., and prox. for K. and S.

Davie, No. 32.—Alfred Martin, prox. for H. P. K. and S.

THOS. B. CARR,	} Committee.
THOS. W. BROWN,	

The proceedings of the last regular communication were read by the Grand Secretary.

The M. E. appointed the following Committees :

*On Unfinished Business.*—Companions Bowes, Brown and Carr.

*On Charters and Dispensations.*—Companions Rountree, Turner, and Bowes.

*On Returns and Proceedings.*—Companions Martin, Mahler and Howlett.

On motion of Companion Martin, it was

*Resolved*, That all R. A. Masons in regular standing, that are or may be in Wilmington during the sitting of this Grand Chapter, be invited to visit the same.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until this evening at 8 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

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TUESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and members as this afternoon.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the proceedings of the last Convocation, and find no Unfinished Business on the Minutes.

M. BOWES,  
THOS. W. BROWN, } *Committee*.  
THOS. B. CARR.

The M. E. Grand High Priest presented his Annual Address, as follows :

COMPANIONS OF THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA :

Through the blessing of God, we are again permitted after another Masonic year has passed, to assemble in annual Convocation around our sacred altar, to offer up our devotions, and renew our vows of fidelity, and pledge again ourselves to maintain inviolate from the mildew of time, the sacred archives and landmarks of the order, which for a time have been committed to our trust. How grateful should we feel to Him, who has watched our wayward wanderings, and again permitted us to assemble in this consecrated spot, which is dear to the heart of every Companion diffusing as it does the glorious principles of R. A. Masonry.

Here we can, for a time, retire from the turmoils, strife, confusion and

carnage incident to a civil revolution like the present, and offer up, anew, our devotions to the Great I Am, who has vouchsafed to guide and direct us in our pilgrimage to that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

We meet under circumstances which are peculiar. A terrible war has been waged against us for the past three years; all classes and conditions of society, have alike felt and experienced its horrors. The rich, the poor, and in fact all, from the youngest to the oldest of our citizens, have been borne down by the mighty torrent that has swept over our own happy land. Each family cannot but mourn the irreparable loss by death, or mutilation, of some one of its honored members—hearts are now heaving with sorrow, that but a few short months ago, thrilled with joy. The plot has been thickening perpetually, and the night growing apparently more dark. The impending crisis, seeming more remote as the storm gathers, and the blessings of peace yet quite distant—such at present seems to be the condition of the country. Yet, truth constrains me to say, a small ray of light, and happier future, seems plainly visible to the keen and observant eye. Our success during the campaigns of the present year, against our inveterate foes, has been such as to inspire fresh courage into the hearts of the most timid of our people; and nerve them afresh to the conflict, to share in the glory of achieving our nationality and independence. Nothing short of this should be our aim; it is the great boon that nerved the arm of a Washington, and caused the brave heroes of revolutionary memory, to bare their bosoms to the hired minions of King George. Like those revolutionary sires, whose bones yet lie bleaching upon Bunker Hill, Saratoga, King's Mountain, and the plains of Guilford; if we are but united and determined to be free men, we will gain the prize for which so much of our best blood has been spilt, and so much sacrifice, toil and suffering endured.

Other nations before us have purchased the great boon of freedom, at a cost equally as great, and by the expenditure of their best blood, the loss of their noblest and best of patriots. Therefore let us not be discouraged, and thereby become the most abject and degraded of God's people. But over our future destinies as a Nation, Masonry has no control, except as peaceable and loyal citizens of the Government under which they live. We are taught at every step we take, to put our trust in the Great I Am, and to Him we look for deliverance from the hands of a cruel and brutal foe, and sooner or later for our freedom and independence.

Masonry, my Companions, is action, and not inertness; it requires its initiates to work most actively and earnestly, for the benefit of their companions, their country, and mankind. It is the patron of the oppressed, as

it is the comforter and consoler of the unfortunate and wretched. It is the advocate of the common people, in those things which concern the best and most vital interests of mankind. It hates insolent power or impudent usurpation. It pities the poor, the sorrowing, the disconsolate; and it would raise and improve the ignorant, the sunken, and the degraded.

Its fidelity to its mission, will be evident, by the extent of the efforts it employs, and the means it sets on foot to improve the people at large, and to better their condition. An intelligent people, informed of its rights, will soon come to know its power, and cannot be long oppressed; and if there be not a sound and virtuous populace, the elaborate ornaments at the top of the pyramid of society, will be a wretched compensation for the want of solidity at the base. It is not the mission of Masonry to engage in plots and conspiracies against the civil Government. It is not the fanatical propagandist of any religious creed or theory; and gives no countenance to anarchy and licentiousness. It teaches that in rectitude and sobriety of habits, is the only true and safe road to liberty, and it is chiefly the soldier of the sanctity of the laws and the rights of conscience.

It recognises the great truth of the proposition, that necessity, as well as abstract rights, plays a part in the making of laws, the administration of Government, and the regulation of relations in society. It sees indeed, that it rules in all the affairs of men. It knows that where any man, or number of men are so degraded, so imbecile of intellect, so incapable of self-control, as to be unfit to be free, and that it would be injurious to themselves, or dangerous to the community or country for them to be free, the great law of necessity requires that they remain under the control of those of larger and more expanded intellect and superior wisdom. In short, it trusts and believes that God will in His own good time, work out His own great and wise purposes, and is willing to wait where it does not see its own way clear to do some certain good.

Masonry can never be employed in any country under Heaven, to teach a toleration for cruelty, to weaken moral hatred for guilt, or to deprave and brutalize the human mind. The dread of punishment will never make a Mason an accomplice in corrupting his countryman, or a teacher of barbarity and depravity. The true Mason would much rather pass his life hidden in the recesses of the deepest obscurity—feeding his mind even with the visions and imaginations of good and noble deeds and actions, than to be placed on the most splendid throne of the Universe, tantalized with a denial of the practice of all which can make the highest situation, any other than the greatest curse. And if he has been enabled to lend the slightest step to any great and laudable designs, if he has had any share in any measure giving quiet to private property, and to private conscience, making lighter the yoke of poverty

and dependence, or in any way relieving deserving men from oppression; if he has aided in securing to his countryman the best of possessions, peace; if he has joined in reconciling the different sections of his own country to each other, and the people to love the Government of their own creating, and in teaching every citizen to look for his protection to the laws of his country; and for his comfort, to the good will of his countryman—if he has thus taken his part with the best of men in the best and most noble of their actions, it is enough for his measure. He has not lived in vain.

The wise and well informed Mason cannot fail to be the votary of liberty and justice. He will, or should be ever ready to exert himself in their defence, and identify the honor of his country with his own. Nothing can more conduce to the beauty and glory of one's country, than the preservation of it against all enemies of civil and religious liberty. The world will never willingly let die the names of those patriots, who in her different ages have received upon their own breasts, the blows aimed by insolent enemies at the bosom of their country.

Through all ages of time, will men remember Leonidas, who with his three hundred noble patriots held Thermopylae against the Persian myriads; Hannibal, who for Carthage, defied the power of Rome; Cincinnatus, who left his plough to put on the purple and command Rome's armies; or a Washington, who with his band of heroes gave birth to the freedom and liberty which has so distinguished us as a nation, and the thousand patriots, who in every age, and who are now for the sake of Southern freedom, holding their lives to be their country's property, and of small amount when compared with her interest and honor.

He has already lived too long, who has survived the entire ruin and desolation of his country; and he who can enjoy life after such an event, deserves not to have lived at all; nor does he any more deserve to live who looks contentedly upon abuses that disgrace, and cruelties that dishonor, and scenes of misery, destitution and brutalization, that mar the beauty of his country, and makes no laudable effort to remedy or to prevent the evil. It is not often that a country is at war, and that every one can be allowed the privilege of offering his heart to the enemy's bullets. But in those great and patriotic labors of love and peace, in preventing, remedying, and reforming evils, oppressions, wrongs, cruelties, and other outrages, every Mason can unite, and each can effect something, and each share the honor and glory of the result. If they labor diligently and faithfully in their calling, not only will they enjoy that calm contentment, which diligence never fails to win; not only will the sweat of their toil be sweet, but when the victory is at last achieved, they will come in for a share in the glory: even as the private and meanest soldier

who fought at King's Mountain, at Chancellorsville, or Manassas, will become a sharer in the glory of those saving days. We should remember, Companions, that life's length is not measured by its hours, and days, or months, but by that which we have done therein for the benefit of mankind and our country. An useless life is short, should it last a century. We may do much in a few years, or we may do comparatively nothing in a long life time. The life of Hannibal was long as the life of oaks, though he died at the early age of thirty-five. The same may be said of many of the heroes who have fallen in our present struggle for independence and nationality; therefore let us be ever diligent, and watchful of the great interests of mankind, the honor and glory of our country. Should this be our aim, the great Architect of the Universe will give us that strength and wisdom which will enable us to well and faithfully perform those high duties. Above all things, let us never forget that mankind constitutes one great brotherhood; that all are born to encounter suffering and sorrow; and are therefore bound to sympathize with each other.

The Mason should go forth with a brave and strong heart, ever relying upon the Great I Am, to enable him to battle with calamity. He is to master it, and not let it become his master. He is not to forsake the post of trial and of peril, but to stand firmly in his place until the great word of Providence shall bid him fly, or bid him sink. With resolution and courage the Companion is to do the great work which it is appointed him to do, looking through the dark cloud of calamity, to the end that rises high and beautifully bright before him. The lot of sorrow is great and sublime; none suffer forever, nor for naught, nor without purpose. It is the ordinance of God's wisdom and of His infinite love, to procure for all his followers infinite happiness and eternal glory.

The good Mason, like the good Samaritan, may console himself in reflecting that when he is laid low, and his dust has returned to its mother earth, his children after him will often hear the benediction: Heaven bless thee children! thy father was the friend of me and mine in our want and oppression; he defended our cause, redressed our wrongs, and often have we eaten of his morsel, and drank of his cup, in our days of need. And like the venerable Job in the days of old, might justly say, "That the blessing of him that was ready to perish was upon him, and he caused the widow's heart to sing for joy; he was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame, and a support to the feeble; and he ate not his morsel alone—the naked also felt the warming fleece of his flock—when the ear heard him it blessed him, and when the eye saw him it beamed on him with delight."

The stranger, wrecked on a foreign shore; the prisoner of war severed by hundreds of miles, or oceans, from his dear fireside, his circle of friends,

the wife of his bosom, and the olive branches round his table—a captive wounded and stretched on the couch of disease in a dungeon—hears the glad voice of a brother or companion; starts with fresh life in every vein, and with the fire of animation beaming in his eye—hails his welcome approach—presses him to his bosom; and remembers wounds, bonds, captivity and pains no more.

Let us then, my Companions, never swerve from the steps of our venerable ancestors; but like them cherishing in our hearts the heaven-born germs of charity and beneficence, let us nourish them as plants, whose fragranee is beyond frankincense; and though plants of celestial climes, they will bud, blossom and bring forth fruit in our inclement soil, and will bear their fruit and healing produce not once only, but the year throughout. They will be the cheering beams around the soul, in the most gloomy cloud through which we have to pass; and at the close of this mortal scene, they will shed their celestial rays of comfort around the departing spirit, and usher it amid the melodious congratulations of ministering angels, to the blissful realms of joy and love, where we may present them hallowed with the increase of a thousand fold, at the throne of the Grand Architect from whence they sprung; where they will as heaven's sterling currency, be our ready passport to the grand temple of the blessed.

This is Masonry, my Companions, and nothing less than this. Therefore let honor kindle and prompt our resolves to act up to, and fulfill our trusts; let fortitude nerve us vigorously to enforce those resolves, let us often refresh ourselves by recalling to our remembrance the deeds of the venerated sages of old. Yea, let us present their shades to our mind's eye, as ministering guardians watchful around our paths, and their eyes ever on us, to rouse us from our apathy, and kindle in us the sparks of zeal, to rally around the order as firm, unshaking pillars, in supporting and adorning it; and let us fan those sparks into a noble and ardent flame, for following their high examples by treading in their steps, and emulating their great and worthy deeds. Let the duty we owe ourselves, our country or society at large; the dignity of our nature, the dread of sullyng the banner under which we have enlisted, prompt us as watchful guardians over the high trust we have pledged ourselves in, to hand it down to posterity pure and unsullied, as we have received it from our great and good ancestors, and to hand it thus down to posterity, as their just claim at our hands, and as the best bequest we can leave, or they receive from us, that they in their days to come, animated by our example, may do the like for their succeeding generations, and for all the ages yet unborn. It is thus that the fraternity becomes the shining light of the earth, and the glory of the age in which we live.

I desire to call the attention of the Companions, who are called to preside

over the subordinate Chapters, to the importance of being thoroughly instructed in the work and lectures—well acquainted with the different degrees of R. A. Masonry, and complete master of the ceremonies. But Masonry is a science and an art of vast magnitude and extent, and a knowledge of her various mysteries is not attainable at once by the initiated, but can be obtained only by the industrious craftsman, and then only gradually and by degrees. By much instruction and assiduous and persevering application, advances in the noble art are only made. Each step being progressive, opens new light and information in proportion to the capacity of the intellect of the initiate. According to the progress we make we limit or extend our desires for further light; and in proportion to that capacity, we attain to a less or greater degree of perfection. It is not the craftsman who knows the names and understands the application of the various working tools and implements of R. A. Masonry, that is thereby furnished to every good and perfect work; but him only who uses them and properly applies them to his intellectual, moral and social culture and edification. That is the workman that need not be ashamed to exhibit to the Grand Architect of the Universe, a specimen of his work: for he may rest assured, it will not be cast at the final day of accounts, among the rubbish as work unfit for the builder's use, but as work that will stand the test of the Grand Overseer's Square, and be pronounced by him as work fit and prepared for a place in that spiritual Temple whose builder and maker is God.

Therefore, in exhorting you to use every effort to be perfect in all the degrees of R. A. Masonry, I intend not merely that you should be expert in conferring the different degrees or giving the lectures, or eager to rise rapidly through the various stages of the same, but that you should enter fully into the spirit of its most sublime rites, and should endeavor to learn the full import of all its most interesting symbols; that you should be perfect not only in the knowledge, but in the application of all its principles, in the full possession of all it expects, and in the high discharge of all the great moral and christian duties it enjoins.

I have granted four Dispensations for new Chapters, the past Masonic year. One for opening a Chapter at Chapel Hill, one at Winston, one at Lexington, and one at Clinton.

I have no doubt the Dispensations will be returned to this Convocation, and Charters asked for. Application was made to me for a Dispensation to open a Chapter, at Belle Voir, Chatham County, but being recommended by a Chapter somewhat remote from the place of the new Chapter, I returned the Petition stating it must be recommended by the nearest working Chapter. Since which time I have been informed, the recommendation could not be obtained, from the fact it was only twelve

miles from University Chapter. I also received a petition from sundry Companions in Brigadier General Hoke's Brigade, praying for a Dispensation to open a Chapter in the same. This I have not yet granted, not being satisfied as to the propriety of establishing military Chapters. The petitioners are men of high character, and R. A. Masons of good standing. I therefore refer the subject or application of the petitioners to your body, for such action or instruction as you in your wisdom may deem best to adopt or advise.

In regard to the present condition of R. A. Masonry, there is much activity, most of the subordinate Chapters being in a flourishing condition; the bright and genial rays of the same are seen and felt all over our jurisdiction, lighting up hill and valley with its gladsome warmth. Therefore every zealous R. A. Mason should not cease his exertions to extend his knowledge of the art, being thereby the better prepared "to lead the blind by a way they know not; to lead them in paths they have not known; to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight; these things to do unto them and not forsake them."

Companions, being satisfied of the great importance of having the proceedings of this Grand Body read in all the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, should it be prudent to publish the same; I would recommend that such action be taken as will render it obligatory upon the first three officers of each Chapter in this jurisdiction, to see that the proceedings, when published, be punctually and carefully read in the regular meetings of their respective Chapters.

I am not aware of any other business of importance that requires to be brought to your notice, except such as will naturally come before you in the usual order and routine which is usually observed at these our annual Convocations.

In conclusion, my Companions, permit me once more to remind you of the great and heavy responsibility which rests upon each and all of us; the solemn obligations we are under as R. A. Masons, to execute with fidelity and diligence the trust reposed in us. Let all your discussions, where there is difference of opinion, be guided and governed by that brotherly love which should ever characterize the true and genuine Mason. Let us look to the author of our great light in Masonry, for that wisdom which should govern us in our decisions; and in all our intercourse with each other, and the world of mankind, with whom we shall be brought in contact in any and every capacity, be careful to exemplify those noble and exalted principles which have been taught us from our first entrance into the mysteries of the order, and which we profess not only to practice, but to teach to all who gain admittance into our time honored institution.

With most of us the sun of life is far advanced in the morning watch—

with others it has arrived at "high twelve;" with quite a large proportion it is "one hour past meridian," and there are others yet around me "on whom age has spread its hoary mantle, upon whose brows are written in legible lines the foot-prints of time and care," and whose sun is fast sinking toward the distant West. It may be, my beloved Companions, yea, it is more than probable that some of us will meet in this social retreat, this loved and consecrated spot, no more to bow around our sacred altar, and renew our fidelity to each other, and offer up our devotions to the Great I Am. Ere the flight of time has marked the close of another Masonic year, we shall have gone the "way of all the earth," to meet as we most fondly hope in that sacred Temple above, with those venerable sojourners and workmen, who have passed the veils, and presented specimens of work, which were pronounced work fit for that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Companions, permit me on this occasion to return to you my most grateful and heartfelt thanks for your kindness; for the confidence reposed in me, and the uniform courtesy and kind forbearance toward me; and permit me to express for you the wish that when your earthly labors are closed, you may be so happy as to hear from the "King of Kings" that welcome plaudit; "Well done good and faithful servant."

The special connection and relation in which I have stood to you, now ceases; but the affection connected with it and the heartfelt gratitude arising from it, will ever remain. Any errors which I may have committed as M. E. G. H. P. in the discharge of the various duties incumbent upon me, have been errors of the head, and not of the heart; and it gives me consolation to know they are in the hands of kind and affectionate Companions, who are ever ready and willing to throw the broad mantle of charity over the foibles of an erring brother.

Companions, our labors in Grand Convocation, will soon be brought to a close. This should remind us of the last solemn parting, and that death is hastening for a time to interrupt, but not to dissolve our Union. No! virtuous attachments are eternal; they are again renewed in Heaven. We again meet there in Grand Convocation, where the Grand High Priest of the Universe presides, to part no more.

E. F. WATSON, *M. E. G. H. P.*

On motion of Companion Martin, the address was received and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, and referred to a special Committee of three.

The M. E. appointed Companions Martin, Brazell and Howlett, as Committee on M. E. Grand High Priest's address.

On motion of Companion Martin, it was

*Resolved*, That the election of officers for the ensuing year, be the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock; and that the officers elect be installed at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

ST. JOHN'S HALL, June 8th, 1864.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present*.—Officers and members as before.

Companion J. W. Howlett, of Choraizin Chapter No. 13, returned the Charter of his Chapter which was granted last year, their original Charter which was supposed to have been destroyed, having been found.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following additional report, which was adopted.

We find the following Chapters duly represented:

Graham, No. 28.—T. J. Boykin, Representative.

University Chapter, U. D.—D. J. Ezzell, Proxy for H. P. K. and S.

THOS. B. CARR, }  
T. W. BROWN, } *Committee*.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

The Committee to whom has been entrusted the subject of Dispensations and Charters, beg leave to report:

That they have before them a petition from the Companions of University Chapter No. 34, Orange County, to whom a Dispensation was granted in December last, asking, for reasons therein set forth, that a Charter be granted them. Therefore your Committee would respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted by this M. E. Grand Body. Also a petition from Lexington Chapter No. 35, Davidson County, to whom a Dispensation was granted in May last, asking, for reasons therein set forth,

that a Charter be granted them. Therefore your Committee would most respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted by this M. E. Grand Body.

Also a communication from H. McAlpin and other applicants, for a Charter for Clinton Chapter, to be opened at Clinton, Sampson County. It appearing that they have organized, and have not had sufficient time to exhibit a specimen of their skill, your Committee respectfully recommend that the Dispensation be continued in force until the next annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Also a communication from Davie Chapter, No. 32, requesting a revision of their by-laws. Your Committee find them so defective, that they respectfully recommend that said Chapter form a new code of by-laws, taking the constitution of the G. R. A. Chapter of North Carolina, and the by-laws of Concord Chapter No. 1, as their guide.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. BOWES,

C. J. ROUNTREE.

L. C. TURNER.

The Committee on the address of the M. E. G. H. P., presented the following report, which was on motion received and adopted.

TO THE M. E. G. R. A. CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA :

The undersigned, to whom was referred the annual report of the M. E. Grand High Priest, have had the same under consideration, and while they find but little requiring any special action of this Grand Chapter, they find much to approve and admire; and cordially commend the whole of that chaste and beautiful address to the consideration of every member of our fraternity. While the devastations of war are thinning our numbers, and devastating our country, desecrating our Masonic Temple and prostrating many of our fairest columns, it well becomes us to close up our decimated ranks, and unite in a more firm and determined resistance, and a closer and more fraternal support of each other, and in administering to the consolation and the necessities of the suffering and afflicted around us. Let us not in the general disorganization consequent upon the present unhappy condition of the country, forget the importance to ourselves, and to posterity, of preserving the organization of our institution, and of a rigid examination of all the materials that may be submitted for the great and glorious work.

Your Committee cordially approve of the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in declining to issue a dispensation for a military Chapter. We are of opinion, that while such a Chapter would afford to many of

the brotherhood the means of improvement and of pleasure amid the monotony of camp life, it could not, for obvious reasons, be so conducted as to present the institution in its true light to those who might be exalted therein; there are other and more potent reasons, such as cannot be here stated, that the Committee consider as conclusive in an argument against the establishment of military Chapters.

Your Committee concur with the M. E. High Priest in his estimate of the importance of having the proceedings of this Grand Body read in the subordinate Chapters; but as there is a standing rule of this Grand Chapter, requiring the proceedings to be read in every Chapter, they deem any further legislation on the subject unnecessary, trusting that the matter having been called so prominently to their attention, they will not need to be further admonished.

Respectfully submitted.

A. MARTIN,  
D. J. EZZELL,  
J. W. HOWLETT.

An election of Grand Officers was held as per appointment, and the following Officers declared duly elected.

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| Comp. E. F. Watson,     | - - - - - | G. II. P.     |
| “ George B. Waterhouse, | - - - - - | D. G. H. P.   |
| “ J. W. Howlett,        | - - - - - | G. K.         |
| “ D. A. Davis,          | - - - - - | G. S.         |
| “ Thos. W. Brown,       | - - - - - | G. Treasurer. |
| “ Thos. B. Carr,        | - - - - - | G. Secretary. |
| “ T. J. Boykin,         | - - - - - | G. C. II.     |

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

*Resolved*, That article 13 of the Constitution, be so amended as that the fees for a warrant for opening and holding a Royal Arch Chapter, shall be one hundred dollars, of which the Grand Secretary shall receive twenty dollars.

*Resolved*, That article 14 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, be so amended as that the annual dues of each subordinate Chapter, shall be fifty dollars.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until this evening at four o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 4 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and members as this morning.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings presented the following report, which was on motion received and adopted :

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT G. R. A. CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA :

The Committee on returns and proceedings of subordinate Chapters, have examined the returns of the following Chapters, viz :

Salisbury, No. 20.

Davie, No. 32.

Phoenix, No. 2.

Lafayette, No. 11.

Mount Lebanon, No. 27.

Mount Ararat, No. 3.

Raleigh, No. 10.

Choraizin, No. 13.

Graham, No. 28.

Union, No. 17.

Concord, No. 1.

These returns are made in proper form, with a few unimportant omissions, though only Raleigh Chapter No 10, Union, No. 17, and Concord No 1, have the seal of the Chapter affixed. At the Convocation of this Grand Chapter in 1860, the following resolution was submitted by the Committee on returns and proceedings, and adopted : *Resolved*, that hereafter the returns of no subordinate Chapter be received, except the seal is attached thereto. In consideration of the difficulty of procuring anything of that kind during the present condition of affairs in the Confederacy, your Committee recommend that the resolution be rescinded, and the returns be received and placed on file as heretofore.

A. MARTIN,  
J. W. HOWLETT, } *Committee.*  
H. MAHLER.

The Committee of Finance presented the following report, which was on motion received and adopted :

The Committee of Finance have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and submit the following as the financial condition of the Grand Chapter :

Cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, at the time of the last annual report - - - - -	\$497 32
Amount of dues from subordinate Chapters, - - - - -	446 66
Amount of two dispensations, - - - - -	100 00
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	\$1043 98
The Grand Treasurer has paid during the year, amount of appropriations, - - - - -	315 00
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Leaving cash balance in his hands, - - - - -	\$728 98
He holds also two notes amounting, with interest to - - -	715 97
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Making the entire assets - - - - -	\$1444 95

Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTIN,  
T. W. BROWN, } *Committee.*  
R. G. RANKIN, }

On motion of Companion Martin, it was

*Resolved*, That two hundred dollars be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter to the M. E. Grand High Priest, as his travelling expenses incurred in attending our present Convocation. Two hundred and fifty dollars to the Grand Secretary, and one hundred dollars to the Grand Treasurer.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 8 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labor.

*Present*.—Officers and members as this afternoon.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of Grand Officers, M. E. Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P. presiding.

The M. E. made the following appointments :

C. J. Rountree,	- - - - -	G. P. S.
M. Bowes,	- - - - -	G. R. A. C.
H. Mahler,	- - - - -	G. M. 3d V.
D. J. Ezzell,	- - - - -	G. M. 2d V.
L. C. Turner,	- - - - -	G. M. 1st V.
Alex. Boon,	- - - - -	G. Tyler.
Rev. E. W. Beal,	- - - - -	G. Chaplain.

On motion of Companion Riley, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify all delinquent subordinate Chapters within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and not within the enemy's lines, that unless their arrearages are paid on or before the next annual Convocation of this Grand Body, their Charters will be forfeited, in accordance with the requirements of the Sixteenth Article of the Grand Constitution.

On motion of Companion Ezzell, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter No. 1, for the use of their hall during our present Convocation.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

**PROCEEDINGS**  
 OF THE  
**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION**  
 OF THE  
**M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER**  
 OF  
**NORTH CAROLINA,**

BEGUN AND HELD IN ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON, N. C., ON  
 TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH, A. L., 5865, A. I., 2395, A. D., 1865.

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ST. JOHN'S HALL, June 5th, 1865.

There being no quorum present, the meeting of the M. E. Grand Chapter was postponed according to the provisions of the Constitution, until Tuesday morning, 6th inst., at 11 o'clock.

A. PAUL REPITON, *Gr'd Secr'y, pro tem.*

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ST. JOHN'S HALL, TUESDAY MORNING, June 6th, 1865.

The M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter met, pursuant to the postponement.

P R E S E N T.

M. E. G. B. Waterhouse, D. G. H. P.	-	G. H. P., Pro tem.	
“ Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.	- - -	G. K.	“
“ P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.	- -	G. S.	“
E. M. Bowes,	- - - - -	G. C. H.	“

E. W. G. Palmer,	- - - -	G. P. S.	Pro tem.
" Z. M. Paschall,	- - - -	G. R. A. C.	"
" H. Mahler,	- - - - -	G. M. 3d V.	
" J. W. Blount,	- - - - -	G. M. 2d V.	Pro tem.
" A. A. Hartsfield,	- - - -	G. M. 1st V.	"
" A. Paul Repiton,	- - - -	G. Secretary.	"
" C. M. Vanorsdell,	- - -	Treasurer.	"

Together with representatives, permanent members and visitors.

The Grand Chapter was opened in solemn form, by M. E. Geo. B. Waterhouse D. Grand High Priest.

The following Companions were appointed a Committee on Credentials viz:

Alfred Martin, P. W. Fanning, and W. J. Palmer.

The Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment, until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

A. PAUL REPITON, *Gr'd Sec'y pro tem.*

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and members as this morning.

The Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted, and the Committee continued:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report, that they find the following Chapters duly represented.

Concord Chapter, No. 1.—By A. Martin, H. P.; T. M. Gardner, Proxy for K.; P. W. Fanning, S.

Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.—By G. B. Waterhouse, H. P.; M. Bowes, Proxy for K.; W. J. Palmer, S.

Union Chapter, No. 17.—By J. W. Blount, H. P., and representative; the requisite number of Chapters being present by their Representatives, to constitute a quorum.

ALFRED MARTIN, }  
 P. W. FANNING, } *Committee.*  
 W. J. PALMER, }

The proceedings of the last Grand annual communication were then read by Companion Alfred Martin, after which the following Committees were appointed:

*On Unfinished Business.*—Comps. Alfred Martin, M. Bowes, and H. Mahler.

*On Charters and Dispensations.*—Comps. P. W. Fanning, M. Bowes, and J. W. Blount.

*On Returns and Proceedings.*—Comps. Alfred Martin, J. W. Blount, and W. J. Palmer.

Comp. Alfred Martin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That all R. A. Masons in regular standing, that may be present in the city, during the present Convocation, be, and they are hereby invited, to visit our meetings.

The D. G. High Priest submitted the following report, which was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF N. C.

*M. E. Companions:*—My only official act, during the past year, has been the granting of a dispensation to the members of Ashville Chapter, No. 25, on the 26th of December last, to hold an election for officers, the time specified by their By-Laws having passed without an election.

G. B. WATERHOUSE, D. G. H. P.

The Grand Secretary being absent, the following report from him was submitted by the G. Secretary Pro tem., and adopted:  
M. E. AND E. COMPANIONS.

Owing to the distracted condition of the country, the labors of your G. Secretary, since your last Annual Convocation, have been very limited.

The only proceedings received from sister Grand Chapters, are those of Rhode Island, and they will be found of interest.

I was unable to have the proceedings of the last Convocation printed *in extenso*, but had a brief synopsis printed, which I distributed as widely as possible, under the circumstances. I respectfully recommend that all the proceedings that have not been published, be printed with the proceedings of the present Convocation.

I regret exceedingly my inability to be present with you at this time. Many of those whom we have been accustomed to meet at these annual re-unions, have fallen victims of a bloody war. I know they will be missed and remembered by you.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

Comp. J. W. Blount submitted the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations :

TO THE M. E. GRAND R. A. CHAPTER.

The undersigned respectfully states, that the Charter, Books, Jewels, and Furniture, of every description, belonging to Union Chapter, No. 17, have been destroyed by the Federal army, on its march from Wilmington and Fayetteville to Raleigh, and that he has been instructed, by the members composing said Chapter, to make this statement to the Grand Chapter, now in session, and ask for a renewal of their Charter.

Respectfully,

JAS. W. BLOUNT.

Comp. Alfred Martin submitted the following communication, which was ordered to be received and referred to the Committee on Returns and Proceedings :

M. E. GRAND R. A. CHAPTER, OF N. C.

The undersigned, High Priest of Concord Chapter, No. 1, respectfully represents to this Grand body, that at the time of the occupation of this city by the Federal forces, the Books and papers of the Secretary of his Chapter, were taken from the Secretary's office, by parties connected with that army, and have not yet been recovered; which, together with the absence of the Treasurer, has rendered it impossible for him to have the returns of his Chapter prepared for the present Convocation. He hopes, however, that upon the return of the Treasurer, he will be able from his Books, to make up the returns of his Chapter, and furnish them to the G. Secretary, in season to have them printed with the proceedings of the present Convocation.

Respectfully,

ALFRED MARTIN.

No further business appearing, and the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

A. PAUL REPITON, *Gr'd Sec'y pro tem.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 7th, 1865.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings submitted the following report :

The undersigned, Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters, beg leave to report, that the only returns that have been made to this Grand Communication, are those of Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, which they find regular and in due form.

The communications submitted to this Grand body by Comps. Alfred Martin, H. Priest of Concord Chapter, No. 1, and J. W. Blount, H. Priest of Union Chapter, No. 17, explain the cause of the failure of their respective Chapters to make their returns.

The unsettled state of the country, and the interruption in the communication throughout the State, will doubtless afford a satisfactory explanation of the failure of many other Chapters to make their annual returns.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MARTIN, }  
J. W. BLOUNT, } *Committee.*  
W. J. PALMER, }

The Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, viz :

The Committee on Unfinished Business have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Annual Communication, and have to report, that they find no business requiring the action of this meeting.

ALFRED MARTIN, }  
M. BOWES, } *Committee.*  
H. MAHLER, }

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report, which was adopted, viz :

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to submit their report, meager and unsatisfactory as it necessarily must be. No communication, or document, of any description, has been placed in their hands, except a Report from the High Priest of Union Chapter, No. 17, with the mortifying statement, that the entire effects of that Chapter, including its Charter, had been ruthlessly destroyed, by the invading army, in its passage through his county, and praying for a Duplicate Charter, to enable them, legitimately, to pursue their labors. Your Committee also learn, verbally,

from the delegates present, that most of the Chapters in the State, have shared pretty much the same fate as Union, No. 17; and that, while this devastation was going on, none were found with sufficient philanthropy of feeling, to heed the cry of the Widow's Son. A similar outrage was perpetrated upon the Lodge in this place; the Jewels having been abstracted, probably with the pitiful purpose of melting up. What adds most seriously to the grievance, scarcely one of our institutions has an available dollar in its treasury, and most of the members are in a similar condition; even our Grand Chapter, possesses not the means, to defray its ordinary expenses. Of the subordinates, scarcely one is able to cancel its dues, and in this condition of affairs, it becomes incumbent upon the Grand Chapter, to exercise towards the subordinates, all the clemency in its power, and this seems absolutely necessary, even to secure its own existence.

Cruelly have the calamities of the late unhappy hostilities, fallen upon our entire community, and the Masonic Institution has shared largely in the universal distress. Under these painful circumstances, your Committee would unhesitatingly and respectfully recommend, that no irregularities of the subordinates, consequent upon the above condition of affairs, be suffered to operate prejudicially to their prosperity; and that, upon proper representation, and application to the Grand High Priest, he be authorized, at his discretion, to heal, or reinstate the delinquent Chapters in their legitimate positions, reporting his action to the next ensuing Grand Convocation. At the same time, it is urged upon the subordinates, to remit their dues to the Grand Secretary, as early as possible, in order to meet current expenses. In accordance with the views, herein expressed, your Committee would further recommend, that the resolution of last session, suspending, or closing subordinate Chapters, under certain contingencies, be rescinded, placing them on a footing with other delinquent Chapters, heretofore designated.

It has been suggested to your Committee, that a Dispensation has been granted, by the Grand High Priest, to a number of R. A. Masons in Charlotte, to open a Chapter, but, as no regular report has been made, no action can be recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING,	} Committee.
M. BOWES,	
J. W. BLOUNT,	

Comp. A. Martin submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That the resolutions adopted at our last Grand Annual Communication, amending Articles 13th and 14th, of the Constitution, so as to increase the fees for Charters and Dispensations, and the annual dues of

subordinate Chapters, in consequence of the depreciation in the currency of the country, be, and the same are hereby rescinded.

*Resolved*, That all fees for dispensations and Charters, granted under authority of this Grand Chapter, and all dues from subordinate Chapters, shall, from this date, be paid in coin.

*Resolved*, That all arrearages of annual dues, from subordinate Chapters, shall be reduced to Fifteen dollars, for each and every year, and that such arrearages may be paid in such funds as may be current at the time of payment.

Upon motion of Comp. A. Martin, the hour of 2 o'clock this afternoon, was agreed upon for the election of the Grand Officers.

Comp. A. Martin, in announcing the death of Past Grand High Priest, Rob't G. Rankin, submitted the following remarks and resolutions, which were unanimously received, and ordered to be recorded with the proceedings :

**M. E. AND COMPANIONS :**

In the absence of the Grand High Priest, whose province, and whose melancholy duty it should have been, I now rise for the purpose of announcing to this Grand Chapter, the death of our friend and companion, Robert G. Rankin. Among the many noble dead of our fraternity, whose blood has dyed the battle fields of our domain, few, if any, have higher claims to our admiration, our love and our regrets, than he; none, I am sure, were more entirely devoted to the interests and prosperity, the principles and tenets of our order. On almost every page of the proceedings of this Grand body, from the time of its re-organization to its last Grand Annual Convocation, his name will be found recorded as a leader, or a prominent actor, in some of the most important business of the institution. His time, his talents, and his means have been ever freely, industriously and liberally devoted to her interests and prosperity. As chairman of the committee of Foreign Correspondence, his talents and his Masonic knowledge, have been highly commended by the Masonic Grand bodies throughout the country. As Grand High Priest of this order in North Carolina, he was esteemed and admired by all the Chapters, over which he had been chosen to preside. From his store of Masonic knowledge, he was ever ready to impart, freely and liberally, to all who sought instruction; and to him, the poor and destitute, never appealed in vain. In him, has fallen one of our most prominent land marks, and I feel that no companion who knew him well, will fail to cordially respond to all that I have said, and much more that I might with truth have said, in commendation of the high character, and

the long, faithful and valuable services of our deceased companion. As a friend and colaborer, in the cause of Masonry, I feel, most deeply, the loss that we have sustained, in the death of Companion Rankin; and desire, as a token of respect for his memory, and of our high appreciation of his many noble qualities, to submit, for the consideration of this Grand Chapter, the following preamble and resolutions:

*Whereas*, It has pleased Almighty God, in his mysterious Providence, to remove, by the hand of death, our friend and companion, Rob't G. Rankin, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, do here record the expression of our profound and sincere regret, that one, whose life has been so completely identified with the interest and prosperity of our institution; who, for so many years, has stood foremost upon the threshold, to extend a cheerful, cordial and fraternal welcome to all who enjoyed the privilege of meeting around our common altar, at our Grand Annual Communications, has been cut down, in the pride of manhood, and in the prime of life. That he, whose many noble traits of character, long and faithful services, wise counsel, and liberal support of every branch of the Masonic order, who contributed so much to exalt our State to the high rank that she has attained among our sister institutions, will be heard in our councils no more.

*Resolved*, That while we bow, with reverence and submission to the will of Him "Who doeth all things well," we cannot suppress the feeling, that in the death of Companion Rankin, a sore and lasting calamity has fallen upon this Grand Chapter. That we have lost a wise counsellor, a zealous, active and energetic member, and a hospitable, genial, generous and sincere friend and companion.

*Resolved further*, That the Grand Secretary be, and that he is hereby, instructed to communicate the action of this Grand Chapter, in relation to the death of Companion Rankin, to the members of his family, and that we do, hereby, tender to them, the assurance of our most earnest and cordial sympathy in their great affliction, with the hope that He, whose wisdom and whose works are beyond the reach of human perception, may sanctify this dispensation to their temporal and eternal welfare.

The Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment until 2 1-2 o'clock this afternoon.

A. PAUL REPITON, *Gr'd Sec'y pro tem.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 1-2 o'clock, June 7th, 1865.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and members as this morning.

Pursuant to special order of this morning, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of the Grand officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

M. E. Comp.	G. B. Waterhouse,	- - - - -	G. H. Priest.
E. “	D. D. Phillips,	- - - - -	D. G. H. Priest.
E. “	J. W. Blount,	- - - - -	G. King.
E. “	M. Bowes,	- - - - -	G. Scribe.
E. “	T. W. Brown,	- - - - -	G. Treasurer.
E. “	T. B. Carr,	- - - - -	G. Secretary.
E. “	W. J. Palmer,	- - - - -	G. C. H.

Upon motion, Comp. A. Martin, P. G. High Priest, was invited to install the Grand officers, whereupon he took the chair, and proceeded at once to the performance of that duty.

Upon the installation of the Grand High Priest elect, he announced the following appointments :

Rev'd Comp.	A. Paul Repiton,	- - - - -	G. Chaplain.
“	Geo. Lauder,	- - - - -	G. P. S.
“	Z. M. Paschall,	- - - - -	G. R. A. C.
“	H. Mahler,	- - - - -	G. M. 3d V.
“	A. A. Hartsfield,	- - - - -	G. M. 2d V.
“	Wm. Robinson,	- - - - -	G. M. 1st V.
“	Alex. Boon,	- - - - -	G. Tyler.
“	W. J. Hicks,	- - - - -	G. Lecturer.

The remaining Grand officers were then installed in ample form.

The Committee of Finance submitted the following report, which was received, viz :

The Finance Committee beg leave to state, that they will be unable to make any report of the financial condition of the Grand Treasury, at this session, in consequence of the sickness of the Grand Treasurer, and the

absence of his books. Pending the attack upon this city, by the Federal forces, the books and papers of the Grand Treasurer were removed, for safe keeping, to a distant part of the State, and the communication having been cut off, they could not be returned, in season, for this meeting. We trust, however, that before the proceedings of this meeting are prepared for the press, the Committee will be able to furnish the Grand Secretary, with a report for publication.\*

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING.

ALFRED MARTIN.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following standing Committees:

*Foreign Correspondence.*—Comp's P. W. Fanning, Alfred Martin, and Wm. G. Hill.

*Finance.*—Comp's P. W. Fanning and Alfred Martin.

*On Printing Proceedings.*—Comp's T. B. Carr and Alfred Martin.

The following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

By Comp. W. J. Palmer:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the use of their Hall, during the present Convocation.

By Comp. Alfred Martin:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered to Rev. Comp. A. Paul Repiton, Grand Secretary, Pro tem., and that the sum of Ten Dollars be paid him by the Grand Treasurer, for his services.

Having finished the business of the present Convocation, and the proceedings having been read and approved, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, was closed in ample form, with prayer by Rev. and E. A. Paul Repiton, Grand Chaplain.

A. PAUL REPITON, *Gr'd-Sec'y, Pro tem.*

\* NOTE.—See next page.

### Additional Report of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, herewith submitted, and find them correct. During the time embraced in these accounts, the Treasurer has received from various sources,.....\$1347 40  
 With balance on hand at last report, say.....419 27

Making the sum of.....\$1766 67  
 And that he has disbursed during that time, upon proper vouchers..\$1524 69

Leaving in his hands at this date.....\$241 98

This balance, now in his hands, is in Confederate Treasury Notes, which are now of no value.

The Treasurer holds the following notes belonging to the Grand Chapter, viz:

W. A. Burr's note with interest due.....\$391 50  
 R. G. Rankin's note " " " .....\$400 50

Making the sum of.....\$792 00

There is also due from the following Subordinate Chapters the sum of.....\$1325 00

Concord,*	No.	1	.....	\$15 00
Phoenix,	"	2	.....	15 00
Mt. Ararat,	"	3	.....	10 00
Roanoke,	"	4	.....	75 00
Concord,	"	5	.....	85 00
Temple,	"	6	.....	15 00
Eureka,	"	7	.....	65 00
Oxford,*	"	8	.....	65 00
Raleigh,*	"	10	.....	15 00
Lafayette,	"	11	.....	15 00
Conoho,	"	12	.....	75 00
Choraizin,	"	13	.....	15 00
Cherokee,	"	14	.....	45 00
Union,	"	17	.....	15 00
Gaston,	"	18	.....	85 00
Keystone,	"	19	.....	65 00
Salisbury,	"	20	.....	55 00

Lincoln,	"	22.....	85 00
Montgomery,	"	23.....	55 00
Germanton,	"	24.....	75 00
Ashville,	"	25.....	75 00
Louisburg,	"	26.....	15 00
Mt. Lebanon,	"	27.....	15 00
Graham,	"	28.....	15 00
Goldsboro',*	"	29.....	15 00
Mt. Vernon,	"	30.....	75 00
Wadesboro'	"	31.....	55 00
Davie,	"	32.....	15 00
Clinton,	"	33.....	55 00
University,	"	34.....	15 00
Lexington,	"	35.....	15 00
Clinton,	"	36.....	15 00

Many of these Chapters have become dormant, and others have suffered severe losses by the devastation of the war, and are, doubtless, unable to pay their arrearages of dues. Your Committee are, therefore, unable to make any reliable estimate of the proportion of arrearages that can be collected.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, }  
ALFRED MARTIN, } *Committee.*

\* These Chapters have each paid \$15 since the last meeting of the Grand Chapter.  
THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

January 7th, 1866.

*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in Account  
with T. W. BROWN, Grand Treasurer.*

DR.

1860.	June 9.	To Appropriation to G. H. P.....	\$40 00
		“ “ “ G. Secretary.....	100 00
		“ Stationery, Postage, &c.....	23 00
		“ Grand Treasurer.....	30 00
		“ Grand Tyler.....	15 00
	July 6.	“ P. W. Fanning, framing Act of Incorporation.	2 50
	August 7.	“ E. J. Hale & Son, printing.....	1 20
		“ Amount paid Neal on Appropriation,.....	50 00
		“ “ “ Salisbury Watchman, printing..	2 06
		“ “ “ W. A. Walsh.....	1 75
		“ “ “ A. Waddell, printing.....	222 50
		“ “ “ for Advertising.....	4 00
1861.	June 19.	“ Neal's Draft.....	53 50
		“ T. B. Carr's Bill, Stationery and Postage.....	12 18
1863.	June 3.	“ Appropriation to G. H. P.....	100 00
		“ “ “ G. Treasurer.....	50 00
		“ “ “ G. Secretary, T. B. Carr.....	150 00
		“ “ “ G Tyler.....	15 00
1864.	June 8.	“ “ “ G. H. P.....	200 00
		“ “ “ G. Secretary.....	250 00
		“ “ “ G. Treasurer.....	100 00
	May 5.	“ Fulton & Price's Account.....	81 00
		“ Stationery for 1 Year for Secretary.....	10 00
		“ Postage and Circulating Proceedings.....	7 00
		“ Holden for Advertising.....	2 00
		“ J. J. Bruner “ .....	2 00
		“ Amount to Balance, (Confederate Currency)..	241 98
			<u>\$1766 67</u>

*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in account  
with T. W. BROWN, Grand Treasurer.*

CR.

1860.	June 8.	By Amount to new Account.....	\$419 27
	Nov. 28.	“ “ received on Burr's note.....	100 00
1861.	June 19.	“ Cash from Davie Chapter, No. 32.....	10 00
		“ “ “ Mt. Lebanon “ “ 27.....	10 00
		“ Northrop's Note.....	259 00
		“ Int. “ “ .....	91 12
		“ Cash from Montgomery Chapter, No. 23.....	30 00
		“ “ “ Mt. Ararat “ “ 3.....	15 00
		“ “ “ Graham “ “ 28.....	30 00
		“ Diploma .....	62½
		“ Cash from Lafayette Chapter, No. 11.....	30 00
		“ “ “ Union “ “ 17.....	30 00
		“ “ “ Goldsboro' “ “ 29.....	30 00
1864.	June 8.	“ “ “ Raleigh “ “ 10.....	45 00
		“ “ “ Davie “ “ 32.....	20 00
		“ “ “ Mt. Ararat “ “ 3.....	30 00
		“ “ “ Graham “ “ 28.....	45 00
		“ “ “ Louisburg “ “ 26.....	70 00
		“ “ “ Choraizin “ “ 13.....	40 00
		“ “ “ Mt. Ararat “ “ 3.....	15 00
		“ “ “ Davie “ “ 32.....	10 00
		“ “ “ Raleigh “ “ 10.....	15 00
		“ “ “ Mt. Lebanon “ “ 27.....	30 00
		“ “ “ Phoenix “ “ 2.....	40 00
		“ “ “ Union “ “ 17.....	10 00
		“ “ “ Graham “ “ 28.....	16 66
		“ Dispensation to Clinton Chapter.....	50 00
		“ “ “ Lexington, “ .....	50 00
		“ Cash from Choraizin Chapter, No. 13.....	10 00
		“ “ “ Goldsboro', “ “ 29.....	10 00
		“ “ “ Concord “ “ 1.....	40 00
		“ Dispensation to University Chapter.....	50 00
		“ Cash from Louisburg Chapter, No. 26.....	10 00
		“ “ “ Lafayette “ “ 11.....	10 00
		“ “ “ Temple “ “ 6.....	90 00
		“ Five (5) Diplomas, Concord Chapter.....	5 00

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T. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in Account  
with THOMAS B. CARR, Grand Secretary.*

1860.									
June 8.	To	Cash received for dues of Montgomery Chapter, No. 23,						\$30	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Mt. Ararat " " 3,						15	00
" 17.	"	" " " " " " Graham " " 28,						30	00
1861.									
June 5.	"	" " " " " " Davie " " 32,						10	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Mt. Lebanon, " " 27,						10	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Diploma, .....						1	25
1863.									
June 2.	"	" " " " dues of Lafayette Chapter, No. 11,						30	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Union " " 17,						30	00
" 3.	"	" " " " " " Goldsboro' " " 29,						30	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Raleigh " " 10,						45	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Davie " " 32,						20	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Mt. Ararat " " 3,						30	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Graham " " 28,						45	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Louisburg " " 26,						70	00
Aug. 29.	"	" " " " " " Choraizin " " 13,						40	00
1864.									
June 4.	"	" " " " " " Mt. Ararat " " 3,						15	00
" 6.	"	" " " " " " Davie " " 32,						10	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Raleigh " " 10,						15	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Mt. Lebanon " " 27,						30	00
" 7.	"	" " " " " " Phoenix " " 2,						40	00
" 8.	"	" " " " " " Union " " 17,						10	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Graham " " 28,						16	66
" "	"	" " " " " " Dispensation, Clinton Chapter,.....						50	00
" "	"	" " " " " " " Lexington " .....						50	00
" "	"	" " " " " " dues of Choraizin Chapter, No. 13,						10	00
" "	"	" " " " " " " Goldsboro' " " 29,						10	00
" "	"	" " " " " " " Concord " " 1,						40	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Dispensation, University Chapter,.....						50	00
" "	"	" " " " " " Five Diplomas, Concord " .....						5	00
July 1.	"	" " " " " " dues of Louisburg Chapter, No 26,						10	00
" "	"	" " " " " " " Lafayette Chapter, No. 11,						10	00
" "	"	" " " " " " " Temple " " 6,						90	00

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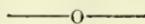
1861.									
June 5.	By	$\frac{1}{2}$ Fee for Diploma,.....				\$		63	
1865.									
May 4.	"	Grand Treasurer's Receipts,.....					897	28	
								\$897	91

THOS. B. CARR. *Grand Secretary.*

*Registry of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the  
Grand Chapter of North Carolina.*

CHAPTERS.	NO.	LOCATION.
Concord, — — — —	1	Wilmington.
Phoenix, — — — —	2	Fayetteville.
Mt. Ararat, — — — —	3	Murfreesboro'.
Roanoke, — — — —	4	Halifax.
Concord, — — — —	5	Tarboro'.
Temple, — — — —	6	Windsor.
Eureka, — — — —	7	New Berne.
Oxford, — — — —	8	Oxford.
Warrenton, — — — —	9	Warrenton.
Raleigh, — — — —	10	Raleigh.
Lafayette, — — — —	11	Hillsboro'.
Conoho, — — — —	12	Hamilton.
Choraizin, — — — —	13	Greensboro'.
Cherokee, — — — —	14	Hertford.
Union, — — — —	17	Bear Swamp P. O.
Gaston, — — — —	18	Roxboro'.
Keystone, — — — —	19	Plymouth.
Salisbury, — — — —	20	Salisbury.
Lincoln, — — — —	22	Lincolnton.
Montgomery, — — — —	23	Zion.
Germanton, — — — —	24	Winston.
Ashville, — — — —	25	Ashville.
Louisburg, — — — —	26	Louisburg.
Mt. Lebanon, — — — —	27	Wilson.
Graham, — — — —	28	Watsonville.
Goldsboro', — — — —	29	Goldsboro'.
Mt. Vernon, — — — —	30	Greenville.
Wadesboro', — — — —	31	Wadesboro'.
Davie, — — — —	32	Mocksville.
Clinton, — — — —	33	Washington.
Clinton, — — — —	U. D.	Clinton.
Lexington, — — — —	U. D.	Lexington.
University, — — — —	U. D.	Chapel Hill.

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

# NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

# EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

# IN WILMINGTON, N. C.,

# On Monday the 4th day of June,

# A. L., 5866; A. I., 2396; A. D., 1866.



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1866.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina.

TO THE

H. P. of

CHAPTER, No.

You are hereby ordered to cause these Proceedings of the Grand Chapter to be read in your Chapter within two months after receipt.

ALFRED MARTIN, *G. H. P.*

Attest:

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

**PROCEEDINGS**  
 OF THE  
**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION**  
 OF THE  
**M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,**  
 OF  
**NORTH CAROLINA,**

BEGUN AND HELD IN ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON, N. C., ON  
 MONDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF JUNE,  
 A. L., 5866, A. I., 2396, A. D., 1866.

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P R E S E N T :

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|   | M. E. Comp. Geo. B. Waterhouse,..... | G. H. P.          |
| E.  | “ Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.,...     | G. K. Pro tem.    |
| E.  | “ M. Bowes,.....                     | G. S.             |
| E.  | “ T. W. Brown,.....                  | G. Treas.         |
| E.  | “ T. B. Carr,.....                   | G. Secretary,     |
|   | “ W. J. Hicks,.....                  | G. C. H. Pro tem. |
| Rev.  | “ A. P. Repiton,.....                | G. Chaplain.      |
|   | “ C. A. Cilley,.....                 | G. P. S. Pro tem. |
|   | “ C. M. Vanorsdell,.....             | G. R. A. C. “     |
|   | “ C. J. Rountree,.....               | G. M. 3d V. “     |
|   | “ Burnace Walker,.....               | G. M. 2d V. “     |
|   | “ Wm. Robinson,.....                 | G. M. 1st V. “    |
|   | “ Alexander Boon,.....               | G. Tyler.         |
| Comp's H. H. Munson, H. B. Short, R. H. Rountree, S. H. Rountree, R. Bobbitt, L. H. Bullock, T. M. Gardner. |                                      |                   |

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. appointed the following committees :

*On Credentials.*—Comp's. T. W. Brown, C. A. Cilley, M. Bowes.

*On Unfinished Business.*—Comp's. A. Martin, P. G. H. P., Wm. Robinson, C. J. Rountree.

*On Charters and Dispensations.*—Comp's. W. J. Hicks, P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., T. M. Gardner.

*On Returns and Proceedings.*—Comp's. Wm. Robinson, C. A. Cilley, A. P. Repiton.

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

*Resolved*, That the readings of the Minutes of the last Annual Convocation be dispensed with, each member being furnished with a copy.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 3 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T :

Officers and members as this morning.

On motion of Comp. Robinson, it was

*Resolved*, That all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, now sojourning in this city, or arriving during our present Convocation, be fraternally invited to seats in this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was received, and leave granted them to amend their report from time to time as other delegates may arrive.

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 4th, 1866.

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Representatives, for their respective bodies, as legally entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

Concord Chapter, No. 1.....	T. B. Carr, H. P., T. M. Gardner, K., T. F. Peck, S.
Phoenix " " 2.....	E. P. Powers, Proxy for H. P., Calvin Black, Proxy for S., B. E. Pearce, Proxy for K.
Mt. Ararat " " 3.....	Alfred Martin, Representative.
Raleigh " " 10.....	W. J. Hicks, H. P., M. Bowes, Proxy for K. and S.
Union " " 17.....	J. W. Blount, H. P., Proxy for K., John D. South- erland, Proxy for S.
Salisbury " " 20.....	Clinton A. Cilley, Representative.
Mt. Lebanon " " 27.....	C. J. Rountree, H. P., Proxy for K. and S.
Graham " " 28.....	W. H. Faucette, H. P., Proxy for K. and S.
Goldsboro' " " 29.....	Wm. Robinson, Representative.
Wadesboro' " " 31.....	P. N. Smith, Representative.
Davie " " 32.....	Wm. Murdock, Proxy for H. P. and K.

We further report the following representatives of Chapters under Dispensation:

Charlotte Chapter, U. D.....	C. M. Vanorsdell, Representative.
Will. G. Hill " " ".....	Rufus Bobbitt, Proxy for S.
Caswell " " ".....	R. H. Rountree, H. P., Proxy for S., S. H. Rountree, Proxy for King.
R. Wat. York " " ".....	R. W. York, H. P.
Clinton " " ".....	H. McAlpin, Representative.
Eureka " " ".....	I. N. Mann, Proxy for S.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. BROWN,  
M. BOWES,  
CLINTON A. CILLEY.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the committee discharged:

The Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to report, that they have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Annual Convocation, and find nothing requiring the action of this Grand Body at this time, except the reports of the following committees, viz: On Foreign Correspondence, Finance, and Printing.

Respectfully,

A. MARTIN,  
WM. ROBINSON,  
C. J. ROUNTREE.

On motion of Comp. Carr, it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to report to this Grand Chapter the true work of Royal Arch Masonry.

*Resolved*, That after a system of work shall have been adopted, a Custodian and Deputy Custodian of the same shall be appointed.

The M. E. appointed, under the first resolution, Companions Thos. B. Carr, W. J. Hicks and Burnace Walker.

The M. E. High Priest presented the following address :

## A D D R E S S .

### COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA :

By the blessing of the Giver of every good and perfect gift, we are permitted once more to assemble in Grand Convocation, to greet each other as Brothers and Companions, and consult together as to what will best advance the interests of this Grand Chapter, and benefit its subordinates.

During the past four years our numbers have increased rapidly. Had we done less work, and compelled those who received it to learn each degree as they progressed, I am satisfied it would have been better for the craft. We have too many who, having gone through the Ritual of the Royal Arch degrees, could not stand the examination of an Entered Apprentice Mason. I maintain there is no neutral ground in Masonry; every member is either an advantage or an injury to the Order. And I recommend that this Grand Chapter take such action as will not allow a subordinate Chapter to confer the degrees upon any Brother who cannot stand a good examination as a Master Mason; also compel the applicant to exhibit a specimen of his skill in each degree, before advancing; do this, and we will then have bright working Chapters.

I am pleased to report, that nothing has been brought to my knowledge during my term of office to mar the harmony hitherto prevailing in this jurisdiction. The subordinate Chapters that I have visited, are in a flourishing condition, and working well. All those Chapters that applied for instruction, have been promptly visited by our worthy and efficient Grand Lecturer, Companion Wm. J. Hicks; and so long as he instructs, we may confidently expect uniformity. His love for the good name of the Order, is sufficient to prompt him to the faithful discharge of his duties, and to dispense the true light of Masonry among his less informed Brethren.

During the year, I have issued Dispensations upon the application of a constitutional number of Companions, and properly recommended by the nearest Chapters, for the following Chapters :

On the fourth day of November, 1865, William G. Hill Chapter, to be held at Mt. Energy, Granville county, with Comp. Burnace Walker to be their first H. P., Comp. L. H. Bullock, King, and Comp. John Peed, Scribe.

December 5th, 1865, Wm. Gaddy Hill Chapter, to be held at Wakefield, Wake county, with Comp. Daniel B. Griffin for the first H. P., Comp. Thos. H. Avera, King, and Comp. B. T. Strickland, Scribe.

December 23d, 1865—Caswell Chapter, to be located at Kinston, Lenoir county, with Comp. Robert H. Rountree for the first H. P., Comp. William W. Dunn, King, and Comp. J. F. I. Sutton, Scribe.

February 19, 1866—Richard Wat. York Chapter, to be held at George Washington Lodge, No. 174, Grove P. O., Chatham county, with Comp. Richard Wat. York for H. P., Comp. C. R. Scott, King, and Comp. A. C. Council, Scribe.

Having received satisfactory evidence that Eureka Chapter and Charlotte Chapter, working under Dispensations granted by our Past M. E. G. H. P., E. F. Watson, unavoidably failed to comply with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, by returning their Dispensations at our last Convocation, I therefore continued them until our present Convocation, the first on the 3d, and the latter on the 8th of July, 1865.

It having been shown by the High Priest, King and Scribe of Eureka Chapter, that their Dispensation had been destroyed; on their petition, I renewed it, January 24th, 1866.

I granted Dispensations to the following Chapters, to elect officers, the time for their regular election having passed without a quorum: June 17th, 1865, to Oxford Chapter, No. 8; May 10th, 1866, to Davie Chapter, No 32.

In closing this report, I must express my regret that my business makes it necessary for me to move from this jurisdiction; but wherever my lot may be cast, I shall always feel the deepest interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Companions of this State, by whom I have been so kindly treated.

Permit me to tender you my warmest thanks for the respect and honors you have bestowed upon me; the remembrance of which will "ever be a green spot in memory's waste"

GEORGE B. WATERHOUSE.

On motion, the address was referred to a committee, consisting of Comps. T. M. Gardner, C. A. Cilley and C. J. Rountree.

Comp. Alfred Martin, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

It is with much regret, and great reluctance, that your Committee, in justice to themselves, and to the Grand Chapters whose proceedings they

have undertaken to review, are constrained to introduce their report, with an apology for its defects. The continued ill health of Comp. Fanning, the Chairman, in whose hands the Proceedings were placed, rendered it necessary to turn them over to us at almost the last moment, leaving us barely time to give them even what may be termed a very superficial examination. We trust, therefore, in the Masonic charity of this, and our sister Grand Chapters, for a free pardon for all defects in our report.

We have had before us the proceedings of the following Grand bodies, viz:

Alabama, for.....1860 and 1865;	Georgia, for..... 1861;
Florida, for ..1861, 1862 and 1866;	Indiana, for..... 1865;
Iowa, for..... 1865;	Missouri, for..... 1865;
Kentucky, for..... 1865;	Massachusetts, for..... 1865;
Mississippi, for..... 1861;	Maryland, for..... 1865;
Michigan, for..... 1861;	New Jersey, for..... 1865;
New Hampshire, for..... 1865;	New York, for..... 1866;
Pennsylvania, for..... 1860;	Rhode Island, for 1864 and 1865;
Tennessee, for.....1861 and 1865;	Vermont, for.....1860 and 1865;
Virginia, for..... 1865;	Wisconsin, for..... 1865;
California, for..... 1865;	General Grand Chapter, for 1865;

Together with a circular from Maine, stating that their proceedings, which have never come to hand, had been forwarded, via New Orleans; and the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of K. T. of New Jersey, for 1860.

## ALABAMA.

The proceedings of this Grand body, both for 1860 and 1865, are interesting, and rendered the more so, by contrast. When the representatives of that Grand Jurisdiction gathered around their common altar, in 1860, all was peace, prosperity and happiness; their land was overflowing with the blessings of a bountiful Providence. In 1865, desolation and ruin brooded over their domain; the gaunt spectre, famine, stood face to face with both high and low; the devastations of war had wrought a great and appalling change; death had decimated their ranks, and the rude hand of a reckless soldiery had laid waste many of the Temples dedicated to universal benevolence.

The address of the G. H. Priest, in 1865, is a short, but well conceived document, and alludes to the then condition of his Jurisdiction, most feelingly, and in a truly Christian and Masonic spirit.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for 1865, is a

very able one, and we regret that we have not time to give it a more thorough examination, without which we could not, in justice, attempt a review.

## FLORIDA.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter, for 1861, occupy but a very few pages. There was no address from the G. H. Priest. By a resolution of the Convocation of 1859, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence are restricted, in their report, to the incorporation of "those points of Masonic law which have been decided by other G. R. A. Chapters; or such questions as are in controversy, which appertain to R. A. Masonry." They are not to "present their own views on said subjects, but only present the questions for the decision of the G. R. A. Chapter." The report is therefore limited to points of law embraced in the proceedings of a small number of the Grand Chapters and Lodges, upon none of which does that Grand Chapter seem to have taken any action.

At the Convocation of 1862, we find in the proceedings a short address from the Grand High Priest, devoted principally to some general remarks upon Masonry, and the history of the institution. There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and nothing in the proceedings of sufficient general interest to merit special notice. The proceedings of 1866 open with a short address by M. E. David Jones, G. H. P. We are gratified to find, that our sister of Florida has been enabled to survive the terrible ordeal through which that State has passed, and that the fire is still burning upon a few of her altars.

There is a most excellent report on correspondence from Comp. Thomas Brown. We trust that in the coming years, we shall be in regular communication with our Companions of Florida. They have our most sincere and cordial good wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

## IOWA.

The report of Comp. W. B. Langridge, on Foreign Correspondence, which we find in the proceedings of 1865, is a very able and interesting document. He reviews, with much ability, and in the true Masonic spirit, the proceedings of some sixteen Grand Chapters, with most of which we have had no communication for some four or five years. It would afford us much pleasure to make copious extracts from, and special reference to, many portions of that report, had we the time to do justice to its merits.

## KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter met on the 16th, and closed its labors on the 17th, of October, 1865. Some fifty Chapters were represented. The address of

the Grand High Priest is very short, and confined almost exclusively to matters of local interest.

He characterizes the past Masonic year as one of great prosperity to that Grand Jurisdiction. He refers to an address made, through the public prints, by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the object of which is to restore the fraternal regard which formerly existed between the various portions of our country; and regards it as the duty of all R. A. Masons to use their influence for reconciliation between the different sections.

Comp. P. H. Jeffries, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits a short review of the proceedings of some sixteen Grand Chapters, in which we find nothing of special interest to our Grand Jurisdiction.

### MAINE.

This Grand Chapter convened, in Portland, on the 1st May, 1865; and its proceedings were opened with a short but appropriate address by Comp. A. J. Fuller, G. H. P. He notices the death of Comps. Stevens Smith, P. G. K., and Cyril Pearl, Grand Chaplain. The latter, your Committee remember as a prominent and zealous Brother and Companion, in years preceding the great political conflict that closed the channels of communication between us. Comp. Jos. P. Gill, Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, in his report, indulges in some sharp strictures upon the practice of one of the subordinate Chapters in that Jurisdiction, of rushing candidates through the different degrees—a practice that has become very general, and which all who understand the true interests of the institution must deplore; one which the Grand Chapters should arrest by a suspension of the charter, if it cannot be accomplished otherwise. The report of the Committee on Correspondence is able and interesting, and your Committee regret that they cannot give it a full and fair review. The subject of Traveling or Army Chapters seems to have claimed the attention of the Grand Bodies, nearly all of which express their disapprobation.

### MISSOURI.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Communication, at Saint Louis, on the 17th May, 1865. The proceedings were opened with a very able address by Companion Jas. A. H. Lampton, G. H. P. We quote a paragraph from the address, and heartily commend it to the careful consideration of the Chapters within our own Jurisdiction. Though we are not aware that any of our Chapters can be charged, justly, with neglect of proper care and discrimination, in the admission of candidates, or of the important duty of a thorough teaching of the work, lectures and principles of the

institution ; yet they cannot be too frequently admonished on that subject. He says : "Laudable endeavors to advance the interest of the Order may, sometimes, be misapplied, when the tendency is to increase the laborers at the risk of retarding the progress of the work. The structure may be grossly encumbered with material which will not stand the test of the square—fit only to be thrown aside amongst the rubbish. The prevailing desire should be, to select the best material—not to collect the greatest amount of it ; to observe and preserve all that may be found worthy ; and emulation should point to the enterprise of work well done, rather than to a great deal of work.

"In no branch of Masonry are duties more clearly defined, or more impressively illustrated, than in the Chapter degrees ; and every well-informed and truly zealous Royal Arch Mason will understand, that it is better to avoid the unworthy, than peril the usefulness of the Order by indiscriminate extension. There are now too many professors of Royal Arch Masonry who cannot prove themselves Royal Arch Masons. Ignorance of the work and lectures is painfully apparent, of which, very often, only faded outlines linger in the memory of those who claim the right of visiting a Chapter—a most humiliating commentary on the profession of 'fervency and zeal' which should characterize Royal Arch Masons."

Comp. A. O. Sullivan submitted a very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews, in a very interesting manner, the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters. He quotes, with approbation, from the address of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, at the meeting of that Grand Body, in 1864, the following paragraph, the sentiments of which we most cordially approve : "Freemasonry stands aloof from politics as from sectarianism ; it seeks to control neither Church nor State, the religious nor the political faith of its membership. Its sphere of action is on a broader, if not a more elevated, field ; and without deviation, but in the orderly work of the Craft, who can count the good it may accomplish after such a conflict and ordeal as our beloved land is now engaged in passing through—in stimulating brotherly love ; inciting fraternal regard ; in calming down angry passions ; in restoring kindly feeling ; in obliterating enmities ; and in cementing the distracted parts and joining together the dis severed sections of our great country."

## MASSACHUSETTS.

This Grand body held its last Annual Communication, in Boston, on the 10th October, 1865. There appears to have been very little business before the Grand Chapter, and it was closed the same day. There was no address or report from the G. H. Priest.

Comp. James Kimball presented a very full and interesting review of the

proceedings and correspondence of twelve Grand Chapters. Your Committee would take great pleasure, did the time permit, in a special notice of many portions of this report; but they must content themselves with transferring to this report, the closing remarks of the Committee: "The reports reviewed by us, all speak of the (late) unhappy condition of our country; but 'old things have passed away.' Let it now be the work of every true Mason, each in his particular walk in life, to exert every influence that God has given him, in securing a more glorious and enduring future for our country, that by no act of ours, as citizens or as Masons, shall its future be put in jeopardy.

"We trust that before the close of another year, your Committee may receive words of cheer and encouragement from those Jurisdictions who have for so long a period been cut off from all intercourse with us: and may we not hope, that although their altars may have been overthrown, that they are not destroyed; and that our Order, tried as it has been during the last four years of alienation and strife, may come forth stronger and more determined, having been tried in the balance and found not wanting."

### MICHIGAN.

We regret that we have none of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter of later date than January, 1861. While the absorbing interest inspired by the great and appalling events that have characterized all the years that have elapsed, since that Grand Convocation, divests these proceedings of much that could not otherwise have failed to secure the attention and admiration of all true and intelligent Royal Arch Masons; yet we feel that we cannot permit them to pass through our hands without something more than a casual notice.

No person who possesses any skill or taste in getting up reports of the proceedings of legislative bodies, will fail to be struck with the admirably artistic manner in which the Grand Secretary, Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, has arranged and reported the proceedings of that body. We have met with nothing, in our researches among the proceedings of our Grand bodies, that comes more fully up to our standard for such reports, and cordially commend it to the examination, of some at least, of those who fill that most important and responsible office.

The address of the G. H. P., Wm. P. Innes, is a very able and interesting document; he brings before the Grand Chapters all matters pertaining to her interests, and the duties of his office, in a most systematic and business like manner. While he expresses his confidence that "there are but few errors, in aught that is essential in the work and lectures, as taught and practiced" in his own Jurisdiction, he says, in regard to a uniform system: "I await with much solicitude a full report from that very able

committee, consisting of the Grand Council of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, appointed at the last triennial Convocation of that Grand Body, to agree upon and report a uniform and authentic system of work and lectures, to be adopted throughout all Jurisdictions, in the full confidence that most, if not all, the errors that have found their way into our ritual will be corrected, and that Capitular Masonry will once more arise and shine in all its ancient beauty and simplicity."

That Committee assembled in the City of Washington, in May, 1860, and agreed upon a system of work ; but, that this, or any other system, will be accepted and practiced, by even a majority of the Grand Bodies, that still revolve around that waning Luminary, shorn, as it is, of all authority and power to enforce its edicts, we cannot, in sincerity, express any confidence ; yet, we feel that there is nothing connected with the interests and harmony of our beloved institution, that would be hailed with more universal satisfaction, or contribute more to unite and build up, strengthen and embellish, the Mighty Arch that we are engaged in constructing, than would a universal, cheerful and hearty concurrence in one particular system of work ; of this, however, we have no expectation.

Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, the very able Grand Secretary, as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, displays the same skill and talent, in that capacity, that we so much admire in his report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter. He gives all the Grand Bodies whose proceedings he reviews, a fair hearing, and permits them to speak for themselves on all points of general interest. It would afford us very great pleasure to follow his example, in that respect, had we the time to examine and select from the proceedings before us, such matters as we might consider most worthy of the attention of our Companions.

## VIRGINIA.

In the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State, we find nothing except what pertains to the local interests of that Jurisdiction. We observe that this Grand Body still adheres to the practice of transacting all business in General Committee, which, we believe, is not now the custom in any other G. R. A. Jurisdiction in this country, and we are free to confess our ignorance, both of the origin and authority for, as well as of the advantages derived from such practice.

These proceedings contain no address or report from the Grand High Priest.

Comp. John Dove, in his report on Foreign Correspondence, disposes of the proceedings before him in a very summary manner, which, under the

pressure of time and circumstances, we feel strongly tempted to accept as an example, for the present, at least.

## MARYLAND.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia, embrace, with the transactions of the Annual Convocation, held in Washington City, on the 13th of November, 1865, those of two special Convocations, held in the City of Baltimore, in January and April, of that year. The two special meetings seem to have been held for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of a Committee on Work. The committee, failing to report at the meeting in January, Comp. James Steel, of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 20, was requested to exemplify the work, as practiced by him, at some future time, and Comp. W. M. Smith, to exemplify his at that meeting. At the meeting in April, Comp. Steel exemplified his work, after which the Grand Chapter adopted the work, as exemplified by Comp. Smith, in January, by a vote of 16 to 2.

The address of the Grand H. P., Jno. L. Yates, submitted to the Annual Convocation, is very short, and confined chiefly to a recapitulation of his official acts, and the state of the Royal Craft in his Jurisdiction. There is one question, upon which he submitted his decision, that we think it would be well for this Grand Chapter to consider, as it is one in regard to which we have adopted no regulation. He says: "I have been asked whether a member of a Chapter, having lost, of course, his rights and privileges therein, by virtue of expulsion from the Grand Lodge, would, upon revocation of the sentence by that body, be entitled to resume his former privileges without a ballot being had thereon by his Companions. In the absence of any known precedent, I determined the question in the affirmative, for, as the action of the Grand Lodge expelled him from the Chapter without any ballot being had upon the question in the Chapter, it seemed to me but reasonable that reverse action on the part of the Grand Lodge ought to re-instate him in like manner. It may be, Companions, that in this decision I have erred, and if so, I hope you will make the correction at once, and in such a manner as to form a sure and certain landmark for our rule and government in all future time."

We are of the opinion that the revocation of the sentence by the Grand Lodge, while it restores him to the rights and privileges of a R. A. Mason, does not restore him to membership in the Chapter. Membership once lost, can only be restored by the Chapter itself; neither the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Chapter, has the power to make any Mason a *member* of a subordinate Lodge or Chapter; neither can they restore him to forfeited membership. Among the rights and privileges of a R. A. Mason, is the right of *petitioning* for membership, but the Chapter only has the right to determine whether he shall be received as such or not.

Comp. E. L. Stevens submitted the report on Correspondence, and the sentiments expressed, in the introduction to that report, are so full of the true spirit of Masonry, that we offer no apology for laying them before you, feeling assured that they will meet a hearty response among all true Masons.

He says: "We are assembled on this Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter under circumstances which ought to inspire every true Masonic heart with gratitude and thanksgiving to the Great High Priest above, for the blessings of peace and good-will which he has vouchsafed to our country after a four years' bloody conflict, unparalleled in the history of nations.

"In taking a retrospective view of the terrible scenes of bitter strife and carnage through which our nation has passed, we can with pride and pleasure point to what our order has accomplished—its benign influence upon those arrayed against each other—its mission of mercy on thousands of battle fields, in camps, in hospitals, in prisons, towards the dying and the dead—everywhere its voice of mercy and kindness has been heard, and its charities distributed with a liberal hand. In allaying the animosities of the heart, in uniting those who were enemies and estranged from each other, it has accomplished what no other organization or institution has ever been able to do. And now, as the dark clouds of war have rolled away, and the dawn of a more glorious day is ushered in, it is found in the front rank of the foremost division of all other benevolent societies and agencies, in its heaven-descending mission of charity—in uniting hearts hitherto severed by the cruelties of war—in imparting joy and consolation to homes made desolate—in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and binding up the wounds of the afflicted.

"We have the most cheering tidings from all portions of the country; Brethren and Companions from the North and from the South are again gathering around one common altar and renewing their fraternal vows towards each other, and in that spirit of charity and brotherly kindness, so characteristic of the order, willing to forget and bury the animosities of the past, and seek aid and strength from above, to labor harmoniously in the future for the advancement and welfare of our noble craft. While the same happy results are not realized in ecclesiastical bodies, the outside world may well look in wonder, and ask, what mysterious power it is that has such a happy influence upon the hearts and affections of these men? Could not the iron hand of pride and of war sunder the ties and break the knot of love and friendship that united them in strong fraternal bonds, as it has in religious bodies and other societies?

"No—let the eagle change his plume,  
The leaf its hue, the flower its bloom;  
But ties around our hearts were spun,  
That could not, would not, be undone."

He reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters, with much ability, and we regret that we cannot devote more of our attention to his interesting report.

### NEW JERSEY.

The G. H. Priest, Chas. M. Zeh, opened the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, 13th September, 1865, with a short, but very appropriate address, the principal portion of which is devoted to the consideration of our duties, obligations and privileges, as R. A. Masons. After reporting his official acts, he closes with the following remarks, on the return of peace: "As citizens, we rejoice over returned peace, but as Masons, we feel a joy the world outside can never know. We rejoice at the prospect of the re-establishment of that free interchange of fraternal greetings and renewal of those many privileges which for so long a time have been debarred us, and we do, and should ever stand ready to extend the hand of brotherly love and affection to our Companions, who, though they may have been estranged from us by political and civil causes, over many, if not all of which they have had no control, or the power to avert, have yet been one with us in all that appertained and belonged to our great mission and beloved Order. Between us there should be no strife or emulation, except that, as to who can best work, and who can best agree. Acting upon the principle of true Masonic charity, we recognize in each the Brother and Companion. Have they erred, be ours the happy privilege of bringing them back, through the persuasive power of kindness and love, to an acknowledgment of that error, and show, by our example and practice, that [the past shall be forgotten, except as a lesson from which to gather fresh resolution for the future.

"Companions, we have at the best but a short time to live together in this world of trouble. Sooner or later, one after another, we must pass away from the Lodge militant, looking forward to a brighter inheritance in the Celestial Lodge above; and as we hope for mercy and forgiveness from Him who shall hereafter judge us, not by our actions or our words, but by the secret intentions and desires of our hearts, let us so live that our lives shall prove perfect exemplifications of the laws of Masonic love and charity, and that our highest joy shall be, that mercy may be meted out to us, even as we have meted it out to others."

The very able and interesting report on Correspondence, is the work of Comp. Wm. H. Jeffreys, who has been a very prominent and highly accomplished workman among the Craft, in that Jurisdiction, for many years. He has, however, changed his residence to the State of Illinois, from whence he sends his report to the Grand Chapter, which he seems to have served faithfully and most acceptably to the end, and which she ac-

knowledges in a series of Resolutions, in testimony of her high appreciation of his character and services. It would afford us great pleasure to transfer many portions of his report to our pages, could we give to them such notice as we think their merits should entitle them.

Of the mission of Masonry, he says: "There is now no civil or military restraint upon its action; we are free to correspond as Masonic Brothers, and Royal Arch Companions, with the members of our Fraternity in all sections of our common country; and shall not these open avenues of Masonic intercourse become grand channels through which the old Union feeling shall again flow, and may not our beloved Order thus become a mighty instrument in the hands of an All-wise Providence, in removing the effects of past discord, and restoring national harmony and brotherly love?"

He introduces from the various reports before him, many interesting and important points of Law, together with the most important acts of the various Grand Chapters whose proceedings he has had under consideration. Most of the questions of Law and Usage, however, that are embraced in this review, have been settled, in this Jurisdiction, and in accordance with what seems to be the opinion of a majority of the most enlightened authorities. We do not, therefore, deem it necessary, even had we the time, to lay them specially before you. His views upon the question of conferring the Degrees upon persons who have lost a limb, coincides so fully with our own, and with what, we believe, has always been held in this Jurisdiction, that, in view of a possible renewal of discussion upon that subject, we quote his remarks upon the following decision of the G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana. The G. H. Priest says: "Comp. Henry W. Daniels, High Priest of Green Castle Chapter, No. 22, solicited my opinion in regard to the propriety of conferring the Chapter Degrees upon Brother Kercheval, for many years a Master Mason, and Master of the Lodge, who had lost his left arm in the service of his country.

"I replied, that, in my opinion, he was capable of receiving, understanding, and communicating the Degrees, and the Chapter would have authority to confer them. Free Masonry will not require a more perfect physical organization than would be necessary in the commander of an army, or in the occupant of a seat in the Cabinet or the Presidential chair—

"'The mind 's the standard of the man.'"

Upon this decision Comp. Jefferys remarks: "The natural impulses of our heart lead us to approve of the above, but our Masonic Jurisprudence and Ancient Landmarks are all on the opposite side. We cannot but think that, in this instance, sympathy for an unfortunate Brother Mason led the M. E. to decide contrary to his better judgment.

“How a man with but one arm is capable of receiving and communicating all the degrees of the Chapter is something that we cannot comprehend. And we do unhesitatingly differ from the Most Excellent when he asserts that Free Masonry regards only the mental and not the physical organization of a man. Our Order calls for a whole man, “sound in all his parts,” or, at least, one who has the physical, as well as the mental, capacity to work in the Degrees, and communicate the signs and tokens of Free Masonry. We confess that the case here mentioned was one well calculated to lead an executive officer to an improper decision, but although our sympathies are with the decision, our judgment is strongly against it.”

We perceive, by a further examination of Comp. Jeffery's report, that the above decision of the G. H. Priest of Indiana, was not sustained by the Committee of that Grand Chapter, on Jurisprudence.

### PENNSYLVANIA.

We have the printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter, at the Annual Convocation, 27th December, 1860. They occupy twenty-seven pages, twenty-one of which are devoted to the address of the G. H. P.; two to the Report of the Committee on Correspondence; and the remaining four pages contain such portion of the proceedings as they choose to communicate to their sister Grand Chapters. This Grand Chapter, we believe, has always entertained opinions averse to the practice, now almost universal, of embodying, in the printed proceedings, all the transactions of their body, with the statistical information in regard to their Jurisdiction, and the condition of the Order, so interesting to all who feel a proper interest in the progress and general prosperity of the Royal Craft. We regret that we have nothing later from that Grand Chapter, and trust that we may soon discover that her “light is no longer hid under a bushel.” There is much Masonic wisdom embraced in that Grand Jurisdiction, of which the world has need, and we cordially invoke a full and free dispensation of the light, so long reserved for her altars alone.

### RHODE ISLAND.

We have before us a pamphlet, containing the transactions of this Grand Chapter, at the Annual Convocations of March, 1864, and 1865, together with those of a Special Convocation, held in August, 1865. They contain nothing of general interest, except, perhaps, the action of the special meeting, which seems to have been called by the G. H. Priest for the purpose of acting upon the call of the General G. H. Priest, Albert G. Mackey, for a Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

Our sister of Rhode Island seems to have long regarded the General Grand Chapter as a defunct body, and solemnly protests, in a series of resolutions, against any attempt to resuscitate it. Upon this question we have

had our say, and long since recorded our judgment, and we are therefore content to let it "rest until it shall accomplish its day." There was no report on Correspondence at either of the Annual Convocations; and, at the last, no report or address from the Grand High Priest. The introductory remarks of the Grand High Priest, Nathan H. Gould, at the Convocation of 1864, breathe the true spirit of the Order.

### CALIFORNIA.

The Grand High Priest, Isaac Davis, opened the proceedings of the Grand Annual Convocation on the 10th of October, 1865, with a short address, in which he represents the Order in his Jurisdiction to be progressing satisfactorily. In glancing over the proceedings, we find nothing that we deem of sufficient interest to occupy your attention with, at this time, except a resolution requiring the Subordinate Chapters to conform to an edict of the General Grand Chapter; or, rather, a recommendation of that body, to abridge the ceremonies of the Past Master's Degree, within the narrowest constitutional limits, etc. Now, while we do not recognize the authority of the so-called General Grand Chapter, yet we have a profound respect for the views and opinions of many of the distinguished Companions that continue to support it, and this recommendation we should rejoice to see adopted in our own Jurisdiction. We have long entertained, and often expressed, the opinion, that there is much of the ceremonial of that Degree for which we have no reliable authority, and from the practice of which no good can result to the institution.

Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, in his report upon Foreign Correspondence, presents a very interesting review of the proceedings of some fourteen Grand Chapters. From his opinions in regard to some of the questions agitated, or discussed and decided by sister Grand Chapters, we should feel constrained to record our dissent, had we the time to discuss them; but, as we have not, we will let them pass for the present, or leave them to be combated by others, who have more leisure and capacity for these things.

### GEORGIA.

We regret that we have nothing from our Companions in Georgia, later than the report of the proceedings of the G. A. Convocation of 1861.

The address of the Grand High Priest is short, and devoted exclusively to local affairs.

At this Convocation a resolution was adopted, unanimously, dissolving the connection heretofore existing between the Grand Chapter of Georgia and the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Geo. L. Barry,

Chairman, is one of the most able, instructive and interesting documents of the kind that we have examined for many years. Much of it is devoted to the General Grand Chapter, and to its action in regard to the withdrawal of North Carolina and Kentucky, and other matters that are not, at this time, agitating the thoughts or affecting the interests of the Fraternity, but which are discussed with much ability, and, had we the time, we should not deem it necessary to offer an apology for laying them before you.

In commenting upon a resolution of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, declaring that "a belief in the Divine Authenticity of the Bible, and the existence of a God, are alike essential as a qualification for a true Mason;" the Committee says: "Verily have the children become *wiser* than their fathers were. We think we have heard that one Benjamin Franklin, a certain Marquis LaFayette, and Frederick of Prussia, were recognised in their days as *true Masons*. But neither of them believed in the Divine Authenticity of the Bible. We were in hopes that the rebuke which fanaticism received from the Grand Lodges, when it attempted the introduction of this new and dangerous test into symbolie Masonry, would have guarded us from a similar attempt. But, unfortunately, fanatics are not to be restrained by prudence, censure or rebuke. We offer no objection to the Grand Chapter of Indiana defining the essential qualifications of *Indiana Masonry*, but we do object to their definition of a true Mason. We will not enter into a serious argument to show how utterly absurd this resolution is, when tested by the past history of the Order, but content ourselves by giving an item of the Masonic History of 1779. 'One of the most remarkable events which of late has taken place in the affairs of Masonry is the initiation of Omiteel Omra Bahauda, eldest son of the Nabob of the Carnatic, who was received by the Lodge of Trichinopoly in 1779.' At that early day no attempt had been made for the introduction of the Bible into India—doubtless it had never been heard of by the natives—the eldest son of a Nabob would not have dared to avow a belief in the Authenticity of the Bible. But if our Indiana Companions had been present, Omiteel would not have seen the light. This is the first—may it be the last effort of fanatical bigotry among Royal Arch Masons."

In regard to the following resolution, adopted by the same Grand Body, viz: That "no Masonic organization should be allowed an existence, whose disciplinary requirements do not clearly exemplify the perfect agreement with, and dependence of Masonry upon the scriptures of Divine truth;" they say: "Who, we respectfully ask, is to determine the "perfect agreement of disciplinary requirements of Masonry with the scriptures?" A *Theological Institute* would be necessary, and then there would be a greater confusion of tongues among Jews and Gentiles, Methodists, Baptists, Pres-

byterians, Episcopalians, Universalists and others, than was witnessed at the Tower of Babel. Let us pursue the old paths, and reject all new lights, new tests, and all modern *improvements*. Fanaticism and Bigotry carry curses in their train."

### MISSISSIPPI.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter, now before us, at the Convocation held at Jackson, 16th January, 1861, are, we presume, the last that have been published. In them we find little, save what relates to the business of the Order in that Jurisdiction. The Grand High Priest, being unable to attend, submits a short address through the Grand Secretary. In regard to the Royal Arch Work, he says: "The only subject to which I would have called your attention, were I permitted, personally, to be present, would have been the modification of the Work and Lectures, agreed upon by the Convention of the General Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at their session in Washington City, in April last. At that session, M. E. G. G. H. P., Mackey, and M. E. G. G. King, Buck, and myself, were present. A more delightful interchange of Masonic friendship was never given; had I not been present, I should also have added, a more exuberant fund of Masonic lore, experience and information. There were present counselling brethren from many Jurisdictions, and to their suggestions the fullest attention was paid, and the most careful consideration given. A system of Work was agreed upon, to be reported at the next Session of the General Grand Chapter, which can hardly fail, in my opinion, to produce the happiest results in harmonizing the Work and Lectures of Royal Arch Masonry in North America. The Work as adopted will be found to vary but trivially from that heretofore taught and practiced in this State. To the profound erudition and Masonic scholarship of Companion Mackey, aided, as he was, by many Companions of lesser fame, but of sterling worth, is this most desirable result attributable."

The proceedings contain no report on Correspondence.

In reviewing, at this time, and in connection, the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, for the years 1861 and 1865, reflections naturally arise that are most painfully agitating to our feelings; between the two periods mentioned, there lays a gloomy and appalling shadow—a deep and hideous valley—the valley and shadow of death—strewn with the bones, and reeking with the blood of our slaughtered brethren; with the wreck of mighty battles—the desolation and ruin that mark the path of hostile armies—the charred and crumbling ruins of once happy homes, of once peaceful Masonic Temples; these choke up the grim and horrid gulf. Across this abyss of mingled gloom and desolation, the mind must pass and repass to

gather up the threads, and weave again the broken web that connects the present with the past history, interests and associations of our fraternity. In the performance of this painful duty, we are often impressed with the involuntary thought, that had the spirit of Masonry presided in the councils of the nation, we should never have witnessed this Holocaust to fanaticism and political ambition.

### TENNESSEE.

From this Grand Chapter we have a pamphlet containing the proceedings of 1861 and 1865, together with the proceedings of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, and of the Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, for those years. During the intervening years, they held no Convocations. In the proceedings of 1861 we find nothing of general interest, except a resolution, instructing the delegates to the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, to be held in 1862, to use their influence to procure its dissolution. There is no report from either the G. H. Priest or the Committee on Correspondence.

At the Convocation of 1865, there were twenty-three Chapters represented. There is no report from the Grand High Priest, and we are left to conjecture in regard to the present condition of the Order in that Jurisdiction; neither is there any report upon Correspondence; this, however, we did not expect. We suppose, that, like all the other Southern Grand Masonic Bodies, our sister of Tennessee has suffered much from the great and terrible conflict that has been raging through our devoted land; she has our sincere sympathies, as all our Southern sisters have, and our cordial good wishes for a speedy renewal of prosperity and long interrupted intercourse.

### VERMONT.

The Grand High Priest, Gamaliel Washburn, thus opens the business of the Grand Annual Convocation, of 4th of October, 1865:

“The past year has been one of joy and rejoicing on account of the happy change in our national affairs—that instead of war and fighting, peace and union have taken their places, and there is now a free intercourse and communication between our Masonic Brethren and Companions in the Southern States, and ourselves, which has been shut out by four long years of war and bloodshed, its parallel seldom if ever equalled in the history of the world; and we would raise our voices in songs of thanksgiving and praise at the welcome return of peace.”

He gives a flattering report of the prosperity and harmony prevailing in his Jurisdiction.

Comp. Chas. F. Dana, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Corres-

pondence, opens his review with the following remarks, to the sentiments of which we most cordially respond :

“ With the recurrence of our annual Convocation, it again becomes our duty to lay before you our review of the transactions which have taken place at the yearly gathering of fifteen of our sister Grand Bodies.

“ We avail ourselves of this opportunity to tender to all our Royal Arch Brethren, throughout the land, our sincere and hearty congratulations, upon the termination of the deadly struggle that has raged with such fury for four years past, and we hope to renew, ere long, with our Southern Grand Chapters, the pre-existing cordial and fraternal relations which marked our intercourse. It is the earnest prayer of our hearts, that next year, we shall be once more in the receipt of those interesting transcripts from the sunny South, which have always given us so high an opinion of the Masonic virtues and qualifications of the Companions in that part of the Union.”

He closes a very interesting report upon the proceedings of some fifteen Grand Chapters, by the introduction of the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Grand Chapter :

“ *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Vermont, now in session, does hereby tender the expression of its sincere good-will, together with an earnest and heartfelt desire for the speedy renewal and assiduous cultivation of former fraternal relations with those Grand Chapters which may still exist in the late so-called Confederate States.

“ *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter will cordially co-operate in any endeavors that may be initiated by other Grand Bodies, to assuage any lingering bitterness of feeling that may still exist between the two recently hostile sections of the country, by bringing into play the powerful yet soothing influences of the mild and benignant precepts of Royal Arch Masonry.”

In the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, in 1860, there is displayed much Masonic ability. The address of the Grand High Priest, Thos. H. Campbell, is a very able and interesting document; we regret to see the Grand Chapter now in mourning for the death of this worthy, zealous and accomplished Companion.

The report of the Committee, Comp. Hiram Stevens, Chairman, is a very able, pleasant and liberal review of the proceedings of a very large number of Grand Chapters, of which our own receives the following notice :

“ Companion R. G. Rankin, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters, our own among them.

“ He devotes a short space to a good defence of the position of North Carolina, as regards the General Grand Chapter, and gives a mild, courteous and truly Masonic reply to what he considers the rather unfraternal and acrimonious remarks of the Grand High Priest of Louisiana, Companion

J. Q. A. Fellows. Perhaps the zeal of Companion Fellows for his pet, the General Grand Chapter, may have caused him to make use of language that would not be directly used a second time; but we can assure our Companions of North Carolina, that from personal acquaintance, we know that Companion Fellows is justly entitled to the insertion of another initial in the long list already composing his name. To us it will ever be J. Q. A. Good Fellows. Companion Rankin is in decided favor of very brief reports, but in the very next sentence says: "In the addresses of the respective Grand High Priests, and in the reports of Committees on Correspondence, are to be found many bright thoughts eloquently expressed; much ability and learning tending to ennoble and enlighten the Craft."

"Companion Rankin, ought not the Great Brotherhood to be put in possession thereof, so far as can be consistently done!"

At this Convocation the Grand Chapter formally withdrew from the General Grand Chapter.

## WISCONSIN.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation, in Milwaukee, on the 1st February, 1865. The Grand High Priest, M. L. Youngs, opened the proceedings with a short address, and a highly flattering report of the condition of affairs in his Jurisdiction. From his introductory remarks we quote the following:

"We meet here to-day the same familiar faces, who have so long been accustomed to attend this Annual Gathering. While the fires upon our altars, wherever erected, throughout our entire jurisdiction, burn with more than their wonted brightness. But while we thus contemplate, with satisfaction, our own peaceful and happy lot, let us not forget that some of our sister Jurisdictions have been denied this privilege. Some of them are reaping the fruits of a cruel and bloody war. Their lands are laid waste, their homes made desolate by the ravages of contending armies. The altars around which they were wont to bow are now overturned. Their Subordinates are broken up, and they denied the privilege, which we are now enjoying, of meeting in Grand Convocation, to deliberate upon, and devise measures to promote the well-being of the Craft. Let us all reverently pray to Almighty God, that the time may soon come, when wars and rumors of wars shall cease, and no more be heard in our once happy land; when brother shall no longer be called upon to raise his hand against his brother; when the altars which are now broken down and destroyed shall again be reared, and their fires again lighted to be no more extinguished."

Comp. H. L. Palmer, Chairman, submits a very able and interesting review of the proceedings of some fifteen Grand Chapters, from which

we gain much information, in regard to the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters, whose reports we have not received. We regret that we are compelled to give this interesting report a mere passing notice. There is much of interest, also, in the proceedings of this Convocation.

## NEW YORK.

This Grand Chapter held its last Annual Communication on the 6th of February, 1866.

We have always examined the proceedings of the Grand Masonic Bodies of this State with much interest, characterized, as we have ever found them to be, by great ability, research, and a true appreciation of the great and glorious principles and purposes of the Institution of Masonry.

The address of the G. H. Priest, Comp. Horace S. Taylor, is a very able and interesting paper, abounding in the true spirit of Masonry. In speaking of the beneficent results of her influence, he says:

“During the progress of the war, now so happily ended, Masonry has done its full part in ameliorating its horrors. In the midst of battle, the Masonic recognition has often turned aside the fatal messenger of death; and when the battle was over, and darkness overshadowed the field, Masons from each army have sought out the wounded and the dying brother; binding up his wounds, supplying his wants, and receiving the last messages from dying lips, to be transmitted to loved ones at home. In these acts of brotherly kindness in such terrible scenes, may be found the great practical utility of the secret signs of recognition used among Masons throughout the world. These signs are an infallible test of brotherhood, and they at once awaken recollections in the mind of a Mason, which disarm him of all feelings of malice, cruelty or revenge, and bring into operation all the noblest impulses of his nature.

“The Masons of the North will ever remember with gratitude the many acts of kindness of their Southern brethren towards unfortunate prisoners of war, who were placed in their power. Many instances of this kindness have come to our knowledge; prominent among them is the noble conduct of a Grand Master of one of the Southern States, who, during the early period of the war, went through the prisons of the city in which he dwelt, supplying the wants of his brother Masons among the prisoners, at the risk of his own life. Many a family at the North was unknowingly indebted to him for information concerning those whom they had supposed dead.

“The devastations of war have reduced to poverty very many of the Royal Arch Chapters at the South, as well as many Lodges and individual Masons. Applications for relief have been presented in their behalf to many of the Chapters in this State, and, I am happy to say, have been generously res-

ponded to. I bespeak for them the sympathy of all Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction."

The proceedings indicate a very great degree of prosperity and harmony in that Jurisdiction; many of the transactions are interesting and worthy of particular notice, which we regret our inability to bestow upon them. The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence contains some points that it may be necessary for this Grand Chapter to consider, and we therefore embody the whole report :

*" To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York :*

"The committee on jurisprudence respectfully report as follows: In reply to the two following questions submitted to us:

"1. If a Companion is expelled from his Lodge, does that expel him from the Chapter ?

"2. If restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry by the Grand Lodge, does that restore him to the Chapter ?

"We would say, that the principle involved in the first question was settled many years ago by the Grand Chapter, which then settled that such expulsion by the Lodge, of itself, expelled from the Chapter, without a further trial. And this leads us to a correct conclusion on the matter involved in the second question. It is a case of restoration—not a reversal of the judgment—an act of grace on the part of the Grand Lodge, and not a reversal on the ground of error. That act does not, and the question implies that it does not, restore him to membership in the Lodge. He is merely restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and therefore stands in the same relation to the Chapter as to a Lodge, being an unaffiliated brother and an unaffiliated Companion.

"Five questions are proposed by Companion Wolff, on various matters of discipline. To the first, we say, that a High Priest may, for proper cause, suspend an officer from his functions; but such suspension can only extend for such time as may enable charges to be preferred, if a proper cause for such action exists. It is simply the act of the master controlling his work and workmen.

"But as to the second and third questions, we say, that the suspended officer cannot demand an investigation into his conduct as a matter of right. If he has committed an offence deserving discipline, charges ought and would necessarily be preferred. Should the High Priest, by repeated acts, continue such suspension so as to make it oppressive, complaint may be made to the Grand High Priest, or his deputy, for official interposition. And this answers the fourth question.

"The fifth question we regard as wholly belonging to esoteric Masonry, with which this committee respectfully decline to interfere.

“ We subjoin a resolution covering the several matters thus far reported.

“ Various applications have been presented for the consent of this Grand Chapter, to confer the Chapter degrees upon candidates previously rejected in some other Chapter, under the provisions of section 31, of the Constitution.

“ We have thought that all such cases should be governed by like principles, because with the character and qualifications of the several candidates we are unacquainted, and it does not belong to us to inquire into them. In the construction of that section, we believe that not only should the consent of this Grand Chapter be obtained in each individual case, but also the consent of the Chapter in which the candidate was rejected. A general regulation cannot, therefore, be framed, but we wish to affirm this general principle; we therefore append a general resolution.

“ To the inquiry propounded by Comp. Flanders, as follows :

“ Is there anything in Masonic law, usage or regulation, to prevent a Companion who has not been elected and served as King or Seribe, being elected and installed as High Priest? ”

“ We reply that there is not. Any Companion in good standing in his Chapter, is eligible to any office in it, that of High Priest included.

“ In reply to the inquiry made by Companion Smith, of No. 164, whether a Chapter can, by its By-Laws, delegate to the High Priest the power to suspend a Companion for non-payment of dues? we reply that it cannot so farm out its legislative and judicial powers. Suspension is a Masonic penalty, and a Companion, if punished, should have the benefit of the judgment of his fellow-members in each given case.

“ A resolution on the subject of leave of absence from our Annual Conventions has been referred to this committee. Impressed with a sense of the flattering preference shown them by the reference of a matter so replete with the recondite legal lore of the fraternity, we approach it with the same awe that we grapple with any hidden mystery. The conclusions at which we have arrived are, that the fewer legal sanctions that we can throw about the subject the better, as it is no part of our intention to legalize a modern exodus, or to legitimize the taking of departures, or to elucidate the therapeutics or diagnosis of this latest epidemic. As to the matter of expediency involved, we can throw but little light on the subject. We think the better rule is to grant leave in all cases, unless three Companions arise to object, but this is mere matter of opinion and speculation, and so we leave it.

“ The report of the committee on foreign correspondence was referred to us. We are gratified to be able to state that this report, like other reports which have proceeded from the pen of its able and learned chairman, contains no matter of which we cannot heartily approve, both in tone and sen-

timent, and in sound criticism and correct expression of the Masonic law.

"We subjoin a resolution on that subject for the action of the Grand Chapter:

"1. *Resolved*, That the conclusions of the committee on the first seven questions referred to in this report be, and are hereby, approved.

"2. *Resolved*, That the consent of this Grand Chapter be and is hereby given to Brothers Matthew Grimes, Thomas Moloney, Robert Currie, George W. Duryea and Charles A. Church, whose petitions for advancement and exaltation have been rejected in subordinate Chapters, to present their petitions to any other Chapter having territorial jurisdiction, provided the recommendation of the rejecting Chapter be first obtained; which we regard as an indispensable preliminary in all such cases.

"3. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter, that any Companion in good standing in a Chapter may be elected High Priest.

"4. *Resolved*, That a Chapter has no power to delegate the power of suspension for non-payment of dues to the High Priest.

"5. *Resolved*, That we fully approve of the opinions and conclusions expressed by the committee on foreign correspondence in their report.

"All of which is respectfully submitted."

We find in the report of the Committee on Correspondence, Comp. Jos. White, Chairman, a very interesting review of the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters, and of the General Grand Chapter.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 12th of June, 1865. We find in the proceedings nothing of peculiar interest or importance. The business opened with a short address from G. H. Priest, Jno. R. Holbrook, in which he lays before the Grand Chapter a report of his official acts, and the condition of the order in his Jurisdiction, indicating a truly gratifying state of prosperity.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Horace Chase, and we have seldom met with one that we have read with more interest. He closes his report with the following remarks, which we most cordially endorse: "In closing our report, we would say that our examination gives us the gratifying assurance that Royal Arch Masonry is in a highly prosperous, harmonious and increasing condition. We cannot avoid the reflection, however, as we reviewed the proceedings of Grand Masonic bodies, that the strength, influence and respectability of the Masonic institution depends less upon numbers than upon the moral worth of the individual members, and that more is to be feared from a careless and unfaithful guarding against the admission of unworthy members than from all other causes combined."

## INDIANA.

In the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, at the Communication of 17th of May, 1865, we find nothing of general interest. The G. H. Priest, Comp. Sol. D. Bayless, was, in consequence of ill-health, unable to be present. His address is confined almost exclusively to a report of his official acts. There is no report on correspondence.

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

At the call of Comp. Albert G. Mackey, General Grand High Priest, this Grand Body assembled, for the first time since 1859, in the city of Columbus, Ohio, on the 7th day of September, 1865, passed a resolution amending the Constitution, so that the Convocations shall be held triennially, at such time and place as shall from time to time be designated for that purpose, and then fixed the time and place for holding the next triennial meeting, at 9 o'clock the next day, in the city of Columbus.

The Gen'l G. H. P. Albert G. Mackey, being confined in Charleston by official duties, forwarded his address by mail, in which, after giving a history of his official acts, he indulges in some reflections, which we transfer to our report, doubting not but that they will be of interest to all present. He says: "In the fratricidal contest which for four years has deluged our country with blood, Freemasonry, if it has not done all that it should have done, has at least done more than any other organization of men, towards ameliorating the horrors and inhumanity of war. On the field, in the hospital and the prison, Masonry has been seen exerting her beneficial influences, and saving life, comforting the sick and wounded, and lessening the evils of captivity. For what she has done in this way we should be proud of our noble institution. Her teaching has always been, like that of her great Patron, the Evangelist, "Children, love one another." There have been, alas! for the infirmity of our humanity, too many instances in which this teaching has been, for the time, forgotten. But it has never been repudiated. There is no Mason living who will deny that love is the chief corner-stone upon which the edifice of Masonry is erected. In theory we are all right. In practice we are too often wrong.

"But if the theory be there—if the doctrine be admitted—what remains for us, the chiefs of the Order, but to insist upon the practice and to give life and energy to the doctrine.

"At the first outbreak of the rebellion, attempts were made by many distinguished Masons to stem the tide of approaching war. The attempts were noble, but the advice was unheeded. Passion had closed the ear and dethroned the judgment. Yet, that the attempt was made, is a proud record for the men who made it, and for the institution whose principles had prompted it.

“The war is now over. The sword is to be turned into a ploughshare. But although there is no longer a battle of arms, dissensions still exist. Bitter feeling is not altogether allayed. Some men will remember the past with revengeful or unforgiving thought. Now, then, is the time for Masonry again to raise her warning voice; to say unto her children that they are of one household and of one faith; to beseech them to lay aside all bitter animosity; to remember that they have a common language and a common altar; and, throwing the veil over the cruel struggles of the past, to seek in the future every opportunity of doing good to each other. Let them cultivate that spirit of forbearance and of kindness which will make men say, ‘Behold how these Masons love one another.’

“If Masonry is good for anything, it is good for this. If it is capable of accomplishing anything, it is capable of accomplishing this. If our professions are not mere words—if our obligations and charges have any weight—if our symbols and allegories contain any meaning, then does Masonry oblige us to the law of love, and then it is our duty when hatred still lingers in the land, to seek to overcome that hatred with love, and to inaugurate a new era, when every American Mason shall exhibit to his fellow-citizens who are beyond our pale, the great fact that American Masons know no North, no South, no East, no West, but only one common country, undivided and indivisible.

“I have thought, Excellent Companions, that assembled as you will be, as the heads of an important branch of our Order, coming from all sections of the country, and however differing on other subjects, united in your devotion to Masonry, you might devote some part of your session to the preparation of a conciliatory address, embodying the views I have just expressed—if, as I hope, they shall meet your concurrence, and send it forth to the world in tones of kindly admonition and advice, which shall show that with us Masons, at least, the deluge of passion has subsided, and that the olive branch of peace has appeared above the waters.

“May the Supreme Grand High Priest aid and counsel you in your deliberations, and take you all into His holy keeping.”

The General Grand Chapter, after passing another amendment to the Constitution, and failing in the effort to pass some others, closed the special Convocation, and on the day following, being the 8th day of September, 1865, commenced its triennial Communication.

There is much in the proceedings of this Grand Body that is of deep interest to all intelligent Royal Arch Masons, as there must ever be in the transactions of any assemblage composed of Companions so eminent and so highly distinguished as the great body of officers and representatives in the General Grand Chapter are known and admitted to be, and we regret that we cannot devote more time to a review of these transactions.

We notice that the rage for constitutional amendments, that characterizes the present period of our national history, seems to have pervaded that august assembly also.

Companions, we have completed our examination of such of the transactions of our sister Grand Chapters as have been placed before us, upon which, as we progressed, we have made a sort of running commentary, necessarily very brief, and without time for reflection. In those proceedings we see reflected the views and feelings of the great mass of our Companions in all sections of this vast Masonic domain, embodied and expressed by the master-minds of the fraternity. From these we may form reliable conclusions in regard to the sentiments of our Companions everywhere, upon all subjects connected with the great interests of our Institution. And here we naturally expected to find expressed the feelings entertained towards us by our Companions of the several Grand Jurisdictions between which and our own, a bloody and desolating war of four years duration has been raging. In this expectation we have not been disappointed, and we cannot close our report without expressing the gratification we have experienced at finding in them, almost without an exception, the warmest expressions of fraternal regard and of pleasure, in the prospect of again renewing the friendly and social intercourse that formerly characterized our great Masonic family.

The sentiments expressed by M. E. Asa Smith, G. H. Priest, in his address to the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, in 1865, which we find quoted in a review, are a fair representation of the feeling indicated by all the proceedings before us; and, judging from reports of many that we have *not seen*, but which we find quoted in reviews in our hands, we believe to be almost universal. In speaking of the prospect of a speedy termination of hostilities, he says: "Let no boastful exultations mingle with our joy—no brutal vindictiveness tarnish our triumph. Let us indulge no spirit of vengeance toward the conquered, nor neglect any of those sweet and binding influences which the wisdom and goodness of God has taught us to reverence. The work of war accomplished, the greater work of peace demands all our energies and all our endurance. Let us show to the world our consistency as Masons, and also our gratitude to God, by doing all we can to mitigate the sorrows and sufferings of those upon whom the calamities of war have fallen. Let us exert ourselves with fresh zeal in ministering to the sick and wounded; in binding up the broken hearts; in providing for the widow and the fatherless; in reuniting, as far and as fast as we can, the cords of friendship and good will, wherever they have been swept away; and thus exhibit our order and our land in that noblest of all attitudes—the only attitude worthy of a christian nation, and of a society founded on the principles of brotherly love—that of seeking to restore and

maintain universal peace and universal brotherhood." Such manifestations as these, of a love and fraternal consideration, superior to the all-powerful and pervading influence of the passions and prejudices that seems to have been kindled in the breasts of the great masses of our countrymen in the Northern and Western States, by the political contest so recently closed, have impressed us deeply. Not that the principles, doctrines and teachings of our sublime institutions did not justify us in expecting it. But Masons are mortal, and endowed by nature with all the characteristics of their fellow-men, and the first and natural inference must be, that feelings, sentiments and prejudices, that have like a great maelstrom, swallowed up nearly every class in particular sections, must have engulfed them also in the raging vortex. Since the close of the great conflict between the two sections, we have been accustomed to hear our people traduced, villified, misrepresented and held up to the scorn and derision of the civilized world. Hoary Senators and Representatives in Congress, who, in the natural course of events, must themselves, ere long, be suppliants for pardon and mercy at the Throne of Eternal Justice, invoking the further vengeance of Almighty God upon our devoted heads, impiously declaring that God has not inflicted upon us the amount of punishment that we should suffer, and volunteering their services as the executioners of the further manifestations of His wrath and indignation, even to the point of extermination. This feeling has been fostered and inculcated through the press, political and religious—from the pulpit, the rostrum, and all the other mediums of operating upon the public mind—until we feel that we may justly hold ourselves excused for indulging the fear that our Masonic brethren and Companions had not escaped the infection. The evidence before us of the humanizing, christianizing influence of Masonry upon the minds and affections of men has, however, effectually dispelled all doubts, and established our faith upon an immovable basis.

If, therefore, we are true to our institution and to ourselves, and receive these tokens of fraternal brotherhood in the cordial spirit of reciprocity, we may dismiss all further apprehension in regard to the future prosperity and usefulness of our great and good institution. The events of the late war have given an impetus to Masonry that will elevate it high above the most exalted position that it has ever occupied before, in this, or perhaps in any other country, and its benign influence may yet accomplish more, in removing sectional prejudices, and establishing peace and good-will among men, than our most enthusiastic faith in its power has ever led us to hope for. We have discovered in our examination of the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, that there are a few, and we rejoice to say a *very* few, prominent Masons that cannot divest themselves of political and sectional prejudices. Those men are enemies to the institution; they have

too much intelligence not to understand the principles of the Order, and that the practice of introducing political, sectional or sectarian prejudices into their Masonic addresses and reports, and making the principles of Masonry secondary in consideration to the promptings of such feelings, is subversive of the fundamental laws of the order. And they should be rebuked promptly and sternly in every instance, and by every Lodge and Chapter in the land, supreme and subordinate.

ALFRED MARTIN.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted, and the Committee continued :

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 4th, 1866.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report : That they have examined the Proceedings and By-Laws of the following Chapters, working under dispensations, and recommend that Charters be granted them :

William G. Hill Chapter, No. 37, at Mount Energy, Granville County ;	
Caswell " " 38, " Kinston, Lenoir " "	
Charlotte " " 39, " Charlotte, Mecklenburg " "	
Clinton " " 40, " Clinton, Sampson " "	
Richard Wat. York " " 41, " Geo. Washington Lodge, Chatham co. ;	
Eureka " " 42, " Bellevoir, Chatham county.	

We recommend that the Representatives from the above named Chapters be invited to participate in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

We have also examined the certificate of the Secretary of Wm. Gaddy Hill Chapter, under dispensation ; but as they have not brought their Minutes and By-laws, we recommend that they be continued under dispensation until our next Convocation. We have also examined the Code of By-laws submitted from Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 27, for approval ; and recommend that Article 5, Sec. 1, be stricken out ; after which we recommend that they be approved.

On the petition of Goldsboro' Chapter, No. 29, we recommend that so much of the petition as relates to transcript of their Charter, be granted ; and so much as relates to Dispensation to elect officers, be referred to the M. E. G. High Priest.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. J. HICKS,  
THOS. M. GARDNER,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on M. E. G. High Priest's address, presented the following report and resolutions which were adopted :

Your Committee to which the address of the M. E. G. High Priest was referred, report as follows :

We have heard with great pleasure and interest the address of our M. E. G. High Priest, Geo. B. Waterhouse, and consider it as breathing the true spirit of Masonry.

In reference to the several points touched upon in the address, we beg leave to submit the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That no subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall confer the Chapter Degrees upon any brother who is not thoroughly conversant with the first sections of the Entered Apprentice's, Fellow Craft's and Master Mason's Degrees, and with all the means of recognition practiced among Master Masons.

*Resolved*, That no subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall confer any of the Degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master, or Royal Arch Mason, until the brother taking the Degree is thoroughly conversant with each and all of the preceding degrees conferred in the Chapter.

*Resolved*, That a violation of either of the preceding resolutions on the part of a subordinate Chapter shall cause the forfeiture of its Charter.

*Resolved*, That the action of the M. E. G. High Priest in giving and continuing the several dispensations spoken of in his address, is approved.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter hear with profound regret of the intention of our M. E. G. High Priest to leave this Masonic Jurisdiction, well knowing that in him Masonry in North Carolina loses a zealous promoter and skillful teacher of the work.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter tender to him its thanks for his past faithful and valuable services, and assure him of its hope that his future business and Masonic associations may be pleasant, and his future life prosperous and happy.

T. M. GARDNER,  
C. J. ROUNTREE,  
CLINTON A. CILLEY,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Work presented a partial report, the consideration of which was made the special order for to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the election of officers was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

TUESDAY MORNING, June 5th, 10 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T :

M. E. Comp.	Geo. B. Waterhouse,	.....	G. H. P.
E.	“ J. W. Blount,	.....	G. K.
E.	“ M. Bowes,	.....	G. S.
“	“ W. J. Hicks,	.....	G. C. H. Pro tem.
“	“ C. A. Cilley,	.....	G. P. S. Pro tem.
“	“ C. M. Vanorsdell,	.....	G. R. A. C. “
“	“ C. J. Rountree,	.....	G. M. 3d V. “
“	“ T. M. Gardner,	.....	G. M. 2d V. “
“	“ Wm. Robinson,	.....	G. M. 1st V.
“	“ Alexander Boon,	.....	G. Tyler.

Comp's Wm. Murdock, Richard Wat York, W. H. Faucette, E. P. Powers, Alex. McRae, P. N. Smith, C. Black, Rufus Bobbitt, Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P., B. T. Strickland, Rev. Hugh McAlpin, B. F. Pearce, H. H. Munson, E. F. Watson, P. G. H. P., S. H. Rountree, John D. Southerland, R. H. Rountree, L. H. Bullock.

The Grand Lecturer presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

TO M. E. G. B. WATERHOUSE, GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA :

*M. E. Sir and Companion :*

In accordance with an appointment made by you at the last Convocation of the G. C. of N. C., and commission issued by the G. See'y, bearing date March 10th 1866, (which is herewith returned), authorizing me to act as your Deputy in lecturing and instructing the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the G. C. of N. C., in the work of the Sublime Degrees of R. A. M., until the present Grand Annual Convocation, I have visited and given instruction to the following Chapters, to-wit :

Caswell Chapter, at Kinston, U. D. I remained there ten days ; I found Comp. R. H. Rountree, H. P. and many other very devoted Masons. I conferred all of the Chapter Degrees while there, and left them in a condition to do their work in a masterly manner.

I next visited Charlotte Chapter, U. D., where the Companions met me with open arms. I remained there eight days, conferred all the Chapter

Degrees, and left them working well. I next visited Graham Chapter, No. 28, where I found Comp. Faucette, H. P., and many other very zealous and devoted craftsmen. I remained there ten days, and left them in a condition to confer the Chapter Degrees well.

I next visited Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 27, where I remained only five days, and left them doing well. I also instructed the Companions of W. G. Hill Chapter, U. D., Granville county. I understand that they are working in a manner that would do credit to a much older Chapter than theirs.

I sent circulars to all of the Chapters working under this jurisdiction and have visited all that requested my services.

Permit me to return you my most sincere thanks for the honor conferred on me; and to the Companions of the different Chapters that I have visited, for the generous, hospitable and fraternal manner in which they have uniformly treated me while with them, the reflection of which will ever make the rough waters of life to me run smooth.

Respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. HICKS, G. L.

On motion of Companion Blount, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to M. E. Companion E. F. Watson, P. G. H. P., for the very able and courteous manner in which he discharged his duties during his term of office.

The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the Grand Chapter proceeded to that duty, which resulted in the election of

Alfred Martin,	G. H. P.
Luke Blackmer,	D. G. H. P.
Wm. Robinson,	G. K.
W. J. Hicks,	G. S.
T. W. Brown,	G. Treas.
T. B. Carr,	G. Sec'y.
Burnace Walker,	G. C. H.

On motion, the election of the above officers was made unanimous.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the installation of Grand Officers take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and that M. E. E. F. Watson, P. G. H. P., be requested to install the same.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Work, on motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the whole subject be postponed until the next Communication of this Grand Chapter, and that the Committee be continued, with instructions to prepare their report and submit it at that time.

Companion Martin offered the following preamble and resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

WHEREAS, Several of the subordinate Chapters in the eastern portion of this Grand Jurisdiction have had their buildings and furniture destroyed, and their organizations broken up, during the late war, and the members thereof scattered, so that it may, and most probably will be, years before they will be resuscitated ; and whereas, many of the former members of said Chapters will, doubtless, wish to connect themselves with other Chapters, therefore

*Resolved*, That any subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may, upon the application for membership of any of the late members of a dormant Chapter, upon the best evidence that the petitioner may be able to produce of his late membership in such dormant Chapter, receive and act upon such petition, without requiring the production of a regular demit.

On motion of Companion Blount, it was

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter be amended by striking out the word Monday in the Second Article, and inserting Tuesday in its stead.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, June 5th, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T :

Officers and members as this morning.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings presented the following report and resolutions, which were adopted :

The undersigned, Committee on Returns and Proceedings of subordinate Chapters, beg leave to report :

They have examined the returns of fourteen Chapters, and find that all have complied with the prescribed forms. The returns of Mount Ararat Chapter, No. 3, are signed by the three principal officers and attested by the Secretary—a slight irregularity that will readily present itself to the Companions of that Chapter in future.

Pending the late calamitous war, which deranged the business, silenced the voices, and prostrated the energies of almost all deliberative bodies, reasonable, but great indulgence was extended by this Grand Body to such subordinate Chapters as failed to comply with their Constitutional requirements. But that indulgence, in the opinion of your Committee, is no longer necessary, and its further exercise would seem to be highly injurious to the best interests of Masonry; wherefore, your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That all subordinate Chapters under this Jurisdiction, which have failed to assemble during the last Masonic year, or which have failed for the last two years to make returns, and fully or in part to pay their dues to this Grand Chapter, as required by the Constitution, have forfeited to the use of this Grand Chapter, their Charters, records, jewels, regalia and furniture, together with their monetary and all other property of every description, unless good and sufficient reason to the contrary shall appear.

*Resolved*. That the Grand High Priest shall adopt such measures as to him shall seem meet, to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ROBINSON,  
CLINTON A. CILLEY,  
A. P. REPITON.

*Committee.*

The officers elected were then installed by P. G. H. P., E. F. Watson.

The M. E. G. H. P., Alfred Martin, made the following appointments :

Rev. Comp.	Hugh McAlpin,.....	G. Chaplain.
“	W. J. Hicks,.....	G. Lecturer.
“	C. A. Cilley,.....	G. P. S.
“	C. J. Rountree,.....	G. R. A. C.
“	W. H. Faucette,.....	G. M. 3d V.
“	J. W. Blount,.....	G. M. 2d V.
“	W. L. Wriston,.....	G. M. 1st V.
“	A. Boon,.....	G. Tyler

Committee on Foreign Correspondence:—P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., Wm. Murdock and Thos. B. Carr.

Committee on Finance:—P. W. Fanning and Thos. M. Gardner.

On motion of Companion Richard Wat. York, it was

*Resolved*, That each subordinate Chapter shall be required to furnish each candidate exalted, with a diploma, at the expense of the Chapter so exalting.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have parchment diplomas bound in such manner and form as may be necessary to meet fully the requirements of the resolution.\*

The following amendment to the first clause of the 2d Article of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, was offered by Companion A. A. Hardin, and unanimously rejected, to-wit:

ARTICLE 2.—The regular Communications of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Raleigh, N. C., on the first Tuesday in June in each year.

A petition from Goldsboro' Chapter, No. 29, presented by Companion Robinson, praying to be granted a Charter or transcript of their former Charter, lately destroyed by fire; also a Dispensation to elect officers, was, on motion of Companion Robinson, referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 5, 1866.

TO THE M. E. GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your Grand Secretary begs leave to submit the following as his Annual Report:

As soon as practicable after your last Annual Convocation, I had one hundred and fifty copies of your last proceedings published, and distributed most of them among your subordinate Chapters and sister Grand Chapters. I regret that the unsettled state of government in our midst, last year, rendered it impossible to get them printed sooner than they were.

\* Diplomas are now ready at prices varying from \$1 00 to \$2 50, according to quality.  
THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

Last January, I received a communication from J. W. Jones, of Harrisburg, Pa., informing me that he had the jewels of Keystone Chapter, No. 19, in his possession, they having been carried to that place by Silas Murray, Tyler of the Lodge in Plymouth, by mistake. At my request he forwarded them to me, and I have them in my possession. I am informed by a Companion of that Chapter, that Keystone Chapter, No. 19, has ceased to work. I therefore recommend that the Charter be secured, if possible, and returned to this Grand Chapter.

I also recommend that the Constitutional requirements be enforced against all the subordinate Chapters who shall fail to send their returns to this Grand Chapter within the next two months. There are several of them who have failed to make any returns for the last six or eight years.

I submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements:

*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in account with*  
 THOMAS B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

DR.

1865.		Gold.	Silver.	C'ncy.
May	7		2 00	
"	7		3 00	
"	7			15 00
Nov.	22		49 30	
Dec.	5	50 00		
1866.				
Jan'y	27		50 00	
Mar.	26			130 00
"	26			1 50
May	5			70
"	16		49 86	
"	16			50
June	1			2 50
"	5			3 00
"	5			215 32
"	6	30 00	30 00	
"	7		16 00	32 00
		\$80 00	\$200 16	\$400 52

*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in account with*  
 THOMAS B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

CR.

		Gold.	Silver.	Cr'ncy.
1865.				
May	5		6 00	
June	7			15 00
Nov.	14			
			49 30	49 30
"	14			20 22
Dec.	5			
		50 00		50 00
"	5			22 50
"	6			15 00
"	5			15 00
Dec.	7			15 00
1866.				
Jan'y	27		50 00	50 00
"	27			12 50
May	16		49 86	
June	4			40 00
"	7			
		15 00		15 00
"	7			15 00
"	7			15 00
"	7			15 00
"	7			30 00
"	7		15 00	
"	7		15 00	
"	5	15 00		
"	5			6 00
"	5			15 00
"	6		15 00	
		\$80 00	\$200 16	\$400 52

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

The following is the Report of the Grand Treasurer:

*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in account with*  
 THOMAS W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

DR.

		Gold.	Silver.	Cm'y.
1865.				
June				
1866.	7			10 00
June	4			
"	4	10 00		100 00
"	4			
"	7	20 00	30 00	152 32
		\$30 00	\$95 86	\$262 32

CR.

		Gold.	Silver.	Cm'y.
1865.				
June	7			15 00
1866.				
May	16		49 86	
June	5			215 32
"	5	30 00	30 00	
"	7		16 00	32 00
		\$30 00	\$95 86	\$262 32
1866.				
June	7	\$20 00	\$65 86	\$152 32

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Communications were received from Lincoln Chapter, No. 22, in relation to Charter, jewels, regalia and dues; and from Germantou Chapter, No. 24, in relation to change of name and location, which were referred to the M. E. G. H. P. for his decision.

On motion of Companion G. B. Waterhouse, M. E. P. G. H. P., it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the use of their hall, and for the friendly manner in which they have entertained us during the present Convocation.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That one hundred dollars be appropriated to the Grand Secretary, and five dollars per day to the Grand Tyler, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The Committee on Finance were instructed to hand their report to the Grand Secretary in time to have it published with the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee of Finance having examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and their accounts herewith submitted, beg leave to report that they find them correct.

During the year ending June, 1866, the Grand Treasurer has received from the Grand Secretary, in

Gold.....	\$	30 00
Silver.....		95 86
Currency.....		262 32

and has disbursed upon Proper Vouchers:

Gold.....		10 00
Silver.....		30 00
Currency.....		110 00

Leaving on hand:

Gold.....		20 00
Silver.....		65 86
Currency.....		152 32
Making in the aggregate, the sum of.....		238 18

The balance remaining on hand, as per our last report, June 1866, being in Confederate Treasury Notes, we deem it unnecessary to bring forward. The Treasurer still holds the two notes of hand mentioned in our last report, amounting together to the sum of.....\$ 792 00 with one year's interest due thereon.

The death of the parties has prevented the collection of any portion of this amount. There is also due in

Coin.....		405 00
Currency.....		1,155 50

from the following Chapters, viz:

Phoenix	Chapter, No. 2,	in Currency...	\$15 00,	and in Coin...	\$15 00
Mt. Ararat	" " 3,	"	—,	"	15 00
Roanoke	" " 4,	"	75 00,	"	15 00
Concord	" " 5,	"	85 00,	"	15 00
Temple	" " 6,	"	15 00,	"	15 00
Eureka	" " 7,	"	65 00,	"	15 00
Oxford	" " 8,	"	50 00,	"	—
Raleigh	" " 10,	"	5 25,	"	—
Lafayette	" " 11,	"	—,	"	15 00
Conoho	" " 12,	"	70 00,	"	15 00
Choraizin	" " 13,	"	15 00,	"	15 00
Cherokee	" " 14,	"	45 00,	"	15 00
Union	" " 17,	"	15 00,	"	15 00
Gaston	" " 18,	"	85 00,	"	15 00
Keystone	" " 19,	"	65 00,	"	15 00
Salisbury	" " 20,	"	15 00,	"	15 00
Lincoln	" " 22,	"	85 00,	"	15 00
Montgomery	" " 23,	"	55 00,	"	15 00
Germanton	" " 24,	"	75 00,	"	15 00
Ashville	" " 25,	"	75 00,	"	15 00
Louisburg	" " 26,	"	20 00,	"	15 00
Graham	" " 28,	"	15 00,	"	15 00
Mt. Vernon	" " 30,	"	75 00,	"	15 00
Wadesboro	" " 31,	"	15 00,	"	—
Davie	" " 32,	"	5 25,	"	—
Clinton	" " 33,	"	55 00,	"	15 00
University	" " 34,	"	15 00,	"	15 00
Lexington	" " 35,	"	15 00,	"	15 00
Charlotte	" " 39,	"	15 00,	"	15 00
Clinton	" " 40,	"	15 00,	"	15 00
Wm. Gaddy Hill,	U. D.,	"	—,	"	15 00
			\$1,155 50		
				\$405 00	

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING,

ALFRED MARTIN,

*Committee.*

Companion Gardner offered the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That this Grand Chapter cordially recommend to their Companions and brethren throughout the United States, the efforts of Golds-

boro' Chapter, No. 29, and of Wayne Lodge, No. 112, to form a joint-stock company for the purpose of building a Masonic hall, with other public halls, in the town of Goldsboro', and that Companion Wm. Robinson, E. G. K., of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, agent of the aforesaid Lodge and Chapter, be cordially commended to the favorable consideration and fraternal co-operation of the fraternity, wheresoever he may go.

No further business appearing, the Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina was closed in ample form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

*Registry of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the  
Grand Chapter of North Carolina.*

CHAPTERS.	NO.	LOCATION.
Concord,.....	1	Wilmington.
Phoenix,.....	2	Fayetteville.
Mt. Ararat,.....	3	Murfreesboro'.
Roanoke,.....	4	Halifax.
Concord,.....	5	Tarboro'.
Temple,.....	6	Windsor.
Eureka,.....	7	New Berne.
Oxford,.....	8	Oxford.
Raleigh,....	10	Raleigh.
Lafayette,.....	11	Hillsboro'.
Conoho,.....	12	Hamilton.
Choraizin,.....	13	Greensboro'.
Cherokee,.....	14	Hertford.
Union,.....	17	Bear Swamp P. O.
Gaston,.....	18	Roxboro'.
Keystone,.....	19	Plymouth.
Salisbury,.....	20	Salisbury.
Lincoln,.....	22	Lincolnton.
Montgomery,.....	23	Zion.
Germanton,.....	24	Winston.
Ashville,.....	25	Ashville.
Louisburg,.....	26	Louisburg.
Mt. Lebanon,.....	27	Wilson.
Graham,.....	28	Watsonville.
Goldsboro',.....	29	Goldsboro'.
Mt. Vernon,.....	30	Greenville.
Wadesboro',.....	31	Wadesboro'.
Davie,.....	32	Mocksville.
Clinton,.....	33	Washington.
University,.....	34	Chapel Hill.
Lexington,.....	35	Lexington.
Wm. Gaddy Hill,.....	U. D.	Eagle Rock.
Wm. G. Hill,.....	37	Franklinton.
Caswell,.....	38	Kinston.
Charlotte,.....	39	Charlotte.
Clinton,.....	40	Clinton.
Richard Wat. York,.....	41	Chatham.
Eureka,.....	42	Bellevoir.

## RETURN OF CHAPTERS,

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina,

A. L., 5866.

CONCORD CHAPTER, NO. 1—WILMINGTON.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Thomas B. Carr,	.....	H. P.
E. Thomas M. Gardner,	.....	K.
“ T. F. Peck,	.....	S.
Comp. N. T. Harris,	.....	C. H.
“ Joseph B. Russell,	.....	P. S.
“ C. M. Vanorsdell,	.....	R. A. C.
“ M. M. Katz,	.....	M. 3d V.
“ Julius W. Wright,	.....	M. 2d V.
“ H. H. Roberts,	.....	M. 1st V.
“ A. Paul Repiton,	.....	Secretary.
“ Jacob Lyon,	.....	Treasurer.
“ Alex. Boon,	.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

H. A. Bagg,	J. C. Devane,
B. G. Bates,	A. Empie, Jr., P. H. P.,
D. P. Beatty,	P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.,
Thos. W. Brown,	O. Fennell,
A. B. Chesnutt,	J. H. Flanner,
Thos. Cowan,	W. E. Freeman,
M. Cronly,	G. R. French,

Jno. Garwood,	W. H. McDowell,
T. F. Gause,	Alex. McRae, Jr.,
Jos. Green,	M. McInnis,
Geo. Harriss,	D. McMillan, P. H. P.,
W. W. Harriss,	T. D. Meares,
A. A. Hartsfield,	R. Morriss,
A. J. Howell,	J. M. Monk,
W. G. Jones,	H. H. Munson,
D. Kahnweiler,	C. S. Murphy,
A. J. King,	John Nutt,
Wm. Larkins,	J. B. Price,
D. A. Lamont,	W. J. Price,
A. Lamont,	Robert Strange,
E. J. Lutterloh,	John A. Taylor,
Alex. MacRae, Sr., P. H. P.,	W. G. Thomas, P. G. S.
Alfred Martin, G. H. P.,	E. Turlington,
Jarrot Mathews,	S. D. Wallace,
Robert Maxwell,	J. H. Wright,
James McCormick,	

## RESIDENT R. A. M. NOT MEMBERS.

C. W. Oldham,	J. D. Ryttenberg,
H. Ryttenberg,	Daniel Sherwood.

Admitted, 9; exalted, 9; rejected, none; withdrawn, 1; died, 2; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not Members, 4. Whole number, 67.

## PHENIX CHAPTER, No. II—FAYETTEVILLE.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. George Lauder,	H. P.
E. Joseph Arey,	K.
“ J. A. McLauchlin,	S.
Comp. C. R. Banks,	C. H.
“ M. Atkinson,	P. S.
“ Jas. F. Foulkes,	R. A. C.
“ E. P. Powers,	M. 3d V.
“ B. F. Pearce,	M. 2d V.
“ S. Brandt,	M. 1st. V.
“ A. M. Campbell, P. H. P.,	Secretary.
“ W. Prior,	Treasurer.
“ David Wemyss,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Isham Blake,	James McDaniel, P. H. P.,
William Butler,	H. A. McSwain,
R. W. Bruff,	J. McCormick,
Calvin Black,	J. A. McKay,
James G. Cook,	J. C. Alfred,
H. E. Colton,	R. M. Orrell,
James Dodd,	Joseph B. Starr,
G. W. Decker,	S. Sheetz,
I. B. Davis,	P. J. Sinclair,
W. S. Foulks,	R. Sutherland,
R. N. Fairley,	F. W. Thornton,
D. B. Gillis,	J. A. Worth,
R. E. Heide,	A. H. Whitfield,
I. Hollingsworth,	P. A. Wiley,
J. McD. Jessup,	W. P. Wemyss,
John W. Lett,	A. M. Walker,
J. F. Marsh,	W. J. Woodward.
A. Murdoch,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

John W. Sandford,                      J. D. Williams.  
E. Glover,

Exalted, 3; rejected, 1; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, 3; whole number, 50.

## MOUNT ARARAT CHAPTER, No. III—MURFREESBORO'.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	John P. Lee,.....	H. P.
E.	H. C. Madrey,.....	K.
	“ Wm. P. Beaman,.....	S.
Comp.	Jno. W. Hutching,.....	C. H.
“	Jas. M. Wynns,.....	P. S.
“	J. J. Vaughan,.....	R. A. C.
“	Charles M. Capehart,.....	M. 3d V.
“	Oris Parker,.....	M. 2d V.
“	Tulley M. Forbs,.....	M. 1st V.
“	G. D. Parker,.....	Secretary.
“	J. M. C. Luke,.....	Treasurer.
“	F. M. Capehart,.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS

John R. Rochell,	Howell Francis,
Alex. Britt,	Jas. S. Flythe,
Jethro Darden,	Joshua L. Garrett,
Samuel Darden,	Jas. H. Magitt,
Wm. H. Darden,	Willis R. Warren,
Chas. Vann,	Joseph P. Jordan,
Abner Carter,	Jas. Anderson,
Jas. J. Rochell,	E. Hoyell,
Richard Shane,	Walter Forbs,

Joseph J. Freeman,  
 R. E. Beal,  
 R. H. Worthington, sr.,  
 Ely Carter,  
 B. A. Capehart,  
 Wm. P. Roberts,  
 Willis Beal,  
 J. H. Davidson,  
 Thos. Deans,  
 Thos. M. Babb,  
 Benj. Williams,  
 Jas. Beesley,  
 Clifton Britt,  
 Jas. S. Perry,  
 S. P. Wilson,  
 Wm. H. Slaughter,  
 Caleb P. Walston,

Jno. A. Slaughter,  
 Geo. T. Hollerman,  
 Henry Griffith,  
 Thos. E. Mathis,  
 Wm. Jones,  
 Jno. N. Hogard,  
 Jno. Wilson Harrell,  
 H. M. Britt,  
 J. W. Corbitt,  
 J. C. Shannon,  
 Thos. Howard,  
 Jas. L. Ames,  
 D. R. Taylor,  
 Jno. Halstead,  
 Wm. Knowell,  
 R. R. Oberley,  
 W. G. Starr.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Wm. J. Magitt,  
 Wm. T. Bynum,  
 Isaac Pipkin,

Jas. H. Vincent,  
 E. A. Martin.

Exalted, 1; rejected, none; withdrawn, 2; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, 5; whole number, 69.

## OXFORD CHAPTER, No. VIII—OXFORD.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Z. M. Paschall,	.....	H. P.
E.	Jas. T. Littlejohn,	.....	K.
"	L. A. Paschall,	.....	S.
Comp.	Jas. H. Horner,	.....	C. H.
"	Wm. A. Philpott,	.....	P. S.
"	Alex. F. Spencer,	.....	R. A. C.
"	L. C. Taylor,	.....	G. M. 3d V.
"	S. A. Williams,	.....	G. M. 2d V.
"	Joseph Waldo,	.....	G. M. 1st V.
"	J. H. Mills,	.....	Secretary.

## MEMBERS.

J. E. Allen,	R. H. Kingsbury,
T. J. Crews,	R. W. Lassiter,
W. C. Crabtree,	R. H. Marsh,
J. R. Fuller,	J. H. Mills,
G. B. Harris,	J. S. Overby,
G. W. Harrison,	C. R. Parham,
R. W. Hobgood,	Thos. H. Raney,
J. L. Hobgood,	R. P. Taylor,
Jos. Hobgood,	George Wortham,
Ligon Hobgood,	D. S. Wilkinson,
B. D. Howard,	H. A. Taylor,
D. B. Johnson,	Lyman Latham.
J. G. Jones,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

E. H. Hicks,	L. C. Edwards,
D. A. Paschall,	G. W. Gannon.
J. L. Carroll,	

Exalted, 15 ; no expulsions ; no suspensions ; no deaths ; admitted, 2 ; withdrawn, 1.

## RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. X—RALEIGH.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Wm. J. Hicks,	.....	H. P.
E.	John Nichols,	.....	K.
"	J. B. Neathery,	.....	S.
Comp.	M. Bowes,	.....	C. H.
"	W. J. Palmer,	.....	P. S.
"	S. M. Parish,	.....	R. A. C.
"	T. W. Bell,	.....	M. 3d V.
"	W. H. Dodd,	.....	M. 2d V.
"	H. Mahler,	.....	M. 1st V.
"	D. W. Bain,	.....	Secretary.
"	M. Grausman,	.....	Treasurer.
"	J. M. Betts,	.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

W. G. Hill, P. H. P.	Eugene Grissom,
C. W. D. Hutchings,	D. W. Allen,
Jno. R. Harrison,	A. S. Lee,
Albert Johnson,	N. M. Johnson,
T. J. Utley,	W. L. Bledsoe,
J. W. Cosby,	A. D. Royster,
W. H. High,	W. L. Burroughs,
J. A. Moore,	A. Klein,
Rufus K. Ferrell,	J. H. Separk,
W. E. Anderson,	H. H. Harris,
G. B. Waterhouse, P. G. H. P.,	W. G. Upchurch,
J. J. Chaplin,	J. M. Rosenbaum,
Jno. G. Williams,	Jas. M. Pool,
A. P. Bryan,	G. W. Norwood,
Isaac Oettinger,	Jonas Matthews.
Anderson Betts,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

W. D. Haywood,	J. M. Lovejoy,
R. W. Seawell,	W. T. Bain,
E. B. Freeman,	Jas. H. Moore,
A. J. Lawrence,	W. B. Smith,
R. W. Pulliam,	W. D. Jones.
W. J. Halleman,	

Exalted, 5; admitted, 2; rejected, 1; withdrawn, 7; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, 11; whole number, 54.

LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. XI—HILLSBORO<sup>3</sup>.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Daniel D. Phillips,.....	H. P.
E. Thomas C. Hays,.....	K.
“ Stephen T. Forrest,.....	S.
Comp. Calvin E. Parish,.....	C. H.
“ Thomas Webb,.....	P. S.
“ John Cheek,.....	R. A. C.
“ Henry Richards,.....	M. 3d V.
“ William B. Gordon,.....	M. 2d V.
“ Henry Dickson,.....	M. 1st V.
“ Alfred P. Stroud,.....	Secretary.
“ George Laws,.....	Treasurer.
“ Charles L. Cooley,.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Pride Jones,	John Q. Anderson,
Henry K. Nash,	Gaston D. Cobb,
Alexander Dickson,	John F. Lyon,
William F. Bason,	William Dickson,
D. A. Montgomery,	Andrew C. Murdock,

Samuel P. Moore,  
 John M. Wolfe,  
 John McCracken,  
 John A. Fancette,  
 John J. Allison,  
 William B. Gordon,  
 Bennett C. Hopkins,  
 Alex. A. Thompson,  
 Michael W. Moore,  
 Thomas Scarlett,  
 John L. Carrol,  
 H. M. C. Stroud,  
 Charles J. Freeland,  
 B. F. Parrott,  
 Lam. J. Mewbern,  
 John W. Siler,  
 John A. Moore,  
 Sammel B. Watters,  
 Joseph J. Riggsbee,  
 Richard A. Patterson,  
 R. H. Lee,  
 James G. Cox,  
 W. M. Terrell,  
 Allen H. Lunsford,

Calvin G. Hester,  
 J. F. C. Sutton,  
 A. J. Pickard,  
 William G. Stanford,  
 Thomas J. Oldham,  
 ——— Rountree,  
 Richard J. Jones,  
 John W. Cunningham,  
 S. C. Barrett,  
 Hardy Hurdle,  
 R. O. Hargis,  
 John Newton,  
 John Jones,  
 William M. Loy,  
 W. H. Smith,  
 John C. Vanhook,  
 James R. Gattis,  
 R. B. Trim,  
 Alexander Forshee,  
 J. T. Critcher,  
 John D. Wilkerson,  
 John T. Holloway,  
 William C. Wilson,  
 A. J. McDade.

Admitted, none ; exalted, 1 ; rejected, none ; withdrawn,  
 none ; died, none ; expelled, none ; suspended, none.

## UNION CHAPTER, No. XVII—DUPLIN.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. James W. Blount,	H. P.
E. Alfred Guy,	K.
“ Joel Loftin,	S.
Comp. J. R. Ezzle,	C. II.
“ Daniel Bowden,	P. S.
“ B. O. Bowden,	R. A. C.
“ Spaight Hill,	M. 3d V.
“ J. D. Southerland,	M. 2d V.
“ Spaight Hill,	M. 1st V.
“ J. R. Hurst,	Secretary.
“ David Wright,	Treasurer.
“ T. B. Hill,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

J. W. Blount,	David Wright,
A. Guy,	Thomas Wright,
Joel Loftin,	H. F. Murphy,
J. D. Southerland,	W. J. Hill,
B. O. Bowden,	James G. Branch,
D. Bowden,	Henry Grimes,
Spaight Hill,	B. W. Williams,
David Brown,	B. F. Cobb,
J. F. Ireland,	David Cobb,
T. B. Hill,	G. W. Lamb,
M. Moore,	D. J. Middleton,
C. D. Hill,	George A. Newell,
L. F. Williams,	John W. Sevinson,
D. B. Newton,	Matthew Giles,
J. W. Hinson,	L. G. Bass,
J. F. Shines,	W. R. Ward,
D. K. Kornegay,	James F. Shines,
J. G. Dickson,	J. Q. McGowin.
A. R. Hicks,	G. W. Middleton.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Alexander Davis,  
W. F. Pollock,  
F B. Millard,

Henry W. Faison,  
Joseph R. Hatch.

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn,  
none ; died, 1 ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents  
not members, 5.

## SALISBURY CHAPTER, No. XX—SALISBURY.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Luke Blackmer,	H. P.
E. John M. Coffin,	K.
“ Samuel E. White,	S.
Comp. D. A. Davis,	C. H.
“ John B. Upshur,	P. S.
“ Martin Richwine,	R. A. C.
“ W. R. S. Burbank,	M. 3d V.
“ A. G. Brenizer,	M. 2d V.
“ C. A. Henderson,	M. 1st V.
“ Obadiah Woodson,	Secretary.
“ Joseph W. Hall,	Treasurer.
“ Samuel E. Linton,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

H. P. Allen,	William Murdock,
Thomas A. Burke,	Hugh Murdock,
William P. Burke,	E. H. Marsh,
Elam G. Blackmer,	William Myers,
W. B. Boyd,	A. M. Nesbitt,
W. H. Bailey,	Charles L. Partee,
Frederick H. Benjamin,	George Riley,

Delevan Bates,  
 Daniel Coleman,  
 Clinton A. Cilley,  
 E. R. Gibson,  
 D. W. Huneycutt,  
 John A. Holt,  
 A. G. Holder,  
 M. F. Hunt,  
 N. Hart,  
 Henry G. Kellogg,  
 John Lindsay,

J. L. Rucker,  
 John I. Shaver,  
 Charles H. Snead,  
 John Sloop,  
 George H. Snyder,  
 D. B. Wood,  
 Joseph F. Chambers,  
 James G. Ramsay,  
 M. S. McKenzie,  
 R. P. Bessent.

Admitted, 5; exalted 18; rejected, 3; withdrawn, none;  
 died, none; expelled, none; suspended none; residents not  
 members, none; whole number, 47.

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GERMANTON CHAPTER, No. XXIV—WINSTON.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	J. S. Gibson,	H. P.
	E. J. W. Hunter,	K.
	“ J. W. Jenkins,	S.
Comp.	G. H. Renegar,	C. H.
“	M. V. Fairecloth,	P. S.
“	M. J. Bodenhamer,	R. A. C.
“	R. J. Bell,	M. 3d V.
“	W. W. Phillips,	M. 2d V.
“	W. N. Gibson,	M. 1st V.
“	J. H. White,	Secretary.
“	A. H. Christman,	Treasurer.
“	W. E. Axum,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

W. E. Axum,	A. N. Leinbach,
S. Adams,	W. W. Long,
R. J. Bell,	J. Long,
M. J. Bodenhamer,	W. S. Leak,
J. A. Bitting,	J. S. Martin,
M. R. Banner,	R. H. Massay,
J. H. Bitting,	M. Masten,
A. H. Christman,	C. W. McAnelly,
J. W. Cole,	R. G. Mays,
L. D. Eberhart,	E. B. King,
J. S. Gibson,	J. B. Kingsbury,
M. H. Gwinn,	W. C. Kingsbury,
W. H. Gentry,	C. B. Ogburn,
J. H. Gentry,	M. P. Nicholson,
W. N. Gibson,	W. W. Phillips,
A. P. Gibson,	J. H. Pitts,
J. Gray,	J. F. Plunket,
W. T. Ganaway,	J. Perry,
M. V. Faircloth,	W. L. Pedicord,
P. Fetter,	W. W. Petery,
A. C. Fulp,	G. H. Renegar,
D. E. Field,	W. J. Robbins,
J. W. Hunter,	J. P. Robbins,
H. A. Holder,	E. T. Robbins,
J. H. Hester,	W. F. Swaine,
W. P. Henly,	S. F. Shelton,
C. Hauser,	J. E. Shultz,
S. C. Hill,	W. B. Stipe,
E. B. Higgins,	R. H. Smith,
P. Hutchins,	J. Styers,
B. Jones,	J. E. Shumate,
A. D. Lindsay,	J. H. White,
D. R. Leak,	J. S. White.

Admitted, none ; exalted, 9 ; rejected, 6 ; withdrawn, none ; died, none ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, none ; whole number, 67.

LOUISBURG CHAPTER, No. XXVI—FRANKLIN,

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Dr. Ellis Malone,.....	H. P.
E.	E. L. Stegall,.....	K.
"	J. J. Harper,.....	S.
Comp.	M. S. Davis,.....	C. H.
"	William Bagly,.....	P. S.
"	Harvel Harris,.....	R. A. C.
"	B. P. Clifton,.....	M. 3d V.
"	A. W. Jackson,.....	M. 2d V.
"	J. G. Dent,.....	M. 1st V.
"	W. H. Furman,.....	Secretary.
"	G. S. Baker,.....	Treasurer.
"	R. W. Stallings,.....	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Rev. Daniel Wester,	W. N. Fuller,
R. R. Boon,	Alth. Thomas,
Rev. James Reid, P. H. P.,	Gen. J. B. Littlejohn,
Rev. N. F. Reid,	T. N. Carlile,
H. H. Wester,	Calvin Stone,
J. W. Jackson,	Benj. J. King,
N. B. Massenburg,	Washington Harris,
Maderson Sykes,	James Southgate,
P. H. Joyner,	John Chamblee,
Dr. A. H. MacNair,	Jas. A. Debnam,

A. D. Williams,	Rev. Thos. W. Guthrie,
C. B. Walker,	John W. Williams,
W. K. Barham,	R. P. Overton,
W. H. Strother,	Capt. A. B. Andrews,
N. B. Walker,	J. A. Stone,
W. B. Foster,	E. A. Gupton,
Benj. H. Sorsby,	J. Wiggins,
David W. Williams,	Thomas C. Horton,
G. W. Wynn,	T. Jefferson Stokes,
W. A. Moore,	W. K. Davis,
Chas. H. Thomas,	Rev. R. S. Moran,
P. B. Hawkins,	B. P. Baker,
Thos. K. Thomas,	J. H. Whitfield,
Capt. Jas. J. Davis,	Rev. Moses J. Hunt,
R. F. Yarborough,	Simon G. Hayes.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Rev. William Closs.

Admitted, 29; exalted, 29; rejected, 1; withdrawn, none; died, 6; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, 1; whole number, 62.

## MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, No. XXVII—WILSON.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	C. J. Rountree,.....	H. P.
E.	Joseph J. Bynum,.....	K.
“	Arthur Barnes,.....	S.
Comp.	Albert Farmer,.....	C. H.
“	Larry D. Farmer,.....	P. S.
“	Samuel B. Farmer,.....	R. A. C.
“	J. W. Dunham,.....	M. 3d V.
“	F. W. Taylor,.....	M. 2d V.
“	A. J. Daniel,.....	M. 1st V.
“	Geo. W. Blount,.....	Secretary.
“	H. M. Thompson,.....	Treasurer.
“	H. W. Peel,.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Wm. P. Applewhite,	A. E. Gill,
J. W. Aycock,	Geo. H. Griffin,
D. W. Barnes,	Willis N. Hackney,
B. H. Bardin,	William Hinnant,
W. J. Bullock,	J. J. Hales,
R. H. Baker,	Robt. D. Johnston,
P. P. Clark,	Henry King,
T. C. Davis,	W. M. King,
Harrington Daniel,	James W. May,
Willie Daniel,	W. B. Mangum,
W. A. Duggan,	James H. Rentfrow,
L. J. DeBerry,	B. C. Strickland,
J. T. Edgeston,	A. J. Simms,
Moses Farmer,	Jno. G. Williams,
Isaac B. Farmer,	S. M. Warren.
Jacob Fiedler,	



P. H. Williams,	Jos. McCadams,
Thos. E. Roberts,	Albert Murray,
Robert Linnin,	Thos. Shelton,
C. Davis,	Jno. C. Vincent,
T. C. Faust,	J. C. Sunner,
D. P. Leagen,	R. T. Berry,
Wm. Patterson,	Isham Asheworth,
W. A. Holt,	G. Rosenthall,
E. F. Watson, P. E. H. P.,	A. M. Ricaud,
Jno. H. Klapp,	— McCoy,
C. N. Roney,	Dr. Jno. A. Moore,
T. J. Fowler,	Charles Parmento,
E. W. Beale,	Peter Smith,
D. A. Carter,	Z. M. Foust,
T. J. Hudson,	A. A. Crutchfield,
T. H. Robinson,	J. M. Klapp,
Thos. T. Tate,	W. S. Long,
J. L. Scott,	W. J. Murray,
C. N. Creedle,	Dr. J. K. Ruffin,
W. P. Lane,	Jno. S. Faucett,
R. T. Nutt,	Geo. W. Fulmer,
Alfred Short,	R. R. Lutterloh,
J. S. Vincent,	H. M. Foust,
Levi Vincent,	Levi S. Brauson,
G. M. Hazell,	Sylvester Spoon.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Dr. D. A. Montgomery,	A. T. Jerkins,
E. Wilkes,	W. H. Trott.

Exalted, 6 ; rejected, 2 ; withdrawn, 2 ; died, 1 ; expelled, none ; suspended, 1 ; residents not members, 4 ; whole number, 80.

## GOLDSBORO' CHAPTER, No. XXIX—GOLDSBORO'.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Eli W. Hines,.....	H. P.
	E. J. J. Baker,.....	K.
	“ Wm. Robinson,.....	S.
Comp.	M. D. Craton,.....	C. H.
“	W. F. Kornegay,.....	P. S.
“	R. S. Moore,.....	R. A. C.
“	E. B. Wood,.....	M. 3d V.
“	J. C. Borden,.....	M. 2d V.
“	J. W. Davis,.....	M. 1st V.
“	J. B. Griswold,.....	Secretary.
“	C. F. Dewey,.....	Treasurer.
“	J. G. Parker,.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

T. T. Hollowell,	Louis Hummill,
J. F. Kennedy,	Samuel Loftin,
D. A. Powell,	Lovit Louis,
J. C. Rhodes,	John Spelman,
Nathan Adams,	E. A. Wright,
W. A. Thompson,	H. Weil,
F. C. Pulrick,	Theodore Whitfield,
M. K. Crawford,	W. W. Crawford,
J. W. Gulick,	Theophilus Edwards.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

John E. Becton,	William H. Moore.
Stephen D. Pool,	

Admitted, 11 ; exalted, 10 ; rejected, 6 ; withdrawn, none ; died, 6 ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, 3 ; whole number, 30.

## WADESBORO' CHAPTER, No. XXXI—WADESBORO'.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Robert T. Hall,	.....	H. P.
	E. Presley N. Smith,	.....	K.
	“ John Boylin,	.....	S.
Comp.	John A. Gale,	.....	C. H.
	“ Samuel W. Neal,	.....	P. S.
	“ William A. Liles,	.....	R. A. C.
	“ James Tillman,	.....	M. 3d V.
	“ Benj. C. Hutchinson,	.....	M. 2d V.
	“ John Ruscoe,	.....	M. 1st V.
	“ Frank Darley,	.....	Secretary.
	“ Johnson R. Hargrave,	.....	Treasurer.
	“ Edmund Hutchinson,	.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS

J. B. Ashcraft,	E. R. Liles,
W. O. Bennett,	John H. Liles, P. M.,
A. C. Benton,	Rev. A. C. Moore,
Jno. G. Benton,	M. A. Murr,
O. P. Bennett,	Dr. A. Myers,
Rev. D. Barentine, M. E. M.,	Rev. M. A. McKibben,
Jas. C. Caraway,	Jno. C. McLaughlin,
John Cowick,	Rev. R. R. Pegues,
B. F. Clark,	Dr. H. W. Robinson,
A. B. Cason,	Wm. S. Richardson,
Dr. T. L. Doster,	Jas. P. Richardson,
H. M. Diggs, M. M.,	Rev. J. B. Richardson,
Jesse Edwards,	Dr. W. C. Ramsey,
Thomas Gullledge,	W. A. Redfearn, M. M.,
Rev. J. R. Griffith,	Rev. A. L. Stough,
Wm. S. Hendley,	B. F. Smith,
Dr. W. F. Harlee,	George A. Smith,
T. F. C. Hinson, M. M.,	Charles E. Smith,
Dr. A. L. Jackson,	W. A. Smith,

J. L. A. Jackson,	James F. Streater,
B. F. Knott,	E. H. Streater,
E. F. Kendall,	D. L. Saylor,
B. D. Kendall,	E. A. Sturdivant,
W. P. Kendall, Jr.,	W. L. Tillman,
Rev. F. M. Kennedy,	Tillman A. Vestal,
Nathaniel Knight,	Joseph White,
Alexander Little,	Levin Woolen.
Wm. B. Little,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

W. R. Davis.

Admitted, none ; exalted, 25 ; rejected, 1 ; withdrawn, none ; died, 2 ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, 1 ; whole number, 68.

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 DAVIE CHAPTER, No. XXXII—MOCKSVILLE.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	A. A. Harbin,	H. P.
E.	J. M. Clement,	K.
"	B. Bailey,	S.
Comp.	John Taylor,	C. H.
"	Samuel A. Kelly,	P. S.
"	Ebenezer Frost,	R. A. C.
"	Albert C. Kelly,	M. 3d V.
"	Jeremiah Wellman,	M. 2d V.
"	William F. Kelly,	M. 1st V.
"	Jas. M. Johnson,	Secretary.
"	Beal Ijams,	Treasurer.
"	Cheshire Sain,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

A. M. Boor,	Robt. Rose,
G. W. Johnson,	Wm. Rieves,
Jas. A. Kelly,	Rev. W. C. Gannon,
H. R. Austin,	P. N. Dulin,
Casper Sain,	Jonathan Smith,
G. W. Campbell,	J. M. Turner,
J. W. Gray,	Oliver Henly,
Jas. McGuire,	Addison Henly,
Beal I. Smith,	R. D. Brown,
W. B. McMellen,	Chas. Anderson,
W. F. McMahan,	Wm. O. Smith,
W. H. Phelps,	S. W. Naylor,
Hamon Critz,	John W. Clifford,
Denton Ijams,	Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick,
S. J. Hanes,	Wm. A. Luckie,
John Idol,	D. C. Clement,
P. F. Meroney,	Rev. R. G. Barrett,
F. M. Johnson,	Rev. W. D. Mecham,
P. R. Martin,	L. Rowan Rose,
R. F. Cain,	Wm. H. Wyatt,
J. L. Smith,	Thos. F. Maxwell.

Admitted, 1; exalted, 4; rejected, none; withdrawn, 1; died, none; expelled, 2; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, 54.

## LEXINGTON CHAPTER, No. XXXV—LEXINGTON.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	George Riley,	.....	H. P.
	E. Lewis Gumb,	.....	K.
	“ A. C. Hege,	.....	S.
Comp.	W. D. Lindsay,	.....	C. H.
	“ B. Y. Hunt,	.....	P. S.
	“ J. P. Stinson,	.....	R. A. C.
	“ W. C. B. Leonard,	.....	M. 3d V.
	“ Hampton Horney,	.....	M. 2d V.
	“ A. G. Foster,	.....	M. 1st V.
	“ R. L. Payne,	.....	Treasurer.
	“ T. F. Grimes,	.....	Secretary.
	“ D. W. Wagoner,	.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

William B. March,	James W. Haden,
E. D. Hampton,	J. D. Spicer,
J. H. Shelton,	Middleton Jones,
R. S. Shelby,	S. G. Strickland,
A. H. March,	Lewis Hilliard.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

W. D. Mecham.

Admitted, none; exalted, 1; rejected, 2; died, 1; residents not members, 1; whole number, 23.

## WM. G. HILL CHAPTER, XXXVII—MOUNT ENERGY.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Burnace Walker,	.....	H. P.
E. L. H. Bullock,	.....	K.
“ John Peed,	.....	S.
“ Dr. Eugene Grissom,	.....	C. H.
Comp. Allen Bailey,	.....	P. S.
“ Dennis Tilley,	.....	R. A. C.
“ D. H. Whitfield,	.....	M. 3d V.
“ John J. Bobbitt,	.....	M. 2d V.
“ B. F. Bullock, jr.,	.....	M. 1st V.
“ L. T. Smith,	.....	Secretary.
“ Rufus Babbitt,	.....	Treasurer.
“ H. F. Parrott,	.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

B. F. Bullock, sr.,	W. N. Harriss,
E. Dally,	D. C. White,
W. H. Jones,	B. B. Hester,
W. R. Suit,	John Fleming.
Norman Long,	

Exalted, 11 ; rejected, 2 ; withdrawn, none ; died, none ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, none ; whole number, 21.

## CASWELL CHAPTER, No. XXXVIII—KINSTON.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Robt. H. Rountree,.....	H. P.
	E. Wm. W. Dunn,.....	K.
"	J. F. I. Sutton,.....	S.
Comp.	B. F. Parrott,.....	C. H.
"	S. H. Rountree,.....	P. S.
"	L. J. Mewborn,.....	R. A. C.
"	John H. Coward,.....	M. 3d V.
"	Wm. J. Pope,.....	M. 2d V.
"	J. G. Cox,.....	M. 1st V.
"	S. B. Turnage,.....	Secretary.
"	Dr. W. C. Brown,.....	Treasurer.
"	Warren Kilpatrick,.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Wm. Sutton,	Dr. T. A. Woodley,
Joseph Dixon,	Jas. M. Parrott,
Wm. C. Loftin,	F. M. Harper.
Simon E. Hodges,	Samuel R. Harper.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Levi Thorne,	Levi A. Mewborn, sr.,
Wilson B. Reid,	James M. Hones.

Exalted, 11; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died 1; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, 4; whole number, 20.

## CLINTON CHAPTER, No. XL--CLINTON.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Hugh McAlpin,.....	H. P.
E. John Vann,.....	K.
Comp. Allen M. Blackburn,.....	S.
“ L. C. Graves,.....	C. H.
“ Everett Peterson, .....	P. S.
“ Wm. F. Stradella,.....	R. A. C.
“ J. R. Beaman,.....	M. 3d V.
“ A. S. C. Powell,.....	M. 2d V.
“ B. Matthews,.....	M. 1st V.
“ J. A. Oates,.....	Secretary.
“ A. B. Chesnutt,.....	Treasurer.
“ A. S. C. Powell,.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Dr. Wm. J. Thomson,	Dr. D. R. Parker,
L. A. Powell,	Joel Jackson,
Wm. H. Herring,	Jesse Wilson,
C. P. Johnson,	Fleet Cooper.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Dr. Jas. A. Bizzell,	Dr. Thos. J. Boykin.
Peter Frederick,	

Exalted, 6; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, 3; whole number, 23.

RICHARD WAT. YORK CHAPTER, No. XLI—  
LASSITER'S  $\bowtie$  ROADS.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Richard Wat. York,	.....H. P.
E.	C. R. Scott,	.....K.
"	A. C. Council,	.....S.
Comp.	S. G. Willson,	.....C. H.
"	Anderson Johnson,	.....P. S.
"	Harman Sears,	.....R. A. C.
"	R. C. Council,	.....M. 3d V.
"	Jarrett Broadwell,	.....M. 2d V.
"	M. K. Herndon,	.....M. 1st V.
"	Jno. E. Fearington,	.....Secretary.
"	S. Upchurch,	.....Treasurer.
"	M. D. Williams,	.....Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Hiram Mason,	L. B. Yates,
Edward Mason,	Bellfield Jenkins.
G. J. Williams,	

Exalted, 1; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none;  
expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none;  
whole number, 17.

# CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS.

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WILMINGTON, June 5th, A. D. 1866, A. I. 2396.

A Convention of High Priests assembled in St. John's Hall.

## PRESENT.

- M. E. A. Martin,.....President.  
“ J. W. Blount,.....Master of Ceremonies.  
“ E. F. Watson,.....Conductor.
- Ex-Comp. W. J. Hicks, of Raleigh.....Chapter No. 10  
“ Burnace Walker, of Wm. G. Hill... “ No. 37  
“ C. J. Rountree, of Mt. Lebanon.... “ No. 27  
“ H. McAlpin, of Clinton..... “ No. 40  
“ R. H. Rountree, of Caswell..... “ No. 38  
“ Thos. B. Carr, of Concord..... “ No. 1

Presented their certificates of election as High Priests of their respective Chapters, and were consecrated High Priests of the Order of Melchisedec, in solemn form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Recorder.*

# Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON, }  
June 5th, 1866, A. Dep. 2866. }

A Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in form.

Comp. Alfred Martin (by request of Comp.

- Murdock,).....M. P. G. M., *pro tem.*  
“ C. A. Cilley, 32 . . ., .....T. I. D. G. M., *pro tem.*  
“ Wm. Murdock,.....G. P. C. W.  
“ L. H. Bullock,.....G. T., *pro tem.*  
“ T. B. Carr,.....G. R., *pro tem.*  
“ Wm. J. Hicks, 32 . . ., .....G. C. G., *pro tem.*  
“ M. Bowes, 32 . . ., .....G. C. of the Council *p. t.*  
“ P. M. Smith,.....G. S., *pro tem.*

Visitors: J. W. Blount, E. F. Watson 32 . . ., and G. B. Waterhouse, 33 . . .

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comp. T. B. Carr Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on credentials beg leave to report the following representatives as legally entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

- Comp. A. Martin, T. I. G. M., Wilmington Council, No. 4.  
“ Wm. Murdock, I. H. T., Adoniram “ No. 2.  
“ C. A. Cilley, Proxy for T. I. G. M., “ “  
“ P. N. Smith, Representative, Alpha “ No. 1.

THOS. B. CARR, *Committee.*

Comp. A. Martin, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws (appointed at the last Annual Convocation), presented the following, which was adopted as the Constitution and By-Laws, for the government of this Grand Council:

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters  
OF  
NORTH CAROLINA,  
Adopted June 7th, 1866.

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ORGANIZATION.

ART. 1. This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Puissant Grand Master, Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master, Ill. G. P. Cond. of the Works, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Cap. of the Guard, Grand C. of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the past Most P. Grand Masters, T. I. Deputy Grand Masters, Ill. G. P. Cond. of the Work, and the three principal officers for the time being, of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council. All of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

ART. 2. The regular convocations of this Grand Council shall be held in Wilmington, N. C., on the first Tuesday in June, of each and every year. And in case of the absence of the M. P. Grand Master, the Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master or Ill. G. P. C., or either of them, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. In the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Grand Officer of those grades present; and if there be none of the Past Grand Officers of the rank above named present, then the first officer of the oldest Subordinate Council present shall have power and authority to preside, and the representatives of Three Subordinate Councils shall constitute a quorum. If, on the day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Council from day to-day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if there be not a quorum present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the day for the next Annual Convocation, unless sooner or especially convened.

## TIME OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers of this Grand Council shall be chosen at each regular Annual Convocation for the term of one year. But should the Annual Convocation not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their offices until others are chosen, and the Most Puissant G. Master, or in his absence the Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they may deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Councils shall have due and timely notice.

## VOTES.

ART. 4. All questions before this Grand Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

## ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES.

ART. 5. The Constitutional Officers of this Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Sentinel, who, together with the Grand Lecturer, shall be appointed by the Most Puissant G. Master. All of whom shall be installed before the closing of the Grand Communication. And in case of the death or removal from this jurisdiction of any of the officers of rank below the then superior Grand officer, the vacancy may be filled by such superior officer.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

ART. 6. None but Royal and Select Masters, holding membership in a Subordinate Council, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall act as representative. Nor shall any person represent more than two Subordinate Councils, at any Grand Communication.

## VOTING.

ART. 7. The Constitutional Grand and past Grand officers shall, each, have one vote, and each Subordinate Council, by its representative, or representatives, three votes in this Grand Council. When the three principal officers are present, representing their Councils, they shall each have one vote; if two only, the highest in rank shall have two votes, and the other one vote. If but one be present he shall cast the vote of the Council, and should any Subordinate Council fail to appoint a delegate in season, the Thrice Ill. Master, for the time being, if unable to attend, shall have power to appoint a proxy to represent his Council.

## GRAND LECTURER.

ART. 8. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Most Puissant G. Master, under the seal of the Grand Council, attested by the Grand Reorder; and the Councils by which he may be employed shall make him such compensation as may be agreed upon by the parties. He shall make no alterations in the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Council.

## TREASURER AND RECORDER.

ART. 9. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall have their Books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Communication, and a committee shall be appointed on the first day of the meeting for that purpose, who shall report before any election takes place.

## DISPENSATIONS.

ART. 10. Petitions for warrants to open new Councils must be signed by nine Select Masters, living within the jurisdiction, and accompanied by a certificate from the Council within the State, nearest the contemplated location of the new Council, vouching for the Masonic abilities and moral character of the petitioners, and recommending that a charter be granted; and the Most Puissant Grand Master, or the Ill. Deputy Grand Master may, upon such petition, if approved, grant his Dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Grand Annual Communication, succeeding, when said Council shall petition for a charter, unless, for good and satisfactory reasons, this warrant shall be continued, and if no application is made at the succeeding Grand Annual Communication, for a charter, said warrant shall then be revoked.

## FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

ART. 11. The fees for a warrant for a new Council shall be Thirty Dollars, of which the the Grand Recorder shall receive Five Dollars; and no warrant shall be granted until the fee is paid, which fee shall be in full, both for the warrant and charter, should one be issued.

## DUES OF SUBORDINATES.

ART. 12. The several Councils under this Grand Council, shall pay for the support thereof into the hands of the Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of Ten Dollars: *Provided*, That Councils under dispensation shall pay nothing for the time that may elapse between the date of such Dispensation, and the next succeeding Grand Annual Communication. But in case of the extension of the warrant, they shall pay the fee as a Council under charter, for the time that the warrant may have been extended.

## CHANGE OF LOCATION.

ART. 13. No Council under this jurisdiction shall change its location without the concurrence of this Grand Council, and the recommendation of the Council nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

## RETURNS.

ART. 14. Every Council under this Grand jurisdiction shall make returns annually to the Grand Recorder, at each Grand Annual Convocation, of the names of their officers, and members, together with all admissions, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any

Council, under this jurisdiction, shall fail to assemble during any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above and pay its dues, then and in that case, the said Council shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Council, its Charter, Records, Jewels and Furniture, together with its money, and all other property of every kind and description.

#### APPLICATIONS.

ART. 15. The application of every candidate for the degrees, in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and recommended by a member of said Council, and the said application shall lay over for the consideration of the members at least one meeting, unless by a unanimous vote of the members present it shall be determined to ballot on said petition at the time it is presented; and no Council, under this jurisdiction, shall confer the degrees for a less sum than Ten Dollars, which fee must, in all cases, accompany the petition.

#### ADMISSIONS TO MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 16. No Council, under this jurisdiction, shall admit to membership, any person who is a member of, or in arrears to another Council, nor without a demit from the Council of which he was last a member.

#### DEGREES AND JURISDICTION.

ART. 17. No Council, under this jurisdiction, shall confer the degrees or entertain the petition of any person who is a resident of another Grand or Subordinate Jurisdiction, without the written permission and recommendation of the Council nearest his place of residence.

#### IRREGULAR COUNCILS.

ART. 18. No Council within this jurisdiction acting without a warrant from this Grand Council, shall be deemed lawful, and all communication with such Council, and with any person made therein, is hereby strictly forbidden, under a penalty of expulsion; or, in the case of a Council, the arrest of its Charter.

#### JURISDICTION.

ART. 19. This Grand Council shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy, between its Subordinate Councils, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy arising therein.

#### TRIALS.

ART. 20. The trial of all Masonic officers before any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be conducted according to the rules laid down in the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, under Article 24.

#### AMENDMENTS.

ART. 21. No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be made at any other than a regular Communication.

## REPEAL.

ART. 22. All former Constitutions of this Grand Council are hereby repealed.

On motion of Comp. Murdock, it was

*Resolved*, That all Select Masters present be invited to seats in this Grand Council.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows :

Comp. W. J. Hicks, 32 . . . ,	.....	M. P. G. Master.
“ Luke Blackmer,.....		T. I. G. M.
“ C. A. Cilley, 32 . . . ,	.....	I. G. P. C. W.
“ T. W. Brown,.....		G. Treas.
“ T. B. Carr,.....		G. Recorder.
“ Wm. Murdock,.....		G. C. G.
“ E. F. Watson, 32 . . . ,	.....	G. C. C.
“ P. N. Smith,.....		G. S.

Comps. J. W. Blount and L. H. Bullock, were healed.

On motion of Comp. Cilley, it was

*Resolved*, That all dues in arrears from Subordinate Councils be remitted on the payment of Ten Dollars by each Council.

On motion of Comp. Bowes, it was

*Resolved*, That Ill. Comp. Geo. B. Waterhouse, Sov. G. Ins. Gen. of the 33d . . . , be invited to install the officers of this Grand Council.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That all the Subordinate Councils, in this jurisdiction, now under dispensation, be required to surrender their dispensations to this Grand Council, at its next Annual Convocation, and receive at that time a Charter from this Grand Body.

The Grand Officers were then installed by Ill. Comp. Geo. B. Waterhouse, S. . . G. . . I. . . G. . . 33d . . .

The M. P. appointed Comp. C. A. Cilley Grand Lecturer.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council was closed in form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Recorder.*

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OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

## M. G. Grand Royal Arch Chapter

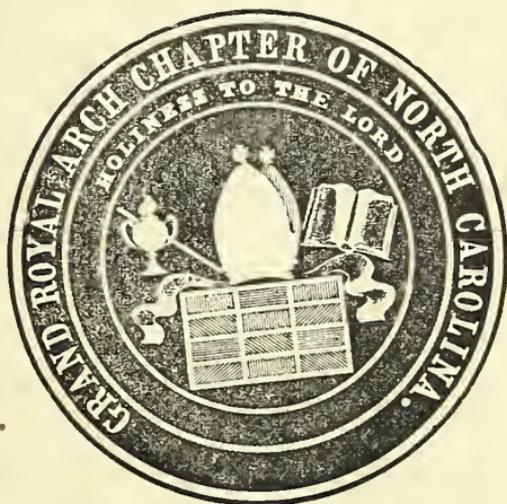
OF

## NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF WILMINGTON,

Tuesday, June 4, A. L., 5867; A. I., 2397; A. D., 1867.



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You are hereby ordered to cause these Proceedings of the Grand Chapter to be read in your Chapter within two months after receipt.

ALFRED MARTIN, *G. H. P.*

Attest:

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

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## NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

# M. C. Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF

## NORTH CAROLINA,

BEGUN AND HELD IN ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON,  
ON TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF JUNE,

A. L., 5867, A. I., 2397, A. D., 1867.

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PRESENT:

M. E. Comp.	Alfred Martin, . . . . .	G. H. P.
E. "	Wm. Robinson, . . . . .	G. K.
E. "	W. J. Hicks, . . . . .	G. S.
E. "	T. W. Brown, . . . . .	G. Treas.
E. "	Thomas B. Carr, . . . . .	G. Secretary.
"	Burnace Walker, . . . . .	G. C. H.
Rev. "	Hugh McAlpin, . . . . .	G. Chaplain.
"	Robt. H. Rountree, . . . . .	G. P. S., Pro. tem.
"	W. W. Dunn, . . . . .	G. R. A. C. "
"	John Nichols, . . . . .	G. M. 3d V. "
"	J. W. Blount, . . . . .	G. M. 2d V.
"	Wm. Murdock, . . . . .	G. M. 1st V. Pro tem.
"	E. Turlington, . . . . .	G. Tyler, "

Comp's. Robt. H. Rountree, B. T. Strickland, W. C. Brown,  
H. H. Munson, Jacob Lyon, Alex. McRae, Sr., J. H. Separk,  
J. L. Scott, J. B. Southerland, A. P. Repiton, J. W. Gulick.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. appointed the following *Committee on Credentials*:—James W. Blount, W. W. Dunn and Hugh McAlpin.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which, on motion of Comp. J. D. Southerland, was received and adopted, and the Committee continued with power to amend the report from time to time, as the delegates arrive:

The Committee on Credentials report the following Representatives, for their respective Chapters, as legally entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

Concord	Chapter, No. 1	T. B. Carr, H. P., T. M. Gardner, K.
Raleigh	“ “ 10	W. J. Hicks, H. P., John Nichols, K., J. H. Separk, Proxy for S.
Choraizin	“ “ 13	John W. Howlett, H. P. and Rep.
Union	“ “ 17	James W. Blount, H. P., and Rep.
Salisbury,	“ “ 20	Wm. Murdock, K. and Rep.
Mt. Lebanon	“ “ 27	Alfred Martin, Rep.
Graham	“ “ 28	J. L. Scott, H. P. and Rep.
Goldsboro'	“ “ 29	J. W. Gulick, H. P. and Rep.
Wadesboro'	“ “ 31	A. Paul Repiton, Rep.
Davie	“ “ 32	Wm. Murdock, Proxy for H. P. and Rep.
Wm. G Hill	“ “ 37	Burnace Walker, H. P. and Rep.
Caswell,	“ “ 38	R. H. Rountree, H. P., W. W. Dunn, K., Dr. W. C. Brown, Proxy for S.
Clinton	“ “ 40	Hugh McAlpin, H. P. and Rep.

J. W. BLOUNT.

HUGH McALPIN.

W. W. DUNN.

On motion of Comp. Nichols, it was

*Resolved*, That the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Convocation be dispensed with, each member being furnished with a copy.

On motion of Comp. McAlpin, it was

*Resolved*, That all Royal Arch Masons in the City, who are in regular standing, be invited to visit the Grand Chapter during its present convocation.

The M. E. appointed the following Committees:

*On Unfinished Business*—Comps. Robt. H. Rountree, J. W. Gulick and J. L. Scott.

*On Charters and Dispensations*—Comps. Burnace Walker, John Nichols and W. J. Hicks.

*On Returns and Proceedings*—J. H. Separk, Wm. Murdock and John Nichols.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 3 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

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TUESDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report: That they have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Annual Convocation, and find nothing requiring the action of this Grand Body at this time, except the reports of the following Committees, viz: On Foreign Correspondence, Finance, and Work.

Respectfully,

ROBT. H. ROUNTREE,

J. L. SCOTT,

J. W. GULICK.

Comp. Wm. Murdock presented an appeal from an expelled Companion of Asheville Chapter, No. 25, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. Murdock, Separk and Dunn.

On motion of Comp. J. W. Blount, it was

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of dues and arrearages of subordinate Chapters, and report to this Grand Chapter.

*Committee* :—Comps. Gardner, Separk and Nichols.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The undersigned Committee appointed on Returns and Proceedings, beg leave to report: That they have examined the Returns of the following Chapters, and find them in proper form, viz:

Concord No. 1 Wilmington; Raleigh No. 10, Raleigh; Salisbury No. 20, Salisbury; Mr. Lebanon No. 27, Wilson; Wadesboro' No. 31, Wadesboro'; Caswell No. 38, Kinston.

The following are in form, but without seal :

Graham No. 28, Graham ; Mt. Ararat No. 3, Murfreesboro' ; Union No. 17, Bear Swamp, Duplin County ; Clinton No. 40, Clinton ; W. G. Hill No. 37, Granville County ; Asheville No. 25, Asheville ; Louisburg No. 26, Louisburg ; Oxford No. 8, Oxford ; Choraizin No. 13, Greensboro'.

Cherokee Chapter No. 14, sends up returns but without seal, and to some extent informal. From a communication accompanying the returns, it seems that this Chapter ceased to work during the late war, on account of the presence of the Federal army, and by a late resolution of this Grand Chapter, their charter was forfeited. They are now anxious to resume work under their old charter, and ask that they be permitted to do so, and that no dues be charged for the time the Chapter was not at work. The Committee recommend that their petition be granted.

Oxford Chapter No. 8, petitions the Grand Chapter to remit their dues for the time they were not at work. It seems that this Chapter ceased to work about the first of 1861, when many of the members were called off in the army ; and did not resume work until about June, 1865. We recommend that this Chapter be charged dues only from the time they resumed work in 1865.

Eureka Chapter No. 7, sends up no returns, but a petition that they be permitted to resume work under their old charter. This Chapter ceased to work in 1862, when the City of Newbern was occupied by Federal troops, since which time the Chapter has been dormant.

The Committee recommend that Eureka Chapter No. 7, be empowered to resume work under their old charter, and be charged with dues from the date of this Grand Convocation.

J. H. SEPAK,  
WM. MURDOCK,  
JOHN NICHOLS

On motion by Comp. Dunn, it was

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Chapter at the Convocation in 1860, requiring that "returns of no subordinate Chapter be received except the seal is attached thereto," be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Comp. J. L. Scott offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Arrearages and Dues :

*Resolved*, That the order of this Grand Chapter making the annual dues of subordinate Chapters \$15 in specie be rescinded, and \$10 in currency substituted.

Comp. T. B. Carr offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Arrearages and Dues :

*Resolved*, That the dues of Choraizin Chapter No. 13, for the years 1865 and 1866, be remitted.

The M. E. High Priest presented the following Address, which was referred to a Special Committee to report on the various subjects contained therein. *Committee*—Companions Gardner, Howlett and Scott:

## A D D R E S S .

### COMPANIONS:—

Time was when our Grand Annual Convocations were joyous and happy occasions. When your chief officer could greet you with congratulations upon the prosperity of our country, and of our Institution. It is not so now. Two years since, when we assembled in this Hall, there hung around each heart the drapery of a great affliction, the din of war had scarcely ceased to re-verberate along our shores and through our land, the smoke of mighty battles, the dust of the deadly conflict still lingered on the distant horizon, disclosing, as in spectral wreathes it floated away, scenes of horror and desolation, the recollection of which will haunt with distinct and painful impressions the memory of this generation until time shall have shrouded it in the ashes of the tomb. A painfully anxious expression of inquiry, as to what could be done? was the distinguishing characteristic of every face; yet no member ventured to ask the question which he felt that none could answer. Hope darted no ray into the heart of any. Chiff and cheerless despair brooded over that small assembly. Each had some tale of horror—of death—of desolation and destitution to recite. The hand of charity, that had ever been stretched out from our institution for the relief of the suffering and destitute, was paralyzed. Suffering thousands, who would once have looked to us with confidence for relief, had their necessities required it, beheld with mute despair our desolated Fanes and ruined fortunes, and asked not the boon which they saw too plainly, that we had not the power to bestow.

A year of anxiety and suffering passed away, and again our little band assembled here to consider what had been done, and what might yet be done for the interests of the craft. The intervening time had served only to develop more fully the extent and magnitude of the great calamity, the utter prostration of all ranks, and the hopeless condition of our people, and of our institution. Less than one-fourth of our Chapters were represented at that convocation, and more than one-half failed to make their returns. Of those that failed, a very large majority are no doubt hopelessly prostrated.

Now, my Companions, revolving time has brought us together once more. Another year of anxiety, of toil and of gloom, has been numbered with the past! Yet no mortal eye can penetrate the darkness that veils our future. I can, in sincerity, utter no word of cheer. To inspire confidence in the possibility of our ever reaching again the high position from which we have fallen, we have naught save hope. But what have we left to inspire hope? Nothing save life, and the ability to struggle, and to suffer with, and for, those whom we love; to make our petitions to that Being to whom alone we may now look for succor; and by our faith, our patience and our devotion, endeavor to merit the boon for which we ask. If it may please Him to harken to our petitions, and to stand our friend, then may we again light the fires upon our altars—again may our convocations be opened with hymns of praise and thanksgiving, and, I trust, with

more of heartfelt gratitude, than characterized them in the days of our former prosperity. Let us, therefore, with humble contrition, and earnest, fervent invocation, seek those blessings whence alone we may hope to obtain them.

During the year that has just closed, there has been no cheering indications of reviving interest from any part of our jurisdiction. No token of returning life from any, save one, of our dormant Chapters—no intimation of a purpose, or hope of resuscitating any one of them, except Eureka No. 7, at Newbern. Nor has there been any petitions for the organization of new Chapters. None of those Chapters effected by the resolution adopted at our last convocation declaring their charters forfeited, have taken any notice of our action. We may therefore consider twenty-two of the forty-two chartered Chapters as dormant.

At the last convocation, the Grand Chapter determined to revise the work; and with the expectation that changes would be made, I did not suppose that there would be any call for the services of the Grand Lecturer until after the work had been adopted. I had no one upon whom I could impose the duty of collecting the forfeited charters and effects of the delinquent Chapters referred to in the resolution of the last convocation, without incurring an expense greater in amount than the value of the property likely to be recovered. I therefore thought it advisable to defer it until the Grand Lecturer should be sent out to disseminate the work to be adopted at this meeting, and then invest him with authority to perform that duty. Besides, the resolution contains a condition upon which it may or may not be enforced, without stating whether the reasons governing the decision should be heard and determined upon by the Grand Chapter or by the Grand High Priest. I therefore ordered a special notice sent to each, to appear at this meeting and show cause, if any there be, why that edict should not be enforced.

I trust that the Committee appointed to revise the work will be prepared to report something that will meet the views of the members; and that when it shall have been adopted, there will be no more efforts or propositions to change it. There is nothing more perplexing or discouraging to our subordinates than the agitation of this question. When they have spent their means in employing Lecturers, and their time in learning the work, to find that it has been all in vain; that they must begin again to spend money for teachers, and time in learning that which they supposed they knew already, they become discouraged and lose their interest in it—weigh the time and money lost against the prospective advantages of keeping up the organization,—and let the Chapter go down. For the old man, who has for years been an officer of the Chapter, and a teacher of the work, after retiring from the active duties of office to visit his Chapter and find those whom he left in charge—his own pupils, whom he considered entirely proficent—practising something new and strange to him, and to be informed that he must come and learn of them; that his teaching was all wrong, is extremely trying to his patience and to his faith in the stability of anything committed to man's keeping or control.

If we desire or expect, that we shall ever have perfect uniformity throughout our jurisdiction, when we have determined upon what the work shall be, we must at the same time adopt a constitutional provision, that no Chapter within this jurisdiction shall practise any other after the opportunity shall have been tendered to her of obtaining that work, under the penalty of the forfeiture of her charter. Having done that, we should then appoint a Custodian, whose duty it should be to teach the Lecturers, examine them from time to time, and, as far as practicable, their work at least once in each and every year, and report to the Grand High Priest any incompetency or deviation from the system which

they may have been authorized to teach. Under such a regulation, we might in two years from this time, with the small number of Chapters in the State, secure entire uniformity. We might, by adopting such measures, lose some of our Chapters, but that loss would be trifling in comparison with the great object to be obtained. When the delegates to this Grand Chapter can see that there is perfect uniformity in the work throughout the State, we shall hear no more propositions to revise or change it. A visit of one or two days annually by the Grand Lecturer, will be sufficient to correct any errors into which the Chapters may have fallen, by the change of officers; and the tax upon their treasury, and the time of the officers, will be very materially reduced; while the interest, zeal and efficiency of the craft will be correspondingly increased.

Companions, we must not permit the cheerless prospect before us to paralyze our energies, or cause us to sink into despondency; but take for example the indomitable will, the persevering efforts, and the energizing faith of our ancient brethren, who accomplished the great and glorious work of re-building the Temple at Jerusalem, under so many seemingly insurmountable dangers and difficulties. Twenty years have scarcely passed since the foundation of this second Temple of Royal Arch masonry was laid in North Carolina. For seventeen years it had lain in ruins. When we commenced that work, there were but three Chapters that had survived the crusade of anti-masonry. When this last great calamity came upon us, we had forty-two. We have now twenty, with which to resume the work, and though we have difficulties to overcome, such as we have never before been called upon to encounter, a desolated and distracted country, an oppressed and impoverished people; yet if we are true to ourselves and to our institution, we shall triumph at last. We must look beyond the short remnant of life remaining to many of us, for the fruit of our future efforts in this great work. No good man lives for himself alone. He labors for posterity as well, looking for his reward in that eternal world where no fortuitous circumstances or human power can wrest from him the fruits thereof, or mar his perpetual enjoyment of the blessed store. It is of little consequence to him whether posterity may bless his memory or forget his name, so that he bears with him the consciousness that a fair proportion of the labors of this life was devoted to the welfare of those who are to succeed him upon its stage, when he makes his exit for eternity.

In conclusion, my Companions, I tender to you the assurance of a high appreciation of that confidence which governed your action in conferring upon me the office of High Priest, at our last convocation, and of my regret that my administration has not been crowned with more cheering results. I confess to you that I accepted the trust with many doubts, as to the wisdom of your choice, some fears that other public duties, and the accumulating cares and responsibilities of my profession, might render it impossible for me to devote that attention to the duties of the office, which I saw that the condition of our jurisdiction demanded. Every day's experience since has confirmed me in the opinion that I then entertained and expressed. I feel assured that you will require no stronger proof of the deep interest that I have taken in masonry, than the fact, that for twenty-five years consecutively, I have served in some important office of the institution. My zeal and my love for the order has in nowise abated. I regret that I cannot say the same of my physical abilities. But looking to the amount of labor demanded by the present condition of our jurisdiction, I must urge upon you the importance, yes, the absolute necessity, of selecting some Companion who has within his control more of his time than I can command of mine, and whose mental and physical capacities are charac-

terized by that vigor and energy so much needed at this crisis in our affairs, upon whom to confer the important office from which I must now retire. Such portion of my time as I can command, and of my experience as can be made available for the interest of the Grand Chapter will be ever at your service.

With grateful recollections of the kindness and cordial good will ever manifested towards me by the Companions of this jurisdiction, and the assurance of my best wishes for the future prosperity and happiness of each and all, I invoke your most earnest and zealous efforts in behalf of our institution, and the blessing of God upon you and your labors.

ALFRED MARTIN.

The Committee on Work presented a partial report, and the further consideration of the subject was postponed until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T :

M. E. Comp.	Alfred Martin, . . . . .	G. H. P.
E. "	Wm. Robinson, . . . . .	G. K.
E. "	W. J. Hicks, . . . . .	G. S.
E. "	Thos. B. Brown, . . . . .	G. Treas.
E. "	Thos. B. Carr, . . . . .	G. Secretary.
Rev. "	Hugh McAlpin, . . . . .	G. Chaplain.
	Burnace Walker, . . . . .	G. C. H.
	J. H. Separk, . . . . .	G. P. S, Pro tem.
	J. W. Howlett, . . . . .	G. R. A. C., Pro tem.
	John Nichols, . . . . .	G. M. 3d V., "
	J. W. Blount, . . . . .	G. M. 2d V.
	Wm. Murdock, . . . . .	G. M. 1st V., Pro tem.
	E. Turlington, . . . . .	G. Tyler, "

Comps. A. S. C. Powell, Richard W. York, J. D. Southerland, C. W. Alexander, B. T. Strickland, J. L. Scott, J. S. Gibson, N. V. Fairecloth, J. W. Gulick, I. D. Ryttenberg, W. W. Dunn, T. M. Gardner.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the By-Laws and Proceedings of Corinthian Chapter, located at Kenansville, and find the By-Laws excellent and the Proceedings neatly and accurately kept. They recommend that a charter be granted.

They have also examined the By-Laws of Graham Chapter, No. 28, and, with the amendments noted, recommend their adoption.

They have examined the Proceedings of Wm. Gaddy Hill Chapter U. D., and find many irregularities on their work, and their minutes badly kept. They recommend that this Chapter be continued under dispensation another year, and that the members be instructed to attend more carefully to the manner of keeping their minutes, as the loose and careless manner in which they are kept, will never secure for them a charter.

Respectfully submitted,

B. WALKER, Chm'n.  
W. J. HICKS,  
JOHN NICHOLS.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to make an additional report:

Richard W. York Chapter, No. 41,.....	Richard W. York, H. P. and Representative.
Eureka " " 42,.....	Richard W. York, Proxy for H. P., K. and S.
Charlotte " " 39.....	C. W. Alexander, H. P., Proxy K. and S.
Concord " " 1.....	Thos. B. Carr, Proxy for E. W. Manning, S.
Companions, Alex. McRae, P. G. K.; Dr. Jas. F. McRae, Sr., P. G. H. P.; P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.; Dr. W. G. Thomas, P. G. S.	
Germanton Chapter, No. 24.....	J. S. Gibson, Representative.
Corinthian " " 43.....	J. D. Southerland, K.

On motion by Comp. Blount, it was

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of the Chapter to which a Charter has just been granted, be invited to seats in this Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Work, was taken up for further consideration, and, after considerable discussion, on motion of Comp. R. W. York, the report was referred back to the Committee to report at the next Grand Convocation, with an exemplification of the work.

The Committee on Appeal submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

We, the Committee appointed to consider the case of A. W. Cummings, sent up by Asheville Chapter No. 25, have carefully examined the papers placed in our hands bearing on the subject, and recommend that the matter be referred back to Asheville Chapter, and that a new trial be granted A. W. Cummings.

WM. MURDOCK,  
J. H. SEPARK,  
W. W. DUNN.

Comp. York offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, indefinitely postponed:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be required to furnish a copy of their report to the Grand Secretary thirty days before the annual meeting, and that the Grand Secretary be required to have one hundred copies printed for the use of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. York offered the following resolution, the consideration of which was postponed until three o'clock this afternoon:

*Resolved*, That the word "Wilmington," be stricken from Art. II., of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp. Robinson, it was

*Resolved*, That the election of officers be the special order immediately after the consideration of the resolution to amend the Constitution.

The Committee on the Address of the M. E. G. H. P., presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

WILMINGTON, N. C., 6th June, 1867.

*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina:*

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest for classification and distribution to the several Committees, have discharged the duty assigned them, and beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend that so much of the Address as refers to dormant Chapters, be referred to the Committee on Returns and Proceedings. So much as relates to collecting the effects of Chapters that have forfeited their charters, to the Committee on Finance. So much as relates to revision of Work, to the Committee on Work. So much as relates to the appointment of a Custodian to the same Committee.

It is with deep regret that the Committee learns that it is the intention of our M. E. Grand High Priest to retire from the station which he has filled with so much ability, and with such unusual satisfaction to the Companions of this Institution. The long and eminent services of our M. E. Grand High Priest we acknowledge with gratitude, and express the hope that he may be induced to direct and govern the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction for another year. We feel loath to part with him, having for so many years been accustomed to look to him for counsel and advice; but if he remains firm in his determination to retire from the active duties of masonry, we have his assurance that he will aid us with his counsel. May the Great I AM bless, preserve and prosper him, and spare his valuable life for many years to guide in the paths of Truth and Justice, and when he is called hence, may he die in the full assurance of a blissful immortality beyond the tomb.

T. M. GARDNER,

J. W. HOWLETT,

J. L. SCOTT

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow afternoon at half past 2 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T :

Officers and members as this morning.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to continue their report:

They have examined the By-Laws of Charlotte Chapter 39, and find them in conformity with the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, and recommend their adoption.

B. WALKER,  
W. J. HICKS,  
JOHN NICHOLS.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings presented the following additional report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings beg leave to report: That in addition to the returns from subordinate Chapters already reported on, they have examined those of Germanton Chapter No. 24, and find them correct.

J. H. SEPARKS,  
WM. MURDOCK,  
JOHN NICHOLS.

The resolution offered by Companion York this morning was, after discussion, referred to a Committee with instructions to report a plan for the equalization of dues and expenses of delegates to the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

*Committee*—Companions Carr, York and Robins on.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received since your last convocation the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:

Arkansas,.....	1866;	Louisiana,.....	1867;
Alabama,.....	1866;	Michigan,.....	1866-'67;
Connecticut,.....	1866;	Maine,.....	1866;
California,.....	1866;	Missouri,.....	1866;
Canada,.....	1866;	Mississippi,.....	1866;
Florida,.....	1866;	New Jersey,.....	1866;

Iowa, .....1863-'66; New York, ..... 1866;  
 Indiana, .....1866; Ohio, .....1866;  
 Illinois, .....1866; Tennessee, .....1861-'66;  
 Kansas, .....1866; Nebraska, .....1866;  
 Kentucky, ..... 1866; Virginia, ..... 1866;  
 Maryland & D. C., ..... 1866; Wisconsin, ..... 1867;  
 Massachusetts, .....1866; Pennsylvania, .....1860,  
 and a bound volume of the transactions of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, 1854-'62.

We also have a communication from the Grand Chapter of Maryland, giving notice of the "expulsion from all the rights and privileges of R. A. Masonry," of J. Townsend Daniel, late of St. John's R. A. Chapter, No. 19, Baltimore, and since living in Illinois.

We have a circular from Sam'l B. Swan, Grand Secretary of Grand Royal Arch Masons of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, with a list of officers elected at their Annual Convocation, 12th March, 1867. Also a communication from the Grand Chapter of Missouri, giving notice of the death of our esteemed Companion, Anthony O'Sullivan, for many years Grand Secretary of that Jurisdiction, and of the appointment of Companion George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, as his successor in the office of Grand Secretary, and Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. We have, too, the proceedings of the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Indiana, Iowa and Michigan.

We have examined with much interest the published proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, and observe with pleasure that peace and prosperity prevail throughout most of their jurisdictions. *All* speak encouragingly of their prospects for the future, although some, like our own, have been roughly handled by the unmasonic hand of war.

We find so much of interest in the different addresses and reports before us, that we feel quite unequal to the task of doing more than direct attention to the most prominent passages.

## ARKANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of this State convened at Little Rock, on the 1st day of November, 1866, M. E. Luke E. Barber, Grand High Priest, delivered an excellent address in which he feelingly alludes to the many opportunities existing in that State for the practice of the masonic graces. He says:

“Many in our midst are still suffering from the losses and desolations attendant upon the storm that lately swept over us with such terrible effect; and though but few can lend a helping hand to others, we must not forget, nor should we neglect, as far as opportunity and ability may permit, to discharge our duty in softening the afflictions and relieving the distresses of our Companions in their present need. As to the future, none can tell through what afflictions, we and ours, in the short journey of life yet allotted to us, may be called upon to pass; none can tell what of consolation and assistance our suffering Companions may require of us. The elements, during the present year, have not been favorable to our labors for future comfort; the pestilence yet lingers among us, and may visit the homes of our Companions; and in other respects, there seems to be a gathering cloud which may pour upon us a deluge of immeasurable afflictions in the future. Let us, then, endeavor, whilst we may, so to discipline our hearts and minds—so to imbue them with the teachings of the order, that we may be ever ready to respond to the calls of duty, and in our lives and conduct exemplify the profession we have made.”

We regret to see that “charges of misconduct” have been preferred by a Chapter of this jurisdiction against its High Priest, and the same attempted in another Chapter. We fear there is bad material in the Arkansas quarry, or that the inspectors need spectacles. The following resolutions were reported by the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, and adopted by the Grand Chapter:

“1. A subordinate Chapter has not the right to try its High Priest; he is amenable to the Grand Chapter.

2. Any five Companions of his Chapter may impeach the High Priest of a Chapter before the Grand High Priest, who shall send his mandate to three High Priests, together with the charges, directing them to assemble at the Chapter of the accused for the purpose of inquiring into the truth or falsehood of the charges; and they shall give notice to the accused and accusers of the time of meeting, receive and reduce to writing the testimony offered by both parties; and forward the testimony, with their opinion upon it, to the Grand High Priest.

3. If the G. H. Priest, after examining all the evidence, shall deem the High Priest impeached unfit to preside over the Chapter, he may suspend him from the exercise of his office, and summon him to appear at the ensuing meeting of the Grand Chapter for trial upon the charges."

While we hope that no cause may ever exist for the use of such laws, we approve the course recommended by our Companions of Arkansas.

We find the following in the Address of the G. H. P., which meets our views so completely that we cannot refrain from copying:

"It is a lamentable fact, that, within the last few years, there has been a downward tendency among all classes: and I fear that many of our Companions have been unable to stand firmly and uprightly against the pressure of adverse circumstances. Deal gently and kindly, but firmly with such—caution and reprove with brotherly kindness and affection. Bear and forbear, until to do so shall cease to be a virtue; and then prune from your bodies all decayed and rotten branches, lest their contagion extend to the sound ones, and mar the beauty of the whole. Stern and rigid discipline, when necessary, is a duty, not merely to yourselves, but to the order, which you have no right to disregard."

Our Arkansas Companions have the same difficulty as many other jurisdictions with regard to non-affiliated masons, and justly attributes it in a great measure to a lack of "masonic education." We commend to them the resolutions adopted at our last convocation, which *require* a suitable proficiency in each successive degree.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Sam. W. Williams. By his notice of the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, we find that our French brethren "*initiate masons* of the sons of masons before they are of lawful age," and allow Apprentices and Fellow-Crafts to vote in the election of officers. Although we are of the opinion that "initiation makes a man a mason," yet we agree with Companion Williams, that apprenticing a minor because he is the son of a master, and then giving him the right to vote, thereby making him an overseer of the work, is a masonic heresy.

Speaking of the "spice of bitterness" pervading too many of the reports under our eye, he says:

“Stay your hands, ‘break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax, but let the former heal and grow, and kindle the latter to a flame of brotherly love.”

He quotes approvingly from the Address of our P. G. High Priest, Geo. B. Waterhouse, and concludes that “Rip Van Winkle is wide awake,” to which we reply that we are continually *looking* for more *light*. We would gladly make more extracts from the able and interesting report of Comp. Williams, but the pile of proceedings before us warns us to be brief.

### ALABAMA.

This Grand Chapter met in the City of Montgomery December 4, 1866. The Grand High Priest, J. B. Harrison, was not present, but forwarded his address, from which we learn that Royal Arch masonry is prospering in that jurisdiction. He very properly decided that “a Chapter cannot adopt any By-Law compelling the members to attend every regular communication.” We agree with him that a Chapter may issue a special summons which *must be obeyed*, unless satisfactory reason is shown to the Chapter for failure, otherwise the delinquent must be dealt with. We cannot agree with him, however, in his recommendation that a Chapter should exalt a candidate who had lost an arm subsequent to his election to receive the degree. It is a hard case, but that Grand Chapter was right when it adopted the report of its Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who quote from Comp. Brown, of Indiana: “a man deprived of a leg or an arm cannot be made a Royal Arch Mason,” and “we have the law, let us abide by it.” So say we.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre. He sums up in a short report the proceedings of nineteen Grand Chapters, our own among the number. In his notice of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts he says:

“Companion Kimball notices, in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York for 1854, what appears to your committee, rather an extraordinary decision of that Grand Chapter. A Companion appealed to the Grand Chapter

from the decision of a subordinate Chapter, he being at the time an expelled Mason from a LODGE; but the Grand Chapter held that he had no right to appeal until he had been restored to all the rights and privileges of the Lodge; thus refusing him all redress from any injury he might have suffered, until after such redress might, perhaps, have been rendered unnecessary. Your committee do not, of course, mean to imply, any censure towards the Grand Chapter of New York; but it seems to your committee that when a party is on trial before a masonic tribunal, he is entitled to all the rights conceded to ANY party by the laws by which the tribunal is governed, without regard to his status in another jurisdiction, for how else shall he ever be able to obtain justice?"

We think that the proper place for the Companion to obtain justice is before his Grand Lodge, and that he had no right of appeal to his Chapter or Grand Chapter, for as much as expulsion by the Lodge necessarily expels from the Chapter.

The Grand Secretary presents a list of sixty-four working Chapters, showing the number rejected, exalted, &c., in each. We regret that owing to the number of delinquent Chapters in this jurisdiction, your Grand Secretary has never been able to prepare a full report in tabular form of the returns from the subordinate Chapters in this State.

Comps. George D. Norris, of Newmarket, was elected Grand High Priest, and Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, re-elected Grand Secretary.

## CALIFORNIA.

This Grand Chapter met in San Francisco, October 15th, 1866. Thirty Chapters were represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is short and business like. From it we learn that the Royal Art is prospering on the Pacific shore.

Each Chapter in that jurisdiction presented correct returns and paid dues amounting in the aggregate to \$3,430 00. From them the Grand Secretary has compiled a statistical table showing 162 exaltations for the year, and a membership of 1,358 in thirty-four Chapters.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, L. C. Owen, and reviews in an able manner the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, our own among the number. He says, (referring to the officers of the Chap-

ter:) "the right to withdraw is, in our opinion, undeniable. It would certainly be very unjust if the assumption of office deprived the incumbent of the privilege enjoyed by those of his Companions who either refused or were not selected to occupy stations." In his notice of Illinois he says: "The committee (of Illinois) are of opinion that an officer cannot resign, but that he may withdraw." And again: "Comp. Jeffreys, of New Jersey, does not deny the abstract right of Companions holding offices to resign or withdraw, but thinks the practice is a bad one." We think that these opinions are all wrong. Our laws provide for successors in office in case of death or inability to serve, but do not release an officer from the promise he voluntarily made at the time of his installation. We do not know of any *right* which *any* member of a Chapter possesses to withdraw, except by petition and consent of his Chapter.

We agree with Companion Owen in his approbation of the following edicts of the Grand High Priest of Mississippi:

3. That irreverent use of the name of the Deity renders the offender liable to be dealt with as for any other unmaſonic conduct;

4. Forbidding Chapters "calling off" from time to time, and ordering them to close every night they work;

5. Declaring it unmaſonic, and strictly forbidding the subordinate Chapters to receive and entertain the petition of a non-affiliated Master Mason for the Chapter degrees.

## CANADA.

This Grand Chapter met in St. Catharines, on the 14th day of August, 1866. The address of the Grand Z., S. D. Harrington, was read by Companion W. M. Wilson, who presided at the convocation by request of Companion Harrington, and contains but little of *general* interest. The subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction are divided into districts, each of which is provided with a Grand Superintendent, to whom grievances and appeals are submitted, and who is required to visit the Chapters in his district from time to time, and superintend their work. We think, with a distinguished masonic writer from Kentucky, that this is a

“measure that, if properly carried out, would tend to great advantage, not only in Canada, but within our own State.” The Committee to whom the Annual Reports of the Grand Superintendents were submitted say: “The *perfect* workings of the various Chapters leave little for the Grand Superintendents to do.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. James Seymour, who, in an exceedingly well written article, covering forty-eight pages, reviews the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters. From this report we learn that the Grand Chapter of England has on its roll 975 Chapters, but 176 of which are in working order. He quotes from their proceedings as follows:

“1st. The Z. of Oriental Chapter, No. 687, Constantinople, was severely reprimanded for installing two Companions as H. and J., instead of those named in the Warrant, who had removed from the place between the time of application and receipt of the instrument. An Irish and an American P. Z. are likewise censured for taking part in the installing and consecration ceremony. Ordered, that the Companions originally named as H. and J. be installed, and that all candidates exalted receive certificates.

2nd. Chapter No. 784, Liskard, complained that its Z. never attended a Convocation after being installed, thereby injuring the Chapter and hindering the progress of work. It was therefore prayed that said Z. be deprived of rank as a P. Z. Ordered that he retain his rank, but that he be severely censured.”

From the same source we learn that there are 1,014 Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of which but 313 are at work. Any exclusion, suspension, expulsion or restoration by either the Lodge, Chapter or Conclave, has full effect with the whole. In his report on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he says:

“At the Quarterly Committee Meeting, held 12th June, 1865, the Grand Scribe E. submitted a reply from the Grand Lodge of England to the memorial from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, relating to the position of the degree of Mark Master in England. This reply is embodied in two resolutions, to the following effect:

1. That the Grand Lodge of England, in its Book of Constitutions, has declared and pronounced “that pure ancient masonry consists of three degrees, and no more, viz: those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch,” and consequently it gives no sanction to the working of the Mark Master’s degree in England.

2. That the Grand Lodge of England does not acknowledge the Mark Master’s

degree to be part of pure ancient Freemasonry, and does not recognize the body styling itself "the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown."

The Supreme Chapter of Scotland therefore unanimously resolved not to recognize the self-styled Grand Lodge of Mark Masters."

His observations on the subject of Grand Lecturers accord with our own views so perfectly that we are constrained to copy, even at the risk of being tedious:

"No doubt competent Lecturers can do much towards this desirable end, particularly if they confine themselves to 'good, true, square work—such as we are authorized to receive;' but the unfortunate tendency with nearly all of them is, to add hobbies of their own not found in genuine work, with a view to improvement, which in reality amounts to pernicious innovation, too often as repugnant to the spirit and genius of Freemasonry as they are destructive of its ancient landmarks. Let us hope that the Missouri Companions charged with this duty by the G. H. P. will not fall into the error complained of; for nothing has done more to destroy uniformity and to create a Babel where only one language should prevail, than the persistent tinkering of pedantic Grand Lecturers."

### CONNECTICUT.

We have a report from this jurisdiction, dated May 8, 1866. We have read with much interest the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, L. A. Lockwood. We congratulate our Companions of Connecticut on the prosperous condition of their several Chapters, as evinced in this able document, from which we cannot refrain from clipping a few passages. He says:

"Masonry cannot be justly called a progressive science, in the modern use of this term; but the knowledge of masonry may be, nay should be, progressive. Like Nature, it possesses many external beauties, evident to, and admired by, the most thoughtless observer; while an inexhaustible profusion of others lie concealed in its bosom, as a reward for the earnest and diligent inquirer. Like Nature, also, its symbolism is perfect, and the noblest discoveries of science, throwing more light upon it, reveal hitherto undiscovered beauties, which constantly challenge our admiration and surprise. No man was ever the master of Masonry,—no man ever can be. Life is too short, human intellect too feeble, to comprehend it, in all its full and just proportions. The Masonic Temple is so vast, the human vision so limited, that we can at most see but a small part of one of its magnificent Corinthian columns.

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The Master Mason often closes his career in masonry with receiving a mere substitute, an unmeaning expression, for that for which he has so diligently and

heroically labored. He is then furnished with but a lantern, until he beholds, in the Royal Arch, the full effulgence of the Source of Light.

How beautifully are we here taught the course of human life!—how we must struggle for the attainment of truth, braving every danger, enduring every hardship, and overcoming every obstacle, and upon what we must rely for success in our perilous journey from the captivity of sin to the re-building of our second Temple of Holiness to the Lord. And when our long and toilsome journey is over, and we have passed through the veils of this earthly tabernacle, how amply are we rewarded by the gift of knowledge of Divine Truth.

I desire to call attention to what appears to many, even intelligent Masons, as a glaring inconsistency in capitular Masonry. I refer to the use of the Lord's Prayer at Chapter devotions,—a prayer which sums up, in a few simple sentences, the whole spiritual and physical wants of man,—one in which all, Jew or Gentile, can unite, and which is admirably adapted for concerts of prayer among brethren. It is objected that this prayer was given long after the traditional founding of the degree, and that therefore it is a comparative modern innovation. This, however, is a great mistake. When Christ was asked by his disciples to teach them how to pray, instead of giving them something new, he merely repeated a part of the ritual of the temple worship. The curious will find a translation of the ritual alluded to, in 'Horne's Introduction to the Scriptures,' p. 296; and the language is almost identical."

Deputy Grand High Priest, James L. Gould, concludes his address as follows: "Another year of faithful labor will secure uniformity in work and lectures;" to which we add, "a consummation most devoutly to be wished for." Again let us congratulate you, Companions.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the fifteenth from the pen of Companion Wm. Storer, and although he had but nine copies of proceedings to make a report from, yet, as usual, he furnishes a very interesting report. We only wish we had as good organs of digestion. Brotherly love prevails throughout the report, and he draws freely from the mournful tales of "desolation" that reached him from the "afflicted sons" in the South. His report contrasts very favorably with some we have seen, in that it is entirely free of the "spice of bitterness," with which many of the reports under review abound.

## FLORIDA.

Annual Convocation in Tallahassee, January 8, 1866. Seven Chapters were represented. From the address of the Grand High Priest, David Jones, we learn that the Florida

Chapters are in a prosperous condition and "doing much good work." He closes his address with the following: "Let not the vices and allurements of the day lead you from the paths of virtue and masonic rectitude. Let us all strive to overcome the passions of our evil natures, and see that not a spot or blemish shall ever rest upon the fair fame of our ancient and honorable body."

The report on Correspondence is by our venerable Companion, Thomas Brown, P. G. H. P. Speaking of the propriety of conferring the Chapter degrees on maimed masons he says:

"Our sympathy should not control our judgment. It is deplorable to witness the prevailing desire among Masons to break down the most clearly defined and distinctly pointed landmarks of our ancient and time-honored institution, and which distinguishes us from all other associations. But I regard this as not a question with which the Royal Arch Chapter has anything to do; indeed it is a question solely confined to the E. A. degree. "Only candidates may know that no Master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect about his body, that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord and of being made a Brother and then a Fellow Craft" in due time, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his merit.

I have observed that some writers on Masonic Law deny that the E. A. has a right to the subsequent degrees. I contend that he has not only the right, but that it is his duty to take them, if he has MERIT and is otherwise qualified and able to receive them; that he may travel and work and earn wages. But as a candidate cannot be made a Mason by proxy, he must be worthy and well qualified in his own person to receive and perform all the rites and ceremonies pertaining to the degree and to communicate them. And as there can be no general rule laid down on the subject, each individual case must depend on its own merits. Every Royal Arch Mason must know that a man deprived of a leg or an arm cannot be made a Royal Arch Mason. We have the LAW, let us abide by it."

We notice that in Florida the proceedings of one day are read and approved on the next. This does not comport with our ideas of propriety. We think that it is much better that the minutes should be acted upon at the close of each day, in order that all present may know that their transactions are faithfully recorded. It is not unfrequently the case that the members present at one session are in several instances different

from those at a preceding session, and therefore not qualified to pass upon the record of the proceedings of a meeting differently constituted.

## IOWA.

From the Grand Secretary we have a neatly bound volume of the "transactions of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, from 1854 to 1862 inclusive," and also copies of the proceedings of 1863 to 1866 inclusive. As we presume these several reports, except that for 1866, have all been reviewed by previous committees, we shall confine our examination to the last.

The Grand High Priest, John Henry Brown, delivered a short address in which he defines the "position" of that Grand Chapter in a manner which does not exactly correspond with our ideas of the universality of masonry. He says, "we have to do solely with the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Iowa." We say:

"No pent up Utica contracts our powers,  
But the whole boundless continent is ours."

Yet we can forgive him the expression, as he in the next paragraph alludes to the establishment of a Grand Chapter in Kansas, thus showing an interest in at least one other jurisdiction.

From the Grand Secretary's report we extract as follows:

"The general condition of the Chapters is good—better than heretofore—and our branch of the Mason's craft is more flourishing than for many years. One great and pressing need, is for teachers who will establish the Chapters in a correct and satisfactory work. Owing to the semi-dormant condition under which many of the Chapters have lain for some years, the active members have become unused to working and the others were never posted. I have received several urgent calls for a teacher during the year, but have been unable to recommend any other than the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, who has been unable to leave his business long enough to give as much attention to the subject as he has desired to or as has been needed."

The following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That petitioners for a dispensation for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, shall be required to demit from the Chapter to which they belong, before being recommended by the nearest chartered Chapter to the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened."

It appears to us unnecessary to make non-affiliated masons in this way, as we already have enough of that class of drones in the hive. Better let them retain their membership until the new Chapter is formed, *and no longer*.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion E. A. Guilbert, who, in an uncommonly well written article of more than thirty pages, most of which is original with himself, gives his readers a resume of the doings and opinions of twenty-three of our cotemporaries. He condemns what Comp. Williams, of Arkanas, styles the "spice of bitterness," and yet he attacks Companion Sayre in a manner which we would call hot as pepper, and, as the Doctor is fond of professional allusions, we will add *animated* as the best vinegar. As Companion Sayre, however, has shown himself abundantly able to plead his own cause, and states that Companion Guilbert misconstrued his article, we will drop the subject as unsuited to a masonic report.

He reviews at some length the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and, as he is one of the committee to report at the next convocation of their Grand Chapter on "the propriety of rescinding the resolution adopted" in 1860, severing their connection with the General Grand Chapter, we will give place to a few of his remarks:

"By the constitutional changes carried in 1859 under the lash of certain Companions from a certain privileged section, the General Grand Chapter was emasculated and became a merely meretricious ornament of masonry; a sort of paste diamond imitation of a great central governing body; 'Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans everything,' which could make it respectable, or could render its utterances and edicts authoritative and binding. Those who, in 1859, were 'in at the death,' and witnessed the scenes which transpired while 'the hunt was up,' and heard the defiant horns of the Masters sonorously uttering notes of command, precisely as then and before in other scenes and on other governmental stages similar horns made the timid quake, and magically removed the phosphate of lime from almost every back-bone in legislative halls—truly those who saw and lamented but were powerless to prevent these things—can adopt Companion Lewis' words and say heartily and truthfully of the General Grand Chapter: "unhappily for its prosperity in times past, its most dangerous foes have been those of its own household." The panacea for all the ills of the General Grand Chapter, which Companion Austin proposes in his 'constitution renovator,' will not cure. It comes too late, for the patient is moribund already. To offer this amendment was the most sensible, because it 'shows fight,' and the most plucky thing done at this convocation, but it will not succeed. 'MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN,' is writ on the palace walls of that manufactory of high sounding titles

and albeit the institution may possibly, by its adoption of this amendment, be galvanized into some semblance of life; its spirit has 'gone the way whence it shall not return,' and it were wisdom on the part of the few who cling with such lover-like devotion to its memories, to bury its effete remains out of sight, reverently preferring to have them where, not as now, the successive stages of decay shall not be apparent to the eyes of the Royal Craft."

We cannot agree with Comp. Guilbert in his approval of the decision of the Grand High Priest of Maryland, that "a Royal Arch Mason who has been expelled by his Grand Lodge," and consequently loses his connection with his Chapter "is to be considered fully *re-constructed* when once the Grand Lodge which expelled has reversed its sentence and restored the party to all the rights and privileges of masonry." Our notion is that the Grand Lodge cannot even restore to *membership* in a Lodge, much less in a Chapter.

Our Iowa Companions seem much troubled with the office of D. G. H. P. Companion Guilbert says:

"In Iowa, the deputy officially dies with the death of the Grand High Priest who APPOINTED him. He is not ELECTED, has no powers, and cannot even run with the machine unless the luminary from which he borrows his questionable lustre shines in the firmament of the Grand Council."

Why not *elect* this officer, and thus have a "luminary" not liable to be extinguished whenever *the Sun* is set? Thus "in the event of death or removal from the State of his superior officer, the D. G. H. P. would then become an authoritative *unit*, instead of a mere *cypher*, as now he is."

Companion Guilbert falls into the same error as many of our Northern Companions, when he avers that a Southern Companion, who was an officer in what he styles "the rebel army," was not "true to his government and just to his country." Had Companion Guilbert been living in Mississippi or North-Carolina during the war, he would have found that there were at that time *two* governments in what is *now* called the *United States*, and that "a man cannot serve two masters." We believe there were true patriots in each of the contending armies, and have not heard of any convictions for treason yet. We are prompted to make these remarks by the following criticism of Comp. Guilbert, on the address of P. G. H. P., E. F. Watson. He says:

"Albeit I cannot agree with the Grand High Priest in his estimate of the rights and wrongs of the struggle then prevailing; andor compels the statement that the address is able and eloquent, and evidently is the production of a companion of thought and culture. If a few paragraphs were expunged, the document would read precisely like an address from a patriotic NORTHERN Grand East. It is amusing and instructive to observe how similar, how VERY similar, may be the thoughts enunciated and the method of expression made use of in support of very dissimilar propositions."

We elip the following to show the *animated* style of the writer under consideration, with the hope that the sober second thought, may induce him to subdue his passions:

"It is quite in the usual style of the South, to avail itself of the services of northern toadies when it desires to control a deliberative body, and then, when the axe is ground, to lash unkindly the parties who eat dirt on their behalf. Grand High Priest Watson should understand that there are SOME things in politics not proper to transfer to masonry, and to manufacture opinion by means of systematic and positive misrepresentation, is one of these things. The Grand Chapter of North Carolina ought not to remain out of the General Grand Chapter because it is controlled by northern Companions, nor did it withdraw for any such reason. Both propositions are utterly untenable. Southern Companions have, for nearly a generation, controlled that Grand Body. Southern "radicals"—who, by easy transition, became southern "rebels," and made away with the funds of the General Grand Chapter—introduced, fought for, and, by dint of self-assertion succeeded in carrying into effect those changes in the General Grand Chapter organic law which made it the poor thing it now is, and succeeded, not because they were abler or more trustworthy men, but because they were UNITED, were full of bluster and had the "cacoethes loquendi" extraordinarily developed, but principally because the North had, as actors in the disgraceful contest, its usual proportion of chivalry sympathizers and its due admixture of gelatinous spines. Southern Companions demanded the emasculation of the General Grand Chapter, and it was granted. Southern Companions, as usual, kindly consented to fill all the important offices, and, knowing full well what was to come the next year, a Southern Companion generously permitted himself to be selected, like his ancient prototype, "to hold the bag!" A Southerner—by adoption—led the cohorts, and his generalship was based on tactics similar to those he is practising since he turned up once more and began anew his career as the Don Quixote of the A. and A. R.

His remarks are unjust, because the offices of the General Grand Chapter were divided between North and South, and the gratuitous assertion, and inuendo relative to the Grand Treasurer are unkind, because it is in evidence that the funds were "safely deposited" in bank at Memphis, until "the destructive rage" of a Northern army "confiscated" them. However as Comp. Guilbert avows that he has sought "nothing to extenuate, or to set down aught in malice," we trust

that when he "turns a new page and begins again," Time, the great leveler, will have smoothed down his ruffled feelings. And after the report of the General Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter comes to light, it may be found that the P. G. G. Treasurer is not responsible for the loss of the funds of the General Grand Chapter, or that his bond for ten thousand dollars, which the P. G. G. H. P. reports in his possession, is sufficient to indemnify the General Grand Chapter from any loss resulting from the election of a Southern man "to hold the bag."

### ILLINOIS.

Grand Chapter met in Chicago, October 5th, 1866. Seventy-seven Chapters were represented. The addresses of the Grand High Priest and his Deputy contain but little except a report of their official acts and nothing of general interest.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, H. G. Reynolds, and is made up almost entirely of fragments from the twenty-three volumes before him. We clip the following from his extracts from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland:

"In England the working of the Mark degree has been more or less in abeyance, its estimation varying according to circumstances. In the Colonies much difficulty has arisen from the establishment of Lodges under the different jurisdictions, some recognizing the degree and others ignoring it. To remedy this state of things, and to restore the degree to its rightful position in the Masonic system, an attempt was made to obtain its recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, and a joint committee of members of that Grand Lodge and of the Grand Chapter was appointed to investigate and report upon the subject. The committee reported the Mark degree as in their opinion not positively essential, but a graceful appendage to the F. C. degree, which report was approved by the M. W. G. M., and unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge in March, 1856. At the ensuing quarterly meeting, on special motion, duly proposed and seconded, that portion of the previous minutes referring to the Mark degree was non-confirmed, and the 'status in quo ante' was resumed."

In this position of affairs, the committee did not feel justified in recommending the recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge, or the re-call of the Mark warrants issued by the Grand Chapter of Scotland. But they urged that steps be taken to secure the concurrence of the Grand Chapter and Lodge of England in placing the Mark degree upon the same footing as it is in Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and America. Should the grand bodies of England agree

to this, the committee express their willingness to cancel the Mark warrant issued by their Grand Chapter, which would in effect remove the cause for the existence of the so-called Grand Mark Lodge.

The report was adopted, and a memorial prepared as suggested to the Grand Chapter and Lodge of England, 'hoping that some arrangement may be made which will have the effect of bringing about a similarity of working in the two countries, which, from their close proximity, is much to be desired; and that in this way the proper place may be assigned to the Mark degree in the degrees of Masonry.' Copies of this memorial are also to be sent to the Grand Chapters and Lodges of Ireland and Canada, and to all Scotch Mark Lodges."

We notice among the "rules of order," the 10th, which declares that a motion to adjourn is always in order. We may be behind the times, but we are free to confess that we have never known of a motion to adjourn being entertained in a masonic assemblage, but have heard such motions declared *out of order*.

There are among their Standing Resolutions two which especially commend themselves to us, viz: the 7th, which corresponds with one adopted at our last convocation relative to proficiency of candidates, and the 10th prohibiting the conferring of the Chapter degrees on non-affiliated Master Masons. We would like to see such a resolution on our statute book.

## INDIANA.

Grand Chapter met 23d of May, 1866. Address by Grand High Priest, Thomas Pattison, who also presented the report of Foreign Correspondence. He says:

"Royal Arch Masonry was never more popular, nor in a more prosperous condition in this State than at the present time; the only danger now being, that in the rush to gain admission within our portals, unless they are guarded with unusual vigilance, some may be allowed to enter who are not worthy and well qualified for this preferment; let us therefore use due diligence to guard well the outer courts, and to inspect closely the material which may be presented, so that we may hereafter be saved from the very unpleasant duty of removing from the building, material which should have been rejected when first presented for inspection."

Having attended the last meeting of the General Grand Chapter without being able to derive any benefit from it,

except a good dinner, he recommended the Grand Chapter to take no part hereafter in the proceedings of that body, which recommendation was concurred in by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter decided by a vote of 53 to 3, that it is proper and right in extreme cases of emergency, only, to use *substitutes* in the Royal Arch degree.

The Committee on Jurisprudence very justly condemn the practice of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in allowing its subordinates to confer "degrees upon applicants, from other jurisdictions, as sojourners without electing them members of the Chapters," thus making non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons. They very properly declare such clandestine.

The High Priests of Chapters U. D. were installed by the Grand High Priest in the Grand Chapter, a practice we think worthy of imitation.

We also have the proceedings of the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of this State, containing a chaste address from M. P. Grand Master, E. H. Davis, from which, did space permit, we would gladly cull. Cryptic masonry is in a flourishing condition in Indiana, there being 18 Councils with a membership of 588, an increase for one year of 80.

## KANSAS.

### *First Annual Convocation in Topeka, October 18, 1866.*

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, R. R. Rees, delivered a short and appropriate address, from which we learn that Royal Arch Masonry is rapidly progressing in this jurisdiction. Dispensations were granted for three new Chapters during the year.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by Companion E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, is short, reviewing the proceedings of but eight Grand Chapters, our own among the number. We think he adheres too closely to the adage quoted by himself, that "children should be seen and not heard," and that he is wrong in his conclusions relative to the propriety of the Grand Chapter of Missouri authorizing a sufficient number

of Companions to go twenty miles to organize a Chapter, and *not* to "receive the degrees probably at one meeting," as the Companion seems to think.

There are six Chapters in this State and two hundred members.

## KENTUCKY.

Grand Chapter met in Louisville October, 15th, 1866. Sixty Chapters were represented. The address by M. E. Grand High Priest, Harry Hudson, is short and concise. He says:

"It is much to be regretted that, notwithstanding the many admonitions of my predecessors, so little attention is paid to the work of the Chapter. In many they have almost ceased to confer the degrees from a want of knowledge to do it, and in many instances, when work is to be done, are compelled to send abroad for others to officiate. That there ought to be a remedy, will not admit of a doubt; but how? is the question. If I might be permitted, I would suggest that the following, or some similar plan, be adopted. The Grand Chapter shall cause the work to be exemplified in presence of Grand Chapter. When, if the same is approved, the G. H. P. shall appoint nine members from different parts of the State, who shall qualify themselves in said work, and whose duty shall be to visit Chapters in their jurisdictions at least twice during the year, promulgate the work, and report the result of their labors at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter, and, for such service, shall receive out of the funds of the Grand Chapter \$—— for each Chapter so visited. It shall be the duty of the High Priest of the Subordinate Chapter, when about to be visited, to convene his Chapters upon reasonable notice."

This subject was referred to a committee to report at the next convocation. We mention the subject in this report with the hope that some one of the different plans proposed in different Grand Chapters will commend itself for adoption by this Grand Chapter.

Royal Arch Masonry must flourish in Kentucky, if we can be allowed to judge by the published resources of that Grand Chapter; they having over \$9,000.00 in Bank Stock and other securities, and one hundred and two subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 2,645.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion L. A. Graham. He reviews the proceedings of 19 Grand Chapters, our own among the number.

M. E. Joseph H. Branham, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Phillip Swigert, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### LOUISIANA.

This Grand Chapter met in New Orleans, February 12th, 1867. M. E. Hy. Regenburt, Grand High Priest, presiding. Fourteen of the thirty-one Chapters were represented. Short reports of their official acts were read by the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Companion H. R. Swasey, is a well written document, reviewing in a courteous and purely masonic manner, the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, our own among the number. We find in it but little, however, which has not already been commented upon in our report, which had been completed previous to the reception of the proceedings under review. We cannot agree with him in his strictures upon the following action of the Grand Chapter of Indiana:

*“Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons, of the State of Indiana will take no further part in the proceedings and deliberations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and whatever connection, either real or supposed, which we, as a Grand Chapter, may have with that General Grand Body be, and the same is, hereby dissolved.”*

He says:

‘This action of the Grand Chapter of Indiana is vastly more important to Masonry than will appear at first thought; there is involved in this the whole superstructure of Masonry, if there is no wrong done in this resolution, then there can be none in passing similar ones in regard to all our other Masonic connections; this allowed, there is no longer any Masonry. Those only who hold to their engagements can be considered as Masons; call it by this name, if you please, but the soul is gone; all there is in the Institution worth having being lost, the name must soon become a by-word and reproach. We also perceive the same spirit of progress, in the adoption of another resolution changing the installation service, as follows:

‘That you will never suffer either more or less than three to pass through the ceremonies of being exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time.’

Thus leaving it entirely in the discretion of the M. E. who or what the three may be.”

We cannot see how the adoption of such a resolution involves “the whole superstructure of masonry.” There is a

wide difference between the ties uniting the component parts of the General Grand Chapter and those which bind individual Masons. The General Grand Chapter was formed by the Grand Chapters, with limited powers, and for a specific purpose. That purpose, according to its own statement, it failed to accomplish, and the Grand Chapters which created it, had and have a perfect right to withdraw from it, whenever they might find it powerless to accomplish the end for which it was created, or perverted to any other purpose. How can a Grand Chapter be bound to obey the edicts of a body, which it helped form with such limited powers, that it has "no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapter?" True, where no Grand Chapter is established, the General Grand Chapter is supreme, *until a Grand Chapter is formed*, and all who recognize its authority are bound to obey it, *so long as they are under its jurisdiction, but no longer*.

We fail to see the "spirit of progress" in the second resolution quoted.

He quotes approvingly from our proceedings of 1866. He disapproves of the action of our Texas Companions, as follows:

"Now, we apprehend that our Texas Companions have been a little in a hurry, for we very much fear that the thing as it stands now, opens the door to some little trouble and annoyance. What is now to prevent the A. A. Rite from resuming their control of the degrees? for undoubtedly they were taken from them; or what is to prevent (as there is no longer a Council in the jurisdiction) any of the Grand Councils throughout the States granting Charters, and again establishing a Grand Council? These and many other questions become immediately apparent, and, no doubt, it will tend to promote confusion among the Craft. What good object is to be attained, does not so clearly appear; if it be to cheapen the price for the degrees, no surer method can be taken to destroy them. We sincerely regret that it should be found expedient to make this backward movement. Cryptic Masonry, in nearly every other jurisdiction, is advancing; more and more interest is being taken, and it is to be hoped the time is not distant when the Council degrees will incite as much enthusiasm as other departments of Masonry."

H. P. Buckley was elected Grand High Priest, and Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary.

## MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grand Chapter met in Special Convocation in Washington, October 14th, 1866, to attend the funeral of their Ex. Grand King, Wm. G. Parkhurst, who was accidentally drowned four days previously.

By the resolutions adopted at the Annual Convocation we learn that he was an exemplary man, and a zealous Mason. We sympathise with our sister Grand Chapter in their loss.

The Annual Convocation was held in Baltimore, November 12th. The address of the G. H. P., James G. Smith, is short and devoted entirely to local affairs. We quote the following paragraph to draw attention to a subject, which we think is imperfectly understood in this jurisdiction:

“A difficulty has occurred in one of the Chapters in the District of Columbia, from the fact that one of its charter members or petitioners for the charter, being at the time an affiliated member in another jurisdiction, was regarded as a member in fact, and regularly charged with dues; and, on being reminded of the requirements of the by-laws in relation to delinquency, disavowed any intention of becoming a member of the new Chapter when he signed the petition, which he did merely to give it weight. Never intending to sever his connection with his mother Chapter, the question being raised as to whether such Companion is or is not a member, I have decided that whilst the grant of a charter to petitioners members of Chapters in the *same* jurisdiction severs their membership from the mother body, it cannot affect the membership of one owing allegiance to another jurisdiction. The error was in allowing his name to be placed on the petition without being accompanied by his demit. No act of one jurisdiction can demit a Companion from his membership in another, and therefore no Companion can become a member of a Chapter in another jurisdiction, by affiliation or otherwise, without presenting his demit from the Chapter to which he last owed allegiance, no matter where that may have been.”

In a previous part of this report we have recorded our opinion on this question.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion E. L. Stevens, who, with a masterly pen, reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters, our own among the number. We have marked several passages in this report for comment, but fearing that we may be tedious will simply add the concluding resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia most heartily approve the resolutions adopted at the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, October 4, 1865, in its fraternal expressions of good will toward the sister Grand Chapters of the Southern States, and that we will cheerfully co-operate with that Grand Chapter and all other sister bodies in any efforts that may be initiated to assuage any lingering bitterness of feeling that may still exist between the two recent hostile sections of the country, and to effect a renewal of the fraternal relations which so happily existed between all our Grand bodies previous to the late lamentable war."

Such of the Grand Officers as were not present at the Grand Communication were installed in subordinate Chapters, subsequently, by the Grand High Priest or his Deputy, and the Grand Secretary certified of the same.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

There were five stated meetings of this Grand Chapter within the year ending December 11, 1866, besides the Annual Convocation in September. The business transacted was principally the granting of Charters for new Chapters. There was no address from the Grand High Priest. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is made up almost entirely of well chosen extracts from the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, our own among the number.

We regret that this Grand Chapter, like some others, omits the names of the members of the subordinate Chapters. Although these lists of names add nothing to the interest of the proceedings, yet, for reference, they are sometimes *very* valuable. There are thirty-nine Chapters in this jurisdiction, nineteen of which were represented in the Annual Convocation. They all seem to be in a very flourishing condition, if we can judge by the amount of work they accomplished the last year.

Richard Briggs was elected M. E. G. H. P., and Thomas Waterman re-elected E. Grand Secretary.

#### MICHIGAN.

This Grand Chapter met in Detroit, January 8, 1866. Forty Chapters were represented. The G. H. P., Ebenezer Sprague,

delivered the annual address, from the opening paragraph of which we quote as follows:

“The past year has been one of unrivaled prosperity, not only with our beloved and time-honored institution, but in all the varied and extensive interests of the people of the State. The earth has given forth her increase, and the voice of a united people is raised in thankfulness to the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe for the many blessings which, in His wise providence and mercy, He has, with so bounteous a hand, bestowed upon us. The granary of the husbandman has been abundantly replenished, the mechanic and the artisan have found ready and remunerative employment, and all branches of industrial pursuits have been liberally rewarded. States that have been striving to sever their connection with our Union have returned to their allegiance to the Constitution. Their citizens, who estranged and alienated themselves from the protection of our government, are now receiving the protection of its laws; and peace, blessed peace, again rests upon our national escutcheon.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, J. Eastman Johnson. In his preliminary observations he says:

“Our country’s struggle for life, against a most atrocious rebellion, has triumphed; but, like all great triumphs of truth and justice over wrong, it has been at great cost of treasure, and priceless wealth in the lives of our countrymen. The proceedings we have received from a few of the Southern States, with the glimmering light that has reached us from others, lead us to believe that Masonry South, as an organization, has succumbed to the tornado. She joined the strife, and has shared its fortunes. Her tabernacles are shattered, the veils of her temples rent, her lights grown dim or gone out, and her altars desecrated. In nature, after convulsions resembling chaos, light has arisen, and beauty, order and justice have again appeared—proving that the creating energy was at work in the midst of the chaos. May our Companions South re-discover and bring to light the many valuable secrets hidden in the rubbish of their broken temples, and be again heard to ascribe holiness to the Lord.

Masonry North, as appears by the uniform tenor of the proceedings received, moves on in peace, unity and plenty. Great prosperity and entire harmony prevail, without exception; and the only ground of solicitude arises from too rapid growth.

The Grand Chapters are now rejoicing at the return of peace. All are anxious to aid in bringing about the most fraternal feeling toward those who have gone astray. They exhort us to extend the broad mantle of Masonic charity over all the erring, and to welcome home returning Companions.”

We are much obliged for the welcome *when it comes*, but “hope deferred maketh the heart sick.” We *sometimes* think

that masonry at the North has "*succumbed*" to the fell spirit of revenge:

"Oh wad some power the giftie gie us  
To see oursels as ithers see us,"

We trust that by this time Companion Johnson has received more light from the South. Companion Bernard Cudworth was elected M. E. G. H. P., and Companion J. E. Johnson E. G. Secretary.

Since writing the above we find the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of

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and have been much pleased by their perusal. They are entirely free from all political or sectional animosity, and abound in genial fraternal feeling. Forty-three of the forty-four Chapters in that jurisdiction were represented. The address by the Grand High Priest, Bernard Cudworth, is a "model of excellence." From his salutatory we clip the following as expressive of the *animus* pervading the whole address:

"Then let our deliberations be governed by superior wisdom, and let our discussions be tempered by fraternal moderation, so that all our acts may be such as will subserve the high purposes for which we have again assembled."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion J. E. Johnson, and we are pleased to find that he has discovered among the "broken columns" and "rubbish" of that "*succumbed*" Temple "many valuable treasures." He reviews in a just and truly masonic style the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, our own among the number, and we are rejoiced to find the following among his many expressions that show that "Masonry still survives":

"Whatever bitterness has been felt in the past by a portion of our Companions in the South is rapidly giving way to a better spirit. And the desire earnestly expressed by Companions, North and South, for a complete and entire restoration of brotherly love and Companionship we hail as a happy omen.

For the high appreciation of the zeal and intelligence of the Royal Craft of Michigan, coming to us in kind words, from Grand Chapters in other jurisdictions, we feel authorized to say, the thanks of our Companions are respectfully tendered. Our Southern Companions have warm hearts. When they are open, they are open 'with a will.' Michigan we trust will not be a laggard in all generous response.

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We cordially greet them and extend the right hand of fellowship, with the hope that the union thereby symbolized may endure as long as grass grows and water runs."

He deprecates the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch degree, and adds: "Any exception to the rule we deem a gross violation of it."

He devotes five and a-half pages of his report to a review of our proceedings, quoting freely from the addresses of Companions Watson and Waterhouse, and from the report of Comp. Martin. He says:

"In these words, Comp. Watson has struck a cord that vibrates in unison with all Masonic hearts 'wheresoever dispersed throughout the globe.' Let this spirit prevail, and we are again one. Let this inward inspiration be stamped on all our outward acts North and South. Then will our country's destiny, and that of Masonry, lead us ever onward in one and the same direction."

He approves of the opinion expressed by Companion Martin that:

"The revocation by a Grand Lodge, of a sentence of expulsion, would restore a Companion 'to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason,' but does *not* restore him to membership in his Chapter."

He commends to the attention of the Companions of his Grand Chapter, the resolutions adopted at our last Convocation, relative to the requirement of proficiency in candidates, and closes that portion of his report referring to North Carolina thus:

"We have thus devoted much space to these proceedings. We have done so because—they embrace the business of four years under circumstances never again to occur—they are more full than those of any other Southern Grand Chapter received by us—they were conducted by Masons of great ability and skill—and while partaking largely of the *animus* of the times, they still partake largely of the elevated aspirations of true Masonry, and evidently regard her sacred shrines as sources of deep interest and of permanent good to mankind."

The following resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter of Michigan agrees with our ideas of correct discipline:

“*Resolved*, That whenever any member of a Subordinate Chapter shall wilfully neglect or refuse to obey the order of the High Priest of his Chapter, in performing the work of the Chapter in strict obedience to the Edicts of this Grand Body, it shall be the duty of such High Priest to deny such disobedient member admission to the Chapter, until he shall promise strict obedience to said Edicts.”

We think they were entering upon the right road to Uniformity when they adopted the subjoined:

“*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed for the purpose of preparing \* \* \* \* the work, including the opening and closing, as heretofore adopted by this Grand Chapter, and that \* \* \* \* when prepared, be deposited with the Grand Secretary for preservation.”

A valuable statistical table is appended, showing a list of 47 subordinate Chapters, 3,173 members and 702 exaltations.

Comp. John P. Fiske was elected G. H. P., and J. Eastman Johnson re-elected Grand Secretary.

## MAINE.

We have read with much satisfaction the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, which assembled in May, 1866. The sentiments expressed throughout its several pages are highly Masonic, and like “oil upon the troubled waters.” The following words from the address of the Grand High Priest, A. J. Fuller, have the “ring of the true metal”:

“Our beloved country is at peace, and the clash of arms is heard no more; the red-handed reaper has done his work, and now the benign influence of our time-honored institution comes to the rescue, to relieve the distressed, succor the needy and bind up the wounds of the broken-hearted.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion Josiah H. Drummond, and bears upon it the mark of the true Mason. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, our own among the number. Speaking of the report of Companion Syre of Alabama, he says:

“He regrets, as we do, that there should be any allusions in some of the proceedings to the issues of the war, now that it has closed. All must admit, that when our duties as *citizens* conflict with our duties as *Masons* the former must prevail. But when that conflict has terminated, it is proper, it is right, it is masonic, that we should, in renewing our masonic rights and duties, forget that any conflict among us, as *citizens*, ever existed.”

And again:

“We do not fear the test, so far as relates to our acts, as *Masons*, towards our brethren of the South. But if our Companion holds that we should perform our duties as *Masons*, even at the expense of the violation of our duties as *citizens*, he will undoubtedly find that we have not come to his standard. That is not Masonry, ‘as we understand it.’

But if in the excess of our zeal to perform our duties as citizens, we, both of the North and the South—have said some things, as *Masons*, which had better been left unsaid, let him, that is without sin, cast the first stone. That right we do not claim, nor do we believe Companion Sayre will clam it.”

We unite with Companion Drummond in his hearty response to the resolutions of the Grand Chapter of Alabama:

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter heartily reciprocates the expressions of brotherly love and kindness set forth in the proceedings of various Grand Chapters North, as we learn from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

*Resolved*, That it is the sincere desire of this Grand body to cultivate the feelings of brotherly love and charity towards our Companions wheresoever dispersed.”

The following is very charitable though not in accordance with our Masonic law:

“When a Mason is expelled by his Lodge, it seems right that he should have notice to show cause, &c., before he is declared expelled by the Chapter.”

Referring to the following report of a Maryland Committee on a decision that “a restoration by the Grand Lodge would entitle” (an expelled Mason) “to resume his former privileges without a ballot by his Companions”:

“There seems to your Committee to be two classes of cases, and this decision applied to one is beyond all question correct. A Companion expelled by a Blue Lodge is of course deprived of his rights in the Chapter without a vote; should the Lodge restore him, he is without a vote restored also in the Chapter. But should he appeal to the Grand Lodge after being expelled by a subordinate, and that body reverse the decision and restore him to the

privileges of Masonry, surely such restoration cannot, in the judgment of your committee, restore him to the Chapter without a vote."

He says:

"Why not? When the highest tribunal reverses the action of the lower tribunal, what force has the latter? In general, an appeal of *itself* vacates the proceedings appealed from. But in most of our Masonic Constitutions, a judgment of expulsion appealed from is made equivalent to suspension until the appeal is decided. Without any express constitutional provision to that effect, however, when an appeal is taken, the judgment is vacated, and the accused loses no rights, but is in the same situation as he was in after the charges were filed and *before trial*. In such case the proceedings of the subordinate Lodge do not affect his standing in the Chapter. But in the jurisdictions in which expulsion by the Lodge operates as a suspension until the appeal is decided, he is also suspended in the Chapter. If, however, the Grand Lodge acquits him on appeal, he is never legally expelled, and his suspension is at once terminated, and he is restored to *all* his rights, except, possibly, membership in his Lodge. If the Grand Lodge sustains his appeal, and sends the case back for a new trial, his suspension is terminated, and his only disability is, that he is under charges. In either case he is neither expelled or suspended so far as the Chapter is concerned."

The Grand Chapter of Maryland having decided that a High Priest elect cannot be installed and preside over his Chapter until he has been anointed to the High Priesthood, he says:

"We dissent from this, unless the anointing is *made part of the installation*, and *unless an election as High Priest entitles one to be anointed, without any further action*. In other words, if it sustains any other relation to the office of High Priest, than the degree of Past Master does to the office of Master of a Lodge, we do not agree to the decision. Such is not the relation it sustains in our jurisdiction, and, therefore, our practice is, in our opinion correct."

We take the liberty of making one more extract:

"It will be seen by the following table (prepared with care and good deal of labor) that *twenty-two* Grand Chapters report a membership of 32,722, and *seventeen* Grand Chapters return 5,896 exaltations within the year. *The rate of increase is more than twenty per cent. of the whole number.*

If the Committee on Returns in each Grand Chapter would give their own Statistics in their report, it would make the labor of preparing a general table comparatively small.

However we learn enough to see, that one great danger consists in the immense increase of our numbers. Where so much work is done, there is great danger that it will not be such good and square work, as will pass the Overseer's square. If it will not pass this test, it is far better to heave it

over among the rubbish, than to allow it to endanger the strength, or mar the beauty of the temple. Unless the vices of intemperance and profanity are more strictly guarded against, both its strength and beauty will be seriously impaired.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	MEMBERS.	EXALTED.	REMARKS.
Alabama,	2,083	not given.	Partial Returns.
California,	1,315	291	Full Returns.
Canada,	831	not given.	Partial Returns.
Florida,	385	"	Partial Returns.
Illinois,	3,386	916	Partial Returns.
Indiana,	1,730	257	Four Chapters estim'ted
Iowa,	728	114	Partial Returns.
Kentucky,	2,053	543	Partial Returns.
Louisiana,	675	202	Partial Returns.
Maine,	1,165	266	Full Returns.
Maryland & Dist. Columbia,	930	254	Partial Returns.
Michigan,	2,595	612	Full Returns.
Missouri,	834	174	Full Returns.
New Hampshire,	872	159	Full Returns.
New Jersey,	547	186	Full Returns.
Rhode Island,	624	90	Full Returns.
Virginia,	1,455	not given.	Partial Returns.
Wisconsin,	1,130	278	Partial Returns.
Ohio,	3,139	351	
Vermont,	970	not given.	[half the Chapters.
Mississippi,	2,281	534	Returns from only about
New York,	4,940	670	For 1864.
	34,722	5,896	

We regret that we have been unable heretofore to procure the necessary data for a statistical table for our own State.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond was elected Grand High Priest, and Ira Berry re-elected Grand Secretary.

### MISSOURI.

Grand Chapter met in St. Louis, May 23, 1866. The D. G. H. P. presided and presented the annual address, from which we extract the following, which fully accords with our own sentiments:

"The *mysteries* of Masonry form the secret of its success and usefulness. To open our doors and invite *all* to come and witness our ceremonies would, as we all know, be destructive of the entire fabric of our noble and ancient Order. By and through the *mysteries* and secret ceremonies of our Order, as handed down to us through the centuries that have intervened since the

rebuilding of the second Temple (the days of King Solomon,) have we been preserved as an institution, shedding light and knowledge, and making our distinguishing characteristics of charity, benevolence and brotherly love known and felt throughout all Christendom.

How important, then, is it that *we, as Masons*, should fully understand these mysteries—not mechanically, not simply as performers in a pantomime, but *philosophically*—knowing and appreciating, in its full extent, the meaning, purpose and significance of every sign, symbol and ceremony, as taught by our Ancient Fathers?”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is a well written document from the pen of the acting Grand Secretary, and although his first effort of the kind, abounds in pure Masonic doctrine and fraternal feeling. He says:

“We find Royal Arch Masonry throughout the length and breadth of our land in a prosperous condition, and it is only where we fear, that prosperity has led some jurisdictions to daub with untempered mortar, and to build into our arches some stones that more properly belong to the political pavement, that we have ventured to apply the rebuke of criticism. We have endeavored to give ‘unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar’s, and unto God the things that are His.’ We have entered behind the sacred veils of our sacred tabernacle, and we deem them too pure and holy for the soiling hands of politics or the footprints of a wrangling world, and wherever we have found these signs we have not hesitated to point them out, whether put there by high or low in authority, and if we have spoken frankly it is because we cannot speak otherwise if we would, and we would not when in the performance of a solemn duty.”

He reviews the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters. Speaking of what he calls “a fourth of July appeal” in the address of a Grand High Priest, he applies the cautery thus:

“Our Companion says he desires harmony and renewed intercourse, and we believe him when he says so; but we ask him with what grace would the absent brother return to the homestead and enjoy the fatted calf had the household met him with jeers and insults. The Divine author of the parables puts a fitting rebuke in the father’s mouth when replying to the prudent brother who went not away, and we say here, once for all, that Royal Arch Masons, who should know no *exceptions* in their fraternal regards, might do themselves much credit and save others much pain by drinking more copiously of the milk of human kindness, and not quite so freely of the poisoned waters of self-righteousness and bigotry.”

So mote it be. Of Masonic “rolls of honor” he “clinches

the nail" by saying: "They went forth as citizens, from both sides, with consciences clear as to their line of duty; they went to serve the State—the State will reward them." No treason there. The following are from his commentaries on our own proceedings:

"The Annual Address is written with considerable strength, but has more references to the political strife then waging than is consistent with our notions of propriety. While our Companions in North Carolina may have felt that there was a necessity of alluding to the war, from the sad fact that it was then being waged in their midst, still we must condemn all Masonic addresses that descend to the arena of sectional discussions. The one before us is, however, replete with many noble thoughts, and we can assure Companion Watson that, although we could not hear his voice in the fearful din of war, yet we anticipated and endeavored to fulfill the following beautiful appeal: 'We would kindly invoke our Brethren of the North and of the South, of the East and the West, not to stand as idle spectators of so interesting a scene. We admit, nothing can be done by our Order to stay the tornado that is now slaying thousands and laying waste many of the most beautiful and productive portions of our country, but much can be done to alleviate the suffering and distress incident thereto. Suffering humanity calls upon you for your sympathy. The lamentations of the widows and the tears of the orphan call for your aid and assistance. Let us buckle on the armor and enter the arena in our true character as Masons, believing no sacrifice too great to be made in the present crisis, and God will bless our efforts.'"

Companion Gouley uses what he calls the "gavel of criticism" with the skill of a Master Workman.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, 1st, That the Most E. G. H. P. be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint three Deputy Grand Lecturers to act in conjunction with Companion O'Sullivan in exemplifying the work in the Chapter degrees throughout this jurisdiction.

"2. That the Companions so appointed be required to procure from the Grand Lecturer a certificate of their competency to exemplify the work as taught by him before entering upon the discharge of their duties.

"3. That the subordinate Chapters be authorized to call upon one of the said deputies so appointed, whose place of residence shall be nearest the Chapter so applying, for an exemplification of the work, and that he be earnestly requested to comply with such invitation, if within his power."

We would like to see a similar plan adopted in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Lecturer is appointed annually and is required to exemplify the work and lectures before each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

We insert here the following from the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, it being published with the Missouri proceedings, and congratulate this Grand Chapter on not being subject to such legislation :

“ SEC. 4. No person having been a member of a Chapter shall be admitted a member of any other Chapter under this jurisdiction until he shall have produced a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged, *that he was in regular standing, and, as such, at his own request, is dismissed and recommended.*”

We learn by table here published that there are thirty-five Chapters on the roll of Missouri, with a membership of about 1,144, an increase for the year of 311. It is estimated that there are 45,000 Royal Arch Masons in the United States.

Samuel Russell was elected M. E. G. H. P., and A. O'Sullivan re-elected Grand Secretary by acclamation. We regret to learn that our esteemed Companion O'Sullivan has since gone to “that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.” A great Light has fallen and we with “our brethren mourn.” We congratulate our Companions of Missouri in having so worthy a successor as the present Grand Secretary, Geo. Frank Gouley, to receive his “mantle.”

## MISSISSIPPI.

Grand Chapter met in Jackson, January 16, 1867. The G. S.'as G. H. P. The address is by Wm. S. Patton, G. H. P., by which we learn that he issued a circular forbidding the use of substitutes, and the calling off from time to time, also forbidding the reception of petitions from non-affiliated Master Masons. The following is so completely met by the resolution adopted at your last communication that we copy :

“ It has become an almost, I may say, a universal custom to ballot for the candidate, and to confer all the degrees upon him, without giving the lecture as he advances. This is contrary to the teachings of Royal Arch Masonry, and should not be tolerated by the Grand Chapter. I would recommend that you make it obligatory on Subordinate Chapters, before the admission of candidates, to have them proficient in the preceding degrees before another

is conferred. To the want of this principle or knowledge is chargeable the great dereliction of our subordinates. It is not enough for the Companion to know that he has had the degree legally conferred, but he must know the several duties required of him by these degrees; and how shall he know them unless he is taught? And who shall teach him but the Chapter whose care he is under? How shall he know his Companion by the unerring rules, unless that information is given? How shall he convince or instruct others if he is not taught? These things have been and are of daily occurrence, we are all aware. Let this Grand Chapter say that it shall no longer be a by-word and a reproach on Mississippi Royal Arch Masonry, that they confer degrees, but do not impart such light that the Companions can travel and make themselves known with its aid. I would recommend that the candidate, before his admission to the first Chapter degree, be required to give satisfactory evidence of his knowledge in the three symbolic degrees; and until he satisfies the Chapter of his proficiency, the degree shall not be conferred. And the same rule to be carried out in all that follows."

The following resolutions were subsequently adopted:

"*Resolved* That the Grand High Priest call the different Grand Lecturers together as soon as convenient at some practicable point, for the purpose of perfecting the work, and that they be entitled to and receive mileage and *per diem* same as members and delegates of the Grand Chapter."

"*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Chapters be notified of the time and place of meeting of the Grand Lecturers, and that they be recommended to send a delegate to said meeting for the purpose of learning the work,"

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Wm. S. Patten. He reviews the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters in a clear, comprehensive and highly Masonic style, but as the subjects considered have all been previously referred to in this report, it is unnecessary to repeat. The following however is so much better than our own criticism of the report of Companion Johnson, of Michigan, that we cannot refrain from copying:

"It is the opinion of your Committee that it would have been better for our companions of Michigan to have touched lightly on the subject of the "atrocious rebellion," as they term it. We know that a mighty revolution has taken place within the last four years. We know that we have been overpowered by an overwhelming number, and have been ground down to the dust so far as property is concerned. We know that the mighty hordes that infested our States did lay waste and destroy our fields and towns, and many helpless women and children were driven from their happy homes penniless, and could view the curling smoke and smouldering ashes of that once happy home, and rejoice within themselves that their proud Southern

spirits could not be subdued. Our Michigan Companions seem to think that "Masonry South, as an organization, has succumbed to the tornado."

Not so. Our organization, so far as Mississippi was concerned, kept her light continually burning. Incense on the altar burned day and night, except in certain localities where the vandals would make a raid upon some temple, sack and destroy its records and holy writings, carry away the jewels and furniture, and, perhaps, some of the worthy Companions. Many of our tabernacles were shattered, the veils were rent, the altars desecrated but the true light never grew dim. We of Mississippi have no cause to re-discover and bring to light the many valuable secrets hidden in the rubbish of the broken temples. Those valuable secrets are in our possession; we have them pure and undefiled, and will take great pleasure in imparting the knowledge of them to our Companions of Michigan.

One thing more your Committee cannot refrain from bringing to the notice of this grand body; and why the Committee of Michigan should incorporate the following in their address is incomprehensible. They say: "Your Committee cannot refrain from referring to the case of three eminent Companions, who, in the midst of the faithless, remained faithful Companions J. Q. A. Fellows of Louisiana, Giles H. Hillyer, of Mississippi, and M. E.; Albert G. Mackey."

We cannot, or at least do not, comprehend what our Companions of Michigan intend by that clause; if it is that the three Companions mentioned were true to the order of Masonry, we think many such can be found in the South."

He quotes approvingly from the address of Companion Waterhouse and the report of Companion Martin.

From the statistical table we learn that there are eighty-four working Chapters in this jurisdiction with a membership of 3,174. 346 exaltations, 3 expulsions and 426 suspensions.

Companion Wm. D. Ferris was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Oscar S. Keeler re-elected Grand Secretary.

## NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Chapter held its Tenth Annual Convocation in the City of Trenton, 12th September, 1866. M. E. Comp. J. C. G. Robertson, Grand High Priest, delivered the Annual Address, in which we notice the following decisions made by him during the past year:

"1. A candidate when duly elected is entitled to all the Chapter degrees when there are no charges.

2. It is the duty of the M. E. H. P. to proceed in conferring the degrees when there are no charges.

3. At a regular Convocation a Chapter must wait for written charges, if so desired, when, offered verbally, until the next regular Convocation.
4. When a trial is set aside by being irregular, another can be held for the same offence.
5. Masonic processions are not legal for any other than Masonic purposes.
6. A Chapter can receive the proposition of a rejected candidate without any specified time having to elapse.
7. A Chapter cannot proceed to try a member without a written charge."

We think that a candidate is *not* entitled to the Chapter degrees until he has complied with the Constitutional requirement as to proficiency, and the proper way to ascertain whether he has attained that proficiency is by examination in open Chapter, after which the opinion of the Companions is expressed by the ballot. By the same ballot objection is made if the candidate is *unworthy* from *any* cause, and an unfavorable ballot will prevent his further progress *at that time*. He can apply, however, at each successive meeting until charges are preferred against him, as the right of petition is inalienable to all Masons, "even the youngest Entered Apprentice."

We congratulate our Companions on the prosperity indicated by the following:

"During the course of my term of office, which is now about to terminate. I have visited most of the Chapters, but not all, as I proposed and intended, as circumstances over which I had no control, and which I very much regret, occurring sometimes with the Chapter, sometimes on my part, prevented. I now come to what is pleasant to relate and a matter for congratulation, and that is the proficiency in the work which was exhibited and which was always correct and ably performed in all the Chapters which I visited."

It has afforded us much pleasure to peruse the proceedings of this Grand Chapter. Not a word have we discovered to betray any feeling but those of "Brotherly love, Relief and Truth." Had we room we would make copious draughts from the report of Companion Carson, and by way of a sample will give his greeting to Alabama:

"It is with feelings of no ordinary pleasure that we receive the proceedings of this Grand Chapter. It warms and cheers our Masonic heart to the extremest fibre thereof. It is like the glorious rays of the vivifying sun piercing the thick clouds of the blackening storm which has darkened the face of nature, and covered all with gloom. It is like the reconciliation of

friends who have been alienated and estranged. It is like—if it be proper to draw an illustration from one's own profession—the comfort one feels after having taken a dose of nauseous medicine—the indescribable pleasure experienced in knowing that the trouble is all over. It makes us feel so comfortable and happy, that it is

“Like the ‘finally, brethren,’  
That follows a long discourse.”

Most cordially and heartily do we again welcome Alabama to our family circle, and we pray God that nothing may ever again occur to separate us.”

Not less warm and congenial is his reference to Arkansas:

“We are rejoiced and exceeding glad beyond measure to welcome back this ‘lost Pleiad’ to her place in the bright galaxy of Grand Chapters. Move up your chairs, Companions, and make room in the family circle for our sister who was lost to us, but who is now found—who was dead, but now lives. Thank God! the mystic chain of Grand Chapters is now entire—not a single link missing. Let us burn the yule-log and be merry, for our family circle is complete, and Royal Arch Masons from the bluffs of Maine to the golden shores of California are one harmonious whole. May the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth grant that thus it may ever continue to be, and that peace and good fellowship may ever exist between us.”

We are surprised that any one possessed of so much fraternal feeling should betray such seeming forgetfulness of the fact that “harmony is the strength and support” of our institution, as is manifested in the following opinion:

“After a candidate has been elected, he has a *right* to receive the degrees, unless the objecting Companion satisfies the Chapter that his objections are valid and well-founded. After election, the candidate has a right to be heard in his own defence, and it would be unjust to deprive him of that right on the mere captious objection of ‘any Companion,’ unless he made the objections known to the Chapter, and proved that they were sufficient to stay his advancement.”

All the stones of our building should fit with such exactness, that no discordant sound can be heard. If there are any rough corners on any of them, they must be removed before they are raised to their place. Good, true and square work can be put together with but little cement, and the “cement of brotherly-love and affection” is too valuable a commodity to be used on “rough ashlar.” No *good* Mason will object to the advancement of another without valid reasons, but he cannot be compelled to make those reasons known. Else what need of a ballot. The law of New Jersey

on this subject is different from that expressed in the proceedings of several of the Grand Chapters under review.

We regret to find that Companion Corson has so little faith as is manifested in this paragraph:

"We cannot do less than smile at those enthusiastic devotees who are constantly pursuing the chimera of uniformity of work, which as constantly evades their grasp. These good-natured but sadly-mistaken worshippers at the shrine of uniformity at regular periods become pregnant with a "work," which is to be the only true and legitimate work, and when their "period" is fully accomplished they are delivered, after much travail, of just exactly—nothing. *'Montes parturiunt et mus ridiculus nascitur.'*"

It is well that we are not easily discouraged. *Nil desperandum* is our motto. There is but one true light, let us all search for it.

It is fortunate for the Masonic world that the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Michigan did not reach Companion Corson until his report was in the hands of the printer; for otherwise our worthy Companion would not have been "delivered" of the following *jeu d'esprit*:

"From the number of times that the printer's devil has been besieging our door within the last week, our neighbors begin to think that we are either about to start a newspaper, or that the printer is awaiting instructions as to how he shall word a bill of sheriff's sale against us.

Every day this hideous "Devil,"  
Meaning nothing else but evil,  
And with actions far from civil,  
Makes his way in through my door,  
Just as he has come before.

In he comes with horrid leering,  
And I have to bear his jeering,  
While his presence I am fearing,  
And he asks for "copy—more,"  
Just as he has asked before.

From the room I cannot clear him,  
For he knows how much I fear him,  
And whenever I go near him,  
Still he answers, as before,  
"Give me 'copy'—give me more."

Now my pet meerschaum he's smoking,  
And he thinks it right good joking,  
While his fun at me he's poking,  
With his back upon my table and his feet against my door,  
And until he gets some "copy," move he will not evermore.

“Take your form from out this shanty”  
 In rage I cry, “now won't ye? can't ye?  
 Don't, O! don't stay here to TANTY—  
 LIZE my bleeding heart so sore,  
 Quoth the Devil, “copy—more!”  
 Just as he had quothed before.

Pity me, then, each reporter,  
 For from him I'll get no quarter,  
 And, to make this sad tale shorter,  
 The undersigned will write no more,  
 And thus I'll exorcise this bore.\*

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\*IN MEMORIAM.

The last I saw of Dr. Corson,  
 (Nature seldom made a worse one)  
 Was when I put an extra force on,  
 The fierce demands I'd made before ;  
 Which laid him prostrate near the door,  
 Gasping, as he struck the floor,  
 “Here, here's your ‘copy’—come no more.”

PRINTER'S DEVIL.

He thus extends the hand of fellowship which we in the joy of our heart fraternally clasp:

“To Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina and all of the other States who have been so long separated from us by the unfortunate condition in which our country has been placed, we extend a most cordial welcome, and we pray God that nothing may occur hereafter to mar that harmony and good-fellowship which should ever exist between all who have passed under the Royal Arch.”

Companion Corson speaking of the General Grand Chapter says:

“We must acknowledge that ‘gratitude’ has'nt ‘warned’ us very much towards that G. G. Body, for we do not know what we have received for which we should be grateful.”

Israel Baldwin was elected Grand High Priest, and John Woolverton, M. D., re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

Grand Chapter met in the City of Albany, 5th February, 1867, Horace S. Taylor, Grand High Priest, and Jno. O. Cole, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest reports three decisions on Masonic Law, which appear to your committee to be correct, although

they were not approved entirely by the Grand Chapter. His second decision was:

2. "When a candidate has been favorably reported upon by a committee, and duly elected in a Chapter, the High Priest may confer the degrees at any meeting of the Chapter. But when the candidate presents himself to receive the first, or any subsequent degree, any member of the Chapter may call for a new ballot; when, if one or more black balls appear, the conferring of the degree shall be postponed to a future convocation. But it is not necessary that it shall be postponed for three months, or any definite period beyond the next regular convocation."

To which, the committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted by the Grand Chapter, say:

"2. As to the second decision, we are constrained to think that it would not be the law in the Craft Degrees; and as we know of no other test to apply to it, we differ from the Grand High Priest in opinion as to the effect of the ballot for the Mark Degree."

We have already expressed the opinion in this report that it is competent for a Companion to object to the advancement of a candidate at any stage of the proceedings, but until charges are preferred he has a right to petition for the degrees to which he has been elected at each regular meeting.

The third decision of the Grand High Priest is as follows:

"3. It is the duty of a High Priest to maintain order in his Chapter; and if necessary to accomplish this, he may refuse admission to a member of his Chapter, or cause an offending member to be removed from the Chapter room. But if a member of his Chapter is announced at the door, he has no right to exclude him merely because another member objects to his admission."

It is thus commented upon by the committee on Jurisprudence:

"3. As to the third decision, we think it should be understood with the qualification distinctly expressed in the decision, that the refusal to admit should not be merely upon the ground that a Companion objects; a reason should be assigned for the objection."

We think the Grand High Priest was right also in this decision and will prove it by the 4th proposition of the same committee, which is as follows:

"IV. The question presented to the Grand Council, and decided affirmatively by them, as to the admission of a regularly exalted Companion as a visitor in a Chapter, without regard to race or color, is fully approved by us. A Companion

regularly exalted in a duly constituted Chapter, cannot be excluded on account of race or color merely, but any member of a Chapter may object to the admission of a visitor, without assigning any reason, and the objection would be valid."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is an able and interesting document from the pen of Companion Joseph White, and had we not already reviewed the same proceedings we should make copious extracts from it. Referring to the proposition to dissolve the State Grand Councils and transferring the jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters, he expresses the opinion that "this course will ultimately be adopted by the several jurisdictions." He says "Texas has already done it." He quotes approvingly from our proceedings. He thinks "one might as well be made a Mason by proxy as to be installed by proxy."

Companion John O. Cole having served this Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary *forty-two years*, declined a re-election, and the Grand Chapter made him the munificent appropriation of \$5,000.00 "as a slight testimonial and just compensation for his service." Companion Seymour H. Stone was elected Grand High Priest, and Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

## OHIO.

This Grand Chapter met in Toledo, October 11, 1866. Geo. Rex, Grand High Priest, who, (although his name would indicate that he should have been third officer,) presented a very good address and has evidently performed his duty to the craft. After paying suitable homage to the "Great Author of our existence," he eulogizes that "great and good" Companion, Wm. B. Hubbard, who died in Columbus, on the 5th of January, 1866. We sympathize with our Companions in their loss of Companion Hubbard, although personally unknown to us save by his works and writings. We agree that:

"His memory will be cherished by the whole fraternity, as an intelligent, faithful, diligent and efficient laborer in behalf of our beloved institution."

Much of the address under consideration is devoted to the General Grand Chapters. Comp. Rex does not believe in the doctrine of secession, even when applied to Masonry, although he does not adopt the views of those Grand Chapters who would have the General Grand Chapter commence Missionary Labors in those Grand Chapters who *did secede* from the General Grand Chapter. He quotes a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and says:

“The language of this amendment is identical with that of Sec. 1 of Art I. of the Constitution of 1853, which was amended in 1859 as above stated, and will, if adopted, again reduce the State Grand Chapters to the condition of mere subordinates of the General Grand Chapter, which, it seems to me, in the light of the experience of the past, should not be desired by any Mason, whether he be an officer of the General Grand Chapter, or occupies the honorable position of a member of a Chapter, subordinate to a State Grand Chapter. I would therefore recommend the same action in relation to this amendment, that has been above recommended in relation to the amendment which proposes to strike out the 4th clause of the same section.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion Howard Matthews, and as his opening paragraph precisely describes our own situation and sentiments we insert it here:

“On assuming the duty for the first time, of reviewing these proceedings, we did so with no little reluctance and some misgivings as to our capacity to do justice to the subject; but after commencing, we realized that we had entered a mine of wealth, abounding in gems of rarest excellence, and our regret THEN was, that we had not facilities for carrying with us all the riches that surrounded us—having to content ourselves with mere SAMPLES of each.”

He reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters our own among the number. Of the General Grand Chapter he says:

“While, therefore, we would not confer upon the General Grand Chapter any powers of discipline or control in the enacting of ordinances of correction or restraint, we would not object to their having the power of organizing new Grand Chapters in States and Territories where no Grand Chapters exist, but also of acting as an umpire in the settlement of any differences that might unfortunately arise between Grand Chapters, and of giving them advice and admonition.”

Why not as well let the Companions of “States and Territories” apply to the nearest Grand Chapter. Who wants a General Grand Lodge? We are not of those who wish to be “re-instated.” If the General Grand Chapter could have

accomplished what it was created for, a "uniform system," then we would have been among its advocates, but when it "failed to determine on any specific mode of work" (see resolution adopted 1856) North Carolina, in June 1857, withdrew from it, and has *since* been imitated by several of her sister Grand Chapters.

Companion Mathews expresses the same opinion as we have done relative to the dimission of petitioners for a new Chapter, saying: "Membership should continue in the old Chapter until the new one is chartered." He quoted approvingly from the address of Companion Waterhouse. We copy the resolutions appended to his report and which were adopted:

"RESOLVED, That the Grand Chapter of Ohio greets her sister Grand Chapters of the United States, with expressions of brotherly love and kindness, and trusts that the unfortunate and terrible memories of the past may be forgotten, and that there may never again be any contention amongst us, 'but that noble contention or rather emulation of who can best work and best agree.'

RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter promptly responds to the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, 'to co-operate in any endeavors that may be initiated by other Grand Bodies, to assuage any lingering bitterness of feeling that may still exist between the two recently hostile sections of the country, by bringing into play the powerful, yet soothing influences of the mild and benignant precepts of Royal Arch Masonry.'

The committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted an able report, which, while we do not subscribe to all its provisions, we would like to have considered by a committee from this Chapter. It is as follows:

1. It is not necessary that the application to a Chapter, for a recommendation for a new Chapter, should be in writing. The usual method is to present the petition, which fact, with a brief statement of the object and prayer of it, and the names of the petitioners are entered upon the journal. Then by a vote, either upon a verbal motion or a written resolution, the Chapter gives, or withholds its consent and the required voucher.

2. After the establishment of a new Chapter has been recommended by the nearest Chapter, no names can be added to the petition.

3. It is not necessary that the work should be exemplified by the petitioners, in open Chapter, before a recommendation

can be given. There is no rule on this subject, and it would be improper to adopt one. The recommending Chapter must be satisfied that the petitioners are qualified to confer all of the degrees, and to conduct, properly, the business and ceremonies of a Chapter, without assistance from others, and must so vouch, but the amount and kind of evidence to be furnished, thus to satisfy it, must be left to each Chapter to determine.

4. A member of a Chapter has the right to vote upon every question presented to such Chapter, except in cases where he has a direct personal interest in the result. The interest of a member in the question of giving the consent of his Chapter to the establishment of a new Chapter, and vouching for the qualification of its members, although he may be one of the petitioners for such new Chapter, is not such a direct personal interest in the result as will prevent him from voting on the question.

5. The petitioners for a new Chapter are not required to give 'the nearest Chapter' notice of their intention to present such petition for its recommendation and voucher. The presentation of the petition, accompanied with the proper request, either verbally or in writing, is all that is necessary.

6. When such petition is presented, the Chapter may make any order that, in the judgment of a majority of its members, may be necessary, to enable it to judge of the Masonic qualifications and abilities of the petitioners.

7. It is one of the prerogatives of the High Priest of a Chapter to direct the order in which its business shall be taken up, and if, in his opinion, it would be improper or injurious to the best interests of his Chapter, to act upon any particular business before the Chapter, at the stated meeting at which it is presented, he may direct that action upon it be postponed until the next or any future stated meeting.

8. It is not necessary that one of the petitioners for a new Chapter should be a Past High Priest. The constitutional requirement is—nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

9. The certificate vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners for a new Chapter, must be given by the Chapter nearest the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, and not by the High Priest, King and Scribe. The Chapter, as such, must vote upon and decide the questions, and where, under the constitution, the action of the whole Chapter is necessary to decide a question, the decision of the High Priest, King and Scribe cannot be final or binding upon the Chapter.

10. Every member of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

should also be a member of a Lodge; but a Royal Arch Mason may retain his membership in the Chapter, and not be a member of a Lodge.

11. The officers of Chapters under dispensation are not installed. The Companions named in the dispensation meet; the dispensation is read; the officers named in it appoint from among the petitioners a Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, and Grand Masters of the 3d, 2d and 1st Veils, and if the number of petitioners is large enough, a Treasurer, Secretary, and Guard. A Chapter is then opened. The first business should be the adoption of a code of by-laws, and then proceed with the work in conformity with the by-laws and the usages of the order.

12. Any change or amendment of the by-laws of a Chapter must be reported to and approved by the Grand Chapter, and until so approved, such change or amendment has no validity whatever.

13. A Chapter cannot, under the decisions of the Grand Chapter, provide in its by-laws for a single ballot for all the degrees. A separate ballot for each degree is required.

14. The petitioners for a new Chapter and the candidates advanced in it to the degree of Mark Master, whilst such new Chapter is working under a dispensation, have the right, respectively, to choose a mark, and have the same recorded in the mark book of such new Chapter, and those of the petitioners who had before that time chosen marks, and had them recorded elsewhere, may also have them recorded in the mark book of such new Chapter.

15. The recommendation and voucher of the Chapter nearest the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, is all in the way of recommendation that is required to accompany the petition for such new Chapter.

16. Whether or not the erasure of a name from a petition for a new Chapter is such an offense as will subject the Companion who did it to Masonic discipline, depends upon the intention with which it was done, and the light in which the act may be viewed by the Chapter of which the Companion is a member, or in whose jurisdiction the matter occurred. Such Chapter is the only tribunal before which the question can be tried, and there the charges, if any are to be made, must be preferred.

17. Cases of emergency are still recognized in the Chapter. Under Rule III. of the Rules of the Grand Chapter for the government of its subordinates, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at a stated meeting, a case presented in the petition of an applicant for the degrees, may be de-

clared an emergent one, and the Chapter proceed, at such stated meeting, to act upon the petition.

18. Under the Rules of the Grand Chapter, the election of officers in a subordinate Chapter must take place at the stated meeting of such Chapter next preceding or succeeding the festival of St. John the Evangelist. This rule is the paramount law of Masonry on this subject in this jurisdiction, and the by-law of any Chapter, fixing a time for the election of its officers different from that fixed by the rule of the Grand Chapter, is absolutely null and void.

19. An applicant for the Chapter degrees must reside within the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he makes his application. The jurisdiction of a subordinate Chapter in this State does not extend beyond the line of the State. A Chapter in this State cannot therefore receive the petition of a Master Mason in an adjoining State for the Chapter degrees without the consent of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides.

20. An applicant for the Chapter degrees must be a member in good standing of a Lodge of Master Masons; but it is not necessary that the Lodge of which he is a member should be within the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he makes his application.

21. When a Chapter receives a petition for the Chapter degrees from a Master Mason residing within its jurisdiction, and a clear ballot ensues, and before receiving the degrees, and the jurisdiction of such Chapter is so changed by the establishment of a new Chapter, that such brother no longer resides within the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he presented his petition, such Chapter, notwithstanding such change of jurisdiction, has the right to complete its work by conferring the degrees upon him, and no other Chapter can receive his petition, and confer the degrees upon him, without the consent of such Chapter.

22. A Past or Present High Priest has the right to install the officers elect of a Chapter, without a dispensation from the Grand High Priest. Such installing officer must be a Past or Present High Priest, and neither the Grand High Priest or the High Priest elect of a Chapter, can empower a Companion to install the officers elect of a Chapter, who is not a Past or Present High Priest.

23. If the officers elect of a Chapter are not installed within forty days after their election, the old officers hold over until the next election.

24. When two or more Chapters are located in the same city, their jurisdiction is concurrent, and the petitioners for a

new Chapter, to be opened in the same city, must forward with the petition the recommendation and voucher of all the Chapters of such city.

25. When a Companion makes application to a Chapter for membership, and such Chapter is satisfied that the Chapter in which the Companion received the Royal Arch degree, of which he was last a member, has ceased to exist, and that such Companion was not in arrears to such Chapter, the Chapter to which the application is made may admit such Companion to membership in such Chapter.

26. The installation of the High Priest elect of a Chapter must take place in the Chapter over which he is elected to preside.

27. No Companion can be permitted to visit or sit in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in this State, who has not received the Past Master's degree. Where a brother has received the degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, in a jurisdiction in which the Past Master's degree is not made one of the prerequisites, any Chapter in this State may, upon a petition regularly presented and acted upon, and upon satisfactory evidence of the preceding facts, confer the Past Master's degree upon him.

28. Where there has been a clear ballot in favor of a candidate, and a Companion who is not a member of the Chapter in which such ballot was had, objects to the conferring of the degrees upon him, such Companions must, if the Chapter require it, and he wishes his objection to be considered, state the reason for such objection.

29. The jurisdiction of a Chapter is determined by air lines. Where an applicant resides at a point equi-distant by straight lines between two Chapters, other than Chapters located in the same town or city, the Chapter to which such applicant first presents his petition has jurisdiction.

30. Section XII of the rules of the Grand Chapter requires the High Priest to enter suspended all members in arrears for dues, and directs that the member so suspended, shall, if within such time as the Chapter shall determine, of which the Secretary shall give such suspended members notice, fail to discharge such dues, be expelled. To give a Chapter authority to expel a member so suspended, the High Priest must report the suspension to the Chapter, and the Chapter must fix a time for their payment, of which facts, and of the further fact, that if the dues are not paid within the time limited, he will be expelled. The Secretary must give such suspended Companion personal notice.

There is no provision for constructive notice to a Com-

panion so suspended; and if the personal notice is not given, and a Chapter proceeds to expel a Companion thus suspended, such act of the Chapter is extirely void, and does not affect the Masonic standing of the Companion in any way. He is simply suspended for non-payment of dues, and whenever he discharges them he is restored from such suspension. A Chapter cannot, by resolution, suspend members for non-payment of dues. The High Priest must act in the matter, and not the Chapter. The suspension of a member under such resolution has no validity whatever.

31. Where, after a clear ballot, a member objects to the conferring of the degrees upon a candidate, the Chapter cannot proceed to confer them, unless the objection is withdrawn. The objection may be made in open Chapter or in writing, and the member objecting cannot be required to state his reasons therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SPARROW,  
S. M. SULLIVAN,  
A. H. BATTIN,  
JAMES S. REEVES,  
P. L. WILSON."

George Rex re-elected Grand High Priest, John D. Caldwell re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

We have sent several copies of our last proceedings to Comp. John Thomson, of Philadelphia, without being able to obtain their last proceedings. Those of the communication held Dec. 27th, 1860, contain so much of interest, however, that we can forgive their reticence, although we are very hungry for more of the same sort.

The address is by M. E. G. H. P. Benjamin Parks, who, after a beautiful and even pathetic dissertation on the Origin and Mission of Masonry, entertained his Companions with a History of Royal Arch Masonry, which is well worthy of preservation; and, in order that it may be accessible to all our Companions, we give it place here:

“Royal Arch Masonry, as a separate and independent organization, is of comparatively modern date. It is believed that a large majority of the best informed Companions, as

well in Europe as America, regret that it was ever so separated. The Royal Arch is in truth founded upon and but a part of the Master's Degree, as is the Mark but an appendage of the Fellow Craft. The separation grew out, and was one of the results of the memorable schism in England, which occurred in the forepart of the last century, about the time Masonry was introduced into America. This schism was not completely harmonized there until 1813. The remembrance of it *here* is embedded in the phraseology of our ritual, in the term '*Ancient York Mason.*' The effects of it, as a precedent for over-legislation, change and innovation, may be recognized everywhere.

The earliest mention of the Royal Arch as a separate degree is in 1740. It is there noticed as one of the results of the schism in England, and as a difference between the *work* of the two opposing bodies. The seceders from the Grand Lodge of England called themselves '*Ancients,*' and stigmatized the Grand Lodge and its adherents as '*Moderns.*' They organized as '*The Grand Lodge of all England,*' cut off the Royal Arch from the Master's degree, invented a system of writing by characters, and assumed to themselves the honorable title of '*Ancient Masons, acting under the old York Constitutions, cemented and consecrated by immemorial observance.*' The claim of regular descent and authority from YORK, where Masonry was first established by *charter*, and the first Grand Lodge was held in A. D., 930, added to the great activity and ability of Lawrence Dermott, their leader, gave this body great popularity, both in England and this country, although their opponents were undoubtedly the constitutional and regular Grand Lodge, and patronized and sustained by the Royal Family and Nobility.

The first Lodge in Pennsylvania, of which Dr. Franklin was Master, was under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, called *Moderns*, being No. 89 on their Registry. Lodge No. 2, and those following, were, in connection with the other body, called *Ancients.* The Franklin Lodge died out in 1786, and its number was not replaced, unless, as some contend, it was then assumed by the Grand Lodge.

The first Royal Arch Chapter ever opened in America, of which any account has been published, is that of No. 3, in this city, under their Lodge warrant, about the year 1758. This Lodge and Chapter derived their authority from, and held communion with, the '*Grand Lodge of all England,*' called *Ancients*, in which body the Royal Arch, as a separate degree, undoubtedly had originated and been arranged *not twenty years before.* Our Royal Arch Masonry, therefore, was derived,

both as to date and authority, from the fountain head. If we have preserved it as we received it, those who differ from us must have innovated or changed it. As it was a *new* arrangement, it may have been in some features changed, revised and *improved*, without infringing upon the landmarks of Masonry.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is the oldest on this continent, having been formed by our Grand Lodge on the 23d of November, 1795, William Ball, then Grand Master, as Grand High Priest. A communication on the subject of the government of Grand Chapters was immediately addressed to the Grand Lodge of all England. The reply from that body, enclosing a copy of the rules and regulations for the government of Royal Arch Chapters, was received and read in our Grand Lodge May 30th, 1796.

Thomas Smith Webb, in the earlier editions of his Monitor, concedes that our Grand Chapter is the oldest, but dates its formation in September, 1797, nearly two years too late. The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania continued under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, whose Grand Master was *ex officio* Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, until 1824, when the Grand Chapter was made an independent body, electing its own officers as at present.

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Before 1720 we have no information of any arranged or regular system of lectures in Masonry. Each Master taught in his own way, amplifying or adorning according to his ability or taste. About that time Anderson, who collected the ancient charges, in connection with Desaguliers, then Deputy Grand Master, arranged a system of lectures. In 1732 the Grand Lodge of England commissioned one Martin Clare 'to prepare a system of lectures which should be adapted to the existing state of the Order, without infringing on the ancient landmarks.' 'This version of lectures,' says Dr. Oliver, 'was so judiciously drawn up and arranged that its practice was enjoined upon all the Lodges, all other lectures being abrogated and pronounced obsolete.' Some ten years after this, Dr. Manningham added forms of prayer, the general practice having been to use a selection from the prayer book of the church, which always lay upon the Master's table.

Soon after this, Lodges No. 2, 3 and 4 were instituted in this city, under authority of the *Ancient* Grand Lodge of England. They of course received the work and lectures from England, being those of Clare and Manningham; arranged, of course, by Dermott, to suit the change made by the sepa-

ration of the Royal Arch. Dermott's *first* edition of Ahiman Rezon is published in 1756.

Some ten years after this, before 1770, Thomas Dunkerly, a very learned man, was authorized by the Grand Lodge of England, called *Modern*, to re-model and prepare a new code of lectures. Dunkerly was a liberal and popular man, frequently visited the *Ancient* Lodges, was intimate with Dermott, gathered from him his new arrangement of the Royal Arch, and introduced it into his system of lectures, which 'was adopted by the Grand Lodge without amendment, and its practice enjoined upon all the Lodges under its jurisdiction.'

The system of work and lectures, of both Dermott and Dunkerly, was introduced into this country by persons coming over, and especially by the Army Lodges in the British service, both before and during the Revolutionary war. We have historic evidence that there was intercommunion between some of these Army Lodges and No. 3, of this city, in relation to the Royal Arch. The work and lectures so received, with perhaps slight variations calculated to simplify and reduce in length without losing in substance, we believe to be the work in Pennsylvania *now*, so far, at least, as the work is done in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. The spirit of Pennsylvania Masonry has at all times been highly conservative and opposed to change. No change is known ever to have been made. No teacher or lecturer on the work of Masonry, except appointed and instructed by our Grand Lodge, has ever been encouraged or tolerated in Pennsylvania. No monitor or manual, or system of lectures, has ever been adopted or recommended by either Grand body, except the Pennsylvania Ahiman Rezon, the first edition of which was published in 1783, and which, in addition to historical matter, the ancient charges and Constitution of the Grand Lodge merely contains the public ceremonial, prayers, charges, &c.

Whence, then, it may be asked, arises the difference in work? We answer *first* in the idea extensively held, that as the ritual and lectures are not landmarks, it is competent for every Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter to alter, change and revise them at pleasure. *Second*, in the rage for lecture making, which was the offspring for the unhappy schism in England—the effects of which extended to this country.

The system of lectures to which we have last alluded had scarcely become general in England before Hutchinson, author of a work entitled "*Spirit of Masonry*," started a system of lectures of his own in the North of England. Near the

same time, Preston, author of "Illustrations of Masonry," taught his system in the South of England. These two learned and accomplished Masons, soon afterwards united their views and formed an entire system of lectures, more full and beautiful than any in use before. This system prevailed in England till the union of the two Grand Lodges, and the healing of the schism in 1813. One of the first acts of this United Grand Lodge was to authorize the Rev. Dr. Hemming, their Senior Grand Warden, to revise the lectures. His report was adopted, and is now the *established* system of teaching Masonry in England, although many Lodges, it is said, prefer and still practice the Hutchinson and Preston system. This certainly accounts for any difference in the work between us and the English Lodges of this day, as they have countenanced, if not adopted and authorized three changes of lectures since we received our Masonry from them.

In regard to our own country, it is well known that the Hutchinson and Preston system was introduced, and that one or more lecturers traveled in some of the Eastern States teaching it. But the great difference in work between Pennsylvania and her sister States has been the result of the work and labor of THOMAS SMITH WEBB, the American lecture-maker. The system of Webb was gathered from all others before him, though mostly from Preston, from whom he is said to have received instructions while on a visit to England. He acknowledges his obligations to Preston in the first edition of his Monitor, published in 1797. This system, either as first arranged, or as afterwards changed by Webb himself, or the other monitor, manual or chart-makers, who have copied Webb's work, adding plates, designs, &c., or as enlarged and varied by the *lecturers* sent out to teach it, is and has for half a century been the work in nearly all the Masonic Lodges in America outside of Pennsylvania. It has also, in some of its features, crept into many of the Lodges and Chapters in the Northern and Western parts of our State. We will not here express our opinion as to the *right* or *wrong* in this question as to difference of work; nor, as to which is the *best* or *most beautiful* system. But we do here express our decided opinion that beyond all reasonable doubt *our* work, in its main features, is the *old and ancient work* as practiced one hundred years ago, and that the *other* work, differing from ours, has been derived from some of the *later* systems we have mentioned."

We like the plan adopted by our Pennsylvania Companions of appointing Grand Chaplains in different portions of the

State, with commissions "granting and giving to them all the powers, authorities and privileges thereof, confidently trusting that they would perform the duties and exercise the privileges appertaining to that holy office. 'To visit as often as may be convenient the R. A. Chapters in your neighborhood; to offer therein to the SUPREME ARCHITECT of the Universe, the ETERNAL JEHOVAH, oblations of prayer and praise—invoking His blessing upon the Chapter and its labors, the fraternity at large, and the whole brotherhood of mankind; also, to dispense light and truth to the uninformed; administer brotherly admonition and reproof to the wayward and erring; recommend union, harmony and fraternal affection among all; and especially, by precept and example, to encourage a strict adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry, as held and practiced by this Grand Chapter.'

"I have reason to believe that good has already resulted from this. Our reverend Companions, in the country at least feeling themselves to be officers of the Grand Chapter, have not only been more punctual in their visits to the Chapters near them, but have, in several instances, administered brotherly admonition and reproof with good and wholesome effect. This I conceive to be the true position of Chaplains in Masonry. There should be no drones in the Masonic hive—all should be workers."

#### TENNESSEE.

Grand Chapter met 7th December, 1866. Forty Chapters were represented. The cholera prevented the assembling of the Grand Chapter at its usual time in October. From the address of the Grand High Priest, John Frizzle, we learn that:

"Peace and harmony prevail within the Chapters in this jurisdiction. No element of discord exists; and it is gratifying to be able to state that at no previous period in the history of Capitular Masonry in this State was the desire to extend its privileges to the worthy more manifest, nor when more interest was shown in the promotion of the interests of this branch of the Order."

The committee on By-Laws in their report recommend that whenever the word "regular" occurs preceding the word

*meeting*, it be stricken out, and the word "stated" or "called," be used instead. We cannot comprehend why a *regular* meeting should not be *so named*. We hope that the *stated* meetings of our Companions are not *irregular* assemblages.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is a well written document, fairly and masonically reviewing the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters. As the opinions expressed by the Companion coincide with those of your Committee, we will content ourselves with a few short extracts, which exhibit the animus of the whole report:

"Better to have passed over unpleasant matters in silence, remembering that much has been said by persons on both sides of the late unhappy controversy loudly calling for the mantle of oblivion to cover out of sight—also, that a 'soft answer turneth away wrath.' As Masons, let us try to forget the past, forgiving and being forgiven—to bind together in stronger fraternal ties, rather than to loosen those already existing—to heal dissensions, not to create them."

He ably defends Companion James Penn, the Past General Grand Treasurer.

Although he acknowledges allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, the following would indicate that his *love* for that institution is not more than "skin deep":

"Comp. Stevens is a zealous advocate of the G. G. Chapter, and deals vigorous, argumentative blows against all assailants of the integrity and continued existence of that body. While we freely acknowledge the full force of the positions assumed by our intelligent Companions, deeming them almost impregnable, we as frankly confess that we can see no good or substantial reason why the G. G. Chapter should be perpetuated as a governing body. Its day of usefulness, in our opinion, has passed away, and its very existence now trembles in the balance; and yet under present circumstances, we would be very sorry to see the day of its dissolution. Instead of loosening any of the ties that tend, even in a remote degree, to bind brethren of the Mystic Tie of every section of our common country into one solid phalanx, we would rather do all we can to strengthen those already existing, and add new ones wherever it is possible to do so, even at the sacrifice of any feelings of preference we may entertain. For these reasons we are utterly opposed to a dissolution of the G. G. Chapter at this time, as we have certainly always been opposed to the manner adopted by the various Grand Chapters that have heretofore withdrawn their allegiance therefrom."

He quotes approvingly from the Address of P. G. H. P. Waterhouse, as also from the report on Foreign Correspondence, by Companion Martin; and copies without comment the resolutions adopted last year relative to "proficiency in the preceding degrees."

Jonathan N. Dawson was elected G. H. P., and Chas. A. Fuller re-elected Grand Secretary.

This Grand Chapter did not meet during the interval between 1861 and 1865, and the dues accruing from subordinates during that time were in 1865 remitted.

## VIRGINIA.

The Grand Chapter met in Richmond, 13th Dec., 1866. The address of the G. H. P., Geo. W. Dame, is so interesting and instructive that we cannot refrain from transferring a portion of it to our pages:

“The proper position of the Royal Arch Degree in the great fabric of Masonry has not, in modern times, received that consideration which I think the subject deserves. We know that it was originally an HONORARY degree, conferred on those who had presided in the East in such a faithful manner as to entitle them to a mark of distinction as a reward; and was conferred by the Past Masters of the Lodge on the recommendation of the Lodge. The Royal Arch was considered as the complement or completion of the Master’s Degree, and was conferred on an investiture of TRUTH, in whose search the Mason spends his Masonic hours, and to the gain of which the whole science of Masonic Symbolism points. When by the action of the Dermott Grand Lodge, in 1740, the Royal Arch was separated from its former connection and made a distinct degree, it was still under the control of the Lodge, and its Master was, in theory, as he ever had been in practice, the presiding officer. And when Grand Chapters were formed about the first of this century in this country, I see no indication of any intention to remove this degree from its normal position as HONORARY, but only to give it more form, power and dignity. It is true, in order to keep alive and active the Chapters that had been formed, when Lodges were much scattered and Past Masters, of course, very few, the Grand Lodge gave authority to the Grand Chapter to confer the Past Master Degree on those not justly entitled to it, in order to their exaltation; but it is clear that it was done with the impression that none would be thus honored except ‘brethren who had distinguished themselves in Craft Masonry, not only by their learning and talent, but by their love of Masonry, their activity, generosity, liberality and sentiment.’”

“The act of the Grand Lodge may have been wise and needful at the time; but I believe the revocation of that liberty, long ere this day, would have been equally wise; for the Body—which is, theoretically, one of intelligent, instructive, experienced and skillful Past Masters—now has a very large proportion of its members who cannot govern a Lodge, and do not govern their lusts, their habits, or their language; who cannot instruct an Apprentice in the way to the Middle Chamber, and when tried by the Overseer’s Square, are found unfit for use in the Masonic Temple, and fit only to be hove over amidst its rubbish. Hundreds of drones have been admitted into the hive. These sought the name of Royal Arch, supposing it would give them honor. But whilst they have gained no honor, they have lowered the name and detracted much from the character that justly belongs to it. The standard of Royal Arch Masonry is entirely too low. Justice demands that it should be raised, and that a strict discipline should be enforced

in reference to the unworthy who are within, and a closer scrutiny exercised towards those who shall in future knock at its portal. None should be allowed to enter there who are not worthy, on account of their high moral character, their zeal for the Institution, their thorough knowledge of the whole Ritual of the Symbolic Degrees and their intelligence, to receive a special mark of honor. We may not be able to undo the injury that has been done either to the name Royal Arch or to Symbolic Masonry, yet we can do something to restore it to its former position of high and deserved honor, and make it prove an incentive to the members of the Lodge to improve themselves and become more active and more useful Masons. I would suggest that the Grand Chapter require that the moral and Masonic qualifications of candidates for the Capitular Degrees be such as we have reason to believe to belong to a Worshipful Master, who had, as such, served his time with honor to himself and credit to the Fraternity. Such a regulation would require a candidate to have from his Lodge, on secret ballot, a clear declaration that they considered him as one whose past zeal, high moral character and great Masonic proficiency entitled him to be honored by exaltation to the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch. In addition to which I would require that the Council of the Chapter, in the presence of the Companions of the Chapter, should give a rigid and thorough examination on the whole work and lectures of the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, and in Masonic law and history, and only after perfect satisfaction of his proficiency in these things should the Council recommend the candidate for exaltation. This, or some similar course, would in a few years make the Body of Royal Arch Masons one of high Masonic intelligence, skillful Masons and proper exponents of true Masonic character."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companions Isaacs and Carleton, and is a short but just and Masonic *resume* of the proceedings that have been reviewed by your Committee, and as their opinions, as far as expressed, so perfectly accord with our own we deem further comment unnecessary.

Rev. Comp. Geo. W. Dame was re-elected G. H. P.; and John Dove Grand Secretary.

### NEBRASKA.

We have just received a Circular from Companion E. T. Duke, Grand Secretary of the "Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Nebraska," giving notice of the organization of that Grand Chapter on the 19th of March last, in the city of Plattsmouth. Companion H. P. Deuel was elected M. E. G. H. Priest. The next convocation will be held at Omaha City, on the 17th of June, 1867. We welcome this young sister into our Masonic family, and extend to her the right hand of fellowship.

## WISCONSIN.

This Grand Chapter met in Milwaukie, Feb. 6th, 1867. The G. H. P., David H. Wright, presented a very interesting address, and had it come to our hands before our report was supposed to have been completed, we would have transferred a portion of it to our pages.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion J. P. C. Cottrill, who with a facile pen reviews the proceedings of twenty one Chapters, our own among the number. His opinions concerning the subjects under review coincide so nearly with those already expressed by your Committee that it is unnecessary to comment thereon.

He expresses his satisfaction at the reception of our proceedings, (they being the first received from us since 1859,) and quotes approvingly from them.

A resolution was adopted declaring 'clandestine all Royal Arch Masons made in "so-called Army Chapters."

Another forbids Masonic intercourse with any Companion who, as a Master Mason, remains non-affiliated more than one year.

Another requires every Mark Master to record his mark within six months after his advancement.

Candidates for advancement are required to pass an examination in open Chapter.

Companion David H. Wright was re-elected G. H. P., and W. T. Palmer Grand Secretary.

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We have read, with interest, the proceedings of the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the States of Indiana, Iowa and Michigan. We hope another year to be in direct communication with the Grand Councils of Arkansas Connecticut, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wisconsin, all of which we learn, through the reports before us, have published their proceedings.

The Grand Council of Ohio, on the 21st of February, 1865.

addressed a circular letter to several Grand Councils, requesting "an interchange of opinions touching the propriety of disbanding State Grand Councils, and transferring the jurisdiction of the Council degrees to Grand Chapters." The reply of the P. G. M. of Iowa was in substance:

"That formerly the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, in this State, were conferred in Chapters, and the work was equally as well done as it now is in Councils, but having ascertained that Royal and Select Masters thus made were not recognized as such in other States, we were compelled, in self-defence, to form a Grand Council; that I had always considered it a useless and unnecessary expense, and might well be placed in the category of useless things, and that I had no doubt that if all the other States would disband their Grand Councils, that we would do the same."

The Grand Council subsequently approved his reply.

The Grand Councils of Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and we think Iowa, have added the degree of "Super-Excellent Master" to the Council degrees. As there is some difference in the titles of the officers of the several Grand Councils, we insert a portion of Sec. 2, of the amended Constitution of the Grand Council of Iowa:

"SEC. 2. GRAND OFFICERS.—The officers of this Grand Council shall be—

- 1, The Most Puissant Grand Master,
- 2, The Right Illustrious Grand Master,
- 3, The Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,
- 4, The Grand Treasurer,
- 5, The Grand Recorder,

who shall be severally elected by ballot, at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council; also,

- 6, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master,
- 7, Grand Chaplain,
- 8, Grand Captain of the Guard,
- 9, Grand Steward,
- 10, Grand Sentinel,

who shall be appointed by the Most Puissant Grand Master.

The titles of the first three officers of subordinate councils consist of—

- 1st, Thrice Illustrious Master,
- 2d, Right Illustrious Master,
- 3d, Principal Conductor of the Work."

The following report, adopted by the Grand Chapter of

North Carolina in June 1859, will show the previous action of this Grand Chapter relative to the Council degrees:

"At the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, the following resolutions were referred to a committee to be reported upon at this session, to wit:

'*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter the degrees of Royal and Select Masters are a part and parcel of R. A. Masonry, and that subordinate Chapters, under our jurisdiction, are hereby authorized to confer them.

'*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, to report at the next Annual Convocation the proper arrangement of said Degrees.'

Another resolution subsequently referred the whole subject to the committee.

The Chairman, not having had an opportunity to confer with the other members associated with him, must ask indulgence while he offers but an imperfect report on his own responsibility.

It is not proposed to enter into a tedious exposition of these Degrees; for nobody pretends to know of a certainty how they, like many other similar degrees, originated; nobody has the temerity to claim their pateruity. Yet, if it be true that possession is nine points in law, then there are many who might claim very plausible ownership over them.

It is unquestionably true, as set forth in the above resolution, that the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees are, or should be, a part and parcel of R. A. Masonry; and your Chairman has labored to find grounds for justifying the assumption of them by the Chapters, but, he is sorry to say, without success; and he therefore feels constrained to report adversely to the proposition set forth in the resolution submitted, and recommends to the Grand Chapter to disclaim all control over them.

By reference to an able report on these degrees, submitted by Companion Martin in 1850, adverse to their appropriation, in connection with the surrender of all claim to them by most of our sister Grand Chapters, and in view of the disaffection that would be created in portions of the Masonic family by the assumption of at least doubtful authority by this Grand Body, your Chairman deems it prudential to offer the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, after due consideration, hereby disclaims for itself and subordinates any and all control over the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, *Chairman*."

June 7, 1859.

Comp. A. G. Mackey, says:

"1. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were originally brought to this country by an Inspector General of the Scottish Rite, and deposited by him in the archives and places under the control of the Princes of Jerusa-

lem, at Charleston, whose rights and powers were afterwards merged in the Supreme Council of the 33d at Charleston.

"2. The Inspectors of this Council disseminated these degrees over the country, conferring them on any qualified persons they pleased, but always requiring a pledge of allegiance to the Supreme Council.

"3. Charters were granted by the Supreme Council, or its officers, for the establishment of Subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters, which Subordinate Councils afterwards united in the formation of State Grand Councils, and then threw off their allegiance to the Supreme Councils.

"4. In some of the States the control of the degrees is still retained by the Supreme Council, no Grand Councils having ever been instituted; in others it is claimed by Grand Chapters, and the degrees are conferred before the Royal Arch, while in most of them, it is exercised by State Grand Councils."

These propositions very clearly establish the fact, that if the Grand Councils should ever be dissolved, the degrees they now govern should be relinquished to the Supreme Grand Councils, northern and southern, and not to the Grand Chapters, which have no legal right to control them."

We can see no good reason why those Grand Councils, which are regularly organized by Councils deriving their authority from the Supreme Councils, cannot, *if they prefer*, surrender the degrees which *now* rightfully belong to them, to the Grand Chapters in their respective States. We think it would be much better for the whole Craft if they would unanimously consent to such an arrangement. Alabama has already taken the first step, action on the resolution being deferred to her next Annual Convocation.

I have thus, my Companions, endeavored to present to you the various objects of interest that have particularly attracted my attention in perusing the voluminous proceedings presented for review. I feel that I have done injustice to the subject, omitting many beautiful and instructive passages, which, had space permitted, I would gladly have copied; but, such as it is, I launch it forth as my maiden effort, with the apology of the immortal Webster, after having made an unusually long speech, "that he had not had time to make it shorter."

THOS. B. CARR,  
*For the Committee.*

Comp. Nichols offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee on the resolution of Comp. York:

*Resolved*, That each presiding officer of Chapters working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, cause an election to be held in their respective Chapters, between now and our next Annual Convocation, on the question of *removal or not removal* of the Grand Chapter, and in case a majority of the Chapters decide in favor of removal, then the delegates to the next Annual Convocation to decide to what point it shall be removed.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council called from labor to refreshment until this evening at eight o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T :

Officers and members as this morning.

The Committee on resolution of Comp. York and others, presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Comp. R. W. York and others, relative to amendment of the second Article of the Constitution, by striking out the word "Wilmington," beg leave to submit the following:

We recommend that the question of removal of the Grand Chapter be submitted to each of the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, and that their decision thereon, duly certified, be forwarded to the Grand Secretary previous to, or during the next convocation of this Grand Chapter, and in due time for action to be had thereon.

We look with favor upon the proposition of the Grand Secretary to equalize the dues of subordinate Chapters, and recommend that he be appointed a Special Committee to correspond with the several subordinate Chapters and ascertain the cost of sending a delegate from each to the Annual Convocation, and the number of members in each Chapter, and report at the

next Annual Convocation what tax *per capita* on all the affiliated R. A. Masons in the State would be required to pay the expenses of a delegate from each Chapter to the Grand Chapter, together with the annual expenses of the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. B. CARR, }  
R. WAT. YORK, } *Committee.*  
WM. ROBINSON, }

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the M. E. G. H. P's address relating to dormant Chapters, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the M. E. G. H. P's address relating to dormant Chapters beg leave to report:

We respectfully recommend that a committee of three, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, be appointed to examine the list of Chapters now holding charters under this Grand Chapter, and report at our next Annual Convocation the indebtedness of each, whether at work or not at work, and recommend which shall have their dues remitted, and for what years.

WM. MURDOCH, }  
J. H. SEPARK, } *Committee.*  
JNO. NICHOLS, }

*Committee*—Comps Carr, Gardner and Fanning.

The Committee on Arrearages and Dues presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

TO THE M. E. G. R. A. CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA:

The Special Committee on Arrearages and Dues have discharged the duty assigned them, and beg leave to submit the following report:

That Union Chapter, No. 17, Bear Swamp, Duplin County, lost everything by the Federal army, even the floors of the building were torn up. The Chapter has paid thirty dollars at this communication, all the money they had. We therefore recommend that all arrearages of this Chapter be remitted to this date.

Choraizin Chapter, No. 13, owes this Grand Chapter thirty dollars in coin and fifteen dollars in currency. They propose to pay thirty dollars in currency, and ask to be discharged from all liabilities. The reason assigned is that the Chapter is in debt for two years' rent, and have several families of deceased R. A. Masons to provide for, which absorbs most of their funds.

We also recommend that the proposition of this Chapter be acceded to, and the balance of the arrearages be remitted to this date.

In relation to the resolution of Companion Scott, we recommend that the annual dues of subordinate Chapters hereafter be fifteen dollars in currency.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

T. M. GARDNER, }  
JNO. NICHOLS, } *Committee.*  
J. H. SEPARK, }

Comp. R. W. York submitted the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That Charlotte Chapter, No. 39, be allowed to retain the regalia now in their possession, formerly belonging to Lincolnton Chapter, No. 22, (now dormant) on paying the debt due from said dormant Chapter to Lincolnton Lodge, No. 137, amounting to about one hundred and three dollars

Comp. Nichols offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have published with the proceedings of this Grand Convocation all the resolutions of the Grand Chapter now in force, and also the amendments to the Constitution.

Comp. T. B. Carr offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the dues of Germanton Chapter be remitted up to the year 1866.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That fifty dollars be appropriated to the Grand Treasurer, one hundred dollars to the Grand Secretary and fifteen dollars to the Grand Tyler.

The Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 6th, 1867.

TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your Grand Secretary begs leave to submit the following as his Annual Report:

Two months after your last Annual Convocation I received from the hands of the printer two hundred copies of your last proceedings, and immediately mailed copies to each of the members, officers and subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, and to the Grand Chapters and Masonic publications in the United States.

On the 30th of April last I sent a printed circular to each of the delinquent Chapters in your jurisdiction, communicating your resolutions adopted at your last convocation.

Since your last convocation I have received and expended as shown by the following account current:

*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in account with  
THOMAS B. CARR, Grand Secretary.*

DR.

1866.		Gold.	Silver.	C'mcy.
June.	7		100 00	
Aug.				2 00
1867.				
April	30			4 50
"	"			2 09
May	17			35 25
June	1			10 50
"	"			
				12 00
June	4			3 00
"	5	30 00	30 00	356 66
		\$30 00	\$130 00	\$426 60

*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in account with  
THOMAS B. CARR, Grand Secretary.*

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1866.		Gold.	Silver.	C'mcy.
June	7		50 00	
"	"		50 00	
"	"			135 00
"	9			30 00
Aug.	8			2 50
Sept.	13			4 50
Oct.	10			10 00
Dec.	8		15 00	15 00
1867.				
Jan.	30			2 50
March	26			7 50
May	31			15 00
June	1			29 50
"	"			29 50
"	"	15 00		
"	"	15 00		50 00
"	"			15 00
"	"			15 00
"	4			20 00
"	"			30 00
"	"			15 00
"	"		15 00	
		\$30 00	\$130 00	\$426 00

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

The following is the report of the Grand Treasurer:

*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in account with*  
 THOMAS W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

DR.

1866.				
Aug.	16	To am't paid for printing 200 copies Proceedings.....		\$235 50
"	"	" " " " for binding 50 Diplomas.....		30 00
"	"	" " balance to new account, Gold.....		30 00
"	"	" " " " Silver.....		30 00
"	"	" " " " Currency.....		361 09
				\$686 59

CR.

1866.				
June	7	By balance on hand last year.....		\$238 18
Aug.	4	" " premium on Silver sold.....		22 75
	16	" " " Gold.....		9 00
1867.				
June	5	" Currency from Grand Secretary.....		356 66
"	"	" Silver " ".....		30 00
"	"	" Gold " ".....		30 00
				\$686 59

1867, June 5, By bal. on hand Gold \$30, Silver \$30, Currency \$361 09.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion of Comp. Nichols, it was

*Resolved*, That the name of Germanton Chapter, No 24, be changed to Winston Chapter, No. 24.

On motion of Comp. Walker, it was

*Resolved*, That the name of Wm. G. Hill Chapter, No. 37, be changed to Mt. Energy Chapter, No 37.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

TO THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your Committee on Finance, having examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and their accounts herewith submitted, beg leave to report that they find them correct.

During the year ending June 5th, 1867, the Grand Treasurer has received from the Grand Secretary, in

Gold,.....	\$	30	00
Silver,.....		30	00
Currency,.....		356	66
Balance on hand last report,.....		238	18
Received premium on gold and silver sold,.....		31	75
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	\$	686	59
Of which he has disbursed upon proper vouchers,.....		265	50
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Leaving on hand Gold \$30, Silver \$30, Currency \$361 09, in all . . .	\$	421	09

He also holds two notes of hand, not available at present, amounting together to \$792 00, with two years' interest thereon.

There is now due from the subordinate Chapters as follows:

Phoenix Chapter, No. 2, in Currency . . .	\$15 00,	and in Coin . . .	\$30 00
Mt. Ararat " " 3, " . . . . .		"	18 45
Temple " " 6, " 15 00, "		"	30 00
Raleigh " " 10, " 5 25, "		"	15 00
Lafayette " " 11, " . . . . .		"	18 46
Salisbury " " 20, " 15 00, "		"	14 70
Asheville " " 25, " 45 50, "		"	30 00
Louisburg " " 26, " . . . . .		"	22 70
Mt. Lebanon " " 27, " . . . . .		"	3 46
Goldsboro' " " 29, " . . . . .		"	15 00
Wadesboro' " " 31, " . . . . .		"	15 00
Davie " " 32, " . . . . .		"	20 25
University " " 34, " 15 00, "		"	30 00
Lexington " " 35, " . . . . .		"	18 89
Wm. G. Hill " " 36, " . . . . .		"	15 00
Mt. Energy " " 37, " . . . . .		"	15 00
Clinton " " 40, " . . . . .		"	18 46
R. W. York " " 41, " . . . . .		"	15 00
Eureka " " 42, " . . . . .		"	15 00
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	\$110 75		\$360 37

The following Chapters have been stricken from the roll of Subordinate Chapters in accordance with resolutions adopted at your last Annual Convocation: Roanoke, No. 4; Concord, No. 5; Conoho, No. 12; Gaston, No. 18; Keystone, No. 19; Montgomery, No. 23; Mt. Vernon, No. 30; Clinton, No. 33.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. M. GARDNER }  
P. W. FANNING, } Committee.

On motion of Comp. York, it was

*Resolved*, That Article XIV of the By-Laws be amended by inserting the words "two years" after the word "arrears" in the last line.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, the Grand Chapter proceeded to that duty, which resulted as follows:

Pending the election,

On motion it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter request Comp. A. Martin, M. E. G. H. P., to consent to a re-election.

Whereupon he was unanimously elected.

Comp. A. Martin, .....	M. E. G. H. P.
" W. J. Hicks, .....	E. D. G. H. P.
" Wm. Murdock, .....	E. G. K.
" W. W. Dunn, .....	E. G. S.
" T. W. Brown, .....	E. G. Treasurer.
" Thos. B. Carr, .....	E. G. Secretary.
" Thos. M. Gardner, .....	G. C. H.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments:

Comp. H. MeAlpin, .....	G. Chaplain.
" Rich'd Wat York, .....	G. P. S.
" C. W. Alexander, .....	G. R. A. C.
" J. L. Seott, .....	G. M. 3d V.
" J. W. Guliek, .....	G. M. 2d V.
" J. H. Separk, .....	G. M. 1st V.
" E. Turlington, .....	G. Tyler.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Secretary.*

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labor.

## PRESENT:

M. E. Alfred Martin	G. H. P.
E. Wm. Robinson,	G. K.
E. W. J. Hicks,	G. S.
E. Thos. W. Brown,	G. Treas.
E. Thos. B. Carr,	G. Sec.
J. W. Howlett,	G. C. H., <i>pro tem.</i>
C. W. Alexander,	G. P. S., <i>pro tem.</i>
J. D. Southerland,	G. R. A. C., <i>pro tem.</i>
J. W. Gulick,	G. M. 3d V., <i>pro tem.</i>
J. H. Separk,	G. M. 2d V., <i>pro tem.</i>
Wm. Murdock,	G. M. 1st V., <i>pro tem.</i>
E. Turlington,	G. Tyler.

Comps. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., T. M. Gardner, J. W. Blount, P. D. G. H. P., W. W. Dunn.

Comp. Wm. Murdock presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to collect and publish the amendments to the Constitution since 1851 and the resolutions now in force, be instructed to revise the Constitution of this Grand Chapter under the supervision of the Most E. G. H. Priest, and report the same at our next regular convocation.

Such of the newly elected Grand Officers as were present, were then duly installed into their respective offices as follows: P. G. H. P., P. W. Fanning, installing

Comp. Alfred Martin, M. E. G. H. P.  
who then installed:

Comp. W. J. Hicks,	E. D. G. H. P.
“ Wm. Murdock,	E. G. K.
“ W. W. Dunn,	E. G. S.
“ Thos. W. Brown,	E. G. Treas.
“ Thos. B. Carr,	E. G. Sec.
“ Thos. M. Gardner,	G. C. H.
“ C. W. Alexander,	G. R. A. C.
“ J. W. Gulick,	G. M. 2d V.
“ J. H. Separk,	G. M. 1st V.
“ E. Turlington,	G. Tyler.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments:

*Grand Lecturer*—Comp. Wm. Murdock.

*Committee on Finance*—Comps. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., and Thos. M. Gardner.

*Committee on Foreign Correspondence*—Comps. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., Wm. Murdock and Thos. B. Carr.

Comp. J. W. Blount offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the members of this Grand Chapter return their sincere thanks to the members of Concord Chapter, No. 1, and St. John's Lodge, No. 1, for the use of their hall and the kind and courteous treatment received from their members during this Convocation.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter of North Carolina was closed in ample form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION,  
 AND  
 RESOLUTIONS  
 NOW IN FORCE.

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## ADOPTED 1852.

The Grand High Priest decides that according to the Grand Constitution in all questions decided by ballot, that one single delegate appointed by and appearing as the representative of a subordinate Chapter is entitled to cast the three votes of his Chapter; but when a Chapter is represented by the proper officers, or their proxy, the number of votes given must correspond with the *number of officers* represented.

## ADOPTED 1856.

*Resolved*, That hereafter no Chapters under this jurisdiction shall entertain a petition for the degrees unless the applicant be a member at the time in good standing of a Blue Lodge, who shall also be required to undergo a satisfactory examination in each degree as he advances.

*Resolved*, That each Chapter be, and is hereby required to have a lecture delivered by some one of their Companions quarterly—before it, if practicable—upon the subject of Masonic law and obligation, as well as the general duties of a Royal Arch Mason.

## ADOPTED 1857.

*Resolved*, That Article XIII of the Grand Constitution be amended by striking out the word “ninety” and inserting in its place the word “fifty.”

## ADOPTED 1858.

When the regular officers attend Grand Convocations they should, as well as proxies, bear with them proper certificates, which will in that ease enable the Committee with more certainty to report their names, and thereby prevent confusion.

## ADOPTED 1859.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, after due consideration, hereby disclaims for itself and subordinates any and all control over the Royal and Select Master's Degrees.

*Resolved*, That the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction be requested to procure and use as their text-book, M. E. Comp. A. G. Maekey's Book of the Chapter.

## ADOPTED 1860.

*Resolved*, That Article 25th of the Constitution be so amended as to read, "All propositions for altering or amending this Grand Constitution shall be submitted at a regular convocation, and be acted upon at a succeeding regular convocation.

## ADOPTED 1866.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to report to this Grand Chapter the true work of Royal Arch Masonry.

*Resolved*, That after a system of work shall have been adopted, a Custodian and Deputy Custodian of the same shall be appointed.

*Resolved*, That the whole subject be postponed until the next communication of this Grand Chapter, and that the Committee be continued, with instructions to prepare their report and submit it at that time.

[Committee—Comps. Thos. B. Carr, W. J. Hieks and Burnae Walker—continued in 1867.]

*Resolved*, That no subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall confer the Chapter Degrees

upon any brother who is not thoroughly conversant with the first sections of the Entered Apprentice's, Fellow Craft's and Master Mason's Degrees, and with all the means of recognition practiced among Master Masons.

*Resolved*, That no subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall confer any of the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master, or Royal Arch Mason, until the brother taking the degree is thoroughly conversant with each and all of the preceding degrees conferred in the Chapter.

*Resolved*, That a violation of either of the preceding resolutions on the part of a subordinate Chapter shall cause the forfeiture of its Charter.

*Resolved*, That any subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may, upon the application for membership of any of the late members of a dormant Chapter, upon the best evidence that the petitioner may be able to produce of his late membership in such dormant Chapter, receive and act upon such petition, without requiring the production of a regular demit.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter be amended by striking out the word Monday in the Second Article, and inserting Tuesday in its stead.

*Resolved*, That each subordinate Chapter shall be required to furnish each candidate exalted with a diploma, at the expense of the Chapter so exalting.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have parchment diplomas bound in such manner and form as may be necessary to meet fully the requirements of the resolution.

*Resolved*, That all subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, which have failed to assemble during the last Masonic year, or which have failed for the last two years to make returns, and fully or in part to pay their dues to this Grand Chapter, as required by the Constitution, have forfeited to

the use of this Grand Chapter their charters, records, jewels, regalia and furniture, together with their monetary and all other property of every description, unless good and sufficient reason to the contrary shall appear.

*Resolved*, That the Grand High Priest shall adopt such measures as to him shall seem meet to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.

ADOPTED 1867.

*Resolved*, That hereafter the annual dues of subordinate Chapters to this Grand Chapter be \$15 in currency.

*Resolved*, That Article XIV of the By-Laws be amended by inserting the words "two years" after the word "arrears" in the last line.

[The following paragraphs from the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence having received the sanction of the Grand Chapter, are considered of equal force with formal resolutions, and are therefore inserted here:—G. SEC.]

1. A subordinate Chapter has not the right to try its High Priest; he is amenable to the Grand Chapter.

2. Any five Companions of his Chapter may impeach the High Priest of a Chapter before the Grand High Priest, who shall send his mandate to three High Priests, together with the charges, directing them to assemble at the Chapter of the accused for the purpose of inquiring into the truth or falsehood of the charges; and they shall give notice to the accused and accusers of the time of meeting, receive and reduce to writing the testimony offered by both parties; and forward the testimony, with their opinion upon it, to the Grand High Priest.

3. If the G. H. Priest, after examining all the evidence, shall deem the High Priest impeached unfit to preside over the Chapter, he may suspend him from the exercise of his office, and summon him to appear at the ensuing meeting of the Grand Chapter for trial upon the charges.

4. That irreverent use of the name of the Deity renders

the offender liable to be dealt with as for any other unmasonic conduct;

5. Forbidding Chapters "calling off" from time to time, and ordering them to close every night they work;

6. Declaring it unmasonic, and strictly forbidding the subordinate Chapters to receive and entertain the petition of a non-affiliated Master Mason for the Chapter degrees.

Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

CHAPTERS.	NO.	LOCATION.	HIGH PRIESTS.	SECRETARIES.	Admitted.	Expelled.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Residents not members.	Whole No.
Concord,	1.	Wilmington,	Thos. B. Carr,	A. Paul Repton,	3			1			5	71
Phoenix,	2.	Fayetteville,	No returns.	Estimated number.			2					50
Mt. Ararat,	3.	Murreesboro',	H. C. Maddry,	Wm. G. Starr,	2			1			3	62
Temple,	6.	Windsor,	No returns.	Estimated number.								25
*Duraka,	7.	New Berne,	A. T. Jenkins,	J. P. Dillingham,	2						5	49
Oxford,	8.	Oxford,	Z. M. Paschall,	J. H. Mills,	4		1	1			9	34
Raleigh,	10.	Hillsboro',	W. J. Hicks,	D. W. Bain,	4		1	1				54
Lafayette,	11.	Greensboro',	Thos. C. Hays,	Alfred P. Stroud,	4		3	2				62
Chorazim,	13.	Hertford,	John W. Howlett,	Wm. H. Reese,	1				2			106
Cherokee,	14.	Bear Swamp,	J. W. Albertson,	E. Brace,								23
Union,	17.	Salisbury,	J. W. Blount,	J. R. Hurst,	1		15	1			8	26
Salisbury,	20.	Winston,	Luke Blackner,	Obediah Woodson,	4		2	1	1		2	47
Winston,	24.	Asheville,	J. W. Hunter,	A. P. Gibson,	4		2					65
Asheville,	25.	Louisburg,	Robt. B. Vance,	J. M. Israel,	4		2		1		2	100
Louisburg,	26.	Wilson,	E. Malone,	W. H. Furman,	1		1	1			2	35
Mt. Lebanon,	27.	Graham,	Arthur Barnes,	G. W. Blount,	1		1	2			3	82
Graham,	28.	Wadesboro',	J. L. Scott,	John K. Ruffin,	3		1					30
Goldshoro',	29.	Wadesboro',	No returns.	Estimated number.								65
Wadesboro',	31.	Mocksville,	R. T. Hall,	Frank Darley,			1					54
Davie,	32.	Chapel Hill,	No returns.	Estimated number.								54
University,	34.	Lexington,	"	"								25
Lexington,	35.	Wakefield,	"	"								25
Wm. Gaddy Hill,	u.D.	Franklinton,	B. Walker,	B. F. Bullock, Jr.	1			2			9	24
Wm. G. Hill,	37.	Kinston,	Robt. H. Rountree,	T. A. Woodley,	2		1				9	36
Caswell,	38.	Charlotte,	C. W. Alexander,	J. Roessler,	3		2	1			8	38
Charlotte,	39.	Clinton,	Hugh McAlpin,	John A. Oats,	2						4	24
Clinton,	40.	Chatham County,	Rich. Watt York	J. E. Fearington,	2							29
Rich. Watt York,	41.	Bellevoir,	T. B. Farrar,	Stanley M. Riggsbee,	8							41
Eureka,	42.	Renansville,	J. D. Southerland,	J. A. McArthur,	5							41
Corinthian,	43.				1							12
Webb,	u.D.											

\* Authorized to resume work under old Charter. † Name changed to Winston Chapter, No. 24. ‡ Name changed to Mt. Energy Chapter, No. 37.

# RETURN OF CHAPTERS,

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

## M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina,

A. L., 5867.

### CONCORD CHAPTER, NO. 1—WILMINGTON.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E.	Thomas B. Carr, .....	H. P.
	E. Thomas M. Gardner, .....	K.
"	E. W. Manning, .....	S.
Comp.	Horace H. Munson, .....	C. H.
"	C. M. Vanorsdell, ... ..	P. S.
"	William Larkins, .....	R. A. C.
"	Morris M. Katz, .....	M. 3d V.
"	Thomas H. Johnson, .....	M. 2d V.
"	E. N. Bell, .....	M. 1st V.
"	A. Paul Repiton, .....	Secretary.
"	Jacob Lyon, .....	Treasurer.
"	E. Turlington, .....	Tyler.

#### MEMBERS.

Alfred Martin, M. E. G. H. P.,	D. P. Beatty,
Alexander McRae, Sr., P. H. P.,	Thomas W. Brown,
P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.,	Alex'r. Boon,
D. McMillan, P. H. P.,	A. B. Chesnutt,
W. G. Thomas, P. G. S.,	Thos. Cowan,
A. Empie, P. H. P.,	Michael Cronly,
Horace A. Bagg,	J. C. Devane,
Benj. G. Bates,	Owen Fennell,

J. H. Flanner,  
 W. E. Freeman,  
 Geo. R. French,  
 Jno. Garwood,  
 Thos. F. Gause,  
 Jos. Green,  
 John F. Gilbert,  
 Geo. Harriss,  
 Asa A. Hartsfield,  
 Andrew J. Howell,  
 N. T. Harriss,  
 Wm. G. Jones,  
 David Kahnweiler,  
 Morris M. Katz,  
 D. A. Lamont,  
 A. Lamont,  
 E. J. Lutterloh,  
 Jarrot Matthews,  
 Robt. Maxwell,  
 James McCormick,

W. H. McDowell,  
 Alex. McRae, Jr.,  
 M. McInnis,  
 Thos. D. Meares,  
 Richard Morriss.  
 J. M. Monk,  
 C. S. Murphy,  
 John Nutt,  
 T. F. Peck,  
 J. B. Price,  
 W. J. Price,  
 P. Prioleau,  
 Jos. B. Russell,  
 Robt. Strange,  
 John A. Taylor,  
 S. D. Wallace,  
 John H. Wright,  
 Julius W. Wright,  
 J. W. Zimmerman.

## RESIDENT R. A. M. NOT MEMBERS.

Joseph Ledorer.  
 C. W. Oldham,  
 H Ryttenberg,

T. D. Ryttenberg.  
 Daniel Sherwood.

Admitted 3; Exalted none; rejected 2; withdrawn 2; died 1; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members 5; whole number 71.

Regular time of meeting, first and third Mondays in each month.

## MOUNT ARARAT CHAPTER, No. III—MURFREESBORO'.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	H. C. Maddry,	H. P.
E.	Wm. P. Beaman,	K.
"	John W. Hutchings,	S.
Comp.	Charles M. Capehart,	C. H.
"	John P. Lee,	P. S.
"	H. M. Britt,	R. A. C.
"	James H. Maget,	M. 3d V.
"	Tully M. Forbs,	M. 2d V.
"	Oris Parker,	M. 1st V.
"	William G. Starr,	Secretary.
"	F. M. Capehart,	Treasurer.
"	Willis R. Warren,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

James L. Ames,	A. G. Jones,
Alexander Britt,	William Jones,
Reddick E. Beal,	Joseph P. Jordan,
Willis Beal,	Henry D. Jinkens,
Thomas M. Babb,	Jas. M. C. Luke,
James H. Beal,	Thos. E. Mathews,
Adner Carter,	R. R. Overby,
Ely Carter,	James S. Perrys,
B. A. Capehart,	John R. Rochell,
J. M. Corbett,	J. J. Rochell,
Samuel Darden,	Wm. P. Roberts,
Jett R. Darden,	Richard Shane,
Wm. H. Darden,	John A. Slaughter,
J. H. Davidson,	Wm. H. Slaughter.
Joseph J. Freeman,	D. Shannon,
James M. Flythe,	D. R. Taylor,
Walter Forbs,	Charles Vann,
Joshua L. Garrett,	J. J. Vaughan,
Henry Griffith,	James M. Wynns,
E. Hoyl,	R. H. Worthington, Sen.,
Geo. T. Holloman,	Benjamin Williams,

John Hoggard,	S. P. Wilson,
John Holstead,	Caleb P. Walston.
John Wilson Harrell,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

James H. Vintsent,	James Anderson.
Emmory Martin,	

Admitted none; exalted 2; rejected none; Withdrawn none; died 1; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members 3; whole number 62.

Regular time of meeting, the third Saturday night in each month.

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 OXFORD CHAPTER No. VIII—OXFORD.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Z. M. Pasehall, . . . . .	H. P.
E. W. A. Philpott, . . . . .	K.
“ R. H. Kingsbury, . . . . .	S.
Comp. J. H. Horner, . . . . .	C. H.
“ Ligon Hobgood, . . . . .	P. S.
“ W. C. Crabtree, . . . . .	R. A. C.
“ J. R. Fuller, . . . . .	M. 3d V.
“ S. A. Williams, . . . . .	M. 2d V.
“ J. Hobgood, . . . . .	M. 1st V.
“ J. H. Mills, . . . . .	Secretary.
“ L. C. Taylor, . . . . .	Treasurer.
“ A. F. Spenceer, . . . . .	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

T. J. Crews,	R. H. Marsh,
W. C. Crabtree,	J. H. Mills,
G. B. Harris,	J. S. Overby,
T. L. Hargrove,	W. A. Philpott,
G. W. Harrison,	Charles R. Parham,
J. H. Horner,	Z. M. Pasehall,

Joseph Hobgood,  
 J. L. Hobgood,  
 Ligon Hobgood,  
 R. W. Hobgood,  
 B. D. Howard,  
 J. G. Jones,  
 D. B. Johnson,  
 W. A. Johnson,  
 J. T. Littlejohn,  
 R. H. Kingsbury,  
 R. W. Lassiter,

T. H. Raney,  
 A. F. Spencer,  
 R. P. Taylor,  
 L. C. Taylor,  
 John Wiggins,  
 S. A. Williams,  
 S. D. Wilkerson.  
 J. B. White,  
 G. Wortham,  
 Lyman Latham,  
 J. R. Fuller.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

J. L. Carroll,  
 L. C. Edwards,  
 E. H. Hicks,

D. A. Paschall,  
 L. A. Paschall.

Admitted none; exalted 2; rejected none; Withdrawn 1; died 1; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members 5; whole number 34.

Regular time of meeting, the third Monday evening in each month.

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 RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. X—RALEIGH.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. W. P. Hicks, .....	H. P.
E. John Nichols, .....	K.
“ J. B. Neathery, .....	S.
Comp. J. H. Separks, .....	C. II.
“ W. J. Palmer, .....	P. S.
“ S. M. Parish, .....	R. A. C.
“ T. W. Bell, .....	M. 3d V.
“ Anderson Betts, .....	M. 2d V.
“ J. M. Rosenbaum, .....	M. 1st V.
“ D. W. Bain, .....	Secretary.
“ M. Grausman, .....	Treasurer.
“ J. M. Betts, .....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

W. G. Hill, p. II. P.	D. W. Allen,
C. W. D. Hutchings,	A. S. Lee,
Jno. R. Harrison, p. II. P.	N. M. Johnson,
Albert Johnson,	W. L. Bledsoe,
T. J. Utley,	A. D. Royster,
J. W. Cosby,	E. Smith,
W. H. High,	W. L. Burroughs,
Jas. A. Moore,	A. Kline,
R. K. Ferrell,	H. H. Harris,
W. E. Anderson,	W. G. Upchurch,
G. B. Waterhouse, p. G. II. P.	Jas. M. Pool,
J. J. Chaplin,	G. W. Norwood,
Jno. G. Williams,	J. Matthews,
H. Mahler,	R. H. Bradley,
W. H. Dodd,	E. S. Lougee,
A. P. C. Bryan,	R. W. Best.
Isaac Oettinger,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

W. D. Haywood,	W. J. Holleman,
R. W. Seawell,	J. M. Lovejoy,
E. B. Freeman,	Jas. H. Moore,
A. J. Lawrence,	W. D. Jones.
R. W. Pulliam,	

Admitted none; exalted 4; rejected none; withdrawn 1; died 1; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members 9; whole number 54.

Regular time of meeting, Tuesday evening after the third Monday of each month.

## LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 11—HILLSBORO'.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Thos. C. Hays, .....	H. P.
	E. Thomas Webb, .....	K.
	“ Henry K. Nash, .....	S.
Comp.	Calvin E. Parish, .....	C. H.
“	Jas. R. Gattis, .....	P. S.
“	John Cheek, .....	R. A. C.
“	Henry Richards, .....	M. 3d V.
“	Andrew C. Murdock, .....	M. 2d V.
“	Wm. B. Gardner, .....	M. 1st V.
“	Alfred P. Stroud, .....	Secretary.
“	George Laws, .....	Treasurer.
“	Jas. W. Carbon, .....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

D. D. Phillips,	B. F. Parrott,
Pride Jones,	L. J. Mewborn,
Alexander Dickson,	John W. Siler,
Thomas Howerton,	John A. Moore.
Wm. F. Bason,	Joseph J. Rigsbee,
D. A. Motgomery,	Richard A. Patterson,
John Q. Anderson,	Wm. M. Ferrell,
G. D. Cobb,	A. H. Lunsford,
William McCowen,	C. G. Hester,
John F. Lyon,	Lamb Mewbern,
William Dickson,	J. F. Sutton,
Jas. C. Turner,	A. J. Pickard,
Samuel P. Moore,	A. J. McDade,
John M. Wolfe,	J. J. Allen,
John McCracken,	John A. Walker,
Frederick Zalarnt,	S. T. Richmond,
John A. Faucett,	J. C. Vanhook,
John J. Allison,	J. D. Wilkerson.
Bennett C. Hopkins,	R. B. Trim,
Stephen T. Forest,	William Foy,
Alex. A. Thompson,	Hardy Hurdle,

M. W. Moore,	Campbell Barnett,
Thos. Searlett,	J. W. Cunningham,
H. M. C. Stroud,	Charles C. Pope,
Charles J. Freeland,	Thomas J. Jones.

Exalted 4; rejeeted none; died 1; expelled none; whole number 62.

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### CHORAIZIN CHAPTER, No. 13—GREENSBORO'.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E.	John W. Howlett, . . . . .	H. P.
E.	Wm. E. Edwards, . . . . .	K.
"	John Sloan, . . . . .	S.
Comp.	Joseph Hildsheimer, . . . . .	C. H.
"	O. F. Hatch, . . . . .	P. S.
"	Frank P. Cavinah, . . . . .	R. A. C.
"	Wm. H. Lane, . . . . .	M. 3d V.
"	Robt. M. Stafford, . . . . .	M. 2d V.
"	Silas C. Dodson, . . . . .	M. 1st V.
"	Wm. H. Reece, . . . . .	Secretary.
"	Robt. W. Glenn, . . . . .	Treasurer.
"	Wm. Collins, . . . . .	Tyler.

#### MEMBERS

Ralph Gorrell,	W. C. Stuart,
Peter Adams,	J. W. Hobbs,
Jed. H. Lindsay,	J. R. G. Faucett,
John L. Cole,	J. R. Cardwell,
Cyrus P. Mendenhall,	William P. Pugh,
Peter Thurston,	P. N. Wheeler,
John Hiatt,	Jabez A. Gardner,
David McKnight,	J. S. Moore,
Robt. W. Denny,	Dennis Curtis,
Robt. D. McCustian,	John R. Swafford,
Dr. Jos. A. Weatherly,	J. G. Kendall,
Rev. Braxton Craven,	Obediah McMichael,

James N. Millis,  
 Jos. A. Houston,  
 Jehu C. Lamb,  
 John Endey,  
 Dempsey Brown,  
 S. A. Powel,  
 G. H. Parker,  
 John D. Donnell,  
 Eli O Macy,  
 Daniel N. Sherwood,  
 John Kerr,  
 Robt. F. Armfield,  
 Wm. P. Watlington,  
 John A. Graves,  
 John B. Gretter,  
 Wm. A. Dunn,  
 James Kirkman,  
 B. L. Cole,  
 Isaac J. Collier,  
 Wm. S. Clark,  
 Samuel Lander,  
 D. N. Kirpatrick,  
 Oliver S. Causey,  
 Rufus K. Denny,  
 C. H. Wilson,  
 J. H. Tarply,  
 Zimri S. Coffin,  
 Wm. G. Sapp,  
 Geo. M. Isely,  
 John R. Coe,  
 N. A. Hanner,  
 Albert Armfield,  
 Wm. P. Heath,  
 W. C. Cryor,  
 Samuel T. Pickens,

N. H. Parker,  
 John C. Clendenan,  
 Samuel Walker,  
 J. A. Hanner,  
 A. G. Brenizer,  
 J. Swift Brown,  
 Levi B. Horney,  
 J. S. Pugh,  
 Benjamin J. Sapp,  
 Haly Davis,  
 William H. Moore,  
 S. B. Simmons,  
 Robt. L. Coltrain,  
 William C. Denny,  
 R. A. Montgomery,  
 James Sullivan,  
 M. C. Holderby,  
 K. M. Coble,  
 H. C. Lamb,  
 J. F. Hughs,  
 S. C. Sapp,  
 W. N. Armfield,  
 E. A. Kersey,  
 Pinckney Wall,  
 J. C. Robberts,  
 W. A. Woollen,  
 Asa Clapp,  
 Jacob Morton,  
 R. D. Lambeth,  
 J. A. Lambeth,  
 L. H. Lambeth,  
 D. P. Coble,  
 William Branson,  
 H. H. Hunter,  
 Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

Admitted 1; exalted none; rejected 1; withdrawn 3; died 2; expelled 2; suspended none; residents not members none; whole number 106.

Time of meeting, third Friday evening in each month.

## CHEROKEE CHAPTER, No. XIV—HERTFORD.

## OFFICERS.

M E.	J. W. Albertson,	H. P.
E.	John Thompson,	K.
"	Dr. R. K. Speed,	S.
Comp.	J. C. Skinner,	C. H.
"	H. A. Gilliam,	P. S.
"	Thomas Palmer,	R. A. C.
"	S. P. Wilson,	M. 3d V.
"	Wilson B. Ferebee,	M. 2d V.
"	Jos. H. White,	M. 1st V.
"	E. Brace,	Secretary.
"	N. Newby,	Treasurer.
"	W. H. Bagley,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

John L. Cox,  
 Stephen Wilson,  
 Wilson B. Ferebee,  
 Thomas Palmer,  
 R. K. Speed,  
 W. W. Griffin,  
 J. C. Skinner,  
 Darius White,  
 Wm. Small,  
 E. Brace,  
 Willis H. Bagley,  
 Josiah H. White,

N. Newby,  
 Francis Barron,  
 Jos. G. Granberry,  
 J. W. Albertson,  
 Dempsey Barclift,  
 John Thompson,  
 Gen. Wm. Roberts,  
 John W. Hinton,  
 Robert Hofflen,  
 Samuel Sutton,  
 H. A. Gilliam.

## UNION CHAPTER, No. XVII—BEAR SWAMP, DUPLIN CO.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. J. W. Blount, .....	H. P.
E. A. Guy, .....	K.
“ J. F. Ireland, .....	S.
Comp. Joel Loftin, .....	C. H.
“ D. Bowden, .....	P. S.
“ B. C. Bowden, ..	R. A. C.
“ J. F. Shine, .....	M. 3d V.
“ L. W. Hodges, .....	M. 2d V.
“ M. Moore, .....	M. 1st V.
“ J. R. Hurst, .....	Secretary,
“ William J. Thompson, .....	Treasurer.
“ T. B. Hill, .....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

J. W. Blount,	C. D. Hill,
A. Guy,	L. F. Williams,
Joel Loftin,	D. B. Newton,
D. Bowden,	J. F. Shine,
B. C. Bowden,	D. K. Kornegay,
Spaight Hill,	W. J. Thompson,
T. B. Hill,	L. W. Hodges,
M. Moore,	David Cobb,
J. R. Hurst,	Thomas Wright,

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

D. Wright,	A. R. Hicks,
F. B. Millard,	Daniel Glisson,
H. W. Faison,	A. Davis,
J. G. Dickson,	W. E. Hill.

Admitted none; Exalted 1; rejected none; withdrawn 13; died 1; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members 8; whole number 26.

Regular time of meeting, second Thursday in each month.

## SALISBURY CHAPTER, No. XX—SALISBURY.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Luke Blackmer,	H. P.
E. William Murdock,	K.
“ John M. Coffin,	S.
Comp. D. A. Davis,	C. H.
“ George H. Snyder,	P. S.
“ Delavan Bates,	R. A. C.
“ Elam G. Blackmer,	M. 3d V.
“ William H. Bailey,	M. 2d V.
“ P. A. Frercks,	M. 1st V.
“ Obadiah Woodson,	Secretary.
“ Joseph W. Hall,	Treasurer.
“ Samel E Linton,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

H. P. Allen,	C. A. Henderson,
Thomas A. Burke,	Henry G. Kellogg,
William P. Burke,	John Lindsay,
G. A. Bingham,	Hugh Murdock,
R. P. Bessent,	E. H. Marsh,
W. B. Boyd,	A. M. Nesbitt,
W. R. S. Burbank,	Charles L. Partee,
A. G. Brenizer,	James G. Ramsay,
Joseph F. Chambers,	George Riley,
Daniel Coleman,	Martin Richwine,
Clinton A. Cilley,	J. L. Rucker,
E. R. Gibson,	John I. Shaver,
D. W. Honeycut,	Charles H. Snead,
John A. Holt,	John Sloop,
A. G. Holder,	John B. Upshur,
M. F. Hunt,	D. B. Wood,
N. Hart,	Samuel E. White.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

James C. Turner,

C. S. Moring.

Admitted none; exalted none; rejected none; withdrawn 2; died none; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members 2; whole number 47.

Regular time of meeting first Wednesday in each month, and Wednesday of each court.

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WINSTON CHAPTER, No. XXIV—WINSTON.

OFFICERS.

M. E. J. W. Hunter,	H. P.
E. G. H. Renegar,	K.
“ H. A. Holder,	S.
Comp. L. D. Eberhart,	C. H.
“ M. V. Faircloth,	P. S.
“ M. J. Bodenhamer,	R. A. C.
“ W. F. Swain,	M. 3d V.
“ W. W. Phillips,	M. 2d V.
“ J. E. Shultz,	M. 1st V.
“ A. P. Gibson,	Secretary.
“ J. H. White,	Treasurer.
“ W. E. Axum,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

S. Adams,	B. Jones,
R. J. Bell,	A. D. Lindsay,
J. A. Bitting,	D. R. Leak,
M. R. Banner,	A. N. Leinbach,
J. H. Bitting,	W. W. Long,
B. L. Bitting,	T. Long,
J. W. Cole,	T. S. Martin,
F. W. Carmichael,	R. H. Massy,
E. Benbow,	M. Masten,
L. D. Eberhart,	S. Morris,
A. Fulton,	E. B. King,

M. H. Gwinn,  
W. H. Gentry,  
J. W. Gentry,  
W. N. Gibson,  
I. S. Gibson,  
J. Gray,  
W. T. Ganaway,  
P. Fetter,  
A. C. Fulp,  
J. H. Hester,  
F. W. Hall,  
W. P. Henly,  
C. Hanser,  
S. C. Hill,  
E. B. Higgins,  
P. Hutchinson.

J. B. Kingsbury,  
C. B. Ogburn,  
M. P. Nicholson,  
J. H. Pitts,  
J. F. Plunket,  
J. Perry,  
W. L. Pedicord,  
W. W. Petry,  
W. T. Robbins,  
J. P. Robbins,  
E. T. Robbins,  
W. B. Stipe,  
J. S. White,  
E. Spach,  
J. A. White.

Admitted, none; exalted, 4; rejected, 2; withdrawn, 1;  
died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not mem-  
bers, none; whole number, 65.

## ASHEVILLE CHAPTER, No. XXV—ASHEVILLE.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Robert B. Vance, .....	H. P.
E.	Robert B. Johnston, .....	K.
"	J. M. Broyles, .....	S.
Comp.	J. P. Gaston, .....	C. H.
"	Thos. D. Johnston, .....	P. S.
"	J. W. Schartle, .....	R. A. C.
"	Jno. D. Reynolds, .....	M. 3d V.
"	G. M. Roberts, .....	M. 2d V.
"	Joseph Miller, .....	M. 1st V.
"	J. M. Israel, .....	Secretary.
"	W. Broyles, .....	Treasurer.
"	J. W. Gudger, .....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

R. V. Blackstock,	T. W. Marrell,
W. R. Baird,	J. H. Merrimon,
J. Baker,	J. Miller,
M. M. Gains,	W. R. Neilson,
J. L. Crimby,	M. L. Neilson,
J. M. Blair,	A. J. Osborn,
John Burgin,	C. F. Osborn,
G. Whitson,	L. W. Peck,
John Baxter,	B. V. Peck,
J. A. Reagan,	S. W. Porter,
Wm. Hicks,	T. S. Robards,
R. W. Pulliam,	H. M. Rodgers,
Wm. Bryson,	J. E. Rud,
J. M. Davidson,	N. Brown.
G. W. Shackelford,	B. Brown,
G. T. Spears,	G. S. Jones,
Z. B. Vance,	M. H. Justice,
John Reynolds,	W. F. Johnston,
Coleman Campbell,	Z. M. Rodgers,
R. W. Patty,	A. H. Polk,
J. D. Baldwin,	A. J. Miller,

A. E. Baird,	W. H. Stevens,
A. H. Baird,	John Houston,
J. V. Baird,	W. E. Piercey,
B. B. Neilson,	Jos. Hooker,
J. H. Coulter,	Leroy Sams,
J. H. Davis,	B. B. Whittington,
L. C. Delarhmit,	Jos. Rud,
L. P. Erwin,	W. R. Ray,
J. M. Gudger,	J. M. Smith,
J. W. Gudger,	W. W. Stringfield,
J. R. Garren,	H. F. Scaife,
W. C. Garrison,	S. V. Pickens,
B. T. Glenn,	J. H. Taylor,
T. F. Glenn,	G. Taylor,
A. Gordon,	T. C. Westall,
W. W. Jordan,	J. R. Weaver,
W. B. Janes,	T. T. Sawyer,
William Jack,	A. A. Dewees,
M. T. Jeter,	S. M. Dawkins,
R. Jenkins,	D. H. Helmes,
J. A. Harris,	R. D. Sandford,
H. C. Lippard,	J. W. Bennett,
J. D. McCarley,	W. L. Love.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

James S. Kennedy,

J. G. Hardy.

Admitted 4; exalted 4; rejected none; withdrawn 2; died none; expelled 1; suspended none; residents not members 2; whole number 100.

Regular time of meeting, on Monday night on or before the full Moon in each month, and on the 24th June and 27th December.

## LOUISBURG CHAPTER, No. XXVI—LOUISBURG.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Ellis Malone,	.....	H. P.
E.	E. L. Stegall,	.....	K.
"	J. J. Harper,	.....	S.
Comp.	M. S. Davis,	.....	C. H.
"	William Bagley,	.....	P. S.
"	Harvel Harris,	.....	R. A. C.
"	B. P. Clifton,	.....	M. 3d V.
"	A. W. Jackson,	.....	M. 2d V.
"	J. G. Dept,	.....	M. 1st V.
"	W. H. Furman,	.....	Secretary.
"	G. S. Baker,	.....	Treasurer.
"	R. W. Stallings,	.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Rev. James Reid, P. H. P.	Madison Sykes,
A. M. Noble,	Dr. A. H. McNair,
Rev. N. F. Reid,	Rev. Daniel Wester,
A. Thomas,	William N. Fuller,
J. B. Littlejohn,	Thomas N. Carlisle,
Washington Harris,	Benjamin J. King,
John Chamblee,	James Southgate, Jr.,
Calvin B. Walker,	J. A. Debnam,
N. B. Walker,	Arch. D. Williams,
W. B. Foster,	William K. Barham,
B. H. Sorsby, Sr.,	George W. Wynn,
D. W. Williams,	R. R. Boon,
Capt. Jos. J. Davis,	H. H. Wester,
Thomas K. Thomas,	Dr. J. W. Jackson,
William A. Moore,	C. H. Thomas,
J. J. Minetree,	J. B. Hawkins,
J. W. Williams,	Rev. Thomas W. Guthrie,
R. F. Yarborough,	R. P. Overton,
Jonathan A. Stone,	A. D. Andrews,
Elijah A. Gupton,	Rev. R. S. Moran,
Thomas J. Stokes,	B. P. Baker,

J. Wiggins,  
T. C. Horton,  
W. K. Davis,

John H. Whitfield,  
Rev. Moses J. Hunt,  
Simon G. Hayes.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

N. B. Massenburg,  
Rev. William Closs,

Rev. N. J. Barham.

Admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, 3; whole number, 60.

Regular time of meeting, third Thursday in each month.

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 MT. LEBANON CHAPTER, No. XXVII—WILSON.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Arthur Barnes, .....	H. P.
	E. Spencer M. Warren, .....	K.
	“ Joseph J. Bynum, .....	S.
Comp.	Albert Farmer, .....	C. H.
“	Larry D. Farmer, .....	P. S.
“	Samuel B. Farmer, .....	R. A. C.
“	F. W. Taylor, .....	M. 3d V.
“	William H. Farmer, ...	M. 2d V.
“	G. H. Griffin, .....	M. 1st V.
“	G. W. Blount, ...	Secretary,
“	H. M. Thompson, .....	Treasurer.
“	H. W. Peele, .....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

W. J. Bullock,  
R. H. Baker,  
T. C. Davis,  
Willie Daniel,  
Isaac B. Farmer,  
A. E. Gill,

J. W. Dunham,  
Joseph J. Hales,  
James W. May,  
L. J. D. Berry,  
W. B. Mangum,  
W. M. King.

W. N. Hackney,  
 William Hinnant,  
 C. J. Rountree,  
 B. C. Strickland,  
 A. J. Simms,

Wm. P. Applewhite,  
 James T. Edgerton,  
 G. H. Griffin,  
 A. J. Daniel.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Adam Tredwell, J. J. Averitt.

Admitted 1; exalted none; rejected none; withdrawn 1;  
 died 1; expelled none; suspended none; residents not mem-  
 bers 2; excluded for non payment of dues 8; whole num-  
 ber 35.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday in every month.

GRAHAM CHAPTER, No. XXVIII—GRAHAM.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	J. L. Scott, .....	H. P.
E.	David A. Carter, .....	K.
"	Robert Hanner, .....	S.
Comp.	Wiley A. Wood, .....	C. H.
"	William A. Albright, .....	P. S.
"	J. S. Faucett, .....	R. A. C.
"	Thomas M. Holt, .....	M. 3d V.
"	A. Murray, ... ..	M. 2d V.
"	L. H. Wood, .....	M. 1st V.
"	John K. Ruffin, .....	Secretary.
"	William J. Murray, .....	Treasurer.
"	D. P. Teague, .....	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

P. A. Holt,	J. W. Gunter,
William Patterson,	Isham Ashworth,
John A. Murray,	J. B. Whitsett,
W. A. Holt,	G. Rosenthal.

H. C. Hurdle,	James E. Page,
E. F. Watson,	Hiram Fox,
B. McCray,	A. M. Rieord,
John H. Klapp,	R. D. Wade,
D. Coble,	John A. Moore,
C. N. Roney,	W. S. Long,
D. Worth,	Chas. Permento,
Thos. J. Fowler,	Geo. W. Fulmer,
J. R. Holt,	Geo. W. Swepson,
E. W. Beale,	J. G. Stoekard,
C. C. Davis,	P. R. King,
Thomas E. Roberts,	W. H. Faucett,
Thomas J. Hudson,	A. H. Boyd,
P. H. Williams,	C. F. Klapp,
Robert Tinnin,	A. Moore,
T. H. Robinson,	J. C. Holt,
Thomas T. Tate,	John Faucett, Sr.,
John Adams,	Andrew Headen,
T. C. Foust,	P. C. Smith,
C. R. King,	R. R. Lutterlow,
C. N. Creedle,	D. B. Branson,
W. P. Lane,	H. M. Foust,
J. W. Perry,	——— McCoy,
R. T. Nutt,	Levi Vineent,
Alfred Sharp,	A. Crutchfield,
J. C. Vincent,	John B. Randleman,
G. M. Hazell,	Joseph MeAdams,
J. C. Sumner,	E. R. Dixon,
Berry Davidson,	Sylvester Spoon.
R. T. Berry,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

D. A. Montgomery,	W. L. Thornburg.
W. H. Trott,	

Admitted none; exalted 3; rejected 1; withdrawn 1; died 2; expelled none; suspended none; residents not mebers 3; whole number 82.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday night in each month, and Monday night of each court week.

## WADESBORO' CHAPTER, No. XXXI—WADESBORO'.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. R. T. Hall, .....	H. P.
E. John A. Gall, .....	K.
“ J. C. McLaughlin, .....	S.
Comp. A. B. Cason, .....	C. H.
“ E. F. Kendall, .....	P. S.
“ A. C. Benton, .....	R. A. C.
“ E. R. Liles, .....	M. 3d V.
“ D. L. Taylor, .....	M. 2d V.
“ E. Hutchison, .....	M. 1st V.
“ Frank Darley, .....	Secretary.
“ J. R. Hargrave, .....	Treasurer.
“ John Boylin, .....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Maj. J. B. Ashcraft,	A. C. Moore,
W. O. Bennett,	Dr. A. Myers,
J. G. Bennett,	Rev. M. A. McKibbon,
O. P. Bennett,	M. A. Murr,
Rev. D. Barrentine,	S. W. Neal, P. D. G. H. P.,
Col. J. C. Carraway,	Rev. R. R. Pegues,
John Cowick,	H. W. Robinson,
B. F. Clark,	John Ruscoe,
Dr. T. L. Doster,	W. S. Richardson,
H. M. Diggs,	J. P. Richardson,
J. Edwards,	Rev. J. B. Richardson,
Thomas Gulledge,	Dr. W. C. Ramsey,
J. R. Griffith,	W. A. Readferne,
B. C. Hutchison,	Rev. A. L. Stough,
W. S. Hendley,	B. F. Smith,
Dr. W. F. Harlee,	George A. Smith,
T. F. C. Hinson,	C. E. Smith,
Dr. A. L. Jackson,	P. N. Smith,
Dr. J. L. A. Jackson,	W. A. Smith,

Rev. F. M. Kennedy,	E. A. Sturdivant,
B. F. Knotts,	E. H. Streater,
B. D. Kendall,	W. A. Tillman,
W. P. Kendall, Jr.,	J. D. Tillman,
Nathaniel Knight,	T. A. Vestal,
W. A. Liles,	Joseph White,
Alexander Little,	L. Woolén.
W. B. Little,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

W. R. Davis.

Admitted none; exalted none; rejected none; withdrawn 1; died none; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members 1; whole number 65.

Regular time of meeting, Friday after the second Monday in each month.

## WM. G. HILL CHAPTER, No. XXXVII—MOUNT ENERGY.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Bernice Walker,	.....	H. P.
E. L. H. Bullock,	.....	K.
“ John Peed,	.....	S.
Comp. W. N. Harris,	.....	C. H.
“ B. F. Bullock, Sr.,	.....	P. S.
“ John Fleming,	.....	R. A. C.
“ Richard Peed,	.....	M. 3d V.
“ D. C. White,	.....	M. 2d V.
“ B. B. Hester,	.....	M. 1st V.
“ B. F. Bullock, Jr.,	.....	Secretary.
“ R. Bobbitt,	.....	Treasurer.
“ H. F. Parrott,	.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

L. T. Smith,	W. R. Suit,
Allen Bailey,	D. Tilley,
Eugene Grissom,	W. Bullock,
Nerman Long,	W. A. Bobbitt,
E. Dalby,	D. H. Whitfield,
W. H. Jones,	John J. Bobbitt.

Admitted 1; exalted 2; rejected none; withdrawn none; died none; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members none; whole number 24.

Regular time of meeting, fourth Saturday in each month.

## CASWELL CHAPTER, No. XXXVIII—KINSTON.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Robert H. Rountree, .....	H. P.
	E. William W. Dunn, .....	K.
	“ J. F. I. Sutton, .....	S.
Comp.	B. F. Parrott, .....	C. H.
	“ Samuel H. Rountree, .....	P. S.
	“ L. J. Mewborn, .....	R. A. C.
	“ William Sutton, .....	M. 3d V.
	“ William J. Pope, .....	M. 2d V.
	“ William C. Brown, .....	M. 1st V.
	“ T. A. Woodley, .....	Secretary.
	“ S. E. Hodges, .....	Treasurer.
	“ Warren Kilpatrick, .....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

James M. Parrott,	L. S. Hillbronner,
L. A. Mewborn, Jr.	Thomas Powers,
Joseph Dixon,	T. M. Cowles,
S. R. Harper,	C. W. Gunn,
F. M. Harper,	J. E. West,
J. G. Cox,	T. J. Presson,
J. H. Coward,	J. H. Dibble.
D. L. Cooper,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS

Levi Thorn,	J. M. Patrick,
L. A. Mewborn, Sr.,	F. Thomas,
Wm. A. Pugh,	W. B. Reid,
G. W. Cox,	J. M. Hines.
Calvin Cox,	

Admitted 2; exalted 8; rejected 1; withdrawn none; died 2; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members 9; whole number 36.

Regular time of meeting, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

## CHARLOTTE CHAPTER, No. XXXIX—CHARLOTTE.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. C. W. Alexander,	H. P.
E. Samuel Taylor,	K.
“ J. M. Miller,	S.
Comp. Thomas W. Dewey,	C. H.
“ E. Fullings,	P. S.
“ M. L. Wriston,	R. A. C.
“ S. Wittkowsky,	M. 3d V.
“ C. H. Elms,	M. 2d V.
“ S. L. Riddle,	M. 1st V.
“ J. Roessler,	Secretary.
“ J. W. Wadsworth,	Treasurer.
“ J. Coldiron,	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

C. W. Alexander,	F. M. Ross,
A. W. Burton,	S. L. Riddle,
Thomas W. Dewey,	J. Roessler,
J. Coldiron,	J. Rudisell,
C. H. Elms,	Wm. Sloan, P. H. P.,
E. Fullings,	H. G. Springs,
S. H. Graphein,	J. H. Sasaman,
S. F. Houston,	J. J. Sims,
Geo. Jackson,	Samuel Taylor,
B. Koopman,	M. B. Taylor,
O. J. Long,	S. Wittkowsky,
J. M. Miller,	J. W. Wadsworth,
A. R. Mayer,	E. H. White,
H. S. Odell,	R. D. Whitley,
W. C. Power,	L. S. Williams.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

A. G. Brenizer,	P. J. Sinclair,
E. K. Bryan,	C. C. Smith,
S. D. Lowe,	M. L. Wriston,
H. M. Phelps,	Z. B. Vance.

Admitted 3; exalted 8; rejected 2; withdrawn 1; died 1; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members 8; whole number 38.

Regular time of meeting, every second and fourth Friday in the month.

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CLINTON CHAPTER, No. XL—CLINTON.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Hugh McAlpin, . . . . .	H. P.
E.	John Vann, . . . . .	K.
"	Allen M. Blackburn, . . . . .	S.
Comp.	Luke C. Graves, . . . . .	C. H.
"	Everitt Peterson, . . . . .	P. S.
"	W. F. Stradella, . . . . .	R. A. C.
"	John R. Beaman, . . . . .	M. 3d V.
"	A. S. C. Powell, . . . . .	M. 2d V.
"	G. W. Moseley, . . . . .	M. 1st V.
"	John A. Oats, . . . . .	Secretary.
"	A. B. Chestnutt, . . . . .	Treasurer.
"	C. P. Johnson, . . . . .	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Joel Jackson,	William H. Herring,
Jesse Wilson,	D. Read Parker,
E. G. Ward,	Fleet Cooper,
L. A. Powell,	B. Matthews.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

W. P. Wemyss,	C. T. Murphy,
J. D. Pearsall,	Blackman Lee.

Admitted none; exalted 2; rejected none; withdrawn none; died none; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members 4; whole number 24.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday in each month.

## RICH. WAT. YORK CHAPTER, No. XLI—CHATHAM Co.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	Rich. Wat. York,	.....	H. P.
E.	C. R. Scott,	.....	K.
"	A. C. Council,	.....	S.
Comp.	S. G. Wilson,	.....	C. H.
"	A. Johnson,	.....	P. S.
"	H. Sears,	.....	R. A. C.
"	R. C. Council,	.....	M. 3d V.
"	J. Broadwell,	.....	M. 2d V.
"	H. D. Mason,	.....	M. 1st V.
"	J. E. Fearington,	.....	Secretary.
"	L. B. Yates,	.....	Treasurer.
"	S. F. Barbee,	.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

J. E. Mason,	John Rogers,
M. K. Herndon,	J. W. F. Rogers,
Bellfield Jenkins,	Britton Utley,
G. J. Williams,	T. W. Womble,
M. D. Williams,	T. W. Young,
H. Hudson,	Johnson Olive,
R. J. Foushee,	T. Adams.
James Rogers,	

Received 8; exalted 5; rejected none; withdrawn none; died none; expelled none; suspended none; residents not members none; whole number 27.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday before 3d Sunday in every month.

## EUREKA CHAPTER, No. XLII—MOUNT PLEASANT.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. L. B. Farrar, .....	H. P.
E. Isaac Mann, .....	K.
“ Jessey West, .....	S.
Comp. W. F. Stroud, .....	C. H.
“ H. C. Horton, .....	P. S.
“ T. H. Foushee, .....	R. A. C.
“ M. T. Baldwin, .....	M. 3d V.
“ Fletcher Mann, .....	M. 2d V.
“ N. Thrift, . . . . .	M. 1st V.
“ J. J. Baldwin, .....	Treasurer.
“ Stanly M. Riggsbee, .....	Secretary.
“ Edward Mann, .....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Rev. Lucian Burnett,	John M. Burnett,
Rev. W. P. Taylor,	B. F. Snipes,
Rev. H. H. Gibbons,	John Stroud,
Lucian F. Baldwin,	Dr. Benton Roberson,
John Manning, Jr.,	John R. Ward,
Hasting Straughn,	Thomas Stroud,
E. P. Perry,	Alfonzo Richardson,
Edmund Atwater,	Joshua Johnson,
John Atwater,	Caleb Johnson.
Jahiel Atwater,	William Mann,
Dr. Edward H. Ward,	Egbert Love,
Joshua H. Hackney,	Matthew Snipes,
Haywood Horton,	Presley Snipes,
Alfred Garner,	Jessey Dollar.

Admitted 1; exalted 1; suspended none; expelled none:  
whole number 41.

## CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. XLIII—KENANSVILLE.

## OFFICERS.

M. E.	J. D. Southerland, . . . . .	H. P.
E.	B. F. Cobb, . . . . .	K.
"	William Farrier, . . . . .	S.
Comp.	J. W. Hinson, . . . . .	C. H.
"	Henry Grimes, . . . . .	P. S.
"	D. J. Middleton, . . . . .	R. A. C.
"	G. A. Mewell, . . . . .	M. 3d V.
"	J. Q. McGowen, . . . . .	M. 2d V.
"	J. G. Branch, . . . . .	M. 1st V.
"	J. J. Whitehead, . . . . .	Treasurer.
"	J. A. McArthur, . . . . .	Secretary.
"	L. G. Bass, . . . . .	Tyler.

## CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS.

WILMINGTON, June 6, 1867, A. I. 2397.

A Convention of High Priests assembled in St. John's Hall.

PRESENT:

- M. E. A. Martin, ..... President.  
 " W. J. Hicks, ..... Master of Ceremonies.  
 " Thos. B. Carr, ..... Conductor.

- Comps. J. W. Howlett, H. P., of Choraizin . . Chapter No. 13,  
 " J. W. Gulick, H. P., of Goldsboro', . . . " No. 29,  
 " C. W. Alexander, H. P., of Charlotte, . . . " No. 39,

presented their certificates of election as High Priests, and were consecrated High Priests of the Order of Melchisedec in solemn form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Recorder.*

WILMINGTON, June 29, 1867.

A Convention of High Priests was held.

PRESENT:

- M. E. Alfred Martin, G. H. P. . . . . President.  
 " P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., . . . Master of Ceremonies.  
 " Thos. B. Carr, . . . . . Conductor.

E. Comp. J. D. Southerland, High Priest elect of Corinthian Chapter No. 43, presented his certificate of election, and was consecrated High Priest of the order of Melchisedec, in solemn form.

E. Comp. J. D. Southerland was then duly installed High Priest of Corinthian Chapter No. 43.

THOS. B. CARR, *Recorder.*

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

For 1867.

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ST. JOHN'S HALL, Wilmington, N. C., }  
June 6, 1867, A. Dep., 2867. }

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

### PRESENT:

- Comp. W. J. Hicks, . . . . . M. P. G. M.  
" Alfred Martin, . . . . . T. I. D. G. M., *pro tem.*  
" J. W. Howlett, . . . . . G. P. C. W.  
" Thos. W. Brown, . . . . . G. Treasurer.  
" Thos. B. Carr, . . . . . G. Recorder.  
" Wm. Murdock, . . . . . G. C. G.  
" John Nichols, . . . . . G. C. C., *pro tem.*  
" J. H. Separk, . . . . . G. Steward, *pro tem.*  
" E. Turlington, . . . . . G. S., *pro tem.*  
Comps. H. H. Munson and Thos. M. Gardner.

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comps. Carr and Nichols a Committee on Credentials, who made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report:

They have examined the credentials presented to them, and find the following Councils represented:

Alpha Council, No. 1—Thos. B. Carr, Proxy for Representative.

Adoniram Council, No. 2—Wm. Murdock, Representative.

Greensboro' Council, No. 3—J. W. Howlett, “

Wilmington Council, No. 4—A. Martin, Th. Ill. G. M., T. M. Gardner, Ill. H. T., and H. H. Munson, P. C. W.

THOS. B. CARR, }  
JOHN NICHOLS, } *Committee.*

The M. P. G. M. presented his Annual Address as follows:

#### MY ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS

##### OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA:

By the providence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe we have been permitted to assemble again in Grand Council, to consult as to what will best advance the interest of this Grand Council, and most calculated to benefit its subordinates.

During the past year there has been nothing brought to my notice calculated to disturb the peace and harmony heretofore existing in this Grand Jurisdiction.

On the 28th of June, 1866, Raleigh Council, No. 5, surrendered their dispensation, together with their records, they having no other lodge furniture, and their money being in Confederate currency and therefore not necessary to be turned over for the use of this Grand Council. I have handed all the papers over to the Grand Recorder.

During the past year I have granted dispensations upon the application of a Constitutional number of Companions and properly recommended by the nearest Councils, as follows: On the 26th day of July, 1866, Enoch Council, to be held at Raleigh, Wake County, with Companion J. R. Harrison for their first Th. Ill. G. M., Companion W. J. Palmer for their first Ill. H. of T., and Companion A. P. C. Bryan for their first P. C. of the W.

February 7th, 1867, Davie Council, to be held at Mocksville, Davie County, with Companion A. A. Harbin for their first T. Ill. G. M., Companion John M. Clement for their first Ill. H. of T., and Companion J. A. Kelly for their first P. C. of the W.

May 31st, a dispensation to Enoch Council, U. D., at Raleigh, to hold their regular meeting on the 1st instead of the 3rd of June, 1867.

Permit me to return you my warmest thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon me, the remembrance of which will ever be a source of great pleasure, and will tend much to smoothe the rough and rugged path of declining years.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HICKS, 32.

The M. P. G. M. announced the following Committees:

*On Unfinished Business*—Comps. J. H. Separk and William Murdock.

*On Returns and Proceedings*—Comps. John Nichols and H. H. Munson.

*On Charters and Dispensations*—Comps. J. W. Howlett and H. H. Munson.

*On Finance*—Comp. A. Martin.

The Committttee on unfinished business presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and find no unfinished business.

WM. MURDOCK, }  
J. H. SEPARK, } *Committee.*

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Returns beg leave to Report that they have examined the returns of the following Councils and find them correct: Alpha, No. 1; Greensboro', No. 3; Wilmington, No. 4; Enoch, U. D.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. H. MUNSON, }  
JNO. NICHOLS, } *Committee.*

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. MASTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations have discharged the duty assigned them and beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the by-laws and proceedings of Enoch Council, U. D., and find them correct. We therefore recommend that a Charter be granted them.

Alpha Council, No. 1, having surrendered their warrant of Constitution as required by this Grand Council, are entitled to a Charter.

Wilmington, No. 4, having also returned their dispensation, are entitled to a Charter.

J. W. HOWLETT, }  
H. H. MUNSON, } *Committee.*

Comp. Murdock offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the representatives of those Councils to whom Charters have been granted be admitted as regular members of this Grand Council.

Comp. John Nichols offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to report at our next annual convocation the correct titles for the Grand Officers, and also the titles for officers of subordinate Councils, and also the work in the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

*Committee*—Companions A. Martin, T. B. Carr and T. M. Gardner.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 6, 1867.

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your Grand Recorder begs leave to submit the following as his annual report:

I had the proceedings of your last Grand Convocation printed as soon as practicable, and the bill, amounting to eighteen dollars, has been paid by the Grand Treasurer.

I have received, as dues from Wilmington Council, No 4,.....	\$20 00
For dispensation for Enoch Council,.....	30 00
For dues from Adoniram Council, No. 2,.....	20 00
	\$100 00

This amount has been paid to your Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Recorder*.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer was read and adopted:

*Grand Council of North Carolina in account with T. W. BROWN,*  
*Grand Treasurer.*

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1866.		
Aug. 16	To paid bill printing Proceedings,.....	\$18 00
June 6	“ “ “ Dispensations, .....	7 50
“ “	“ balance carried to new account,.....	74 50
		\$100 00

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1866.			
Aug. 16	By received from Grand Secretary.....		\$20 00
June 6	" " " " .....		80 00
			\$100 00
1867.			
June 6	By balance on hand brought down.....		\$74 50

THOS. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Wilmington, N. C., 6th June, 1867.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary and find them correct, and the entries thereon sustained by proper vouchers.

The balance remaining in the hands of the Grand Treasurer they find to be seventy-four dollars and fifty cents. They have been informed by the Grand Secretary that there is a bill for printing charters that has not yet been presented, amounting to about forty-seven dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MARTIN, *Committee.*

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

*Resolved,* That this Grand Council proceed to an election of officers.

The M. P. appointed Comps. Gardner and Nichols, Tellers.

An election was accordingly held, which resulted as follows:

Comp.	W. J. Hicks, .....	M. P. G. M.
"	Wm. Murdock, .....	Th. Ill. D. G. M.
"	Thos. M. Gardner, .....	G. P. C. W.
"	Thos. W. Brown, .....	G. Treasurer.
"	Thos. B. Carr, .....	G. Recorder.
"	John Nichols, .....	G. C. G.
"	J. H. Separk, .....	G. S.

The M. P. G. M. made the following appointments:

*Grand Lecturer*—Thos. M. Gardner.

*Grand Sentinel*—E. Turlington.

On motion, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be permitted to serve the Grand Council, during the ensuing year, "without the hope of fee or reward."

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

*Resolved*, That the dispensation of Davie Chapter be continued another year.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sentinel be allowed three dollars for his services.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council of North Carolina was closed in ample form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Recorder*.

## Returns of Subordinate Councils.

### ALPHA COUNCIL, No. I—WADESBORO'.

#### OFFICERS.

Comp.	S. W. Neal, .....	T. I. K. S.
"	H. W. Robinson.....	I. H. T.
"	E. F. Kendall, .....	P. C. W.
"	Jno. A. Gale, .....	Treasurer.
"	R. T. Hall, .....	Secretary.
"	Frank Darley, .....	C. G.
"	W. A. Smith,.....	C. C.
"	Thos. Gullege, .....	Steward.
"	E. Hutchison, .....	Sentinel.

#### MEMBERS.

E. H. Streater,	B. C. Hutchison.
B. D. Kendall,	Jas. C. Carraway.
John Ruscoe,	

#### RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Rev. T. M. Kennedy, 32.;      Rev. P. N. Smith.

Admitted 6; deaths none; suspensions none; expulsions none; withdrawals none; whole number 14.

## GREENSBORO' COUNCIL, No. III—GREENSBORO'.

## OFFICERS.

Comp.	J. W. Howlett, .....	T. I. G. M.
"	John L. Cole, .....	I. H. T.
"	John Donnell, .....	P. C. W.
"	Wm. Fraish, .....	M. E.
"	W. E. Edwards, .....	M. D.
"	J. W. S. Parker, .....	C. G.
"	S. Clark, .....	C. C.
"	W. Collins, .....	Steward.

## MEMBERS.

George Parker,	J. J. Collier,
David Kirkpatrick,	J. R. Wilkerson,
James Kirkman,	S. R. Simmons,
Robert Stafford,	John Sloan,
J. R. Tarply,	J. Hildsheimer,
J. S. Scott,	J. Glenn,
J. R. Cardwell,	W. S. Swaim,
W. H. Moore,	B. Bodenheimer,
R. S. Coltrane,	J. Kellogg,
O. F. Hatch,	J. W. Hobbs.

Deaths 2.

## WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. IV—WILMINGTON.

## OFFICERS.

Comp.	Alfred Martin, . . . . .	T. I. G. M.
"	Thomas M. Gardner, . . . . .	D. I. G. M.
"	H. H. Munson, . . . . .	P. C.
"	C. M. Vanorsdell, . . . . .	Treasurer.
"	A. Paul Repiton, . . . . .	Recorder.
"	H. Ryttenberg, . . . . .	C. G.
"	Thos. B. Carr, . . . . .	C. C.
"	M. M. Katz, . . . . .	Steward.
"	E. Turlington, . . . . .	Sentinel.

## MEMBERS.

Alex. Boon,	J. D. Ryttenburg,
W. J. Price,	Jacob Lyon,
J. Nutt,	Alex. McRae, Jr.,
Julius W. Wright,	W. E. Freeman.

Degrees conferred 6; healed 2.

## ENOCH COUNCIL, No. V—RALEIGH.

## OFFICERS.

Comp.	J. R. Harrison,	.....	T. I. G. M.
“	W. J. Palmer,	.....	I. H. T.
“	A. P. C. Bryan,	.....	P. C. W.
“	J. M. Rosenbaum,	.....	M. E.
“	A. Kline,	.....	M. D.
“	John Nichols,	.....	C. G.
“	A. D. Royster,	.....	C. C.
“	J. M. Betts,	.....	Steward.

## MEMBERS.

D. W. Bain,	H. Mahler,
W. H. Dodd,	J. B. Neathery,
M. Grausman,	J. A. Moore,
J. H. Separk,	R. H. Rountree,
A. Johnson,	W. C. Brown.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	

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NOTE.—There being a difference in the titles of the officers of Subordinate Councils, a Committee has been appointed to report the proper titles at the next Annual Grand Convocation.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. C. Grand Royal Arch Chapter,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

In Wilmington, North Carolina, Tuesday, 2d day of June,

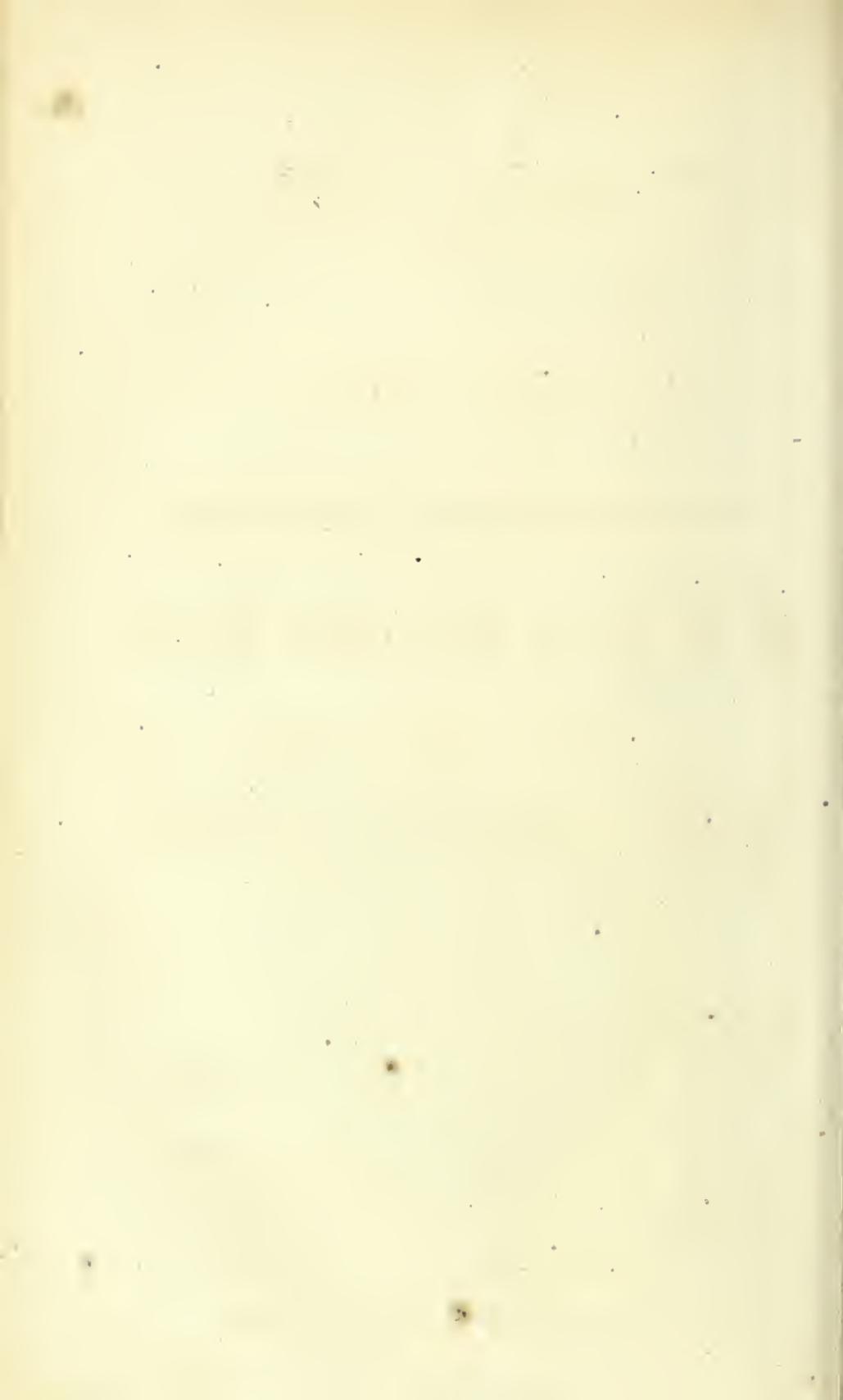
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OF THE

### M. C. Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF

### NORTH CAROLINA,

BEGUN AND HELD IN ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON, N. C.,  
ON TUESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF JUNE, A. L., 5868, A. I.,  
2398, A. D., 1868.

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PRESENT:

M. E. Comp.	Alfred Martin,.....	G. H. P.
E.	“ William Murdock,.....	G. K.
E.	“ Wm. G. Hill,.....	G. S., pro tem.
E.	“ Thomas E. Carr,.....	G. Sec'y.
“	“ Thomas M. Gardner,.....	G. C. H.
“	“ Henry K. Nash,.....	G. P. S., pro tem.
“	“ Donald W. Bain,.....	G. R. A C., “
“	“ E. H. White,.....	G. M. 3d V. “
“	“ W. A. Smith,.....	G. M. 2d V. “
“	“ B. T. Strickland,.....	G. M. 1st V. “
“	“ E. Turlington,.....	G. Tyler.

The Grand Chapter was opened in solemn form.

The M. E. appointed the following committee on Credentials : Comps. D. W. Bain and E. H. White.

The committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued, with authority to add to their report from time to time as delegates arrive :

*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina :*

The Committee on Credentials report Subordinate Chapters duly represented, and delegates entitled to seats as follows :

Concord,	No. 1.	C. M. VanOrsdell, K, and proxy for H. P. and S.
Phoenix,	No. 2.	Chas. R. Banks, proxy for H. P. and K.
Mt. Ararat,	No. 3.	Thos. B. Carr, Rep.
Eureka,	No. 7.	J. D. Flanner, H. P., G. W. Nason, Jr., proxy for K.
Raleigh,	No. 10.	Wm. G. Hill, proxy for H. P. and King, and D. W. Bain, Scribe.
Lafayette,	No. 11.	Henry K. Nash, Scribe, and proxy for H. P. and King.
Choraizin,	No. 13.	Thos. B. Keogh, proxy for H. P.
Union,	No. 17.	Jas. W. Blount, H. P. and Rep.
Salisbury,	No. 20.	H. H. Munson, proxy for Rep.
Graham,	No. 28.	Wm. Murdock, proxy for H. P., K. and S.
Wadesboro',	No. 31.	Wm. A. Smith, proxy for K. & S.
Lexington,	No. 35.	Geo. Riley, H. P.
Wm. G. Hill,	No. 36.	P. W. Fanning, proxy for H. P.
Mt. Energy,	No. 37.	Edw'd Dalby, proxy for H. P.
Caswell,	No. 38.	I. D. Ryttenberg, proxy for H. P.
Charlotte,	No. 39.	E. H. White, H. P., and proxy for K. and S.
Clinton,	No. 40.	Jno. Vann, K., and proxy for H. P. & S.
Corinthian,	No. 43.	T. M. Gardner, proxy for H. P., K. and Scribe.
Morganton,	No. 45.	Wm. Murdock, Rep.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BAIN, }  
E. H. WHITE, } Committee.

The M. E. G. H. P. declared the Grand Chapter of North Carolina duly organized, and ready to proceed to business.

The M. E. appointed the following committees :

*On Unfinished Business.*—Comps. W. G. Hill, H. K. Nash and E. H. White.

*On Charters and Dispensations.*—Comps. T. M. Gardner, D. W. Bain and W. A. Smith.

*On Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters.*—Comps. E. H. White, Wm. Murdock and I. D. Ryttenberg.

The Grand R. A. Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and members as this morning.

Comps. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., John Vann, E. M. Myers and C. M. VanOrsdell.

The committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and the committee discharged:

*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina:*

The committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the Proceedings of the last Grand Annual Convocation, and find the following requiring the action of this Grand Body at the present Convocation, to wit:

The Proposition for the removal of the seat of the Grand Chapter; the Recommendation of the Grand Secretary to equalize the dues of subordinate Chapters; the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the last annual address of the M. E. G. H. P., relating to dormant Chapters; the report of the committee on Revision of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and also the report of the Committee on Work.

WM. G. HILL,  
HENRY K. NASH, } *Committee.*  
E. H. WHITE,

A communication was received from Asheville Chapter No. 25, which was, on motion, referred to the committee appointed last year, to report what Chapters should have their dues remitted.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, until this evening, at 8 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

TUESDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and members as this afternoon :

Companions George W. Nason, Jr., John D. Flanner, J. W. Blount, Edward Dalby, George Riley, Thomas B. Keogh.

The M. E. G. H. P. presented his Annual Address, which was, on motion, received and referred to the following committee : Comps. H. K. Nash and D. W. Bain.

#### ADDRESS :

##### COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER :

Another year has passed into that realm, whence there is no return, and our chief concern is to prepare for that which is to succeed it, and upon the threshold of which we now stand ; but who among us can penetrate with his mental vision the dark veil which intervenes between us and the events which this new year has in store ? As that privilege is not vouchsafed to any of us, let us hope that whatever of evil it may conceal there is a fair proportion of blessings also.

As you could not have anticipated anything encouraging, in the intelligence which your chief officer is expected to communicate in regard to the condition of R. A. Masonry in our jurisdiction, you will not be disappointed at finding my report barren of all that is most cheering to the masonic heart. The past year has been prolific of suffering and sorrow. There is, however, no calamity permitted by our Supreme High Priest so utterly overwhelming to any class of his creatures, but there is something spared to, or bestowed upon, them for which a truly grateful heart will, and should be, thankful. Let us, therefore, not withhold the tribute due, under any circumstances, from the creature to the creator ; and, if our misfortunes have been great, let us appeal with more fervor, for his blessing on our present labors and future efforts. Soon after our last communication, I issued the necessary Dispensation and Instructions for reviving Eureka Chapter No. 7, and learn that, for most of this year, the Companions there have been organ-

ized; but I have heard with regret that, like most of our subordinates from which I have any intelligence, their labors are not characterised by the true masonic spirit. A most deplorable lethargy seems to pervade the whole body of the fraternity. And this is not confined to our own jurisdiction, but prevails in many of our southern sister States. I have had no intimation of a purpose or desire to revive any one of the many dormant Chapters, and I fear that we shall have to add others to the list of that class, before the labors of the present convocation are concluded. The condition of our institution is truly lamentable, but supineness will not improve it. I know that the cares, trials and anxieties, which are pressing upon all classes of our people, tend greatly to diminish their interest in masonry, and, therefore, to keep them away from our meetings. Our Chapters are thus permitted to languish, and in many cases to expire, with scarcely an effort to sustain the waning fires upon their altars.

Companions, it is not thus that we can expect to repair our ruined fortunes. It will be found that the companion who is making the most vigorous efforts to overcome his private difficulties, and to recover that of which the general calamity has bereft us all, is also the most active and zealous in his efforts to sustain our public institutions, and the last to lay down his working tools and turn his back upon the altar of Masonry. There is nothing in our condition that should paralyze our energies, but everything to stimulate them to their utmost capacity, and if we act upon the principle that should govern all men when misfortunes assail them, we shall find no time, and feel no inclination to indulge in despondency and repining. Our secular affairs will interest and occupy our minds during the hours of business or of labor, and regular and frequent visits to our Lodges and Chapters, and social intercourse with our brethren and companions will afford the best recreation for both mind and body. Thus, while making steady and vigorous efforts to advance our personal interests, we shall contribute most to our temporal enjoyments, and at the same time to the prosperity of an institution which never fails to return a full equivalent to the true and faithful craftsman, for all that he can ever bestow on her. It may not be a dollar at stated periods, with interest thereon, for every dollar that he may have expended in her support. He may not have a realising sense of pecuniary benefits. Her blessings flow not in rushing streams, nor do they descend in torrents. They come like the dew upon the drooping flowers. He may not see them descend, neither may he hear or feel them, yet he is refreshed by them. He neither knows how, perhaps, nor at what particular moment. I trust, however, that there are few among us so insensible to the blessings of this life as never to have sought to trace them to their divine source, through the medium by which they were dispensed. And he whose mind has been thus occupied doubtless seldom fails to discover that he is indebted for many of them to his connection with our institution.

Admitting that selfishness is a predominant principle in man, true wisdom in the pursuit of the means of indulging it must demonstrate the importance and the advantage to ourselves of sustaining our institution, and consequently of an active participation in the administration of her affairs.

Companions, it would be an act of the most consummate folly on the part of your chief officer, to lay before you new and elaborate plans and schemes for the advancement of the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in your jurisdiction—for the nourishment of the body, when it is too painfully evident that the spirit has passed away. Having demonstrated my inability to reanimate the lifeless body which we represent, I must leave the further prosecution of that object, so vital to the future interests of the craft, to more skillful hands and wiser heads than mine, hoping that in a more humble capacity I may labor with results more satisfactory to myself, and of equal advantage to the institution.

To those of my companions who, by their wisdom, zeal and devotion, have thus far sustained their Chapters, I look with hope, as the architects who are to build up the waste places—to rekindle the fires upon our deserted altars, and infuse the true spirit of Masonry into the desponding and the careless. And to them I say, cast out the drones, and take none to your councils who do not come with a smile of hope and words of cheer. Let *Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice* be the known characteristics of all whom you admit within your doors.—Be well assured that they come to aid and assist in the great and glorious work without the hope of fee or reward. That they come to assist, and not seeking assistance. There are most assuredly very great personal advantages to be derived from a connection with our institution by those who are so constituted as to be able to appreciate them; and you should be well assured that those virtues are not lacking in those whom you would admit into your ranks. The man whose sole object is his own pecuniary or social advancement will contribute nothing towards the advancement of the great work before you, but will soon become a useless member of our society. Those who are ever railing at dame fortune—who see nothing in the present for which to be thankful, and anticipate only evil in the future, are not likely to prosper in their own affairs nor to add anything to the prosperity of others. You should therefore discard all such—we have too many of them already.—Notwithstanding that the clouds of adversity still hang dark and threatening over us; notwithstanding the distress, the anxiety, the oppression that weighs our spirits down, let us consider how much less difficult it is to stand erect beneath the burdens which we are bound to sustain, than to rise with them when we have permitted ourselves to be completely prostrated, and struggle on over the rough and rugged paths before us, cheering ourselves and each other with the assurance that the object of our fondest hopes is not beyond our reach. We cannot grasp

it at a bound, but must be content to strive with patience and perseverance, diverging neither to the right hand nor to the left, but pressing steadily forward until success shall crown our efforts. And I trust that he to whom I must now transfer the mitre with which, through your partiality, I have been so long invested, may prove a counsellor worthy of your confidence, and be endowed with wisdom to direct and eloquence to arouse your every energy, until success shall crown your labors.

To my companions, both present and absent, of our jurisdiction, I embrace this occasion of tendering the assurance of my high appreciation of their confidence and kindness, and now invoke the choicest blessings of Heaven upon them, and upon their labors in the cause of our noble institution.

ALFRED MARTIN.

A communication was received from Lexington Chapter No. 35, which was referred to the committee on delinquent Chapters.

The committee on Delinquent Chapters presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter to examine the list of Subordinate Chapters, and report to the present Convocation the indebtedness of each—to whom also has been referred communications from Asheville Chapter No. 25, and Lexington Chapter No. 35, praying a remission of back dues, for cogent reasons therein named, beg leave to

REPORT—That they have examined the list of Chapters and find the following delinquents, as per amounts attached to each :

Mount Ararat Chapter No. 3....	_____	in coin, \$18 45
Temple, " No. 6....in currency,	\$15 00	" 30 00
Asheville, " No. 25....	45 50	" 30 00
Louisburg, " No. 26....	_____	" 22 70
Goldsboro', " No. 29....	_____	" 15 00
Wadesboro' " No. 31....	_____	" 15 00
Davie, " No. 32....	_____	" 20 25
University, " No. 34....	15 00	" 30 00
Lexington, " No. 35....	_____	" 18 89
Wm. G. Hill, " No. 36....	_____	" 15 00
Mount Energy, " No. 37....	_____	" 15 00
Clinton, " No. 40....	_____	" 18 46
R. W. York, " No. 41....	_____	" 15 00

Aggregate in currency, . . . \$75 50 coin, . . \$263 75

Asheville Chapter, No. 25, and Lexington, No. 35, in their appeal to the Grand Chapter attribute their delinquency to the effects of the war,

which have been prejudicial, if not disastrous, to the growth of Masonry, as well as to most Southern interests. The committee would, therefore, recommend that the back dues of Asheville Chapter, No. 25, and Lexington, No. 35, be remitted, and that the Grand Secretary credit the same accordingly.

In regard to the other delinquent Chapters named the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to notify each of the delinquent Chapters to show cause, at the ensuing Grand Convocation, why they should not be dealt with in accordance with masonic discipline.

P. W. FANNING, } Committee.  
THOS. B. CARR, }

June 2d, 1868.

The committee on Amendments to the Constitution presented a report which was read, and, after discussion, the further consideration of the report was deferred until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina :*

The committee on Charters and Dispensations report, that they have examined the Proceedings and By-Laws of Wm. Gaddy Hill and Webb Chapters, U. D., and having made amendments to their By-Laws, recommend that a charter be granted them, and that they be numbered respectively 36 and 44.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. GARDNER, } Committee.  
D. W. BAIN, }  
W. A. SMITH, }

Comp. B. T. Strickland obtained leave of absence, and appointed Comp. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., his proxy.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand R. A. Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp.	Alfred Martin,.....	G. H. P.
E. "	Wm. Murdock,.....	G. K.
E. "	Wm. G. Hill,.....	G. S., pro tem.
E. "	Thos. W. Brown,.....	G. Treas.
E. "	Thos. B. Carr,.....	G. Sec'y.
"	Thomas M. Gardner,.....	G. C. H.
"	H. K. Nash,.....	G. P. S., pro tem.
"	D. W. Bain,.....	G. R. A. C., "
"	E. H. White,.....	G. M., 3d V., "
"	C. M. VanOrsdell,.....	G. M., 2d V., "
"	Chas. R. Banks,.....	G. M., 1st V., "
"	E. Turlington,.....	G. Tyler.

P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.; W. G. Thomas, P. G. S.; Edw'd Dalby, Jas. W. Blount, P. D. G. H. P.; John Vann, George Riley, George W. Nason, Jr., John D. Flanner, Thomas B. Keogh, H. H. Munson, I. D. Ryttenberg, Julius W. Wright, W. A. Smith.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina:*

The committee on Charters and Dispensations in presenting an additional report, state that they have examined the Proceedings and By-Laws of Morganton Chapter, U. D. The Proceedings are kept in a creditable manner. The By-Laws have been slightly amended. It is recommended that a Charter be granted this Chapter, and that it be numbered 45.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. GARDNER, }  
D. W. BAIN. } *Committee.*

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Grand Secretary respectfully reports, that only six out of thirty-one Chapters have complied with the resolutions of the Grand Chapter, in forwarding, properly attested, their action relative to the removal of the Grand Chapter, a majority having failed to forward reports.

The special order for this hour being the consideration of

the amendments to the Constitution, the Constitution was read and each article severally adopted as amended.

The vote was taken by Chapters on the question of removal of the Grand Chapter from Wilmington to Raleigh, and decided adversely to removal by a vote of 38 to 14.

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

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and members as this morning.

The Constitution, as amended, was adopted as a whole.

The committee on Grand High Priest's Address presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee to whom was referred the report of the M. E. G. H. P., beg leave to report that they have considered the same. They regret to state that the present condition of R. A. Masonry in North Carolina, justifies the despondent tone of the report ; apathy and indifference seem to brood over our Chapters, and threaten worse consequences to our order, unless this apathy soon be thrown off, and this indifference aroused. Certainly this state of things can in no way be attributed to our respected and excellent G. H. P., for if uniting zeal, great learning and a life which illustrates all the cardinal virtues of Masonry could have averted this state of things, we would not now have to deplore it. The cause lies deeper, and it becomes this G. C. to search it out carefully, and apply the remedy, if there be one. We deeply regret the determination of our presiding officer to retire from his present position ; but if he does insist upon carrying out this determination, (though we still hope he will re-consider it,) he will retire with the consciousness of having faithfully discharged his whole duty to the craft, and of having merited and received the most affectionate consideration of every R. A. M. within his jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY K. NASH,  
D. W. BAIN.

The committee on work presented their report on the Mark and Past Master's degrees.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the election of officers take place this evening, immediately after the reception of the report of the committee on Finance.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, until this evening at 8 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present*.—Officers and members as this afternoon.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report as follows, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 3, 1868.

*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina:*

Your Grand Secretary begs leave to submit the following, as his annual report :

As soon as practicable, after your last annual Convocation, I received from the hands of the printer, three hundred copies of your last proceedings, and immediately sent a copy to each of the members of this Grand Chapter, to each of your subordinate Chapters, and to each of the Grand Chapters and Masonic publications in the United States.

In conformity to instructions on page seventy-four, of your last printed proceedings, I solicited information from the subordinate Chapters, through the columns of the "Masonic Sun," relative to the cost of sending delegates to the Annual Convocation. But few of the subordinates have sent any response, and I find that the proposition has not been favorably received.

Soon after your last Convocation I had eight volumes of Foreign Grand Chapter proceedings, and two volumes of our own Grand Chapter Proceedings bound, and added to the Grand Chapter Library. This Library, I regret to inform you, was entirely consumed by fire, on the night of the 13th of February last, together with the book containing the accounts of the Grand Secretary with the Subordinate Chapters. The Blank Charters, Diplomas and Returns were also destroyed or ren-

dered useless, the Iron safe belonging to the Grand Chapter, not having proved a sufficient protection for them in the time of trial. I have succeeded in collecting from my friends, nearly a complete file of your proceedings, and have had one volume of them bound, embracing the years 1854 to 1867, inclusive.

I have also had a supply of Blank Returns printed, which I hope will prove satisfactory to the Companions.

I have the pleasure of transmitting to the Grand Chapter a beautifully bound copy of "Guide to the Royal Arch Chapter," presented by Comp. Rob't Macey, President of the Masonic Publishing and Manufacturing Company of New York.

I herewith submit an account of the monies received by me as Grand Secretary, since your last Convocation ;

		Coin.	
1867.			
June,	Dispensation for Morganton Chapter,.....	\$50 00	
1868.			Currency.
June,	Dues of Phoenix,.....No. 2,	\$30 00	30 00
"	" Mt. Ararat,.....No. 3,	15 00	
"	" Eureka,.....No. 7,	15 00	
"	" Raleigh,.....No. 10,	41 25	
"	" Lafayette,.....No. 11,	20 00	
"	" Choraizin,.....No. 13,	15 00	
"	" Salisbury,.....No. 20,	40 00	
"	" Asheville,.....No. 25,	15 00	
"	" Mt. Lebanon,.....No. 27,	4 67	
"	" Eureka,.....No. 37,	36 00	
"	" Charlotte,.....No. 39,	15 00	
"	" Clinton,.....No. 40,	40 86	
"	" Corinthian,.....No. 43,	15 00	
"	" Mt. Lebanon,.....No. 27,	15 00	
"	" Union,.....No. 17,	15 00	
		\$332 78	\$80 00

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR,  
*Grand Secretary.*

The Finance committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina :*

The committee on Finance having examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, beg leave to report that they find them correct.

We find a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer from last-re-

port of \$421 09, as follows: Gold, \$30 00; silver, \$30 00; currency, \$361 09. Add premium on gold, \$10 80; premium on silver, \$9—making in currency, \$440 80. He also holds two notes of hand, not available at present, amounting to \$792 00, with three years interest thereon. He has paid out, on proper vouchers, for printing and other expenses, \$442 00, leaving a deficit of \$1 20. He has received from the Grand Secretary, during this Convocation, \$80 00 in silver, and \$332 78 in currency—making now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer \$80 00 in silver, and \$331 58 in currency.

The Grand Secretary's books show that he has received since last report \$80 00 in silver, and \$332 78 in currency, all of which he has paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and has his receipt for the same.

The expenses of this Grand Convocation will be about \$450 00.

To meet this the \$80 00 in silver, when converted into currency	
will make.....	\$104 00
Currency now on hand,.....	331 58
Dues of Concord Chapter No. 1, which will be paid in a few days,	15 00
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	\$450 58

There is now due from Subordinate Chapters as follows:

	Coin.	Currency.
Concord, No. 1,.....	—————	\$15 00
Mt. Ararat, No. 3,.....	\$18 45	—————
Temple, No. 6,.....	30 00	30 00
Oxford, No. 8,.....	—————	15 00
Lafayette, No. 11,.....	—————	20 84
Cherokee, No. 14,.....	—————	15 00
Salisbury, No. 20,.....	—————	10 58
Winston, No. 24,.....	—————	15 00
Louisburg, No. 26,.....	22 70	15 00
Mt. Lebanon, No. 27,.....	—————	15 00
Graham, No. 28,.....	—————	15 00
Goldsboro', No. 29,.....	15 00	15 00
Wadesboro', No. 31,.....	15 00	15 00
Davie, No. 32,.....	20 25	15 00
University, No. 34,.....	30 00	30 00
Lexington, No. 35,.....	—————	15 00
Wm. G. Hill, No. 36,.....	—————	15 00
Caswell, No. 38,.....	—————	15 00
R. W. York, No. 41,.....	15 00	15 00
Eureka, No. 42,.....	15 00	15 00
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	\$181 40	\$316 42

We would recommend that the Grand Secretary notify these delinquent Chapters to forward their dues as soon as possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. W. FANNING,  
THOS. M. GARDNER,

The committee on Returns and Proceedings presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

*To the M. E. G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina :*

The undersigned, a committee appointed on the returns of the various Chapters, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the returns of the following Chapters, and have compared them with the returns of the preceding year, and find but very few of them correct, the most of them having been made out in a very careless manner. We find the following returns to be correct, to wit : Concord Chapter No. 1, Eureka Chapter No. 7, Raleigh Chapter No. 10, Wm. G. Hill Chapter, U. D., Phoenix Chapter No. 2, and Mt. Ararat, No. 3.

The following Chapters have correct returns, but are not properly attested with seals, viz :

Union Chapter No. 17, Salisbury No. 20, Asheville Chapter No. 25, Lexington Chapter No. 35, and Clinton Chapter No. 40.

The following Chapters show gains of members without any record of the manner by which they obtained them, to wit :

Oxford Chapter No. 8, no seal and has gained 5 members, Winston Chapter No. 24, no seal and has gained 3 members, Corinthian Chapter No. 43, no seal and has gained 1 member.

The following Chapters upon comparison with their returns of last year, severally show a loss of membership, to wit :

Choraizin Chapter No. 13, loses, 10 members, Lafayette Chapter No. 11, loses 6 members, Graham Chapter No. 28, no seal and loses 2 members, Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 27, loses 1 member, Wadesboro' Chapter No. 31, loses 21 members, Kinston Chapter No. 38, loses 2 members, R. W. York No. 41, no seal, and loses 4 members, Charlotte Chapter No. 39, loses 5 members, and we find that the returns are not otherwise properly made out.

Mt. Energy Chapter No. 37, has no seal, no date, and is not attested by the proper officer.

We would therefore recommend that the returns of the following Chapters be respectfully returned to them, for their amendment, to wit :

Oxford Chapter	No. 8.	Winston Chapter	No. 24.
Corinthian Chapter	No. 43.	Choraizin Chapter	No. 13.
Lafayette Chapter	No. 11.	Graham Chapter	No. 28.
Mt. Lebanon Chapter	No. 27.	Wadesboro' Chapter	No. 31.
Kinston Chapter	No. 38.	R. W. York	No. 41.
Charlotte Chapter	No. 39.	Mt. Energy	No. 37.

E. H. WHITE. }  
 WM. MURDOCK, } Committee.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the committee consisting of Comps. Carr, Gardner, and Fanning, appointed at the last annual convocation of the Grand Chapter to enquire into the condition of delinquent Chapters, and the amount of their indebtedness, and which are at work, and which not, be continued, with instructions to correspond with said Chapters, and to report in full to our next Convocation.

The hour designated for the election of officers having arrived, an election was held, which resulted in the choice of the following :

- W. G. Hill,.....G. H. P.
- Wm. Murdock,.....D. G. H. P.
- H. K. Nash,.....G. K.
- T. M. Gardner,.....G. S.
- T. W. Brown,.....G. Treas.
- T. B. Carr,.....G. Sec'y.
- John D. Flanner,.....G. Marshall.

The officers elected, were duly installed by M. E. Alfred Martin, G. H. P., after which the Grand High Priest announced the following appointments :

- Braxton Craven,.....G. Chaplain.
- Thomas B. Keogh,.....G. P. S.
- E. H. White,.....G. R. A. C.
- W. A. Smith,.....G. M. 3d V.
- Donald W. Bain,.....G. M. 2d V.
- Edward Dalby,.....G. M. 1st V.
- E. Turlington,.....G. Tyler.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR,  
*Grand Secretary.*

THURSDAY MORNING, June 4, 1868.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

P R E S E N T :

M. E. Comp.	William Murdock,.....	D. G. H. P. presiding.
E. "	H. K. Nash,.....	G. K.
E. "	Thos. M. Gardner,.....	G. S.
E. "	Thos. W. Brown,.....	G. Treas.
E. "	Thos. B. Carr,.....	G. Sec'y.
"	John D. Flanner,.....	G. C. H.
"	Thomas B. Keogh,.....	G. P. S.
"	E. H. White,.....	G. R. A. C.
"	W. A. Smith,.....	G. M. 3d V.
"	George W. Nason, Jr.,..	G. M. 2d V.
"	John Vann,.....	G. M. 1st V.

Comps. I. D. Ryttenberg, George Riley, Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.

The M. E. appointed Comps. Martin, Nash and White, a committee to examine the "Guide to the Chapter," presented to this Grand Chapter by the Masonic Publishing and Manufacturing Company.

The committee on work continued their report, the further consideration of which was deferred until this afternoon.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until this afternoon at 2½ o'clock.

THOS. B CARR,  
*Grand Secretary.*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

*Present.*—Officers and members as this morning.

*Visitor.*—Comp. J. W. Zimmerman.

The Committee on work completed their report, when, on motion, the work as reported, was unanimously received and adopted.

On motion, Companion William Murdock was appointed Custodian of the Work as adopted, and Companion Thomas B. Carr Deputy Custodian.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, when, on motion, the reading of the same was dispensed with, and the committee allowed to publish the same with the proceedings.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina :*

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence report that they have examined the printed proceedings of the following Grand R. A. Chapters :

Alabama,.....	1867	Maryland and D. C.,....	1867
Arkansas,.....	1867	Massachusetts,.....	1867
California,.....	1867	Michigan,.....	1868
Canada,.....	1867	Mississippi,.....	1867
Connecticut,.....	1867	Missouri,.....	1867
District of Columbia, Or- ganization,.....		Nebraska,.....	1867
Florida,.....	1867	New Jersey,.....	1867
Georgia,.....	1867	New York,.....	1867-'68
Illinois,.....	1867	Ohio,.....	1867
Indiana,.....	1867	Oregon,.....	1867
Iowa,.....	1867	Rhode Island, Circular.	
Kansas,.....	1867	South Carolina, 1862-'66-'67	
Kentucky,.....	1867	Tennessee,.....	1867
Louisiana,.....	1868	Vermont,.....	1867
Maine,.....	1867	Virginia,.....	1867
		Wisconsin,.....	1868

We have read these proceedings with much pleasure, and regret that we shall be unable to present to you more than a brief statement of the most prominent items of general interest.

### ALABAMA.

The G. H. P., George D. Norris, in his address recommends the full recognition of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. He refused permission to substitute in exaltations, "believing it to be an innovation of an ancient landmark, and in violation of the covenant of every High Priest

and Royal Arch Mason." We admire his determination to adhere to what *he believed* to be an ancient landmark, but question whether a more liberal construction of that landmark would not be better than to be compelled to resort to such extremities as he relates in the following paragraph :

"I made an official visit to said Chapter, and found the membership few in number, though very zealous, and not being able to substitute, they granted permission to one of their candidates to be exalted in Tusculumbia Chapter, No. 10 ; finding another candidate ready for exaltation I advanced, presided, and acknowledged two others, and exalted a class."

We think that the *letter* of the law is complied with, even when substitutes are used, and very much doubt the propriety or expediency of conferring four degrees upon a candidate during one "official visit," or of sending a candidate to a neighboring Chapter to be exalted.

He refused permission (very properly we think) to confer the Chapter degrees upon one who had lost an arm.

He recommended the passage of an edict forbidding Royal Arch Masons wearing Royal Arch clothing in processions exclusively of Master Masons.

He thus speaks of the Masonic crimes of Intemperance and Profanity :

"Can nothing be done to check the one and prohibit the other ? How is it possible for a Royal Arch Mason to take the name of the Most High in vain ? Would that the High Priest of every Chapter would solemnly impress upon the minds of every member the sin and folly of so ungentlemanly a habit, and enforce a reformation.

The subject of proficiency in the several degrees is awakening the attention of many of the Grand Chapters, several of which have adopted similar resolutions to those now in force in our own Jurisdiction. Comp. Norris recommended his Grand Chapter to "require of each Chapter an examination as to the proficiency in the work and lectures of the third degree, or a recommendation under seal of their Lodge, signed by the Master, testifying to the perfection of their candidates."

A committee was appointed to prepare a digest of Masonic law, comprising "all the resolutions and edicts of this grand body, together with the decisions of the various committees on

Masonic Jurisprudence, that have been in existence since the organization of this Grand Chapter, and that are now in force.”

Comp. P. J. Pillans presented an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he criticises fraternally and justly, the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, our own among the number.

Comp. Peleg Brown, was elected G. H. P., and Comp. Daniel Sayre, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

### ARKANSAS.

Grand Chapter met in October, 1867.

From the address of the G. H. P., Luke E. Barber, we learn that Royal Arch Masonry is in a highly prosperous condition in Arkansas. We cordially endorse his sentiments on cases of emergency :

“The desire of the candidate to proceed without delay, however strongly that desire may be expressed ; the desire of the chapter to do the work, from whatever cause that desire may arise, cannot, generally constitute a case of emergency. It may be assumed that there is less danger of exalting than initiating an unworthy person, and, therefore, it may seem that the same necessity for strict inquiry into character does not exist in the former as in the latter case. It may be, and doubtless is true, that our intercourse with each other as masons, being more intimate, we better understand each other’s character, and there may not be the same necessity for time and a searching investigation on a petition for the chapter degrees, where all are members of the same lodge, as on the petition for initiation ; but it must be borne in mind that it is not every master that should be admitted to the higher mysteries. The most serious objection, however, to the practice of declaring cases emergent, is : that it not unfrequently happens, that some companions, for good and sufficient reasons, from unavoidable necessity, are unable to attend at some stated meetings ; and a petition may be declared a case of emergency and the party admitted, without such absent companions having the slightest knowledge of the intended application, though most serious objections to his admission may be known to them. I think the time-honored custom, well known to the fraternity, is the safest and should be adhered to, and I warn you against this loose and easy practice, into which I find some of our chapters are so prone to fall, and which, as was well declared by a committee at our last convocation, whose report you adopted, ‘is altogether wrong.’”

The Grand Chapter deferred action as to the status of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia until next year.

The committee on Masonic Law and Usage express the opinion that the loss of an arm renders a brother "physically incapable of receiving the Chapter degrees," and then recommend that the question be referred to the General Grand Chapter for final decision! It appears to us that every *Mason* ought to be able to decide that question without appeal to higher authority.

Companion C. B. Moore presented an elaborate and well written report on Foreign Correspondence. He calls *particular attention* to the following from the G. H. P. of Connecticut, which we copy here for the reason that your committee on Work are largely indebted to the author for much of the report presented (and adopted) this year :

"I feel it a duty to call your attention to the nature and character of our ceremonies, and to the necessity and duty of a dignified, intelligent and scrupulous performance of our mystic rites. It may be laid down as an invariable rule that there is nothing in Masonry designed to afford amusement, or to excite mirth or ridicule. Anything said or done solely for such purposes is an excrescence on the body of Masonry, and should be removed at once, and if no other remedy be adequate, free use of the scalpel should be unsparingly made. It is true that many persons have a very acute perception of the ridiculous, which, even the most solemn duties fail to suppress, and such persons are led to smile at the trying struggles of their dearest friends, not because they fail to sympathize with them in their adversities, but because unusual and grotesque phases of character are presented to view, and their minds are excited by mirth before their hearts are awakened into sympathy. Perhaps nothing is more mirth provoking for a moment than the unfortunate mis-step and fall of a friend, and the usual involuntary ejaculation or action of surprise and mortification, and yet should such mis-step have been caused by an unfriendly design to injure that friend, our anger instead of our mirth would be at once excited.

"We cannot, my companions, too deeply realize the sacred solemnities of our mystic rites, no one of which is performed without design either to instruct the mind and heart, or to elevate the character and dignity of true manhood. He who thinks he can perceive, in any of our ceremonies, anything contrary to the design already indicated is not to be envied, and needs to learn the first rudiments of Masonry. We, as Royal Arch Masons, are engaged in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the House of the Lord, not as hirelings, but as laborers of

love, of rebuilding and restoring our inner spiritual temple, sadly marred and defaced by the depravity and imperfections of human nature, and of zealously laboring to approach the perfection of manhood, as man was at his creation, the image of God and his noblest work."

Comp. Moore very forcibly condemns the practice of publishing rejections. He advocated the immediate recognition of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

He reviews with approbation our proceedings of last year. He thinks that a suspended Chapter should pay dues while under that sentence. We disagree on that point, for the reason that there is no "*quid pro quo*."

Luke E. Barber, G. H. P., and William D. Blocker, G. S.

### CALIFORNIA.

Fourteenth Annual Convocation, October 14th, 1867, in San Francisco, twenty-nine chartered Chapters were present.

The G. H. P., Charles Marsh, in his address says :

"The Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and the careful legislation which has heretofore characterized the transactions of this Grand Body, render all questions of Masonic law and usage which may arise in the subordinates, easy of solution ; and this fact, together with the services of the watchful and efficient Grand Secretary the Grand Chapter is so fortunate as to possess, relieves the Grand High Priest of a great amount of correspondence and labor which would otherwise necessarily devolve upon him."

The Grand Secretary, Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. He cannot see how the employment of substitutes can be legally evaded. Just as easy, Companion, as to eat breakfast every morning. We know of some who have been exalted repeatedly without having become pre-eminently distinguished among the craft.

We copy, without comment, the following report of the committee on Jurisprudence :

"Your committee, to whom was referred the papers in the matter of the establishment of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the District of Columbia, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report that they cannot see for what purpose this reference has been made, as it is not within the province of this body to pass upon the action of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America ; no body has the right to do so but the

General Grand Chapter of the United States. The General Grand High Priest having declared the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the District of Columbia to be irregular and clandestine, there is nothing for us to do, as loyal Masons, but to submit to that decision."

A Grand Lecturer was appointed, who was authorized to teach and instruct the subordinate Chapters in conformity with the ritual adopted by this Grand Chapter at its Special Convocation in September, 1855.

A statistical table is appended to these proceedings which shows 212 exaltations for the year, and a membership of 1,429.

Comps. Isaac Sutvene Titus was elected G. H. P., and Lawrence C. Owen re-elected G. Secretary.

#### CANADA.

Grand Chapter convened in the city of Ottawa, 13th August, 5867.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglass Harrington, Grand Z., in his address recommends that the exaltation fee for Military and Naval brethren be reduced; also the appointment of a committee on Work, to report at the next annual Convocation. He thinks that "unaffiliated Companions" should be "compelled to contribute to our charities."

The committee on the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts recommended "that some action should be taken to bring about uniformity of Ritual in the working of subordinate chapters; and, if necessary to meet that end, that properly qualified persons be appointed to instruct chapters—the chapters availing themselves, paying for such services."

The committee on address of the G. H. P., referring to the subject of non-affiliation, reports as follows:

"Your committee would cheerfully approve of any practical scheme emanating from the M. E. G. Z., whereby unaffiliated Companions could be compelled to contribute towards our charities. They nevertheless fail to discover any effectual solution of the difficulty; for, while holding that non-affiliation deprives Companions of all right to masonic relief, the justice of exacting contributions from such persons, to say nothing of the seeming impossibility of enforcing payment, is open to very grave doubts."

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. James Seymour, and we regret to see his expressed determination that this shall be his last report.

In his review of Alabama he says, referring to their legislation on the subject of Temperance: "If they studied more closely the landmarks of Masonry, they would find sufficient to govern such cases, without making the Order subservient to teetotal quacks and monomaniacs. Temperance is a cardinal Masonic requirement, and being so, no craftsman can disobey it without becoming liable to punishment; hence special legislation on the subject is totally unnecessary, and not calculated to raise the character of the fraternity in the remotest degree with reflecting men."

He "unhesitatingly condemns" the "mistaken sympathy, which would exalt maimed candidates," and dissents from the opinion of our California Companions, "that a Chapter officer has a *right* to resign or withdraw at his pleasure."—He says "the opposite ruling holds with us, no matter whether such officer leaves the jurisdiction or merely removes to another part thereof."

Commenting upon American R. A. Masonry he says:

"In the humble opinion of your committee, there is room to doubt the accuracy of one feature of their organization, namely: that of their three principal officers, who are designated H. P., K., and S., instead of Z., H. and J., as in England, Scotland and Ireland, whence they originally derived the Order. We in Canada adhere to the latter, as being more in accordance with historical fact, and if our Connecticut companions will only examine *authoritative* data—not the mere dictum of Webb and other ritual manufacturers—they will find that *we* and not *they* are correct in this particular. We have never met an American companion at one of our Chapters, whether from east, west, north or south—and we have met many—who has not admitted, after witnessing Canadian work and its symbolism, that it possesses a harmony and accuracy in accordance with history and tradition, in vain to be sought for in Chapters on the other side of the line, 45 deg."

We have never been able to understand the propriety of the above nomenclature of the principal officers of a Chapter. If they were designated as J. Z. and H., we would be more disposed to agree with our Canada Companion, but placing

J. in the *third* station is not in accordance with our ideas of "historical fact."

His ideas on the necessity of uniformity agree so well with our own, that we copy them. From the G. H. P. of Connecticut he takes the following text :

"As long as essentials and landmarks are preserved, the intelligent craftsman should not be restricted to a precise formula in imparting masonic teachings."

In reply, Comp Seymour says :

"Experience points out that this doctrine, if once generally resorted to, would soon destroy the life-blood of our Order, and its partial practice in the United States has done more to retard necessary uniformity than aught else. "Intelligence," such as he refers to, has already begotten a spirit of tinkering originality that chafes under the restraint of the "old beaten track;" hence we find that in several jurisdictions, they have "beautified, adorned and embellished" the work to so great an extent, that it requires much searching amongst *rubbish* to find prevailing any of the old customs and means of recognition."

He dissents from the Illinois law, which permits a Companion to be elected H. P., without his having previously served as K., or S.

Comps. T. D. Harrington, was re-elected G. Z., and Thos. Bird Harris, was re-elected Grand Scribe E.

## CONNECTICUT.

Convocation, May 7, 1867.

The G. H. P., Luke A. Lockwood, thus discourses :

"Permit me to offer a few suggestions relative to Masonic Charity, much talked about now-a-days, and most grievously abused. It is generally regarded as the giving of relief to the poor and needy, many times I fear, with the expectation of some gain to the giver; but, my Companions, charity consists, not in the gift, but in the benevolence which prompts the giver. You remember the widow's mite was a manifestation of greater charity than the costly presents of the rich. Charity is love—the Bond of Peace—the perfection of every virtue; the cement which unites us as Masons, and its exercise arises from the love of doing good. God is Light, God is also Love, and hence the *triangular* shaped trowel by which the cement is spread, symbolizes that God is the author of that Charity or love which binds and cements us. The more diligently we apply ourselves to the study of the principles of our Institution, and strive to make its rules the standard of our daily life and conduct,

the more abundantly will the blessed gift of charity increase in our hearts."

Comp. Wm. Storer presented an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, although he had a small amount of material to work up. He reviews the proceedings of but thirteen Grand Chapters, our own not among the number.

We commend the following from his concluding remarks :

"In almost every jurisdiction with which we are in correspondence, the presiding officer seems to consider it his duty to caution his companions against permitting a too rapid increase of their numbers, and in many instances it is more than insinuated, that the unworthy are sometimes admitted to a participation in the hallowed rites of the order. To us it appears plain, that so long as good men only are admitted, there can be little danger of too great an accession to our ranks. The caution should be given and exercised at an earlier stage of the masonic work. The greater care in the selection of candidates should be used at the very threshold of the temple. No one should be admitted to enter the outer gates who is not worthy to pursue his journey through the several apartments of the grand edifice. Let us be careful, then, in guarding the outer doors, and see to it that none but the "duly qualified are permitted to enter." If this were universally the case, the records of our Lodges and Chapters would very rarely be disfigured with such unseemly words as "suspended" or "expelled," and the selection of materials for the more elevated and ornamental portions of the building would be less difficult."

Comp. James L. Gould, was elected G. H. P., and Joseph K. Wheeler, was elected Grand Secretary.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have received a large quantity of documents relative to this new Grand Chapter, too lengthy to be transferred to this report. We think that a just history of the difficulties, under which our Companions of that Jurisdiction are now laboring, is contained in the following extracts from the report of Comp. Alden, to the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin :

"It appears that a Grand Chapter was first organized in the District of Columbia, in 1824, by the authority of the Gen. G. Chapter of the U. S., which continued to exist until 1836, when, in consequence of the surrender of its charter, by one of its subordinates, thereby leaving it without a constitutional number of Chapters to further maintain an existence, it became extinct. The two remaining Chapters of the District

continued to work until 1842, when, by direction of the Gen. G. Chapter, they were placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, from which they received new Charters and became constituent members thereof.

“In 1856, the name of this Grand Chapter was changed to that of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, and continued to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over R. A. Masonry in said State and District, and has been composed of the representatives of all the Chapters organized therein, from that time until the organization of this new Grand Chapter, holding its Convocations in said State or District, as convenience or local regulations required.

“At the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which was held on the 13th of November, 1866, the representatives of three of the four Chapters located in the District of Columbia, presented a petition for the dissolution of the fraternal connection existing between the Chapters of the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, in order that a Grand Chapter might be established in said District.

“This petition was referred back to the R. A. Masons of the District of Columbia, for further consideration and a more full expression of opinion on that subject.

“A Convention of R. A. Masons residing in the District of Columbia was accordingly called at Washington, in said District, for that purpose.

“After the call for this Convention had been issued, and before the appointed time for holding the same had arrived, it appears that for *alleged contumacy*, the G. H. P. of the G. Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia, issued an edict suspending those Chapters which proposed to participate in the proceedings of said Convention, as well as the elective officers thereof, notwithstanding the G. Chapter over which he presided had, at its last Annual Convocation, referred that subject back to these parties for further consideration, and for that purpose the Convention had been called.

“The Convention nevertheless was held, and as appears, was largely attended by the Companions residing in the District generally, among whom were many of the most distinguished members of the Craft.

“In considering the subjects for which the Convention was called, the question arose as to whether it was necessary to obtain the consent of one of the first four officers of the General G. Chapter of the U. S., in order to be legally authorized to form a new Grand Chapter in the District of Columbia, when Companion Geo. C. Whiting, then M. W. G. Master of the G. Lodge of that District, announced that after a careful examination of the subject, he was fully convinced that such consent was unnecessary; that it was a matter entirely between the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, and that he had been authorized by the G. H. P. of the G. Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, (who it will be remembered had just suspended three of the

four Chapters in the District of Columbia, for issuing the call for this Convention,) to say to the Convention, that if it would make the request, he would call the G. Chapter together within ten days, and lay the subject before it. The Convention acted accordingly and made the request, and the suspended Chapters surrendered their Charters to the G. H. P.

“Pursuant to this agreement, the G. Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia was convened, the Charters were returned to the several Chapters, and the suspended members were fully restored by the action of the G. Chapter.

“At this Convocation, a preamble reciting that the time had arrived when the interests of Capitular Masonry required a dissolution of that G. Chapter and that the District of Columbia should form a separate jurisdiction, and a resolution giving a full and cordial assent to such separation was adopted.

“Said resolution further provided that when a G. Chapter was legally formed in the District of Columbia, the separation should be complete and the jurisdiction of that Grand Chapter over the District of Columbia should cease. A committee was also appointed to divide the funds and property of that Grand Chapter, with a view to a final separation.

“The Chapters in the District of Columbia then proceeded to appoint Delegates to meet in Convention, elect their officers, adopt a Constitution, and take all necessary steps for the organization of a Grand Chapter for that District. When the committee first assembled, there being no delegates present from one of the Chapters, an adjournment was had, and on re-assembling, all the Chapters within the District being represented, it proceeded to an election of officers for the new Grand Chapter, and adopted a Constitution for its government.

“Prior to the constituting of the new G. Chapter and the installing of its officers, the Grand H. P. of the G. Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, knowing that the consent of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. had not been obtained for the organization of this new G. Chapter, and believing such consent to be necessary, called a Convocation of his G. Chapter for the purpose, as your committee are led to believe, of taking some action to prevent such organization until all legal requirements had been performed.

“The President of the Convention for forming the new G. Chapter, on learning of this action by the G. H. P. of Maryland and the District of Columbia, addressed a letter to Companion John L. Lewis, General G. H. P. of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S., giving him a full statement of their proceedings thus far, and asked his opinion as to whether it was necessary to obtain the consent of one of the four principal officers of the G. G. Chapter in order to legally form a G. Chapter in the District of Columbia, and as he would not have time to answer by mail before the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Colum-

bia would convene, requested him to answer by telegraph, which he did in the following words :

“ ‘PEN YAN, N. Y., May 13, 1867.

“ ‘Consent probably unnecessary—Hereby granted if it is—willwrite ;

“ ‘(Signed)

JOHN L. LEWIS.’

“ On the same day he addressed a letter to the President of the Convention, in which he inquires whether the Chapters which were about to organize the new G. Chapter had been instituted by authority of the G. G. Chapter, or by State Chapter authority, stating that if organized by State authority, the approbation of one of the principal officers of the General G. Chapter was not required, and again repeats in the letter, that if such consent is necessary, it will be cheerfully given, and will bear date of that day.

“ At the Convocation of the G. Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, which was called by its G. H. P., as before stated, the telegram from M. E. Companion John L. Lewis, General G. H. P., was read by the Secretary, when a resolution was adopted by that G. Chapter, declaring a division of its jurisdiction complete.

“ The representatives of Potomac Chapter, No. 8, which is located at Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, offered a resolution asking permission to remain under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, although it appears from the proceedings of the Convention called to form the New Grand Chapter in the District of Columbia, that said Potomac Chapter was duly represented therein, and from the proceedings of the new Grand Chapter, after its organization, it appears that one of its members was elected to the office of Grand Scribe of said new Grand Chapter.

“ The G. H. P., however, very appropriately refused to entertain the resolution, and decided that she must take her Charter from the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

“ On the 23d day of May, 1867, the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was instituted, and its officers were installed by M. E. Companion Albert G. Mackey, Past General G. H. P., of the General G. C. of the U. S., with the full consent and approbation of the late Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia, as well as the consent of the General G. H. P. of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S., and as your committee fully believe, in a just and legal manner.

“ Your committee desire it to be remembered that Companion Barrett, a member of Potomac Chapter, No. 8, aforesaid, who had been elected Grand Scribe of the new Grand Chapter, was not present at the organization to be installed, and that he failed to be present for that purpose on the 27th of the same month, although specially notified to do so by the direction of the Grand Chapter ; whereupon the office was declared to be vacant, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to elect a Grand Scribe.

"It also appears from the proceedings that the Grand Chapter proceeded to grant new Charters to all the Chapters then organized in the District of Columbia, except Potomac Chapter, which refused to take a Charter from that Grand Body, and persisted in working under its old Charter, in total disregard of the authority of the new Grand Chapter which she had assisted in organizing, and to which your committee believe she owed her allegiance.

"In consequence of this action, on the part of Potomac Chapter, the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia passed a resolution declaring it to be "irregular and clandestine," and interdicting all Masonic intercourse therewith.

"On the 4th day of June, 1867, the General G. H. P., Companion John L. Lewis, issued a circular letter authorizing said Potomac Chapter to work under its warrant, in total disregard of the authority of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, which had just been organized, with his full consent as such General Grand officer; and soon thereafter he proceeds to issue another edict, declaring the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia to be clandestine, and forbidding all Masonic intercourse therewith.

"Your committee are clearly of the opinion that the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was regularly and legally organized, and that when such organization was once perfected, she had, and still has, full, complete and exclusive jurisdiction over all chapters organized, or to be organized, within its jurisdictional limits; and that any interference therewith or therein by any person, in any capacity, unless authorized by said Grand Chapter, is without the slightest warrant of authority under the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, or the general usages of Royal Arch Masonry.

"Charters have been granted to two new Chapters since the organization of this new Grand Chapter, and at its annual Convocation M. E. Companion J. E. F. Holmead, G. H. P., and R. E. Companion, N. D. Lerner, G. S., were each re-elected."

The documents which have been forwarded to your Grand Secretary, from both parties to this disgraceful feud, for such we feel it can justly be termed, evince much bitter feeling on both sides. Each party has resorted to the extreme penalty of Masonic law—expulsion—and as is generally the case in quarrels, both combattants have been sadly damaged in the eyes of spectators. As our Companions of the District have appealed to the several Grand Chapters for arbitrament, we think they are entitled to it. Several States have evaded any expression of opinion, on the ground that the General Grand Chapter is the only authorized tribunal, while others, not

recognizing the authority of that "Supreme Head," have extended the hand of fellowship to the new sister Grand Chapter.

After a patient perusal of the documents submitted from both the contending parties, we feel constrained to commend the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia to the fraternal consideration and recognition of this Grand Chapter.

### FLORIDA.

Annual Convocation January 14th, 1867.

The G. H. P., David Jones, thus reports :

"During the past Masonic year my official duties have been bright and pleasant. Among my official acts I may mention the re-establishment of the Jacksonville and Micanopy Chapters. No questions, involving Masonic jurisprudence, have been submitted for my decision."

The committee on Foreign Correspondence impartially review the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters, ours for 1866 among the number.

As the subjects considered in this report have been reviewed in former years, we forbear comment.

Comps. David Jones, G. H. P., and Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

### GEORGIA.

This Grand Chapter met April 24, 1867.

The G. H. P., Samuel Lawrence, in his address, says :

"I would call the attention of the Grand Chapter to a practice which has obtained, and may still obtain among the Sub. Chapters, to ballot on Petitions and confer the Degrees the same evening they are received. And this without even the grace of calling it an emergent case. (I wish we could rule that, under no circumstances whatever, shall a case of emergency arise in Masonry.) This it is said is under some authority of absolute power in the High Priest, derived from the General Grand Chapter. But it is directly in conflict with the 7th Section of the 2d Article of our Grand Constitution, and as we are no longer in connection with the General Grand Chapter, if even that had ever warranted such practice, it seems to me the provision of our own Grand Constitution must control. And I have so ruled in my own Chapter."

He gives in his address a short, and yet comprehensive, review of the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters,

and recommends a return to the common practice of appointing a committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We notice that this Grand Chapter has the wholesome requirement, "that the High Priest appointed in the petition for a Dispensation or Charter for a new Chapter, shall produce satisfactory evidence to the Most Excellent High Priest, or the Grand Chapter, of his capacity to confer the Degrees, before a Charter is granted."

We question the propriety or good taste displayed in affixing the mystical figures, and hieroglyphics "32 $\frac{2}{3}$ ," which appears after the signature of the Grand Secretary, on page 21. There are some officers of the Masonic Fraternity who, on some occasions, very properly sign their names with M. D., L. L. D., F. R. S., etc., but those titles, no matter how honorable, are out of place, when "we meet upon the level."

We have also a report on Foreign Correspondence for the year just ended, by Comp. J. Emmet Blackshear. He states that this is his first report, and the first that has for several years been made to his Grand Chapter. We are much pleased with the result of his labors, and heartily endorse the following opinions. Speaking of suspension for non-payment of dues, he says: "No member can be suspended for any offence, unless charges of *unmasonic conduct* are first preferred, and a trial regularly held."

Alabama, having decided that "a Chapter may adopt a by-law, declaring that any Companion who shall be engaged in selling spirituous liquors is guilty of unmasonic conduct," he says:—"From this decision your committee are compelled to dissent, believing it entirely too sweeping in its character. Indeed, we are opposed to any legislation on the subject. Temperance is one of the cardinal teachings of our institution, for any violation of which a member should be as promptly punished as for any other masonic offence. But Freemasonry is not a *teetotal society*, and we object to any such hobbies being introduced into our assemblies."

We cannot refrain from making one more extract from this interesting report. A donation of \$100 00, by a committee

of charity, having been noticed by him, he very pertinently asks :

“ Is the *charity* of our companions restricted to the distribution of alms ? If not, it occurs to us that a more appropriate name for that committee would be ‘ *The Committee on RELIEF.*’ We should be careful not to confound these terms, for there are too many among us who seem to think, when they have doled out a miserable pittance to the relief of suffering humanity, that the whole duty of Masonic Charity has been discharged, whereas, we may ‘ give *all* our goods to feed the poor, and yet have no charity.’ ”

He pleads earnestly against the “ wholesale system of *manufacturing* Masons, regardless of the quality of the material worked up.” We think that if there were fewer Masons and fewer degrees, there would be much more genuine practical Masonry in the land.

He quotes, approvingly, from our report of last year, and calls upon us to “ stick ” to our “ notion,” relative to Masonic *reconstruction*. We cannot agree with him as to the disposition of the Council degrees. He says :

“ It is impossible for the High Priest to give the candidate a full explanation of the Royal Arch degree, without infringing on what is claimed to be the right of the Council ; and if he does—as we hold it is his right and duty to do—there is nothing left of the Council that is worth having. We are not, therefore, in favor of burdening the Chapter with the Council degrees, *as such*, and would, in all kindness, advise the Grand Council to dissolve as a useless organization, returning its charter—with proper acknowledgments—to the Supreme Council of the 33d, from whence its authority originally emanated.”

Our object in proposing to surrender the Council degrees to the Chapter was to *reduce* the number of organizations, and consequently the running expenses of the Masonic machinery. Every well informed Mason knows that a knowledge of the Council degrees is essential to a correct understanding of the Lodge and Chapter degrees, and we believe that two hundred years ago every Master Mason was as fully instructed in all the mysteries of Ancient Craft Masonry as the Royal and Select Master of the present system. While we regret that Masonry has been divided into so many different degrees, and in this country with three separate organizations of Lodge, Chapter and Council, we do not think it would be practicable

or advisable to attempt to restore it to its primitive simplicity. We do believe, however, that it would be conducive to the interests of all concerned that the Chapter and Council should be merged into one organization, provided all parties interested, including the Supreme Councils for both Northern and Southern Jurisdictions would agree to the arrangement. Without such agreement any Grand Council abandoning its organization would meet with the same reception as befell our Texas Companions at the hands of the Grand Council of Louisiana.

### ILLINOIS.

Grand Chapter met October 4th, 1867.

Comp. Orlin H. Miner, G. H. P., in his address reports, that "the year just closed has been marked by a healthy growth in the membership of Chapters heretofore established, and by the formation of eleven new Chapters under dispensation, all of which are believed to have been established in localities well adapted for sustaining prosperous Chapters."

It appearing that some of the new Chapters had omitted to confer the Past Master's degree, probably for the reason that the degrees had previously been conferred by the Masters of Lodges, the following was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That all Chapters within this grand jurisdiction are hereby directed to confer the degree of Past Master on all candidates before advancing them to the M. E. degree."

The Grand Secretary, Harman G. Reynolds, presented a well written report on Foreign Correspondence.

In his review of New Jersey, he says :

"In their notice of Illinois, the committee say that when a candidate has been *elect*ed to receive the Chapter degrees, he has a *right* to them, unless the objecting companion can satisfy the Chapter that the objections are well founded. Let us test this principle : Take the case of an attorney who is a Royal Arch Mason. He may not be present when the candidate is elected ; yet, upon being informed of the election, he objects, but cannot make the objection known, because it is a professional secret, which his oath will not permit him to violate. And yet he may know that the candidate has wronged a brother shamefully in his domestic, personal, or financial relations. He may know that he has been guilty of base crimes, or grievous immoralities, which should

debar him from good society ; and yet that oath of secrecy, so necessary between attorney and client, is to permit a base scoundrel to pass our veils. Just such a case did come up in Illinois, and just such a man did *not* arrive at the dignity of a Royal Arch Mason. Take a physician. In many things he becomes of necessity the depository of family privacies which nothing can extort from him. He may be compelled to be silent and see a man whom he knows to be a black-hearted villain exalted to the most sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason. Take a father, brother, husband, or son, the sanctity of whose hearth-stone has been ruthlessly invaded by a monster in the garb of a Master Mason ; honor, family pride, modesty, and shame, all alike forbid any revelation of the disgraceful conduct, so long as it can be concealed. Often, it would be the word of one against one, and might lead to serious trouble.

“No grade of Masonry owes its honors to those without ; its gates should be jealously guarded, and no man should be allowed to enter any department of Masonry to the grief of any member thereof.”

We fully concur in this opinion. We regret that the committee did not read our report of last year a little more attentively, inasmuch as he represents us as saying exactly the opposite of what we did say in very plain English. If he will refer to page twenty-seven of our last year's proceedings, he will find the following : “We cannot agree with Comp. Guilbert in his approval of the decision of the Grand High Priest of Maryland, that ‘a Royal Arch Mason who has been expelled by his Grand Lodge is to be considered fully *reconstructed*, &c.’”

Referring to this report, Comp. Reynolds says :

“They also agree with Comp. Guilbert, of Iowa, ‘that a Royal Arch Mason who has been reconstructed by his Grand Lodge, and who consequently loses his connection with his Chapter, is to be considered fully *reconstructed*, when once the Grand Lodge which expelled has reversed its sentence and restored the party to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.’ And in this we also join.”

*How* a Grand Lodge can restore a Royal Arch Mason to his Chapter, is a mystery to us which we never expect to unravel ! A Grand Lodge is not supposed to know anything about Royal Arch Masonry, or of the necessary qualifications for membership in a Royal Arch Chapter. Lodges may be willing to fellowship those who are unworthy Royal Arch Masons. If this were not the case Chapters could dispense with the ballot, and receive into fellowship all members of Lodges. So long as the Grand Lodge is prevented from im-

posing members upon its own subordinates ("nor is this inherent privilege subject to a dispensation; because the members of a particular Lodge are the best judges of it;" No. 6, General Regulations;) so long will Grand Lodges be unable to *reconstruct* Royal Arch Masons, so far as Royal Arch Masonry is concerned.

Comp. Reynolds, in his review of Ohio, argues at length that an officer of a Chapter can demit, but not resign. We disagree with him, for the reason that every officer at his installation pledges himself to perform the duties of his office according to the best of his ability, for a certain specified time. He may be *unavoidably* absent from his Chapter every meeting that is held during his term of office, and yet incur no censure, but he cannot either resign or demit without a violation of his solemn pledge, which, of course, is a crime. If, as Comp. Reynolds suggests, the High Priest of a Chapter wishes to remove to another State, he is his own judge as to whether his "*duty*" requires him to go. His official pledge of office does not require him to sacrifice the interest of himself or his neighbor. During his absence his successor will preside. Nothing but death, however, (or expulsion, which is *Masonic* death,) can relieve him of his office until the time expires for which he assumed the office.

The Grand Chapter adopted the following:

"*Resolved*, That the conferring of the Royal Arch degree on less than three actual candidates at a time, is hereby expressly forbidden by this Grand Chapter, and if any Chapter violates this resolution it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest at once to arrest its charter."

Cannot a Royal Arch Mason be a candidate? Why not?

Comp. George W. Lininger was elected G. H. P., and Comp. Harman G. Reynolds re-elected Grand Secretary.

## INDIANA.

Convocation May 22, 1867.

The Grand High Priest, Thomas Newby, after rejoicing at the return of peace to our country, and extending his fraternal sympathy to his southern companions, in their desolations, reports his official acts during the year, and then goes into an elaborate and ingenious argument to prove that a

Grand Chapter has no right to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter. We quote as follows :

“ You will at once perceive that a Grand Chapter could not legally organize without the aid, consent and power of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the State Grand Body would never be recognized by any legal Masonic body or intelligent Mason, if organized or framed under any other power or pretext whatever.

“ The question then arising is to my mind plain. Can a *State Grand Chapter*, organized by the consent of the Mother Grand Body under the Constitution and Laws of said body, by resolution sever her connection, and secede from her allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the United States? We emphatically say, No !

“ There is no provision in the Masonic Constitution permitting or confirming such action.

“ The action of our Grand Body on the case referred to, has not been approved, applauded or confirmed by any Masonic Body in regular standing ; and the approval or applause of Bodies in the same doubtful position with ourselves will not add enviable laurels to our heretofore good name, among the legal Masonic Bodies of the world.

“ I might pursue the subject farther, but as we have recently had this subject fully tested by the powers of our National Government, we should not assume doubtful positions by hasty legislation, but at once rescind the action had at our last Annual Communication, and thereby place our Grand Body on legal and honorable ground, and stay the confusion that may occur in our jurisdiction by the formation of another Grand Chapter.”

The Philosopher could raise the world, if he had a fulcrum for his lever, and the argument of Comp. Newby is very convincing, *provided*, his premises are correct ! Let us examine them. He says, “ a Grand Chapter could not legally organize, &c.” Several Grand Chapters *were* legally organized before the General Grand Chapter was formed. What is to prevent a Grand Chapter from organizing subordinates in unoccupied territory, in the same manner as Grand Lodges are constantly extending their jurisdiction?

Three Subordinate Chapters, legally formed by charter from either a State Grand Chapter, or the General Grand Chapter, may unite and form a Grand Chapter of their own, and *we think* they can act their own pleasure so far as relates to a union with the General Grand Chapter. The custom is for them to ask the recognition of sister Grand Chapters, and

they generally receive it. The position assigned them by "any Masonic Body in regular standing," is not a "doubtful" one, and we are not aware of any taint attaching to the "heretofore good name" of our Indiana companions among the legal Masonic Bodies of the world."

We are unable to see how *this* subject has been "tested by the powers of the National Government."

The argument of Comp. Newby prevailed with his Grand Chapter, and it was

"*Resolved*, That the action and proceedings of this Grand Chapter in seceding from the Grand Chapter of the U. S., above referred to, be and the same is hereby repealed."

We approve the action of their Council of High Priests in, adopting the following :

"*Resolved*, That we disapprove in strong terms the application of any Companion for the Order of High Priesthood, merely because he holds the office of High Priest of a Subordinate Chapter, and we desire to impress upon aspirants for this honor, the fact, that proficiency in Chapter work and a devoted attention to the duties of office, combined with unexceptionable moral character, can alone entitle them to this distinction.

"*Resolved*, That the High Priest of each Chapter in this jurisdiction be furnished with a copy of the above resolution."

The G. H. P. presented a short, but comprehensive report on Foreign Correspondence.

Comps. Thomas Newby, G. H. P., and William Hacker, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

## IOWA.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa for October, 1867, minus the report on Foreign Correspondence, which the Grand Secretary informs us, in a note, has not been completed, owing to unavoidable circumstances."

The address of the G. H. P., H. H. Hemenway, consists mainly of a report of his official acts. We quote the following as of general interest :

"December 4, 1866. Received communication from J. R. Duncan, most excellent High Priest of Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, that two brothers had taken the degrees of mark master, past master and most excellent master, and had waited a long time for a third brother to present

himself, and as there was no probability of succeeding, asked for a dispensation to use a substitute in the conferring of the royal arch degree. This I declined to issue, holding, if not strictly against the landmarks of royal arch masonry and precedents in this jurisdiction, it was certainly, in my opinion, a bad precedent, and one calculated to lessen the impressiveness of this most sublime and beautiful degree, and although the Grand Chapter, in 1863, at Iowa City, rescinded the resolution as passed at Davenport in 1861, still I cannot hold it as consistent with the obligations of royal arch masonry, and should be pleased to have the Grand Chapter, at this convocation, pass a resolution strictly forbidding the use of substitutes, under any circumstances."

We admire the patience with which those Most Excellent Masters waited, and think they deserved immediate exaltation. The Grand Chapter does not appear to have acceded to the recommendation to abolish substitutes, although urged to do so by the committee on the address of the G. H. P.

We endorse the following decision of the G. H. P., who

"Held, that any royal arch mason, a member in good standing, was eligible to the office of High Priest of a Subordinate Chapter, if there was no by-law of said Chapter preventing. That theoretically, a Chapter is composed of members, all of whom have presided in the chair, and who are therefore competent for the office."

The following report embodies our views relative to the General Grand Chapter so completely that we trust our Companions will pardon us for transcribing it, even if it does help to make our report too long :

*"To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa :*

"Your committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Past Grand High Priest Parvin, at the last annual Grand Convocation, viz :

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to report at the next session of this Grand Chapter, as to the propriety of rescinding the resolution adopted at the grand annual Convocation of 1860, severing our connection with the General Grand Chapter,"

"Beg leave respectfully to report. The committee are unanimously of the opinion that the resolution of 1860 should not be rescinded, and that this Grand Chapter should *not* resume her relation of subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. The resolution dissolving the connection of this Grand Chapter with the General Grand Chapter was offered in October, 1858, at the Grand Convocation holden at Davenport, and that idea was re-affirmed in Independence in 1860. The resolution of dissolution, in the first case, was offered by a committee consisting of

Past Grand High Priests Teas and Parvin, and in the second case by Past Grand High Priest Eastman, and the re-affirmation was decided by twenty-eight *ayes* against fifteen *nays*. The resolution of dissolution was an outgrowth of the conviction that the General Grand Chapter had outlived its days of usefulness; that its machinery was cumbersome; that the theory on which it was based was vicious in every respect, and was opposed to the Masonic divine idea that each Grand Chapter is supreme within its own jurisdiction, and of right should be so. The immediate exciting cause of the passage of the resolution of dissolution was the promulgation of those formidable changes in the organic law of the General Grand Chapter, which were proposed and advocated at the triennial Convocation of 1856, and which were formally adopted as part of its Constitution at Chicago in 1859. By these changes, whose promulgation in 1856 was generally understood to be a condition precedent to their final adoption in 1859, the General Grand Chapter completely divested itself of its privileges; was emasculated of its powers completely, and in fine committed official suicide. Thereafter its pretensions became simply ridiculous, and its honors despicable, and more than ever did the fact become apparent that our Grand Chapter would act the wiser part to persevere in her determination to assert and maintain her supremacy; and hence the resolution of re-affirmation was passed in 1860. Since that time your committee have attentively watched the progress of events Masonic, and have seen nothing in the career of the General Grand Chapter to make them change the views they have entertained, but on the contrary they have seen many things done, which have intensified their hostility to any action on the part of this Grand Chapter which shall look towards a resumption of relations which were ever unequal, and which make the General Grand Chapter *richer* in exact proportion as they make us *poorer*.

“Again, the recent imbroglío in the District of Columbia, where the General Grand High Priest has endeavored to defeat the organization of a Grand Chapter, after having formally acquiesced during the preliminary stages of the movement, and where, with a tyranny which has no parallel in the history of Royal Arch Masonry, he has attempted to set aside the formal edict of a constituted and sovereign Grand Chapter, and aids and abets a subordinate thereof in its acts of rebellion, has still further served to convince us that the post of honor and safety for our Grand Chapter is in standing aloof from the General Grand Chapter in the future, as it has done during the past nine years. We are competent to manage our own affairs without the assistance or supervision of any general grand body, whose sole use would seem to be to furnish high sounding titles to ambitious Companions, and which has never conferred any benefits on the Royal Craft, so far as the attentive reader of Masonic history can discern. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the resolution of Companion Parvin be not adopted.

“E. A. GUILBERT, P. D. H. P.

“W. E. WOODWARD, P. G. H. P.”

We confess to a feeling of pride in the fact of our having been one of the committee, of which our lamented Companion, R. G. Rankin, was chairman, who recommended to this Grand Chapter, in June, 1857, a resolution, the adoption of which absolved our Grand Chapter from all allegiance to or connection with the "Supreme Head."

Comp. H. H. Hemenway was re-elected G. H. P., and Comp. W. B. Langridge Grand Secretary.

### KANSAS.

Annual Convocation: October, 1867.

M. E. Comp. R. R. Rees, G. H. P., delivered a short and beautiful address, in which he feelingly alludes to the death of one of his companions, of whom he says :

"I've known him, many long and weary years, the genial, kind and generous friend—ardent in devotion to the cause of charity, his hand was open as his heart to all the calls of want; the orphan's cries, the widow's tears, and all the grades of human suffering, touched tender and responsive chords in him; whose quick vibrations were attuned to mercy. And if he had his foibles, who has not? the best and purest men have erred; the yielding to temptation's power is incident to man. *'Requiescat in pace.'*"

"And still another Past Grand Officer, who was with us one year since, Comp. Theodore G. Harris, has fallen by the way-side, in life's eventful journey; young, hopeful and ardent. He passed away as flowers 'mid summer fade.

" 'One by one the loved ones fade,  
And pass beyond our sight;  
The grave, the coffin and the spade,  
Tells mournfully our flight.'"

"How forcibly are we reminded, th't on the grave's cold confines, are the elods now crumbling 'neath our feet."

From this address we are pleased to learn that Royal Arch Masonry is prospering in this new jurisdiction.

Comp. Rees does not like the Chapter Past Master's degree. He says :

"It is the Master's obligation of his duty in the Chair, and forms a part of the impressive ceremony of installation, and, in its proper place, should never be dispensed with; for Masonry, from the time when first the novice treads the checkered floor, through all its mazes, until he brings to light the hidden mysteries, is a chain of incidents record-

ed on the page of history, in regular progression of succeeding ages, and save this one, there is no broken link to mar its beauty or consistency ; the incidents so linked together that the study of the antiquarian searcher after truth is less a labor than a pleasure, but this disjointing of the chain, which now occurs between the mark and the most excellent degrees, is like the cucumber that grew within the bottle's bulb :

“ ‘Tis something neither strange nor rare,  
But only wondrous how it was gotten there.”

Of the General Grand Chapter he says :

“I am not prepared to say that much important benefit has been, or is to be, derived from that Grand body, yet, while it does exist, the very nature of our being claims allegiance, and respect, and reverence. She is our mother, and when we name that sacred tie there is a chord which twines around the heart, and holds it in a clasp, that time nor distance, new associations, vile or pure, can never loosen, wander as we may from home or moral rectitude, in holiness or dissolute debauch ; engaged in virtue's sacred cause, or steeped in darkest crime, there steals upon the thought the memory of childhood, and a mother's fond caress. But we may be called on yet to speak, and, as a part of that grand body, to pronounce her doom, and when we do, we must, regardless of our feelings or our ties, act for the general good.”

Comp. E. T. Carr presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. In his report of North Carolina, he says of our last year's report :

“The companion talks plainly and to the point, and apparently considers his opinion as good as those of others. He makes his comments, however, in a kind and fraternal way, and throughout evinces a charitable spirit.”

As we are unable to find anything in the report of Comp. Carr, to dissent from, we will “pass” it.

The following resolution was, after discussion, *rejected* :

“*Fourth*, That so much of said Address as refers to the General Grand Chapter, be referred to the incoming Grand Council, with instructions to bring the matter before that body, and if possible procure a dissolution thereof, as we can but regard it as useless and unprofitable to the Royal Craft.

The question of the right of a companion to prevent the advancement of a candidate elicited considerable discussion, but was finally correctly decided, asserting that right.

Comps. R. R. Rees, G. H. P., and E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

## KENTUCKY.

Convocation of October, 1867.

Comp. J. H. Branham, G. H. P., in his address, makes the following very sensible remarks:

“As the law requiring an interval of one month to elapse between the reception of the petition and the conference of the degrees was made for wise purposes and by more enlightened Masons than myself, I saw no reason why I should *practically nullify the law by granting dispensations which had that effect*, without good and sufficient reasons.

“I think such dispensations are wholly wrong, and hope that ere long the power of granting them will be taken from the Grand High Priests by the various Grand Chapters, and that no such dispensation will be granted under any circumstances, or be found in the working of Capitular Masonry. As men assume greater responsibilities are to be invested with higher and holier duties, more important and valuable secrets, there should certainly be a more rigid scrutiny and investigation into their moral and mental qualifications for those duties and responsibilities. We think this is obvious, and requires no elaborate argument to prove it. I think these dispensations to confer degrees out of time, and without due enquiry into the character of the applicant, is somewhat calculated to lower the standard of Royal Arch Masonry—which is already too low—for I think no man should receive the Capitular degrees until he has at least a tolerably thorough knowledge of the Symbolic degrees.”

Comp. A. G. Hodges presented an elaborate report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he alludes in flattering terms to North Carolina proceedings, and commends our report of last year “as a model.”

We would be glad to make liberal extracts from his report, did space allow. We have been much interested and edified in its perusal.

Comps. Isaac T. Martin, G. H. P., and Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary.

## LOUISIANA.

Convocation February 11th and 12th, 1868.

Comp. H. P. Buckley delivered a short address in which he referred simply to matters of local interest.

We commend the report of W. W. Leake, chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, particularly that por-

tion relating to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. He says of it :

“ This attempt to form a Grand Chapter was made with the full consent and approval of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, of which it then formed a part. This thing was not done in a corner. It had the one great common object in view, the furtherance of the benevolent designs of Masonry. It was organized, or at least it was supposed to be organized, within the knowledge of the M. E. G. Grand High Priest, and under the direction and personal supervision of M. E. Comp. Mackey, and the work of the General Grand Chapter exemplified by him for their guidance and instruction, and these companions had a right to suppose that they were a regularly constituted body, and as such they were entitled to some consideration from M. E. Comp. Lewis. Instead of this we find no communication between them, no intimations that they had exceeded their authority, but without any warning or any official notice to them except in public newspapers, they are pronounced ‘ clandestine,’ and by one fell swoop are put out of the pale of the brotherhood. This does not accord with our notions of Masonic propriety, and of the exercise of official authority.

“ We regret that our limited space will not warrant a full discussion of this important subject. It is well known that the existence of the General Grand Chapter has always been considered by many eminent Masons of doubtful propriety and necessity, and those who advocate its continuance watch with jealous eye every exercise of authority by the General Grand officers touching the interest of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.

“ As we are called on to express our opinion, we do so with the greatest deference to those in authority, and with the sole object of securing to this Grand Chapter its legal rights. We regret that we cannot give our reasons at length, but must content ourselves by saying, in our opinion the action of the M. E. G. Grand High Priest is an unwarranted assumption of authority, and is an act of great injustice to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, or at least to the Companions composing that Grand Chapter.”

Comp. Samuel M. Todd was elected G. H. P., and James C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary.

## MAINE.

Convocation May, 1868.

The G. H. P., Josiah H. Drummond, in his address reports that, “ while during the year just closed, the accessions to our numbers may not have been as great as in the two prece-

ding years, I believe our prosperity has never been greater. The utmost harmony has generally prevailed; the officers and members have, as a rule, been zealous and efficient in the discharge of their duties; the 'outer door' has been well guarded, and a closer observance of our rules has been required."

He says of the practice of using substitutes: "I cannot reconcile this practice with the charge to the High Priest at his installation. It is allowed, it is true, by the express consent of some Grand Chapters; others as rigidly prohibit it; others allow it in cases of emergency; others prohibit it unless a dispensation is first obtained. I submit the matter to you for such action as you may deem proper." No action appears to have been taken, however.

Of the General Grand Chapter he observes:

"In my humble judgment it should do one of two things: either dissolve or maintain its authority; it should be *in reality* either something or nothing. The recent developments in the District of Columbia show what a supreme tribunal, with courage enough to enforce its decisions, may do, and how much of dissension and controversy may be saved by it."

We copy number seven of the decisions of the G. H. P., as good law upon a subject not generally correctly understood or practiced:

"7.—When a member of a Chapter notifies the officer who is to preside at a stated meeting that he must be absent from such meeting, but if present should vote against accepting a candidate who is to be balloted for, it is the duty of such presiding officer either to postpone the ballot to another meeting, or to declare that objections having been made by a member of the Chapter to the acceptance of the candidate, he is declared rejected."

Comp. Drummond also prepared the report on Correspondence, which we have read with much pleasure, and we regret that we are unable to make extracts from it, without extending this report to unreasonable limits. A valuable statistical table is appended, which shows Comp. Drummond to be indefatigable in his labors.

Comp. James M. Larrabee, G. H. P., and Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

## MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Convocation November 11th, 1867.

The proceedings contain a history of the civil war yet being waged between the two Grand Jurisdictions, which are still claimed as being united in this one. We regret the lack of harmony prevailing in this Grand Chapter, and express the hope that peace and harmony may yet rule over them.

Comp E. L. Stevens presented an able report on Correspondence, in which he devoted nearly three pages to North Carolina. He evidently has a better opinion of us than we have of ourselves, and that is saying a good deal.

Comp. John L. Yeates, M. D., G. H. P., and Comp. Wm. A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

We have the proceedings of four quarterly meetings, from December, 1866 to December, 1867. Two new Chapters were reported as having been organized. The report on Correspondence, is by Comp. Henry Chickering. He reviews courteously the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, three pages of which are devoted to our own. He approves our action relative to prerequisites of candidates for the Chapter degrees, and complains that we publish no statistics. We regret that we are unable to do so this year. It seems to be impossible to get returns from *all* our Subordinate Chapters.

Comps. Richard Briggs, G. H. P., and Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.

## MICHIGAN.

Convocation January, 1868.

The G. H. P., John P. Fiske, argues that R. A. Masons made in Army Chapters are clandestine. We cannot agree with him, for the reason that any Chapter working under a Dispensation, issued by lawful authority, cannot be justly termed clandestine. We hope, however, that no more Army Chapters will ever be organized.

Comp. Johnson, in his report on Foreign Correspondence, compliments us *very* highly for our report last year, and concludes with the following :

“Now, Comp. Carr, if all sides make the effort, all things we should forget will be forgotten—all that we should remember will be remembered.”

To which we respond, amen—so be it.

This Grand Chapter forbids the use of substitutes, and “interdicts any and all intercourse of its subordinates and the members thereof with the said so-called Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, or with any pretended Chapters claiming authority under the same, and with all members of such pretended Chapters.”

We congratulate our Michigan Companions on having adopted a system of work as indicated in the following :

“The report, as a whole, was adopted as the work of this Grand Chapter, and ordered to be deposited with the Grand Secretary among the archives of this Grand Chapter.”

George C. Munro, G. H. P., and J. Eastmen Johnson, Grand Secretary.

## MISSISSIPPI.

Convocation January 7th, 1868.

Comp. Wm. D. Ferris, G. H. P., reports the following decision, which we fully endorse :

“The Christian cannot approach the Throne of Grace, otherwise than through the merits of Jesus Christ, since it is an article of his faith, that it is only through Jesus Christ that we have access, by the Spirit, to the Father. Hence to prohibit him from thus praying in the Chapter would be to preclude him from praying there at all. But every Companion has the right to pray there according to the dictates of his conscience. While deciding thus, I would advise every Companion to ‘take heed, lest by any means, this liberty become a stumbling block to them that are weak.’ Jesus can be alluded to in the language of the Jewish Scriptures, so that every Christian will understand the allusion, while every Israelite may make a different application of the words. I think it more consistent with Masonic charity, to use such modes of expression, so that neither the Jewish nor the Christian conscience may be wounded.”

There are many interesting and valuable passages in these proceedings which are well worth copying, but the extreme length of this report forbids further extracts.

Comp. James O. Lusher was elected G. H. P., and Oscar T. Keeler was re-elected Grand Secretary.

### MISSOURI.

Convocation, October 9, 1867.

The Grand High Priest being absent, Comp. Martin Collins, D. G. H. P., presided, and delivered an interesting address, in which he represents the Royal Craft to be in a flourishing condition in that jurisdiction.

The following "words of exhortation" are so beautiful, that we transfer them to our report :

"Let us go forth among the ruins in the spirit of brotherly love, mindful of the injunctions we have received, and work diligently and zealously for the right, keeping fast hold of the memories that cluster round our former glory, and we may rest assured our labors will be rewarded. We may make valuable discoveries, as yet unknown to the Craft. Our Order will be potent far beyond the bounds of its mystic companionship, and our power will be the more revered because it is unseen. Under the benign influence of our time-honored principles the work of restoration will go steadily forward, and we may have the satisfaction of beholding 'the latter house even more glorious than the first,' and of realizing that in our efforts we have found peace."

He feelingly alludes to the death of "Right Excellent Companion ANTHONY O'SULLIVAN, a member of St. Louis Chapter, No. 8; for many years Grand Lecturer, Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence."

He says of him :

"He was what may be justly termed a great Mason, whose reputation as such was not confined to one jurisdiction, but belonged to the whole Fraternity. Long the custodian of Masonic Work and Lectures in Missouri, he labored arduously for the preservation of the Ancient Landmarks, and was a relentless foe to every species of innovation.— He understood the language of Masonry to be the outward form that contained its spirit, and taught that language as the sacred receptacle and conservator of truth. Hence he deemed correctness in the lectures indispensable to the dissemination and transmission of our sublime system of ethics, 'veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols;' and

even insisted on strict conformity to the work he had received and was authorized to teach."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, and bears his "mark," which is favorably known to all Masonic readers throughout the land.

We give a few specimens which we fully endorse :

"Are the 'rights' of candidates of more importance to us than the perpetuity of our Order? Are the doors of our Chapters going to be swung so far ajar that the hungry crowd will never let them close again? We look upon all candidates as 'petitioners'—'suppliants' at the altar of Masonry for light, and in no sense as having any rights beyond what we in pure mercy grant them.

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"We sympathize as deeply as any man for the brother who lost his arm and legs—that is his misfortune; and we will, and do, contribute to asylums for his relief; but we are not in favor of turning our tabernacles into hospitals, and breaking down our walls of defense. If a man with one arm can come in, then can one with none; if a man with no arms, then with no legs; and, finally, we may expect to see, after the next war, a mere trunk of a candidate going through the Royal Arch degree on an easy 'go-cart.'"

We think Comp. Gouley judges our District of Columbia Companions too harshly, although he says :

"We are disposed to do every justice to our Washington Companions, and will cheerfully assist them in getting straight, to the best of our humble ability, and we assign their false step to two reasons—*first*, an overweening desire to have a Grand Chapter of their own; and *secondly*, being impatient, they too willingly took the advice of distinguished parties who are sometimes addicted to give counsel before they weigh all the circumstances."

The Grand Chapter of Missouri, being under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, could not properly have done [otherwise than obey the edict (which it did) of the G. G. H. P., forbidding Masonic intercourse with the Companions of the District.

We are much pleased with Comp. Gouley's fraternal sparing with Comp. Corson, of New Jersey, and will "bet our pile" on the "blue hen's chicken."

Comp. Gouley partially dissents from the following decision of New York :

"When a candidate has been favorably reported upon by a committee, and duly elected in a Chapter, the High Priest may confer the degrees at

any meeting of the Chapter. But when the candidate presents himself to receive the first or any subsequent degree, any member of the Chapter may call for a new ballot; when, if one or more black balls appear, the conferring of the degree shall be postponed to a future convocation. But it is not necessary that it shall be postponed for three months, or any other definite period beyond the next regular convocation."

*We think New York is right. Neither can we endorse the following:*

"Let it be once and definitely settled, that no Grand Chapter is legal unless it is white, and that such Grand Chapter does not issue charters except to white members; then we know where we stand. As it is, we can not recognize any negro as hailing from a regular Chapter, for we know of none who makes negroes into Royal Arch Masons; if we did we would be in favor of barring our doors against visitation by any member of that Chapter, whether white or black."

Our doctrine is that Masonry knows no sect or color.—Were we to visit Africa, and learn that a *legally constituted* Lodge was in existence there, we should apply for admission to it. We would not complain, however, if the black brothers there should refuse us admission on the ground that they did not associate on terms of equality with pale faces, and that our admission would mar the peace and harmony of the Lodge.

A few years since we were well acquainted with an African slave, who, in his younger days was a Prince and teacher in his native land. He was a Mason, and as such was repeatedly recognized. His freedom was offered him by Masons, and a free passage to his native land, but declined. He was too refined in sentiment, and too good a Mason withal, to attempt to force himself upon the Fraternity, and consequently but few knew that he was a Mason.

Comp. Gouley devotes over three pages of his report to North Carolina. He thinks we misunderstand the Missouri law on the subject of dimits. Not at all, Companion. Your law, however, *may* do well enough, provided the Grand Secretary has the necessary data to enable him to certify that a Companion is "*at his own request* dismissed." But how is the Grand Secretary to know this? Suppose the Companion never made such a request, but that this Chapter became suddenly dormant without his knowledge or consent, and no papers

could be found to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary.— We think the North Carolina law on this subject is right, and that the law of the General Grand Chapter, if adhered to, would forever debar many worthy Companions from affiliation.

There are many other points in this report worthy of comment, but a desire to be brief compels us to desist.

Comp. Martin Collins, G. H. P., and Comp. George Frank. Gouley, Grand Secretary.

### NEBRASKA.

We have the proceedings of a Convention to organize a Grand Chapter of Nebraska, held March 19th, 1867, and also of the first Annual Convocation, June 17th, 1867.

On organizing the Convention above named, the committee on Credentials reported that three Chapters (naming them) had received Dispensations from the Deputy General Grand High Priest of the United States, and that authority had been received "from the centre of the Grand Council of the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

We suppose, therefore, that the authority under which the Grand Chapter of Nebraska was organized will be considered fully as "legal" as if it had emanated from one or more of the contiguous Grand Chapters, and, therefore, in the name of our Grand Chapter, extend a cordial welcome to our young sister.

At the Annual Convocation the Grand High Priest, Harry P. Deuel, in his address, made the following very sensible recommendations :

"I would earnestly recommend to the Grand Chapter that their deliberations on the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws be attended with the most careful consideration. It is far better that laws should originate rightly, than that they should be subject to the almost endless changes which would necessarily follow, if they were adopted without due care. I would also recommend that the Grand Chapter should be cautious in the matter of unnecessary legislation. The custom prevails, and I think it is an evil one, of lumbering up our proceedings and reports with a vast amount of resolutions, which I think are unnecessary. A few well digested laws are much better adapted for the government of subordinate Chapters than the mass of resolutions and

amendments with which too many Grand Chapter proceedings are filled."

Appended to these proceedings is a well arranged Constitution and a carefully prepared summary of reports of Grand Chapters.

Comp. James W. Moore was elected G. H. P., and J. N. Wise, Grand Secretary.

### NEW JERSEY.

Convocation, Sept. 11th, 1867, opened with an original ode, written for the occasion, which, but for the necessary length of our report we would consider well worth copying.

The address of the G. H. P. is chiefly occupied with the consideration of matters of local interest.

The G. H. P. reports the following *extraordinary* decision :

"In balloting for election of candidates, if a black ball appears, the ballot should be again spread, if it again appears, and there be any reasonable ground for supposing it was thrown by accident or mistake, it may be spread a third time, and so continued, at the discretion of the High Priest, until the Companions are satisfied the black ball was thrown by design."

We commend the following from the report of the D. G. H. P.:

"It is a fact well known to every Mason, that the first impressions received by a candidate, when taking his degrees are the most lasting and enduring. It may almost be said that a Mason's masonic character is formed while he is passing through the various ceremonies of the several degrees. Let those degrees be conferred in a light, frivolous, and careless manner, and the useful, humane and solemn lessons are received in such a manner as to create no deep or lasting impression upon his mind. What was apparently given and taught in an indifferent manner, is received in manner and form as it was given, lightly given, lightly assumed and quickly forgotten ; but let the candidate, while his mind is prepared to receive the revelations of the hidden mysteries, be taught that the obligations and the responsible duties which he voluntarily assumes, are of no light or trifling character or importance, let the impressive lessons be given with a sincere and earnest manner, and the impressions made upon the mind at that time and under such circumstances, are as indelible and ineffaceable as the principles of Free Masonry itself."

Comp. T. J. Corson again favors his Grand Chapter and us with one of his admirable reports on Foreign Correspondence.

He still adheres to the opinion that an *elected* brother has a *right* to receive the degrees of the Chapter, unless the objecting Companion make known his objections, and thinks he could prove his positive correct, did space allow. It would take a large space to prove to us that a Companion R. A. Mason has not a *right* to prevent the advancement of a candidate without assigning his reason, or even making himself known to *any* person as the objector.

We particularly admire the tone and spirit of the following, especially when we contrast it with some things we have seen in the reports of late years :

“We have sufficient charity to believe that a man may honestly and conscientiously differ from us in opinion—nay, we may *know* him to be wrong, and yet, knowing that he did what he believed to be right, we can respect him for his devotion to principle. But what shall be said of him who will ridicule the infirmities and mock at the calamity of his fellow-men? The meanest creature on God’s earth, though he might have injured us to the extent of his power, would be entitled to, and would *receive* our sympathy, if sorrow and affliction should overtake him, else how could we pray, ‘Forgive us our trespasses *as we forgive* those who trespass against us?’ Could you spit upon a dead man, though he had been your mortal enemy when alive? Could you insult a prisoner when the chains of bondage were on him? Could you strike one who was powerless to defend himself? It isn’t religion—it isn’t Masonry—it isn’t decency to act thus. Why, even the prize fighter, the most brutalized specimen of the degradation of God’s image on earth, to compare whom with a decent dog is an insult to the dog—even such as he won’t strike a man when he’s down. And shall we do so?

““Oh, don’t strike a man when he’s down,  
 No, don’t strike a man when he’s down;  
 But lend him a hand, and help him to stand,  
 Oh, give him a chance, be kindly your glance,  
 Oh! don’t cast him off with a frown;  
 For which of us know in the race here below,  
 How soon a hard blow may lay us as low,  
 Then don’t strike a man when he’s down.””

Comp. J. V. Mattison, G. H. P., and John Woolverton,  
 Grand Secretary.

## NEW YORK.

Convocation, February, 1868.

The G. H. P., Seymour H. Stowe, in his address, reports five new Chapters, U. D., and that "a healthful prosperity has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the past year."

We are glad to notice the following action :

"Comp. Cassidy offered the following :

"*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of inquiring what legislation, if any, is necessary to merge the degrees of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master with the work of this Grand Chapter, with instructions to report at the next Annual Convocation.

"On motion of Comp. Austin, the resolution was referred to the Representatives of this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, requesting them to present the subject to that Grand body for consideration."

This Grand Chapter declined to recognise the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, believing it to be "irregular."

The committee on Jurisprudence report several decisions, which we think are *generally* correct ; but we think the committee are too prone to ignore the wishes of a Companion by the assertion that "If a Companion desires to make his objections available, it is his duty to state the reasons, and then his Companions, if such objections are well founded, would be as prompt in excluding an unworthy candidate as the objector ; he cannot ask them to be his aiders and abettors in an act of malice or caprice. If he wishes to exercise his rights without disclosing any reasons, he must give his personal attendance."

We question the propriety of admitting members, who are obnoxious to *any* Companion.

The Grand Chapter assumed control of the Order of High Priests, by the adoption of the following :

"*Whereas*, So far as we can learn, there is no record on the books of this Grand Chapter of the degree of High Priesthood ever having been recognized as a part or parcel of the degrees conferred under the authority of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and

*Whereas*, The degree has been conferred as far back as the memory of the oldest member of the Grand Chapter extends, by the Grand

Lecturers, under the direction of the Grand Council, and for which they have made a trifling charge, sufficient to cover the expense attending the same, they being permitted to retain the surplus, if any, and

*Whereas*, There appears to be a manifest propriety in the Grand Chapter assuming a positive jurisdiction over the same, therefore

*Resolved*, That from and after this date the Grand Chapter shall assume entire control over the degree of High Priesthood within its jurisdiction, and confer the same on all High Priests elected or appointed, and on those who have not already received the same.

*Resolved*, That it is the imperative duty of a High Priest elect to receive the order of High Priesthood; and no High Priest shall be permitted to preside over his Chapter after the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter next succeeding his election, until he shall have received the order—which shall be conferred under the direction of this Grand Chapter immediately after the opening, and without fee; none being present but regularly anointed High Priests. And, in the event of a Companion entitled to the degree being unavoidably absent, the Grand High Priest shall issue his dispensation to have the degree conferred in such manner as his judgment shall dictate.”

A resolution was afterwards adopted, providing, “That when this Grand Chapter shall hold a Convocation for the purpose of conferring the order or degree of ‘High Priesthood,’ that no other business be transacted at such Convocation, except it relates to that order or degree.”

All this *may* do very well, but it appears to us to be about as proper as it would be to enact, that when a *Lodge* holds a meeting for the purpose of conferring the *Royal Arch* Degree, they must transact no other business!

The report on Correspondence evidences much care and patient labor, but the fear of being too tedious forbids further notice of it.

Comps. Seymour H. Stowe, G. H. P., and Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

## OHIO.

Convocation, October 11th, 1867.

The G. H. P. reported that he had granted, during the year, Dispensations for six new Chapters.

Of the organization of the Grand Chapter he says :

“The mere statement of the case, and of the rights secured to the State Grand Chapters, and the powers vested in the General Grand

Chapter and its officers by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, are, to my mind, entirely conclusive of said questions, and show clearly that the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland had the right and authority to act in the premises, as it deemed most expedient and for the best interests of its subordinates ; that said Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was properly organized, and has the right to enforce obedience to its constitution, laws and edicts by every Royal Arch Mason within its jurisdiction ; and that the General Grand Chapter has no power or authority to control or annul the action of either of said Grand Chapters, and it will not be claimed that the General Grand High Priest can have or exercise any powers not delegated to the General Grand Chapter."

This opinion was subsequently endorsed (very justly, we think,) by the adoption of the following resolution of the Grand Chapter :

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter being thoroughly convinced of the legality of the organization of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, does now recognize it as a legal Grand Chapter and extend to it the right hand of brotherly love and friendly greeting."

Comp. Howard Matthews presented an able and interesting report on Foreign Correspondence. We will, as briefly as possible, copy a few of his opinions which we fully endorse :

"We cannot conceive of a case, where our sympathy for the misfortunes of a brother should lead us to ignore the *landmarks* of the Order. A candidate for every degree in Masonry must not *only* be 'worthy' but 'well qualified ;' and an indispensable requisite for qualification consists in his being able to explain the 'perfect points of his entrance.' The recommendation of the Grand High Priest (of Alabama) that in case the Chapter *refuse to exalt him*, that *they recommend him to some other Chapter* for exaltation, is peculiarly unfortunate."

He does not like the word "Regalia," and says "the proper clothing to be worn on all funeral occasions, and most appropriate by far, is a *white glove and apron*, and we should like to see it generally adopted."

In his review of Illinois we find the following :

"We think that the preparation of a Funeral Service for Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies is unnecessary and unwise ; that during the solemn ceremonies of the burial of a brother or companion, all distinctions should be laid aside ; but meeting upon the level, and clothed with the emblems of innocence and purity, we should, with meekness and humility, and without ostentation, discharge the mournful duty which we owe to each other."

He devotes nearly four pages of his report to North Carolina, quoting freely from the address of P. G. H. P. Comp. Martin, and says: "While we sympathize with our Companions in North Carolina in their deep distress, we admire the manliness of the above extract, and feel assured that if the advice there given should be followed, it will be but a brief period ere we should hear glad tidings from that section."

He thinks we are in error in our opinion of allegiance to the General Grand Chapter. He says:

"It is true the General Grand Chapter is the creature of the Grand Chapters; yet it is a *confederation* between the State Grand Chapters, with certain delegated and expressed powers, from which no one Grand Chapter has the right to *secede* or withdraw *without the consent of the other members* of the confederation, or a majority of them in General Grand Chapter assembled. This principle is clearly recognized in all the apartments of the Temple; besides, a withdrawal without consent would involve a violation of Masonic vow."

We know of *many* R. A. Masons who could withdraw without such violation, nor did North Carolina commit any such offence when she withdrew. Our Grand Chapter, like some others, was slow in uniting with the General Grand Chapter, and when she found that organization powerless for good, she withdrew. While she acknowledged allegiance to it, *so long as* she was *under its jurisdiction*, she never required more than that *limited* allegiance from any of her members.

We would like to notice this interesting report further, but fear we are too tedious already.

Comps. George Rex, G. H. P., and John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

## OREGON.

Convocation, June 24, 1867.

We quote from the address of the G. H. P. the following, which requires no comment:

"I would recommend that some method be adopted by which the work throughout our jurisdiction be made uniform. At present there appears to be great differences. This should be remedied, and to this end I would suggest that High Priests better acquaint themselves with the work and lectures in the several degrees."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Comp. B. F. Brown, reviewing our proceedings of 1866, agrees with our Committee, that “ ‘Fanaticism and Bigotry’ carry curses in their train, but to believe that the Bible is a ‘Divine truth’ certainly is neither Fanaticism nor Bigotry. We say also, ‘let’s have no modern tests.’”

The report of Comp. Brown has the uncommon merit of being *short* and *sound*.

Comp. B. F. Brown, re-elected G. H. P., and C. M. Cartwright, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

We have no tidings from this Grand Chapter, except a circular from the Grand Secretary containing list of officers elected March 10, 1868.

Comps. Thomas A. Doyle, G. H. P., and George H. Burnham, Grand Secretary.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the years 1862, 1866 and 1867.

Like ourselves, our South Carolina Companions found it difficult to hold their own, during the eventful years of the late war.

Comp. R. S. Bruns, presented the first report on Foreign Correspondence ever made to that Grand Chapter.

“It having been heretofore the practice with the Grand High Priest to review the proceedings of sister and foreign Grand Chapters only, in his annual address; but our interest in the business and relations of these sisters, though foreign, seems to render their special consideration necessary, and it is the proper policy, as we think, for the interests of Masonry, that the review of the proceedings of Foreign Correspondence should be as frequently and promptly made as possible. By such a habit we become speedily informed of what has been done elsewhere, and draw to your consideration, for early action, those proposed changes or suggested alterations of the Grand Chapters of other States, which may be important to our own improvement.”

We can afford space, but for one of the many passages in it which merit commendation:

“We do not like the phrase which tells us to work, ‘not caring what the work may be, so that the work be uniform.’ Masonry cannot be so

indulgent ; the laws are or should be uniform, and we only need to work under uniform law, to be consistent with one another, in the possession of a uniform ritual and a uniform language. If we have not these, we have nothing. The distinctive feature of our morals and philosophy lie in these very particulars, that our mysteries can be understood only by the initiate, and are so completely the subject of law, that there can be no difficulty in obtaining recognition wherever our language is rightly taught by him who has learned its lessons. But in learning these lessons—that is, in doing the work—we have the most urgent care as to what the work should be ; ‘ it must be good work, true work and square work.’ ”

Comps. R. S. Bruns, elected G. H. P., and Ebenezer Thayer, Grand Secretary.

## TENNESSEE.

Convocation, October, 1867.

The G. H. P., in his address says :

“ No Chapters have been visited during the year, chiefly because of a want of some uniform system of lectures and work. The great diversity of work, so apparent, even since we have met, is the strongest argument that could be urged in favor of some plan to produce uniformity. The most successful to accomplish the results desired, would be, for the Grand Chapter to authorize the first four Grand Officers, with such aid as they can obtain, to perfect the lectures and work ; when done, they shall give notice of time and place of meeting in each division of the State, or Congressional District, when the principal officers of the Chapters within these districts can attend and receive the lectures and work. At each of these meetings, at least two of the Grand Officers should attend : these meetings to be held until the State has been traversed. No other plan presents so few objections, with the prospect of accomplishing so much good.”

A regulation very similar to that adopted in our Grand Chapter two years since, relative to the qualifications of candidates, was adopted.

This Grand Chapter still clings to the “ hope that the General Grand Chapter, at its next meeting, may adopt some system of work and lectures which can be propagated among Royal Arch Masons within its jurisdiction.”

Comp. Charles A. Fuller presented a full and interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, but as our report is already, we fear, much longer than it should be, we feel constrained to omit further reference to it, than to copy the

graceful greeting at its conclusion, and to assure the writer that he has succeeded in affording pleasure to others than himself.

“To our *confreres* of other jurisdictions we once more—possibly for the last time—extend the hand of cordial and fraternal greeting, assuring them that the kind expressions of commendation so frequently received from them, have been as gratefully regarded as the thirsty and weary traveler appreciates a well-spring of cooling water in the dry and arid desert.

Comps. William H. McLesky, G. H. P., and Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary.

### VERMONT.

Convocation, October 2, 1867.

From the address of the G. H. P., we quote as follows :

“I am pleased to be able to announce to you that at no time since the re-organization of this Grand Chapter, in 1849, has there been so much activity and increased interest in Capitular Masonry manifested as in the year which has just closed. During this period I have received six petitions for the formation of new Chapters, signed by the requisite number of Royal Arch Masons, who had obtained the consent of the nearest chartered Chapters, and presented their papers in proper form.

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“From our chartered Chapters I learn of nothing but prosperity and unity. Large numbers are knocking at the outer door for admission, and if there is any apprehension to be felt, it is that too little care is exercised by our craftsmen and overseers in selecting the material from the quarries from which our moral and masonic temple is to be constructed.”

Comp. Joshua Britton, presented an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence. For reasons heretofore assigned we omit further notice of them. The opinions advanced by the author coincide *very* closely with those expressed in previous portions of this report.

Charles A. Miles, G. H. P., John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary.

### VIRGINIA.

Convocation, December, 1867.

This Grand Chapter claims to have preserved the work as taught by Cushman in 1820. We are glad to find that other States have adopted the Custodian System which has been so successfully practiced in Virginia many years.

The Grand High Priest in his address said many things worthy of the attention of every R. A. Mason, but we have space but for a single quotation :

“It is only when you have the right men as officers, that you can expect the exercise of that discipline which will give you true men in the ranks. Discipline is essential to life ; and there is immense need of it in our Chapters. Too many immoral, and otherwise unworthy men are found in the Chapters ; and too many pay no attention to the duties they have solemnly assumed, after they have been assigned seats as *Companions*. There must be a more thorough and rigid discipline exercised, if we desire to maintain for Royal Arch Masonry that exalted character which its principles demand. The unworthy should not be allowed to enter or remain within ; a higher standard of moral excellence should be raised ; the qualifications of candidates should be more thoroughly canvassed ; their *whole man* should be clearly known to be such as will stand the test of the Overseer’s Square, and be pronounced good and true,—good in themselves, and true to the vows previously assumed.

“Very mistaken views prevail among the Fraternity, in reference to Masonry. Many think that conferring the degrees is all the machinery of the Institution ; but such is not the case ; every man *raised* is not a Mason, nor every one *exalted* a Companion, any more than every circumcised man is a child of Abraham, or every one baptized a Christian.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is *very* short, but what there is of it is full of good sentiment.

Comp. Edward H. Lane was elected G. H. P., Comp. John Dove, (*the fiftieth time*,) Grand Secretary, and William B. Isaacs, Deputy Grand Secretary.

## WISCONSIN.

Convocation, February 5th, 1868.

The G. H. P. in his annual address informs his Grand Chapter that

“Some time during the year an institution was started in this jurisdiction by one *Calvin C. Burt*, an *expelled Mason*, called the ‘Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis,’ and another similar institution called the ‘Ancient Primitive Rite of Memphis of 33 degrees,’ by one Harry J. Seymour, who has also been expelled from the Scotch Rite.

“The propagators of these systems, particularly the *Burt wing*, have done all in their power to establish themselves securely in this jurisdiction during the past few months. Designing persons (I will not call them Masons) have, for the purpose of making money and accomplish-

ing an *end*, traveled over a large part of the State, conferring their degrees, for a *consideration*, whenever they could find a subject.

“Their aim has seemed to be to get possession of the different Masonic bodies in order to get control of the Grand Bodies.

“To accomplish this end they have offered to confer their degrees upon the Masters and Wardens of Lodges free of charge, and in fact when they could not get one amount they were always willing to take another, or do the work for nothing. Their work was as well accomplished upon a railroad train or in a shop or office, or perhaps in some corner of the fence, as in a Lodge room. Their candidates *swearing eternal fealty* to *Calvin C. Burt*, during his life and time, and allowing him to name his successor.

“What the effects of such proceedings would be upon Capitular Masonry, or upon Masonry generally, I leave you to imagine, when I state to you that they have conferred their degrees upon brothers rejected for the Chapter Degrees, and have allowed them to become *Charter members* of their *so-called Chapters*.

“Masonic standing and moral worth have been ignored entirely. Some of their adherents have openly boasted that their system would do away with the higher degrees of Masonry, and many of them do not deny that fact. With these truths before us I submit, Companions, whether we ought not to take some action that will place us right upon the record before the Masonic world.

“If Itinerant *Pedlars of Rites and humbugs*, which they may term Masonry, are to be permitted, unrebuked, to enter our mystic circle, and to spread discord and dissensions among the craft; if they are to be allowed to control or influence our elections, as some of us can testify they have already; I say if this state of things does actually exist, is it not time that this Grand Royal Chapter placed its seal of condemnation upon the *Institution* in such a manner as will admit of no mistaking its meaning.”

The committee to whom was referred this portion of the address reported some very stringent resolutions, from which we copy :

“*Resolved*, \* \* \* And any Royal Arch Mason, who may have received, or who shall hereafter receive, any irregular degrees under the assumed name of Masonry or Knighthood, particularly those known as the ‘Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis,’ or the ‘Ancient Primitive Rite of Memphis of 33 degrees,’ is hereby required to withdraw therefrom, and to signify the same in open Chapter wherein he is or may be affiliated. And all Royal Arch Masons are hereby prohibited from holding Masonic intercourse with any companion who shall refuse to comply with this edict.

“*Resolved*, That no Chapter within this jurisdiction shall receive or

take any action on the petition of any Master Mason who holds to such clandestine degress, or who refuses to renounce the same in writing."

The resolutions were adopted.

Comp. A. B. Alden made the report on Foreign Correspondence, but as we have already drawn largely from it while considering the affairs of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, we will now close this report, of which we feel assured our readers (if we have any) are already weary.

Comp. A. V. H. Carpenter, G. H. P., and W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

### CONCLUSION.

We ask pardon for offering an apology for the very imperfect manner in which we have performed the duty assigned us. The time devoted to it has necessarily been taken from those hours which our text-book teaches us are properly devoted to "refreshment and sleep."

None but those who have learned by experience can appreciate the labor required to review three thousand pages of printed matter, and we regret that the task, although we find it a pleasant one, when the time is at our disposal, had not been imposed upon one who could have done justice to the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR,

*For the Committee.*

On motion of Comp. Martin, P. G. H. P., it was

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Chapter, to be styled the Judiciary committee, whose duty it shall be to examine all By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters—see that they conform to the Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter and the Landmarks of the Order, and submit their report upon the same at each Grand Convocation, with a copy of each to be filed among the archives.

*Resolved*, That every Subordinate Chapter under this Grand Jurisdiction be, and that they are hereby required to forward to the chairman of

the Judiciary committee, immediately upon the reception of this resolution a copy of their By-Laws, and to strike from the same such portions thereof as may be pronounced by said committee in conflict with law and usage.

*Resolved*, That all amendments made by any Subordinate Chapter under this Grand Jurisdiction, to her By-Laws after they have once been approved by this Grand Chapter, must have the approval of the Judiciary committee, before any action can be taken under such amended By-Laws.

*Resolved*, That Chapters U. D. be, and that they are hereby, required to forward to the chairman of the Judiciary committee, in season for examination before the next succeeding regular Grand Convocation, after the date of such Dispensation, a copy of the By-Laws which such Chapter proposes to adopt upon obtaining a Charter.

*Resolved*, That every Subordinate Chapter working under this Grand Jurisdiction be, and they are hereby required to record, together with their By-Laws, all that portion of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter from Article 14 to Article 26, inclusive.

The M. E. appointed Comps. Martin, Carr and Gardner the committee under the above resolutions.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Comp. Martin, P. G. H. P., and adopted :

WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter has, at the present Convocation, adopted a Work, and appointed a Custodian, and a Deputy Custodian of the Work so adopted, therefore,

*Resolved*, That no Grand Lecturer shall disseminate any other work in this Jurisdiction.

*Resolved*, That each Grand Lecturer appointed by the G. H. P. of this Grand Chapter be required, before he proceeds to disseminate the Work, to obtain the certificate of either the Custodian or Deputy Custodian, that he is well qualified to teach the same.

*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Chapters be, and they are hereby, required to obtain the said Work from the Grand Lecturers, or one of the said Custodians, as early as practicable. And that any Subordinate Chapter refusing to practice the said Work, or neglecting to do so for twelve months after the offer of any of the Grand Lecturers shall have been made to the H. P. thereof, to instruct the officers in the same, shall forfeit her charter, or the G. H. Priest may suspend the same until satisfactory reasons shall be given to him for such neglect.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of the State of North Carolina are hereby tendered to the Masonic Publishing and Manufacturing Company for their "*Guide to R. A. Chapter*," the receipt of which by this Grand Chapter is hereby thankfully acknowledged.

*Resolved, further*, That said book is hereby adopted as a Guide to the Work, by this Grand Chapter.

*Resolved, further*, That we recommend the "*Manual of the Chapter*," prepared in accordance with the "*Guide*," as an important and useful work to the Companions.

HENRY K. NASH,  
E. H. WHITE,  
ALFRED MARTIN.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Custodians be, and they are hereby, authorized to charge for their services in teaching the work of this Grand Chapter such sum as may be agreed upon by the parties.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to the Chairman of the committee on Work, Comp. T. B. Carr, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in compensation for his services, in preparing and reporting the Work adopted by this Grand Body.

On motion of Comp. Gardner, it was

*Resolved*, That fifty dollars be appropriated to the Grand Treasurer, one hundred dollars to the Grand Secretary, and fifteen dollars to the Grand Tyler.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to print with the proceedings the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions of this Grand Chapter which are now in force.

The M. E. appointed as Finance Committee: Comps. Martin, Fanning and Gardner;

Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Comps. Alfred Martin, Luke Blackmer and Thos. B. Carr.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter closed in solemn form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary*.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Grand Royal Arch Chapter of D. C.

REVISED AND ADOPTED, JUNE, 1868.

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ARTICLE 1. This Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of the following officers, viz: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal and Grand Tyler, together with the Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes, and of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being of the several Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter; each of whom shall be entitled to a vote, except the Grand Tyler. *Provided*, that when any Past Grand officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Chapter, his membership in this Grand Chapter shall cease.

ARTICLE 2. The regular Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held in Wilmington, N. C., on the first Wednesday after the last Monday in November, in each year, after the year 1868. And in case of the absence of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, or either of them, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank; in the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Past Grand officer of those grades present; and if

there be none of the Past Grand officers of the rank above named present, then the High Priest of the oldest Subordinate Chapter present, shall have power to preside, and the Representatives of three Subordinate Chapters shall constitute a quorum. If, on the day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Chapter from day to day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if no quorum be present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the next annual meeting, unless sooner or especially convened.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of this Grand Chapter shall be elected at each regular Convocation, and shall hold their offices until their successors are installed. And the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests respectively, for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they shall deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Chapters shall be duly notified.

ARTICLE 4. All questions before this Grand Chapter shall be determined by a majority of votes cast, except as otherwise herein provided.

ARTICLE 5. The constitutional officers of this Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Lecturer and Grand Tyler, who shall be respectively appointed by the Grand High Priest, all of whom, if present, shall be duly installed into their respective offices before the closing of the Grand Convocation. But if any officer be absent at the time of his election or appointment, he may be installed subsequently by the Grand High Priest, or by his Deputy.

ARTICLE 6. None but a regular Royal Arch Mason, holding membership in a Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Chapter as proxy or representative, nor shall he represent more than six members or two Chapters at the same Convocation. And all persons acting in that capacity must be furnished with written credentials by the members so represented.

ARTICLE 7. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Grand High Priest, under the seal of the

Grand Chapter, attested by the Grand Secretary, which commission shall remain in force until the next Annual Convocation succeeding his appointment, unless revoked by the Grand High Priest. And it shall be his duty, at the request of any Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, to visit such Chapter, and instruct them in the work, lectures, and all things appertaining to the government of a Chapter, and the interest of Royal Arch Masonry. And the Chapter so employing him, shall make him such compensation as shall be agreed upon by the parties. He shall keep a record of his proceedings, and report the same to the Grand High Priest when required, and to the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocations; and shall make no alterations in the work or lectures adopted by this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 8. A Committee of three shall be appointed at each Annual Convocation, immediately after the Installation of the Grand Officers, to be styled the Committee of Finance, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all bills presented against the Grand Chapter, together with the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and report at the Annual Convocation immediately succeeding their appointment, and previous to the election of officers. They shall also have power to invest, from time to time, any funds belonging to this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 9. This Grand Chapter, at each Convocation, shall be opened in solemn form previous to the transaction of any business.

ARTICLE 10. The members of, and Representatives to, this Grand Chapter must appear properly clothed with the badges of a Royal Arch Mason.

ARTICLE 11. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall have their Books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter; and for their services shall receive such compensation as this Grand Chapter may approve.

ARTICLE 12. Every petition to this Grand Chapter for a Warrant to open a new Royal Arch Chapter, must be signed

by at least nine Regular Royal Arch Masons who have resided for twelve months within this jurisdiction, and accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter within the State nearest the contemplated location of the new Chapter, vouching for the moral character and masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a warrant be granted them. And the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priest, upon the receipt of such petition, if approved, shall grant his Dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter thereafter, when said Chapter shall petition for a Charter, or an extension of said Warrant, which, for satisfactory reasons, may be continued until the succeeding Annual Convocation, at which time application shall be made for a Charter, otherwise said Warrant shall be revoked.

ARTICLE 13. The fees for a Warrant for opening and holding a Royal Arch Chapter shall be Fifty Dollars, of which the Grand Secretary shall receive Ten Dollars for his services in furnishing the same, and no Warrant shall be granted until the fees are paid. And when any Charter shall be granted to the Chapter having received such Warrant, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same. But if a Charter be not granted, and said Warrant be withdrawn, then the fee shall be returned to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as may have been expended by means of their application.

ARTICLE 14. The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay for the support thereof, into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, annually, the sum of Fifteen Dollars. *Provided*, That Chapters working under a Warrant shall pay nothing for the time they shall have held such warrant, except in case of extension of the time of application for a Charter, in which case they shall pay the regular fees of a Chapter under Charter, for the time so extended, and no Chapter in arrears for two years, shall have a vote in this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 15. No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall

change its location, except with the concurrence of this Grand Chapter, upon the application of a majority of the members of such Subordinate Chapter, recommended by the Chapter nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

ARTICLE 16. Every Royal Arch Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be represented at each Grand Convocation by their High Priest, King and Scribe, in person or by their respective proxies. And whenever the first three officers of a Subordinate Chapter, or any one of them cannot attend the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, or shall fail to appoint his or their proxy or proxies to represent them or their Chapter, it shall be competent for such Chapter to elect or appoint a delegate or proxy. And at each Annual Convocation they shall make return of the names of their officers and members, together with all exaltations, admissions, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once in any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above, and pay its dues to this Grand Chapter, then, and in either case of delinquency, the said Chapter shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Chapter its Charter, together with its records, jewels, regalia, furniture, monetary, and all other property of every description.

ARTICLE 17. The application of every candidate for the Degrees in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be made, in writing, signed by the applicant, and recommended by a member of said Chapter, which application shall lay over at least one meeting of said Chapter, for the consideration of its members. The vote, in all cases of application for the degrees or for membership, must be unanimous to admit.— And no such petition shall be received, unless the applicant be a member at the time in good standing, of a Blue Lodge, and every candidate shall be required to manifest to the Chapter that he is fully qualified in each degree taken, before being advanced to the succeeding degree.

ARTICLE 18. No Chapter, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall exalt any candidate to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, for a less sum than Twenty Dollars, and no candidate shall be ballotted for until said fee is paid, and no note of hand shall be taken by any Chapter for such fee or any part thereof.

ARTICLE 19. No Companion, having been a member of any other Chapter still in existence, shall be admitted to membership in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, until he shall have paid all arrearages to the Chapter of which he was last a member and obtained a Dimit.

ARTICLE 20. No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall exalt any candidate who is a resident of another State, where a Subordinate Chapter is established, without a special recommendation from the Chapter, in such State, nearest his place of residence, or from one of the three principal officers of the Grand Chapter of the State where he resides, and no candidate living within this jurisdiction shall receive any degree in any other than the Chapter which is nearest his place of residence, without a recommendation from said nearest Chapter.

ARTICLE 21. No Chapter or assembly of Royal Arch Masons which may hereafter be formed within this jurisdiction, shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a Warrant from this Grand Chapter; and all Masonic communication, either public or private, between any Chapter under this jurisdiction or any of its members, and any Chapter so illegally formed, or any person therein exalted, is hereby strictly forbidden, and a breach of any part of this article shall be punished by expulsion, or exclusion from all the benefits of this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 22. The High Priest, King and Scribe of any Chapter under this jurisdiction, when not able to attend the Grand Convocations, shall appoint their proxy or proxies, by a commission signed with their names with their seals affixed, which commission shall continue in force only during the

year for which the said High Priest, King or Scribe was elected.

ARTICLE 23. This Grand Chapter shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy which may arise between any of the Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, or between members of different subordinate Chapters, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy, proper for Masonic investigation, arising in any Subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE 24. When any member of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be accused of any offence, which, if proved against him, would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules :

1st. The accusation shall be made in writing over the signature of a Royal Arch Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of the Chapter, who, under the direction of the High Priest, shall serve or cause the accused to be served with an attested copy of the charges and specifications, ten days at least before the time appointed for the examination. *Provided*, the residence of the companion so charged shall be known and shall be within the distance of twenty miles of the place where the Chapter is located. If the residence of the accused be at a greater distance than twenty miles, but within the State, then, and in that case, a summons to appear and show cause, forwarded to him by mail or other conveyance thirty days before the trial, shall be considered sufficient service. If the residence of the delinquent be unknown, the Chapter may proceed to examine the charges *ex parte*.

2d. The examination of the charges shall be had in a Chapter, specially notified and convened for the purpose, at which no visitors] shall be admitted excepting as counsel or witnesses.

3d. The accused may select his own counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor ; heresay evidence shall be excluded.

4th. The question, is the accused guilty or not guilty ?

shall be distinctly put to each member, commencing with the youngest member. The answer shall be given standing, and in a distinct and audible manner. The Secretary shall record the same.

5th. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the proceedings shall be sent up to the ensuing meeting of the Grand Chapter for examination.

6th. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by the Grand Chapter, but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent.

7th. A companion feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Chapter, he having given due and timely notice to the Subordinate Chapter, of his intention so to appeal from its decision, and the grounds of appeal.

8th. Whenever this Grand Chapter shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, suspending or expelling a companion, and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent.

9th. In all respects, other than those here specified, the proceedings shall be conducted agreeably to the regulations of Ancient Craft Masonry.

ARTICLE 25. Any alterations or amendments to this Constitution must be proposed at a regular Convocation and ratified at the succeeding annual Convocation by the concurrence of two-thirds of all the Chapters and members present.

ARTICLE 26. All former Constitutions of this Grand Chapter are hereby repealed.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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ARTICLE 1.

It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Grand Chapter to attend the stated meetings thereof, either in person or by proxy.

ARTICLE 2.

The Grand High Priest, or in his absence, the senior officer present, shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Grand Chapter stands adjourned, and shall immediately upon the appearance of a quorum, open the Grand Chapter in due form.

ARTICLE 3.

At every sitting of each annual convention of the Grand Chapter, the minutes of the preceding sitting shall be read, and if requisite, corrected.

ARTICLE 4.

It shall be the duty of the presiding officer at all times to preserve order, and to endeavor to conduct all business before the Grand Chapter, to a speedy and proper result.

## ARTICLE 5.

The presiding officer may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Grand Chapter by any member seconded.

## ARTICLE 6.

Business left unfinished at the last sitting is ordinarily to be taken up first.

## ARTICLE 7.

A motion made, must be seconded and afterwards repeated by the presiding officer, or read aloud before it is debated, and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the presiding officer or any member require it.

## ARTICLE 8.

Any member who shall have made a motion may withdraw it with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon, but not afterwards without the permission of the Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE 9.

On questions of order, postponement or commitment, no member shall speak more than once; on all other questions, except adjournment, on which no discussion will be allowed, each member may speak twice, but not oftener, without the express permission of the Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE 10.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to amend it, to commit it, to postpone it, or lay it on the table.

## ARTICLE 11.

An amendment may be made on any motion, and shall be decided before the original motion.

## ARTICLE 12.

If a motion under debate contain several parts, any mem-

ber seconded, may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

ARTICLE 13.

A question shall not be again called up or reconsidered at the same meeting of the Grand Chapter at which it has been decided, except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present, and unless the motion to re-consider be made by a member who voted with the majority.

ARTICLE 14.

Every member when speaking shall rise and respectfully address the chair, and shall treat his fellow-members with decorum and respect.

ARTICLE 15.

No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

ARTICLE 16.

If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide which shall first be heard.

ARTICLE 17.

If any member act, in any respect, in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the presiding officer, to call him to order.

ARTICLE 18.

If any member consider himself aggrieved by the decision of the Grand High Priest or other officer presiding for the time being, it shall be his privilege to appeal to the Grand Chapter, and the question on such decision shall be taken without debate.

ARTICLE 19.

All committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer for the time being, except when otherwise directed by the Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE 20.

The person first named on any committee shall be considered the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee, and in case of his absence or inability to act the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties.

## ARTICLE 21.

The yeas and nays shall not be recorded, unless it be required by one-third of the members present.

## ARTICLE 22.

No member shall retire from the room while the Grand Chapter is sitting, without the permission of the presiding officer, nor return home without the consent of the Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE 23.

Visiting companions shall not vote on any question or petition before the Grand Chapter, but may be heard in debate, with the consent of a majority of the members present.

## ARTICLE 24.

The Grand High Priest, or in case of his death or resignation, the Deputy Grand High Priest, shall be authorized at all times to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for any sums of money that shall be necessary to defray the expenses which may be incurred by the Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE 25.

The Grand Treasurer shall deliver to the Standing committee, immediately preceding the annual election of officers, a statement of all accounts, and of the funds of the Grand Chapter, and also of all delinquencies.

## ARTICLE 26.

All subjects on which questions are to be taken (except such as are especially provided for) shall be decided by a majority, and in case of an equal number of votes, the motion, question or resolution shall be considered as lost.

## ARTICLE 27.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, shall form a Standing committee, any two of whom may act, whose duty it shall be to adjust all claims against the Grand Chapter ; to examine the Treasurer's Books and accounts annually, and at every election of officers to report to the Grand Chapter the state of the funds, to which committee all applications for charity shall be referred ; and for that purpose the said committee shall have authority to draw on the Grand Treasurer.

## ARTICLE 28.

The members of the Grand Chapter shall at every meeting appear in Royal Arch sashes and aprons.

## ARTICLE 29.

Those persons officiating as Grand Tyler and Grand Steward shall receive One Dollar each for every sitting of the Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE 30.

The Grand Secretary, in addition to the duties prescribed in the 9th article of the constitution of this Grand Chapter, shall transmit to each member, annually, a copy of the proceedings, for which service he shall receive the sum of Ten Dollars per annum.

## ARTICLE 31.

The By-Laws shall be read at the commencement of every meeting.

## ARTICLE 32.

There shall be no alteration or amendment to these By-Laws, except with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

## Resolutions now in Force.

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ADOPTED, 1852.

The Grand High Priest decides that according to the Grand Constitution in all questions decided by ballot, that one single delegate appointed by and appearing as the representative of a subordinate Chapter is entitled to cast the three votes of his Chapter ; but when a Chapter is represented by the proper officers, or their proxy, the number of votes given must correspond with the *number of officers* represented.

ADOPTED, 1856.

*Resolved*, That each Chapter be, and is hereby required to have a lecture delivered by some one of their Companions quarterly—before it, if practicable—upon the subject of Masonic law and obligation, as well as the general duties of a Royal Arch Mason.

ADOPTED, 1857.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, do hereby withdraw from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward this resolution to the General Grand High Priest and General Grand Secretary.

ADOPTED, 1859.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, after due consideration, hereby disclaims for itself and subordinates any and all control over the Royal and Select Master's Degrees.

ADOPTED, 1866.

*Resolved*, That no subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall confer the Chapter Degrees upon any brother who is not thoroughly conversant with the first sections of the Entered Apprentice's, Fellow Craft's and Master Mason's Degrees, and with all the means of recognition practiced among Master Masons.

*Resolved,* That any subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may, upon the application for membership of any of the late members of a dormant Chapter, upon the best evidence that the petitioner may be able to produce of his late membership in such dormant Chapter, receive and act upon such petition, without requiring the production of a regular dimit.

*Resolved,* That each subordinate Chapter shall be required to furnish each candidate exalted with a diploma, at the expense of the Chapter so exalting.

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have parchment diplomas bound in such manner and form as may be necessary to meet fully the requirements of the resolution.

*Resolved,* That all subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, which have failed to assemble during the last Masonic year, or which have failed for the last two years to make returns, and fully or in part to pay their dues to this Grand Chapter as required by the Constitution, have forfeited to the use of this Grand Chapter their charters, records, jewels, regalia and furniture, together with their monetary and all other property of every description, unless good and sufficient reason to the contrary shall appear.

*Resolved,* That the Grand High Priest shall adopt such measures as to him shall seem meet to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.

ADOPTED, 1868.

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be requested to notify each of the delinquent Chapters to show cause, at the ensuing Grand Convocation, why they should not be dealt with in accordance with masonic discipline.

*Resolved,* That the committee consisting of Comps. Carr, Gardner and Fanning, appointed at the last annual convocation of the Grand Chapter to enquire into the condition of delinquent Chapters, and the amount of their indebtedness, and which are at work, and which not, be continued, with instructions to correspond with said Chapters, and to report in full to our next Convocation.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Chapter, to be styled the Judiciary committee, whose duty it shall be to examine all By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters; see that they conform to the Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter and the Landmarks of the Order, and submit their report upon the same at each Grand Convocation, together with a copy of each to be filed among the archives.

*Resolved*, That every Subordinate Chapter under this Grand Jurisdiction be, and that they are hereby, required to forward to the chairman of the Judiciary committee, immediately upon the reception of this resolution a copy of their By-Laws, and to strike from the same such portions thereof as may be pronounced by said committee in conflict with law and usage.

*Resolved*, That all amendments made by any Subordinate Chapter under this Grand Jurisdiction, to her By-Laws, after they have once been approved by this Grand Chapter, must have the approval of the Judiciary committee, before any action can be taken under such amended By-Laws.

*Resolved*, That Chapters U. D. be, and that they are hereby, required to forward to the chairman of the Judiciary committee, in season for examination before the next succeeding regular Grand Convocation, after the date of such Dispensation, a copy of the By-Laws which such Chapter proposes to adopt, upon obtaining a Charter.

*Resolved*, That every Subordinate Chapter working under this Grand Jurisdiction be, and they are hereby, required to record, together with their By-Laws, all that portion of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter from Article 14 to Article 26, inclusive.

WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter has, at the present Convocation, adopted a Work, and appointed a Custodian, and a Deputy Custodian of the Work so adopted, therefore,

*Resolved*, That no Grand Lecturer shall disseminate any other work in this Jurisdiction.

*Resolved*, That each Grand Lecturer appointed by the G. H. P. of this Grand Chapter be required, before he proceeds

to disseminate the Work, to obtain the certificate of either the Custodian or Deputy Custodian, that he is well qualified to teach the same.

*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Chapters be, and they are hereby, required to obtain the said Work from the Grand Lecturers, or one of the said Custodians, as early as practicable. And that any Subordinate Chapter refusing to practice the said Work, or neglecting to do so for twelve months after the offer of any of the Grand Lecturers shall have been made to the H. P. thereof, to instruct the officers in the same, shall forfeit her charter, or the G. H. Priest may suspend the same until satisfactory reasons shall be given to him for such neglect.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of the State of North Carolina are hereby tendered to the Masonic Publishing and Manufacturing Company for their "*Guide to R. A. Chapter*," the receipt of which by this Grand Chapter is hereby thankfully acknowledged.

*Resolved, further*, That said book is hereby adopted as a Guide to the Work, by this Grand Chapter.

*Resolved, further*, That we recommend the "*Manual of the Chapter*," prepared in accordance with the "*Guide*," as an important and useful work to the Companions.

*Resolved*, That the Custodians be, and they are hereby, authorized to charge for their services in teaching the work of this Grand Chapter such sum as may be agreed upon by the parties.

## Ceremonies .

*Compiled and Arranged by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter  
of North Carolina, for the Installation of its Officers.*

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The Grand Chapter being opened, some Past Grand High Priest is selected to preside during the Ceremonies of Installation.

The offices are filled *pro tempore*, except that the Past Grand officers not re-elected may retain their offices.

The officers elect, having signified their acceptance of the respective offices to which they have been elected, are then duly qualified; after which, the Deputy Grand Marshal presents the Grand High Priest elect, and says :

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest :*

I present you, for Installation, my Most Excellent and Worthy Companion, who has been duly elected to preside over this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

The Presiding Officer then addresses the Grand High Priest elect as follows :

*Most Excellent Companion :*

Having been elected to the high and responsible office of Grand High Priest of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and having accepted that important trust, I shall now proceed to install you into your office. It is a station that entails the performance of great and arduous duties—duties which those alone, who have not only acquired extensive Masonic information, but whose lives are adorned with true Masonic virtues, can well and properly discharge.

*Companions :*

Let us assemble around our altar, and implore the blessing of God on the administration of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

## PRAYER BY THE G. CHAPLAIN.

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we approach thee with reverence, and implore thy blessing on the Companion chosen to preside over us, and now prostrate before thee. Fill his heart with thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce thy glory. Make him steadfast in thy service—animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors. May he teach thy judgments and thy laws, and may the incense which he shall put before thee, upon thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto thee.—Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy, and hear thou from Heaven, thy dwelling place, and forgive our transgressions.

Glory be to God, the Father, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

*Response*—So mote it be.

The Grand High Priest elect is then clothed with his Robes of Office.

*Most Excellent :*

The members of this Grand Chapter having given the strongest expression of their confidence in your qualifications by selecting you as their Grand High Priest, I now, with much pleasure, invest you with this Breastplate. It is the Jewel and Badge of the Order. Thus clothed, you represent the Great High Priest of Israel, who presided at the First Grand Masonic Council at Jerusalem. The stones of which it is composed represent the Twelve Tribes of Israel. They will remind you not only of the support and obedience you may expect from the members of this Grand Chapter, but of your duty and obligations to them.

Let the Mitre with which you are invested remind you of the dignity of the office which you sustain, and its inscription

impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God ; that perfection is not given unto man upon earth, and that perfect holiness belongeth alone to the Lord.

The various colors of the robes which you are entitled to wear are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind ; each of which will be briefly illustrated in the course of the Charges to be delivered to your Subordinate Officers.

And now, Most Excellent, permit me, in behalf of the Companions here assembled, to offer you our most sincere congratulations on your accession to the honorable station you now fill. I doubt not you will govern with such order and regularity as to convince your Companions that their partiality has not been misplaced.

The Deputy Grand Marshal then presents the other officers in order of rank, for Installation, at which time they are clothed with their Robes of Office.

*Most Excellent :*

You have been elected Deputy G. H. Priest, and I now invest you with this Jewel and Badge of your office. They naturally call to remembrance the period of the return of the Jews from captivity at Babylon, when their High Priests were invested with supreme authority, and held Grand Masonic Councils at Jerusalem. In the absence of the Grand High Priest, it will be your duty to preside over the deliberations of this Grand Chapter, and when present, to afford him your counsel and assistance. I have full confidence that I express the opinion and belief of this Grand Chapter, when I say you will so discharge your duty as to represent by your conduct that light, which will shine more and more even unto the perfect day.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND KING.

*Excellent Companion :*

Having been elected to the important office of Grand King of this Grand Chapter, you are entitled to be invested with the Scarlet Robe, which marks the exalted rank you now

hold among your Companions. In the absence of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, it will be your duty to preside in this Grand Chapter—and while discharging the various duties of your office, you will have the honor of representing the illustrious King of Persia, by whose power and liberality our Ancient Brethren were delivered from bondage, and sent in peace to their native land. The Crown which you are entitled to wear is an Emblem of Royalty. Permit me to remind you, that to reign Sovereign of the hearts and affections of your Companions, you must bring your passions and prejudices under the dominion of reason and charity.—Let this Jewel, with which I now invest you, remind you, that although the representative of a King, as a Mason you stand on a level with every Brother who is worthy of that name. Let the bright examples of those who composed the First Grand Masonic Council at Jerusalem, one of whom you represent, stimulate you to the faithful discharge of every duty; and when the King of Kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, from his hand may you receive a *crown of glory* that shall never fade away.

#### CHARGE TO THE GRAND SCRIBE.

##### *Excellent Companion :*

The Office of Scribe, to which you have been elected, is one of great importance and responsibility. In the absence of your Superior Officers, you are bound to succeed them and to perform their duties. You will, therefore, perceive the necessity of acquiring such qualifications as will enable you to discharge those duties which are incumbent upon you in your appropriate station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve on you by the absence of your superiors.

The Purple Robe with which you are entitled to be invested is an emblem of *union*, and is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Grand Chapter should be your constant aim, and to this end you are studiously to avoid all occasions of giving offence, or countenancing anything that may create divisions or dissensions. You are, by all means in your power, to endeavor to establish a permanent

union and good understanding among the Subordinate Chapters. And as the glorious sun, at meridian, dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dispel the gloom of jealousy and discord whenever they may appear.

Your Badge is an emblem of rectitude and vigilance; and while you stand as a watchman upon the tower to guard your Companions against the approach of those enemies of human felicity, *intemperance and excess*, let this faithful monitor ever remind you to walk uprightly in your station—admonishing and animating your Companions to fidelity and industry while at labor, and to temperance and moderation while at refreshment. And when the Great Watchman of Israel, whose eye never slumbers nor sleeps, shall relieve you from your post of duty here, may he assign you a post of honor in the Supreme Grand Council of Heaven.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

*Companion :*

Reposing unlimited confidence in your honor and integrity, the members of this Grand Chapter have elected you to the important and responsible office of Treasurer, and I now invest you with the Badge of your office. The Keys will remind you that to your care is entrusted the property of this Grand Chapter, which you will consider as a sacred deposit. And may the reward of your fidelity be, in this life, the blessing of the destitute widow and orphan, and, in the life eternal, treasures that neither moth nor rust can corrupt.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

*Companion :*

Having been elected Secretary of this Grand Chapter, permit me to invest you with the Badge of your office. A faithful discharge of the duties of this important office is what we confidently expect from your appointment; and having finished the Record of the Transactions of this Grand Chapter, and received the merited applause of your Companions,

may you, at the Grand and Final Convocation, be admitted into the Celestial Grand Chapter above, and find your name there recorded in the Book of Life.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

*Excellent and Rev. Companion :*

Having received the appointment of Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, I now invest you with this Jewel and Badge of your Office. It is an emblem of Eternity, and reminds us that here is not our abiding place. It will be equally your inclination as your duty to perform in the Grand Chapter those solemn services which created beings should constantly render to their Infinite Creator, and which, when offered by one whose holy profession is to point to Heaven and lead the way, may, by refining our morals, strengthening our virtues and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of those above, whose happiness will be as endless as it is perfect.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL.

*Companion :*

Having been appointed to the office of Grand Marshal, I invest you with the Badge of your Office, and arm you with this (Sword) emblem of the authority you now hold in this Grand Chapter. Your station is within the Veils of the Tabernacle, and your duty is to qualify all Travelers, whom you may find worthy, for the services of the Sanctuary. A perfect knowledge of the most sublime mysteries of the Royal Art is essential to the proper discharge of the important duties of your office, and if you are not already fully qualified, I trust that your zeal for the good of our Institution will induce you to acquire, without delay, such light as will enable you to adorn the station you now hold, as well as any other to which you may hereafter be elevated.

CHARGE TO THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER.

*Companion :*

Having been appointed to the office of Principal Sojourner of this Grand Chapter, I invest you with the Badge of your

office, (Wand.) In the exemplification of the Ceremonies of our Order, your office is inferior in importance to none, save that of your Chief; you will therefore perceive the necessity of being fully prepared to bring the blind by a way they knew not, and to lead them in paths they have not known—to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. And when, hand in hand with your Companions, you shall have traveled the rugged path of life, and passed the Veils of this earthly Tabernacle, may the Supreme Grand Council of Heaven receive and invest you with the honors and glory of the Eternal Kingdom.

CHARGE TO THE ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN.

*Companion :*

Having been appointed to the office of Royal Arch Captain of this Grand Chapter, I arm you with this Sword, with which to guard the Sanctuary.

The White Banner entrusted to your care is emblematical of that purity of life and rectitude of conduct which should characterize all those who pass the White Veil of the Sanctuary. A faithful discharge of the important duties of your office will secure to you the confidence and esteem of this Grand Chapter and of your Companions of this Order; and as none should be permitted to pass your post but such as are in possession of the True Signet, may this Talisman be yours, when you pass the Veils that shall usher you into the presence of the supreme Grand Council above.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL.

*Companion :*

I invest you with the Scarlet Banner, which is the ensign of your office, and with a Sword to protect and defend the same. The rich and beautiful color of your Banner is emblematical of *fervency* and *zeal*. It is the appropriate color of the Royal Arch Degree, and admonishes us that we should be *fervent* in our devotions to God, and *zealous* in our endeavors to promote the happiness of Man.

## CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL.

*Companion :*

I invest you with the Purple Banner, which is the ensign of your office, and arm you with a Sword with which to maintain its honor.

The color of your Banner is produced by a due admixture of *blue* and *scarlet*; the former of which is the characteristic color of the *symbolic* or *first three degrees of Masonry*, and the latter that of the *Royal Arch Degree*. It is an emblem of *Union*, and is the characteristic color of the intermediate Degrees. It admonishes us to cultivate and improve that spirit of union and harmony between the Brethren of the Symbolic Degrees and the Companions of the Sublime Degrees, which should ever distinguish the Members of a Society founded upon the principles of everlasting truth and universal philanthropy.

## CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL.

*Companion :*

I invest you with the Blue Banner, which is the ensign of your office, and a Sword for its defence and protection :

The color of your Banner is one of the most durable and beautiful in nature. It is the appropriate color, adopted and worn by our ancient Brethren of the three Symbolic Degrees, and is the *peculiar characteristic* of an Institution which has stood the test of ages, and which is as much distinguished by the durability of its materials or principles as by the beauty of its superstructure. It is an emblem of universal friendship and benevolence, and instructs us that in the mind of a Mason, those virtues should be as expansive as the blue Arch of Heaven itself.

## CHARGE TO THE TYLER.

*Companion :*

Having been appointed Tyler of this Grand Chapter, I now invest you with the Badge of your office, and arm you with this Sword for the defence of your post. Though your office is the last in rank, it is not the least in importance, as

the consequences of a want of fidelity in this officer might be destructive of the interests of the Institution. At its portals, therefore, be you ever a true and faithful Sentinel, and when the doors of this earthly Tabernacle shall be closed, may you find abundant entrance through the gates into the Temple and City of our God.

CHARGE TO THE OFFICERS GENERALLY.

*Companions :*

To you has been confided the important duty of presiding over the deliberations of this Grand Chapter, and of seeing that its laws, resolutions and edicts are duly executed.—Should the contemplation of the responsibilities imposed upon you by this Grand Body cause you to distrust your ability to accomplish all that may be expected or required of you, let it not discourage but stimulate you to greater industry and perseverance in the acquisition of knowledge in the Royal Art.

The Royal Arch, the crowning emblem of our Order, is not only an ornamental device, but an emblem of strength : and the admission of any defective materials in its construction not only mars its beauty, but renders it weak and insecure, thus destroying the effect, both practical and ornamental, of the most elaborate and perfect work of the true and faithful craftsman. It therefore becomes your duty, as Overseers of your Subordinates, to apprise them of the vital importance of rejecting all materials that are not perfect in every part ; and as they are hereafter to look to you for council and instruction, let precepts of morality, and incentives to virtue and integrity be the distinguishing marks of your intercourse with them, and may your term of office be characterized by that harmony and unanimity that should ever exist among the Officers and Members of an Institution in which we shall ever hope to

See Order and Beauty rise gently to view,  
 Each Brother a column, so perfect and true ;  
 When Order shall cease, and when Temples decay,  
 May each, fairer columns, immortal survey.

# RETURNS OF CHAPTERS,

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

## Grand Chapter of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1868.

### CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1—WILMINGTON.

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“ E. N. Bell		R. A. C.
“ M. M. Katz		M. 3d V.
“ I. D. Ryttenberg		M. 2d V.
“ W. J. Price		M. 1st V.
“ William Larkins		Secretary.
“ Jacob Lyon		Treasurer.
“ E. Turlington		Tyler.

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W. W. Harriss,	John H. Wright,
Thomas H. Johnson,	Julius W. Wright,
William G. Jones,	J. W. Zimmerman.
David Kahnweiler,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

C. W. Oldham,	Daniel Sherwood,
Joseph Lederer,	J. S. Higbee,
H. Ryttenberg,	B. P. Harrison.

Admitted, one; exalted, none; relected, none; withdrawn, none; died, two; expelled, one; suspended, none; residents not members, six; whole number, seventy one. Regular time of meeting, third Monday evening in each month.

WILLIAM LARKINS, *Secretary.*

PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2—*FAYETTEVILLE.*

## OFFICERS.

M. E. George Lauder.....	H. P.
E. Joseph Arey.....	K.
E. J. A. McLauchlin.....	S.
Comp. C. R. Banks.....	C. H.

Comp. M. Atkinson.....	P. S.
“ James F. Foulks.....	R. A. C.
“ E. P. Powers.....	M. 3d V.
“ B. F. Pearce.....	M. 2d V.
“ S. Brandt.....	M. 1st V.
“ A. M. Campbell.....	Secretary.
“ W. Prior.....	Treasurer.
“ D. Wemyss.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

J. C. Alred,	John P. Lytle,
Calvin Black,	O. M. Lutterloh,
William Butler,	James F. Marsh,
D. Blue,	James McDaniel,
William A. Bizzell,	John McCormick,
Isham Blake,	John A. McKay,
James G. Cook,	R. M. Orrell,
J. F. Cumming,	Joseph B. Starr,
J. R. Carter,	Neill S. Stewart,
James Dodd,	Silas Sheetz,
I. B. Davis,	F. W. Thornton,
R. N. Fairley,	A. H. Whitfield,
Duncan B. Gillis,	Joseph A. Worth,
Isaac Hollingsworth,	P. A. Wiley,
R. E. Heide,	W. P. Wemyss,
J. McD. Jessup,	J. M. Whitted,
John Lawrence,	W. J. Woodward.
John W. Lett,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

T. J. Curtis,	J. D. Williams,
J. W. Sandford,	A. P. Hurt.
E. Glover,	

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, none ; died, one ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, five ; whole number, fifty-two. Regular time of meeting, first Tuesday evening in each month.

A. M. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*

MT. ARARAT CHAPTER, No. 3—*MURFREESBORO'*.

OFFICERS.

M. E. H. C. Maddry.....	H. P.
E. William P. Beaman.....	K.
E. John W. Hutchings.....	S.
Comp. C. M. Capehart.....	C. H.
“ John P. Lee.....	P. S.
“ H. M. Britt.....	R. A. C.
“ James H. Magett.....	M. 3d V.
“ T. M. Forbs.....	M. 2d V.
“ Oris Parker.....	M. 1st V.
“ G. D. Parker.....	Sec'y, P. T.
“ F. M. Capehart.....	Treasurer.
“ W. R. Warren.....	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James L. Ames,	John Halstead,
Alexander Britt,	John Wilson Harrell,
Reddeck E. Beal,	A. G. Jones,
Willis Beal,	William Jones,
Thomas M. Babb,	Joseph P. Jorden,
James H. Beal,	Henry Jenkins,
Clifton L. Britt,	James M. C. Luke,
Abner Carter,	Thomas E. Mathews,
Ely Carter,	R. R. Overby,
James M. Corbett,	James S. Perry,
B. A. Capehart,	John R. Rochell,
Jethro R. Darden,	J. J. Rochell,
William H. Darden,	Richard Shane,
J. H. Davidson,	John A. Slaughter,
Joseph J. Freeman,	William H. Slaughter,
James M. Flythe,	Dr. Wm. Shannon,
Walter Forbs,	Charles Vann,
Tully M. Forbs,	J. J. Vaughan,
Henry Griffith,	Dr. R. H. Worthington,
E. Hoyl,	Rev. Benjamin Williams,
George T. Hollomon,	Caleb P. Walston.
John Hoggard,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

William T. Bynum,	William P. Roberts,
Emmory Martin,	William J. Magett,
Isaac Pipkin,	James H. Vinson.
James M. Wynns,	

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, four ; died none ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, seven ; whole number, sixty-two.—Regular time of meeting, third Saturday night in each month.

G. D. PARKER, *Secretary, P. T.*

## EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7—NEWBERN.

## OFFICERS:

M. E. J. D. Flanner.....	H. P.
E. J. V. Jordan.....	K.
E. Alexander Miller.....	S.
Comp. J. Edwin West.....	C. H.
“ L. N. Baer.....	P. S.
“ N. Case.....	R. A. C.
“ E. Hubbs.....	M. 3d V.
“ C. H. Heywood.....	M. 2d V.
“ George W. Nason, Jr.,.....	M. 1st V.
“ J. P. Dillingham.....	Secretary.
“ William H. Oliver.....	Treasurer.
“ William H. Jones.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

M. F. Arendell,	William C. Pittman,
J. E. Amyett,	W. J. Pope,
Allen Blount,	W. A. Pugh,
E. K. Bryan,	J. M. Patrick,
O. S. Dewey,	S. D. Pool,
J. Disosway,	T. Page Ricaud,
E. R. Coward,	J. Ramsey,
J. H. Coward,	R. A. Russell,

C. C. Clark,	A. F. N. Rolf,
Calvin Cox,	S. H. Rountree,
H. J. Foy,	J. F. M. Rhodes,
John Farr, Jr.,	E. R. Stanly,
D. W. Hurtt,	S. Sparrow,
William C. Hunter,	D. D. Sirmond,
F. B. Harrison,	Franklin Thomas,
Jesse Hart,	Jacob Utley,
A. T. Jerkins, P. H. F.,	William Wellons,
H. Jones,	J. D. Whitford,
C. Lowenburg,	J. Whitty,
E. W. Mountfort,	R. D. Warren,
A. J. Murrell,	J. N. Whitaker,
F. Merrit,	J. L. Watkins,
L. A. Mewbern,	G. W. Young.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

W. L. Palmer,	L. Heilbrunner,
D. Heaton,	J. H. Porter,
J. Patterson,	P. L. Cooper,
T. Powers,	E. Smallwood.
J. M. Cowles,	

Admitted, one; exalted, eight; rejected, three; withdrawn, one; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, nine; whole number, sixty-seven. Regular time of meeting, first Tuesday in each month.

J. P. DILLINGHAM, *Secretary*.

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. 10—*RALEIGH*.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. John Nichols.....	H. P.
E. John B. Neathery.....	K.
E. Donald W. Bain.....	S.
Comp. J. H. Seapark.....	C. H.
Vacant.....	P. S.
" A. Kline.....	R. A. C.
" Robert H. Bradley.....	M. 3d V.
" Edgar S. Lougee.....	M. 2d V.

Comp. J. M. Rosenbaum.....	M. 1st V.
“ S. M. Parish.....	Secretary.
“ M. Crausman .....	Treasurer.
“ James M. Betts.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

W. E. Anderson,	Dr. H. H. Harris,
Dr. Thomas H. Avera,	Albert Johnson,
Anderson Betts,	N. M. Johnson,
R. W. Best,	A. S. Lee,
T. W. Bell,	H. C. Ligon,
A. P. C. Bryan,	J. H. Mills,
W. L. Burroughs,	Henry Mahler,
W. L. Bledsoe,	Jonas Matthews,
J. J. Chaplin,	James A. Moore,
W. R. Cox,	G. W. Norwood,
W. H. Dodd,	Isaac Oettinger,
F. E. Fiske,	J. M. Pool,
D. G. Fowle,	Wilie J. Palmer,
R. K. Ferrell,	A. D. Royster,
W. H. High,	E. Smith,
W. J. Holloman,	A. S. Thompson,
W. J. Hicks,	W. G. Upchurch,
W. G. Hill, P. H. F.,	G. B. Waterhouse, P. G. H. F.,
C. W. D. Hutchings,	John G. Williams,
J. M. Harriss,	W. P. Weatherell.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

W. D. Haywood,	R. W. Pulliam,
R. W. Seawell,	J. R. Harrison, P. H. F.,
E. B. Freeman,	James H. Moore,
A. J. Lawrence,	W. D. Jones.

Admitted, two; exalted, three; rejected, none; withdrawn, two; died, two; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, eight; whole number, fifty-nine. Regular time of meeting, Tuesday night after the third Monday in each and every month.

S. M. PARISH, *Secretary.*

CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. 13—*GREENSBORO*'.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. F. P. Cavanah.....	H. P.
E. W. H. Reece.....	K.
E. W. E. Edwards.....	S.
Comp. S. C. Dodson.....	C. H.
“ George H. Parker.....	P. S.
“ D. N. Kirkpatrick.....	R. A. C.
“ E. M. Stafford.....	M. 3d V.
“ J. D. Kline.....	M. 2d V.
“ W. H. Lane.....	M. 1st V.
“ F. B. Maurice.....	Sec'y, P. T.
“ J. Hilderheimer.....	Treasurer.
“ W. Collins.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

John Sloan,	G. M. Isley.
P. Adams,	J. R. Coe,
J. L. Cole,	N. A. Hanner,
C. P. Mendenhall,	A. Armfield,
P. Thurston,	W. C. Cryan,
John Hiatt,	S. P. Pickens,
D. McKnight,	N. H. Parker,
R. W. Denne,	J. C. Claudenin,
R. D. McCustin,	S. Walker,
J. A. Weatherly,	J. A. Hanner,
B. Craven,	J. S. Brown,
W. C. Steward,	L. B. Harvey,
J. W. Hobbs,	J. S. Pugh,
J. R. Faucett,	B. J. Sapp,
J. R. Cardwell,	H. Davis,
W. P. Pugh,	W. H. Moore,
P. N. Wheeler,	R. P. Caltraine,
J. A. Gardner,	W. C. Denny,
J. S. Moore,	R. A. Montgomery,
J. S. Wafford,	J. Sullivan,
J. D. Rendall,	M. C. Holderby,
E. McMichael,	H. C. Lamb,
J. M. Millis,	J. F. Hughes.

J. Houston,  
 J. C. Lamb,  
 J. Endy,  
 D. Brown,  
 S. A. Powell,  
 E. O. Macy,  
 D. N. Sherwood,  
 J. Kerr,  
 R. F. Armfield,  
 W. P. Watlington,  
 J. A. Graves,  
 J. B. Gretter,  
 W. A. Dunn,  
 J. Kirkman,  
 B. L. Cole,  
 J. J. Collier,  
 W. S. Clark,  
 S. Lauder,  
 O. S. Causey,  
 R. K. Denny,  
 C. H. Wilson,  
 J. H. Tarpley,  
 Z. S. Coffin,  
 W. G. Sapp,

S. C. Sapp,  
 W. N. Armfield,  
 E. G. Kirsey,  
 N. Wall,  
 J. C. Roberts,  
 W. A. Wallen,  
 A. Clapp,  
 J. Morton,  
 R. D. Lambeth,  
 J. A. Lambeth,  
 H. A. Lambeth,  
 D. D. Cable,  
 W. Branson,  
 H. H. Hunter,  
 N. H. D. Wilson,  
 J. W. Howlett,  
 R. W. Glenn,  
 T. M. Owen,  
 James Ward,  
 N. Ingold,  
 John O. Connel,  
 F. B. Keagh,  
 R. M. Sloan.

Admitted, eight; exalted, six; rejected, none; withdrawn, four; died, three; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, one hundred and five. Regular time of meeting, third Friday evening in each month.

F. B. MAURICE, *Secretary, pro tem.*

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UNION CHAPTER, No. 17—*BEAR SWAMP.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. James W. Blount.....	H. P.
E. A. Guy.....	K.
E. ....	S.
Comp. Joel Loftin.....	C. H.
“ D. Bouden.....	P. S.

Comp. B. C. Bouden.....	R. A. C.
“ James F. Shine.....	M. 3d V.
“ L. W. Hodges.....	M. 2d V.
“ M. Moore.....	M. 1st V.
“ James R. Hurst.....	Secretary.
“ W. J. Thompson.....	Treasurer.
“ T. B. Hill.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Speight Hill,	D. K. Kornegay,
C. D. Hill,	D. Cobb,
D. B. Newton,	Thomas Wright.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

D. Glisson,	H. W. Faison,
F. O. Wilson,	F. B. Millard,
A. S. Davis,	D. Wright.
A. R. Hicks,	

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, none ; died, one ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, seven ; whole number, twenty-five.—Regular time of meeting, second Thursday of each month.

JAMES R. HURST, *Secretary.*

SALISBURY CHAPTER, No. 20—*SALISBURY.*

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Luke Blackmer.....	H. P.
E. John M. Coffin.....	K.
E. Joseph W. Hall.....	S.
Comp. Dolphin A. Davis.....	C. H.
“ William Murdoch.....	P. S.
“ Martin Richwine.....	R. A. C.
“ Andrew Murphy.....	M. 3d V.
“ John W. Bitting.....	M. 2d V.
“ John S. Haigler.....	M. 1st V.
“ Obadiah Woodson.....	Secretary.
“ C. A. Henderson.....	Treasurer.
“ Samuel E. Linton.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

H. P. Allen,	John Lindsay,
Thomas A. Burke,	John L. Lyerly,
Elam G. Blackmer,	Hugh Murdoch,
G. A. Bingham,	E. H. Marsh,
R. P. Bessent,	A. M. Nesbitt,
W. R. S. Burbank,	Charles L. Partee,
William H. Bailey,	P. A. Frercks,
A. G. Brenizer,	James G. Ramsay,
Joseph F. Chambers,	George Riley,
Daniel Coleman,	J. L. Rucker,
Clinton A. Cilley,	John J. Shaver,
William A. Cutler,	Charles H. Snead,
John T. Farris,	John Sloop,
E. R. Gibson,	George H. Suydam,
D. W. Honeycutt,	John B. Upshur,
John A. Holt,	D. B. Wood,
A. G. Holder,	Samuel E. White,
M. F. Hunt,	William F. Watson,
N. Hart,	

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

C. S. Moring,	Samuel B. Waters.
James C. Turner,	

Exalted, seven; rejected, none; withdrawn, three; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, three; whole number, forty-nine. Regular time of meeting, first Wednesday in each month, and Wednesday of each Court.

OBADIAH WOODSON, *Secretary*.

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WINSTON CHAPTER, No. 24—WINSTON.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. J. W. Hunter.....	H. P.
E. G. H. Renigar.....	K.
E. W. E. Axum.....	S.

Comp. J. A. White.....	C. H.
“ Mc. J. Bodenhamer.....	P. S.
“ N. V. Faircloth.....	R. A. C.
“ H. A. Holder.....	M. 3d V.
“ J. E. Shultz.....	M. 2d V.
“ A. P. Gibson.....	M. 1st V.
“ W. F. Swaim.....	Secretary.
“ M. Masten.....	Treasurer.
“ E. Spaugh.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

J. Adams,	W. W. Long,
R. J. Bell,	T. Long,
J. A. Bitting,	W. S. Leak,
M. R. Banner,	T. S. Martin,
J. H. Bitting,	R. H. Massey,
B. L. Bitting,	C. W. McAnally,
Evan Benbow,	R. G. Mays,
A. H. Christman,	S. Morris,
J. W. Cole,	E. B. Ring,
W. F. Carmicheal,	J. B. Kingsbury,
I. S. Gibson,	W. C. Kingsbury,
H. M. Gwinn,	C. B. Ogbum,
Wm. H. Gentry,	M. P. Nicholson,
J. W. Gentry,	W. W. Phillips,
W. N. Gibson,	I. H. Pitts,
Joseph Gray,	J. F. Plunket,
W. T. Ganaway,	Jonathan Perry,
Peter Fetter,	W. L. Peddicord,
D. E. Field,	W. W. Petree,
A. Fulton,	W. T. Robbins,
J. H. Hester,	J. P. Robbins,
W. P. Henly,	E. T. Robbins,
Charles Hauser,	S. F. Shelton,
S. G. Hill,	W. B. Stipe,
Peter Hutchins,	R. H. Smith,
F. W. Hall,	James Styres,
Beverly Jones,	J. E. Shumate,

A. D. Lindsay,  
D. R. Leak,  
A. N. Leinbuck,

J. H. White, Jr.,  
S. D. Newsom.

Admitted, none; exalted, five; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, seventy-one.—Regular time of meeting, first Friday night in each month, Monday night of Superior and County, Courts both St. John's days.

W. F. SWAIM, *Secretary.*

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ASHEVILLE CHAPTER, No 25—*ASHEVILLE.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. James	S. Kennedy	H. P.
E. J. P. Gaston		K.
E. A. H. Polk		S.
Comp. J. W. Schartle		C. H.
" J. D. Reynolds		P. S.
" T. D. Johnston		R. A. C.
" G. M. Roberts		M. 3d V.
" J. E. Reed		M. 2d V.
" J. R. Garron		M. 1st V.
" J. M. Israel		Secretary.
" J. C. Sams		Treasurer.
" W. Broyles		Tyler.

MEMBERS.

J M Blair,	J L Weaver,
John Burgin,	W F Johnston,
John Raxter,	H C Lippard,
William Bryson,	R D Lankford,
J D Baldwin,	W L Love,
J M Broyles,	A J Miller,
R V Blackstock,	T W Murrel,

W R Baird,  
 W C Bowman,  
 Joshua Baker,  
 A E Baird,  
 J H Bailey,  
 A H Baird,  
 J V Baird,  
 J M Bunch,  
 J W Bennett,  
 N Bowen,  
 J L Crumley,  
 A W Cummings,  
 C Campbell,  
 L L Colter,  
 J M Davidson,  
 J H Davis,  
 L C Delashmit,  
 S M Dawkins,  
 A A Dewees,  
 L P Erwin,  
 M M Gaines,  
 J M Gudger,  
 J W Gudger,  
 P C Gaston,  
 W C Garrison,  
 B Y Glenn,  
 T F Glenn,  
 A Gordan,  
 Wm Hicks,  
 I A Harris,  
 D A Helms,  
 Jas Hooker,  
 W W Jordan,  
 R B Johnston,  
 Wm Jack,  
 W I Jeter,  
 B A Jeter,  
 R Jenkins,  
 M H Justice,

I H Merriman,  
 Jos Miller,  
 W R Neilson,  
 M L Neilson,  
 B B Nelson,  
 A J Osborne,  
 O F Osborne,  
 R W Pulliam,  
 R W Patty,  
 L W Peck,  
 S V Pickens,  
 S W Porter,  
 W E Piercy,  
 D Proffitt,  
 J A Reagan,  
 J B Rankin,  
 T S Roberts,  
 H M Rogers,  
 Jos Reed,  
 H G Robertson,  
 W R Ray,  
 Z W Rogers,  
 G W Shackelford,  
 G T Spears,  
 T T Sawyer,  
 J M Smith,  
 W H Stringfield,  
 H T Scaife,  
 W H Stevens,  
 L Sams,  
 J M Taylor,  
 G Taylor,  
 R B Vance,  
 Z B Vance,  
 G W Whitson,  
 R T Wilkerson,  
 T C Westall,  
 G S Jones,  
 B B Whittington.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

J G Hardy, J M Craigmiles, W P Blair.

Admitted, one; exalted, three; rejected, three; withdrawn, two; died, none; expelled, one; suspended, none; residents not members, three; whole number, 107. Regular time of meeting, first Monday evening on or before full moon in each month, and anniversaries of St. John.

J. M. ISRAEL, *Secretary.*

## LOUISBURG CHAPTER, No. 26—LOUISBURG.

## OFFICERS.

M E Dr Ellis Malom.....	H P
E E L Stegale.....	K
E Jos J Harper.....	S
Comp. M S Davis.....	C H
“ William Bagly.....	P S
“ Harvel Harris.....	R A C
“ P B Cliften.....	M 3d V
“ A W Jackson.....	M 2d V
“ I G Dent.....	M 1st V
“ W H Furman.....	Secretary
“ Geo S Baker.....	Treasurer
“ R W Stallings.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

R R Boon,	W B Foster,
W K Barham,	Benj H Sorsby,
A B Andrews,	D W Williams,
B P Baker,	G W Wynn,
James Reid,	W A Moon,
N F Reid,	C H Thomas,
H H Wester,	P B Hawkins,
J W Jackson,	Thomas K Thomas,
M Sykes,	Jos J Davis,
A H Macnair,	R F Yarborough,

W N Fuller,  
 A Thomas,  
 I B Littlejohn,  
 T N Carlile,  
 Benj J King,  
 Washington Harris,  
 James Southgate,  
 John Chumbler,  
 Jas A Debnun,  
 A D Williams,  
 N B Walker,

Thomas W Guthrie,  
 J W Williams,  
 R P Overton,  
 I A Stone,  
 E A Gupton,  
 I Wiggins,  
 T C Horton,  
 T Jefferson Stokes,  
 W K Davis,  
 R S Moran,  
 J H Whitfield,  
 M I Hunt.

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn,  
 none ; died, one ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; resi-  
 dents not members, none ; whole number, fifty-six.

W. H. FARMAN, *Secretary.*

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 27—*WILSON.*

OFFICERS.

M E C J Rountree.....	H P
E Arthur Barnes.....	K
E J W Dunham.....	S
Comp Albert Farmer.....	C H
L D Farmer.....	P S
S B Farmer.....	R A C
S M Warren.....	M 3d V
W H Farmer.....	M 2d V
G H Griffin.....	M 1st V
G W Blount.....	Secretary
W N Hackney.....	Treasurer
H W Peele.....	Tyler

MEMBERS.

J W Aycock\*  
 William P Applewhite

William Hinnant\*  
 J J Hales

\*Excluded for non-payment of dues.

D W Barnes*	R D Johnson*
B H Barden*	Henry King*
Dr W J Bullock	James W May
R H Baker	W B Mangum
J J Bynum	James H Rentfrow*
P P Clark*	B C Strickland
T C Davis	A J Simons
Willie Daniel	F W Taylor
A J Daniel	H M Thompson
J T Edgerton	John G Williams*
Isaac B Farmer	J W Smith
A E Gill	N M Lawrence

Admitted none; exalted, two; rejected, none; withdrawn, three; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, forty. Regular time of meeting, the first Friday in each and every month.

G. W. BLOUNT, *Secretary.*

\* Excluded for non-payment of dues.

## GRAHAM CHAPTER, No. 28—*GRAHAM.*

### OFFICERS.

ME A H Boyd.....	H P
E W A Albright.....	K
E Robt Hanner.....	S
Comp. J K Ruffin.....	C H
“ Joseph McAdams.....	P S
“ J C Holt.....	R A C
“ Albert Murray.....	M 3d V
“ L H Wood.....	M 2d V
“ Willie Wood.....	M 1st V
“ W S Long.....	Secretary
“ W J Murray.....	Treasurer
“ D P Teague.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Isham Ashworth,	R R Lutterloh,
John Adams,	Bedford McRay,
E W Beale,	A Moore,
R T Berry,	John A Moore,
D B Branson,	——— McCoy,
D Cobb,	R T Nutt,
C N Crudle,	Wm Patterson,
E M Cooke,	J W Perry,
C C Davis,	James E Page,
J B Davis,	Chas Permento,
Berry Davidson,	G Rosenthal,
E R Dixon,	C N Roney,
Thomas J Fowler,	T H Robinson,
T C Foust,	A M Ricord,
Hiram Fox,	J B Randleman,
Geo W Fulmer,	Alfred Sharp,
W H Faucett, P H P	J C Sumner,
John Faucett,	G W Swepson,
John S Faucett,	J G Stockard,
H M Foust,	P C Smith,
J W Gunter,	Sylvester Spoon,
P A Holt, P H P	Robert Tinnir,
W A Holt,	Thos T Tate,
H C Hurdle,	J C Vincent,
J R Holt,	Levi Vincent,
Thos J Hudson,	J B Whitsitt,
J M Hazell,	E F Watson, P G H P
J C Holt,	Daniel Worth,
Andrew Header,	P H Williams,
J H Klapp,	R D Wade,
C R King,	A A Crutchfield,
P R King,	J L Scott, P H P
W P Lane,	T M Holt.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

D A Montgomery, W H Trott, W L Thornburg.

Admitted, one; exalted, one; rejected, none; withdrawn

one ; died, none ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, three ; whole number, eighty-one.—Regular time of meeting, first Friday night in each month, and Monday night of each court week.

W. S. LONG, *Secretary.*

LEXINGTON CHAPTER, No. 35—*LEXINGTON.*

OFFICERS.

M E George Riley.....	H P
E Lewis Gumb.....	K
E W C B Leonard.....	S
Comp J B Stemson.....	C H
“ Hampton Horney.....	P S
“ R L Payne.....	R A C
“ D W Wagoner.....	M 3d V
“ A H March.....	M 2d V
“ E D Hampton.....	M 1st V
“ A C Hege.....	Secretary
“ W B March.....	Treasurer
“ T F Grimes.....	Tyler

MEMBERS.

B Y Hunt,	Middleton Jones,
J H Shelton,	S G Strickland,
J W Haden,	Lewis Hilliard,
J D Spicer,	

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

R A Kingtenant,                      W D Mechem.

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, none ; died, three ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, two ; whole number, twenty-one.—Regular time of meeting, third Tuesday in each month.

A. C. HEGE, *Secretary.*

## WILLIAM G. HILL CHAPTER No. 36—ROSENBERG.

## OFFICERS.

M E D B Griffin.....	H P
E Thos H Avery.....	K
E B T Strickland.....	S
Comp. Daniel Harrington.....	C H
“ James E Todd.....	P S
“ John Chambler.....	R A C
“ A J Underhill.....	M 3d V
“ B C Strickland.....	M 2d V
“ B P Baker.....	M 1st V
“ F G Foster.....	Secretary
“ Thos R Debdman.....	Treasurer
“ William R Phillips.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

John Smith,	H I Banes,
H A Hodge,	Thos G Reley,
I T Wethers,	John R Brown,
James Todd,	Gaston H Dodd.

Admitted, none; exalted, two; rejected, one; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none, residents not members, none; whole number, twenty. Regular time of meeting, Friday before the fourth Saturday in each month.

B. T. STRICKLAND, P. T., *Secretary.*

## MOUNT ENERGY CHAPTER, No. 37—MT. ENERGY.

## OFFICERS.

M E Eugene Grissom.....	H P
E B B Hester.....	K
E John Peed.....	S
Comp. W N Harris.....	C H
“ D C White.....	P S
“ John Fleming.....	R A C

Comp	Richard Peed.....	M 3d V
"	John J Bobbitt.....	M 2d V
"	Edward Dalby.....	M 1st V
"	Allen Bailey.....	Secretary
"	Rufus Bobbitt.....	Treasurer
"	H F Parrott.....	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

L H Bullock,	L Turner Smith,
B F Bullock, Sr	Wm R Suit,
B F Bullock, Jr	Dennis Tilly,
Wm A Bobbitt,	B Walker, P H P
Norman Long,	D H Whitfield.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

W E Bullock.

Admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, two; withdrawn none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, one; whole number, twenty-three. Regular time of meeting, fourth Saturday in each month, at ten o'clock, A. M.

ALLEN BAILEY, *Secretary.*

CASWELL CHAPTER, No. 38—KINSTON.

OFFICERS.

M E S H	Rountree.....	H P
E Wm C	Brown.....	K
E J F I	Sutton.....	S
Comp.	B F Parrott.....	CH
"	Wm W Dunn.....	PS
"	L J Mewborn.....	R A C
"	L A Mewborn, Jr.....	M 3d V
"	T J Presson.....	M 2d V
"	J H Dibble.....	M 1st V
"	T A Woodley.....	Secretary
"	R H Rountree.....	Treasurer
"	W Kilpatrick.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

P L Cooper,	F M Harper,
T M Cowles,	W J Pope,
J H Coward,	J M Parrott,
Joseph Dixon,	Thomas Powers,
C W Gunn,	Wm Sutton,
S E Hodges,	L S Heilbronner.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

L Thorn,	J M Hines,
L A Mewborn, Sr,	Calvin Cox,
Wm A Pugh,	G W Cox,
J M Patrick,	J G Cox,
F Thomas,	S R Harper.
W B Reid,	

Admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, eleven; whole number, thirty-four. Regular time of meeting, first and third Wednesdays in each month.

THOS. A. WOODLEY, *Secretary.*

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 CHARLOTTE CHAPTER, No. 39—*CHARLOTTE.*

## OFFICERS.

M E E H White.....	H P P
E Sam'l Tayler.....	K
E W G Springs.....	S
Comp. S Witkowsky.....	C H
“ T W Dewey.....	P S
“ A R Mayer.....	R A C
“ S K Grassheim.....	M 3d V
“ C W Elms.....	M 2d V
“ O J Long.....	M 1st V
“ J Roessler.....	Secretary
“ J W Wodsworth.....	Treasurer
“ J Coldiron.....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

A Ashkenass,	W C Towers,
J Baxter,	F M Ross,
A W Burton,	S L Riddle,
C W Alexander,	J Rudisell,
Sam'l Grosse,	J J Simms,
S F Houston,	Wm Sloan,
Geo Jackson,	J H Sasaman,
B Roopman,	M B Taylor,
J M Miller,	R D Whitley,
H S Odell,	L S Williams.

## RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

G G Brenizer,	F H Dewey,
E K Bryant,	H M Phelps,
T K Cureton,	T J Sinclair,
C F Frazer,	C C Smith,
S M Lowe,	Z B Vance,
R McDougal,	M L Wriston,
E A Maynardie,	E Fulling.

Admitted, none ; exalted, three ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, two ; died, none ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, fourteen ; whole number, forty-six.—Regular time of meeting, every second and fourth Friday evening in each month.

J. ROESSLER, *Secretary.*

## CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 40—CLINTON.

## OFFICERS.

M E Hugh McAlpin.....	H P
E John Vann.....	K
E A M Blackburn.....	S
Comp W P Weymes.....	C H
“ Everitt Peterson.....	P S
“ John R Beaman.....	R A C
“ A S C Powell.....	M 3d V

Comp Joel Jackson.....	M 2d V
“ Jesse Wilson.....	M 1st V
“ C P Johnson.....	Secretary
“ A B Chesnut.....	Treasurer
“ L A Powell.....	Tyler

## MEMBERS.

L C Graves,	Fleet Cooper,
G W Moseley	John A Oats,
Benedict Matther,	D R Parker,
William H Herring,	E G Ward,

Admitted, none ; exalted none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn, none ; died, none ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; residents not members, none ; whole number, twenty. Regular time of meeting, first Friday in each month.

CHARLES P. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

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EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 42—*MT. PLEASANT*.

## OFFICERS.

M E T B Farrar.....	H P
E J N Mann.....	K
E I B West.....	S
Comp. W F Stread.....	C H
“ T H Foushee.....	P S
“ F T Mann.....	R A C
“ N Threft.....	M 3d V
“ E D Mann.....	M 2d V
“ John Barnett.....	M 1st V
“ S M Riggsbey.....	Secretary
“ J J Baldwin.....	Treasurer
“ H Straun.....	Tyler

## MEMBERS.

Jehiel Atwater,	Rev L Burnett,
L F Baldwin,	Edmond Atwater,
M T Baldwin,	John Atwater,

J E Fearrington,  
 M H Horton,  
 John Manning,  
 ——— Perry,  
 ——— Perry,  
 F Richardson,  
 B F Snipes, Sr  
 B F Snipes, Jr  
 P J Snipes,  
 Matthew Snipes,  
 Rev W P Taylor,

—— Johnson,  
 John R Ward,  
 Dr E D Ward,  
 Joshua Hachney,  
 Wesley Atwater,  
 Wilson Pritchard,  
 Dr Robertson,  
 ——— Bray,  
 N F Owen,  
 Alfred Garner.

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn,  
 one ; died, one ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; resi-  
 dents not members, none ; whole number, thirty-nine.  
 Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month.

T. B. FARRAR, H. P.



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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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St. JOHN'S HALL, }  
Wilmington, N. C., June 5th, 1868, A. Dep., 2868. }

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

### PRESENT.

Comp. Wm. Murdock,.....	{ Th. Ill. D. G. M., M. P. G. M. pro. tem.
“ Alfred Martin,.....	D. G. M., pro. tem.
“ Thomas M. Gardner,.....	G. P. C. W.
“ Thos. W. Brown,.....	G. Treasurer.
“ Thos. B. Carr,.....	G. Recorder.
“ A. Paul Repiton,.....	G. C. C. pro. tem.
“ W. A. Smith,.....	G. C. G. pro. tem.
“ M. M. Katz,.....	G. S. “ “
“ Julius W. Wright,.....	G. Tyler. “ “

*Visitors.*—Comps. H. H. Munson, J. B. Russell, C. M. Vandersdell, and I. D. Ryttenberg.

Comp. H. K. Nash, of Hillsboro', was introduced and healed.

The M. P. G. Master appointed Comps. H. H. Munson and J. B. Russell, a Committee on Credentials.

The committee on Credentials reported the following Councils represented as follows :

Alpha Council, No. 1 . . . .	W. A. Smith, Rep.	
Adoniram, No. 2 . . . . .	Wm. Murdock, Rep.	
Greensboro', No. 3 . . . . .	Thos. B. Carr, Rep.	
Wilmington, No. 4 . . . . .	{ Alfred Martin, T. I. G. M. T. M. Gardner, D. G. M. H. H. Munson, P. C. W. }	} Reps.
Davie, U. D. . . . .	Thos. B. Carr, Rep.	

On motion, their report was received and adopted, whereupon, the Grand Council of North Carolina was declared duly organized.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees :

*On Unfinished Business*—Comps. Nash and Munson.

*On Returns and Proceedings*—Comps. Ryttenberg and Vandersdell.

*On Charters and Dispensations*—Comps. J. W. Wright and M. M. Katz.

*On Finance*—Comp. Alfred Martin.

The committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that they have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and find that the only unfinished business is the report of the Committee appointed to "report to this Convocation" "the correct titles for the Grand Officers," also "the titles for officers of subordinate councils," and "the work in the degrees of Royal and Select Masters."

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY K. NASH, }  
HORACE H. MUNSON, } *Committee.*

The committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report which was received and adopted :

GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA—

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations, having under consideration only that of Davie Council, recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to issue a charter to

Davie Council No. 6, upon the reception of their proceedings, petition, annual dues and return of Dispensation, assigning to said Council, No. 6.

Respectfully submitted.

M. M. KATZ,  
JULIUS W. WRIGHT, } *Committee.*

The committee on Returns presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee on Returns, beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the following councils, and find the return of Wilmington Council No. 4, correct.

Greensboro' Council No. 3, reports seven members more than they account for.

Enoch Council No. 5, reports one member more than they account for.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. D. RYTTEBERG, }  
C. M. VANORSDELL, } *Committee.*

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the return of Greensboro' Council No. 3, and Enoch Council No. 5, be returned with instructions to said Councils to amend the same, and forward them to the Grand Recorder, in season to have them printed with the proceedings of the present Convocation.

The following resolutions, offered by Comp. H. K. Nash, were adopted :

*Be it resolved*, By the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, that article two of the Constitution of said Grand Council, be amended by striking out the words "on the first Tuesday in June of each and every year," and insert in their stead the words "on the Thursday after the last Monday in November of each and every year," after the year 1868.

*Resolved further*, That article fifteen of said Constitution be amended by striking out the word "ten," and inserting the word "five" in its stead.

The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation,

to report the correct titles of Grand Officers, and also the titles of officers of subordinate Councils, and the work of the degrees, respectfully report the following :

WHEREAS, We find that throughout the various Grand Jurisdictions, there is a very great diversity in the titles of both Grand and subordinate Councils, and also numerous systems of work both in the Northern and Southern Grand Jurisdictions. *And, whereas,* There is a General Convention to be held at St. Louis, within a few months from this time, the principal object of which is to harmonize all these conflicting forms and ceremonies, and establish uniformity in these matters, therefore,

*Resolved,* That this committee be continued, and their report deferred until our next Grand Convocation.

On motion, it was

*Resolved,* That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of a delegate to the Convention of Royal and Select Masters to be held in St. Louis in September next, and that Companion Thos. B. Carr be appointed delegate to represent this Grand Council in said Convention.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their reports, which were adopted, as follows :

T. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer,*

*In Account with Grand Council of North Carolina.*

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
1867.	1867.
To cash printing dis-	By Balance, ..... \$74 50
pensions, ..... \$7 50	
“ “ Charters, .... 47 00	
“ “ Blank book... 75	
“ “ Tyler, ..... 3 00	
“ Balance on hand... 16 25	
<u>\$74 50</u>	<u>\$74 50</u>
1868.—By Balance,.....	\$16 25
June 5, Cash of Gr. Recorder, .....	20 00

<i>Grand Council of North Carolina,</i>	
1866.	<i>In Account with Thos. B. Carr, G. Recorder.</i>
Aug 16—To paid Grand Treasurer,.....	\$20 00
1867.	
June 6.—To paid Grand Treasurer,.....	80 00
1868.	
June 5—To paid Grand Treasurer,.....	20 00
	20 00
<i>Cr.</i>	\$120 00
	\$120 00
1866.	
Aug 16—By dues of Wilmington Council No 4,.....	\$20 00
1867.	
June 6—By Dispensation Enoch Council No. 5.....	30 00
“ “ “ “ Davie “ .....	30 00
“ “ “ Dues Adoniram Council No. 2,.....	20 00
1868.	
June 5—“ Dues Greensboro' Council No. 3,.....	20 00
	20 00
	\$120 00

NOTE BY G. R.—The account for 1866 and 1867 is republished, there being an error in the printed report of last year.

The committee on Finance submitted their report which was adopted.

The Finance Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder, and find them correct and in proper form.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer show a balance in his hands of thirty-six dollars and twenty-five cents, and those of the Grand Recorder, that there is due from subordinate councils the sum of ninety dollars, viz: Alpha Council No. 1. thirty dollars; Adoniram No. 2, ten dollars; Greensboro', No. 3, ten dollars; Wilmington No. 4, ten dollars; Enoch, No. 5, twenty dollars; Davie, U. D., ten dollars.

ALFRED MARTIN.

The Grand Council then proceeded to an election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Comp. Thos. B. Carr,.....	M. P. G. M.
“ Wm. Murdock, .....	T. I. D. G. M.
“ Thos. M. Gardner,.....	G. P. C. W.
“ Thos. W. Brown,.....	G. Treasurer.
“ H. H. Munson,.....	G. Recorder.
“ W. A. Smith,.....	G. C. G.

Comp. Thomas B. Keogh, ..... G. C. C.  
 “ J. B. Neathery, ..... G. Steward,  
 “ E. Turlington, ..... G. Sentinel;

who were, with the exception of Comps. Neathery and Keogh, duly installed.

The Most Puissant appointed Comp. E. Turlington, Grand Sentinel.

No more business appearing the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of North Carolina closed in ample form.

H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

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### RETURN

Of Greensboro' Council, No. 3, to the Grand Council of North Carolina, for the year 1868:

J. W. Howlett, ..... Thr. Ill. G. M.  
 J. Hiedsheimer, ..... Ill. H. of T.  
 John Sloan, ..... P. C. W.  
 F. P. Cavanah, ..... W. E.  
 H. G. Kellogg, ..... M. D.  
 George Parker, ..... C. G.  
 Wm. E. Edwards, ..... C. C.  
 Wm. Collins, ..... Steward.

### MEMBERS.

J. L. Cole,	T. Boderheimer,
Jno. Donnell,	J. W. Hobbs,
W. Frericks,	Thos. B. Keogh,
S. Clark,	R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
D. Kilpatrick,	W. P. Hatch,
J. Kirkman,	J. M. Jerley,
J. E. Schottz,	L. Turner Smith,
R. M. Stafford,	D. Albright,
J. H. Tarpley,	Jno. W. Pierce,
J. R. Cardwell,	P. Adams,
W. H. Moore,	Geo. Gregory,
R. S. Coletrain,	J. B. Faircloth,

J. I. Collier,  
 W. A. Gentry,  
 J. R. Wilkinson,  
 Robt. Gleno,  
 W. S. Swain,

J. B. Runneghan,  
 O. S. Causey.  
 W. W. Phillips,  
 S. Adams,  
 Jno. A. Sloan.

During the year we have received and acknowledged as Royal and Select Masters, seven.

Whole number of Masters forty-two.

J. W. HOWLETT, *Thr. Ill. G. M*  
 R. M. SLOAN, *M. of D. pro tem.*

### RETURN

Of the Officers and Members of Wilmington Council No. 4, R. and S. Masters located at Wilmington, N. C., established by the authority of a charter from the M. E. Grand Council of North Carolina, bearing date, June 7th, A. D., 1867, A. I., 2397, A. Dept. 1867, made at its annual convocation, to be held in Wilmington, N. C., June 20th, A. D. 2868, A. Dept. 1868.

### OFFICERS.

Alfred Martin,.....	T. Ill. G. M.
Thos. M. Gardner,.....	D. Ill. G. M.
H. H. Munson,.....	P. C. of Work.
H. Ryttenberg,.....	Capt. of the Guard,
C. M. Vanorsdell,.....	Treasurer,
I. D. Ryttenberg,.....	Recorder,
T. B. Carr, .....	C. of the Council,
M. M. Katz,.....	Steward,
E. Turlington,.....	Sentinel.

### MEMBERS.

Thos. W. Brown, G. Treasurer,	Julius W. Wright,
Alex. Boon,	J. Nutt,
Jacob Lyon,	W. J. Price,
Wm. E. Freeman,	A. Paul Repiton,
P. W. Fanning,	Jos. B. Russell.

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn,

none ; died, one ; expelled, none ; suspended, none ; whole number, nineteen. Regular time of meeting, first Wednesday in each month.

I. D. RYTTEBERG, *Recorder.*

### RETURN

Of the Officers and Members of Enoch Council No. 5, located at Raleigh, North Carolina., established by authority of a Charter from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina, bearing date 6th of June, A. D. 1867, A. Dept. 2867, made at its Annual Convocation, held in the city of Wilmington, N. C., June, 1868, A. Dept. 2868.

#### OFFICERS.

Comp. Jno. Nichols,.....	T. I. G. M.
“ J. B. Neathery,.....	I. H. T.
“ A. D. Royster,.....	P. C. W.
“ A. Kline,.....	M. D.
“ J. M. Rosenbaum,.....	M. E.
“ J. H. Separk,.....	C. G.
“ M. Grausman,.....	C. C.
“ J. M. Betts,.....	Sentinel.

#### MEMBERS.

Jno. R. Harrison, P. T. I. G. M.	J. A. Moore,
A. P. C. Bryan,	W. J. Palmer,
A. Johnson,	W. P. Wetherell,
D. W. Bainé,	W C Brown,
W. H. Dodd,	S. H. Rountree,
Isaac Oettinger,	W. W. Dunn,
H. Mahler,	Rufus Bobbitt.

Degrees conferred, five ; admitted, one ; whole number, twenty-one.

A. KLINE, *M. D.*











