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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

1828, 1829, 1830.

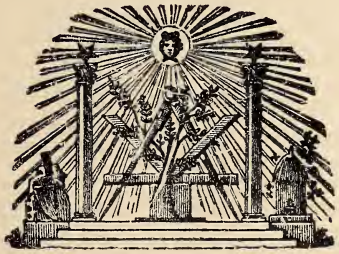
SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, begun and holden at Tarborough, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1828, A. L. 5828:

PRESENT.

M. E. ROBERT JOYNER, D. G. H. P.
E. THOMAS NICHOLSON, G. K. pro tem.
E. ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. S. pro tem.
M. E. EDMUND B. FREEMAN, G. Treasurer.
E. WILLIAM A. BOZMAN, G. Sec. pro tem.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PROXIES.

Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.—Robert H. Wilson, H. P. by E. B. Freeman, his proxy: John T. Clanton, K. by Thomas Nicholson, his proxy; Mason L. Wiggins, S.
Concord Chapter. No. 5.—J. R. Lloyd, H. P. by P. S. Sugg, his proxy; Henry Bryan, K.; B. M. Jackson, S.
Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.—D. W. Stone, H. P. by Thomas J. Pugh, his proxy; W. H. Hunter, K. by Jas. G. Mhoon, his proxy. Alex. J. Lawrence, S.
Zerubabel Chapter, No. 11.—Jas. Bozman, H. P. and Jos. Manning, K. by W. A. Bozman, their proxy.
George Anderson, Grand Secretary, by F. S. Marshall, his proxy.

A quorum being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with the assistance of

E. HENRY BRYAN, as C. H.
E. M. L. WIGGINS, P. S.
Comp. J. G. MHOON, R. A, C.
P. S. SUGG, G. M. 3d V.
THOS. J. PUGH, G. M. 2d V.
F. S. MARSHALL, G. M. 1st V.

On motion, Comp. Weeks P. Hadley was appointed Grand Steward and Tyler for the present Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Comps. Wiggins, Jackson and Mhoon were appointed a committee to

examine the credentials of members composing this Grand Chapter, who reported that the several Companions herein before named as the present officers of this Grand Chapter, and the officers of subordinate Chapters, or their proxies, are entitled to seats as members.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

W. A. BOZMAN, G. Sec. pro tem.

MONDAY, June 23rd, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ROBERT JOYNER, D. G. H. P.
E. THOMAS NICHOLSON, G. K. pro tem.
E. ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. S. pro tem.

And the representatives and proxies as before.

The proceedings of the last annual Grand Convocation were read and approved.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the appointment of the following committees:

Committee to examine attendant and visiting companions.—Comps. Bryan and Mhoon.

Committee on grievances.—Comps. Nicholson, Jackson and Wiggins.

Committee on communications.—Comps. Freeman, Lawrence, and Bozman.

Committee on returns of subordinate Chapters.—Comps. Bryan, Pugh, and Marshall.

Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.—Comps. Jackson, Wiggins, and Lawrence.

A circular from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky, enclosing a resolution upon the subject of the General Grand Chapter, was read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

A communication from Zerubabel Chapter, No. 11, was read and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

The proceedings of the several Grand Chapters received since the last annual convocation were referred to the Committee on Communications.

The Grand Secretary made the following report:

That pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Chapter, passed at the last annual Convocation, we notified the following Chapters, and that they have failed to make their returns, or assign any reason therefor:

Mount Ararat Chapter,	No. 3.
Eureka Chapter	No. 7.
Clinton Chapter,	No. 8.
Cyrus Chapter,	No. 9.
Zerubabel Chapter,	No. 11.
Harmony Chapter,	No. 12.

On motion. the situation of the delinquent Chapters mentioned in the Grand Secretary's report was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

On motion the Grand Chapter was adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock. W. A. BOZMAN, G. Sec. pro tem.

TUESDAY, June 24, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
M. E. ROBERT JOYNER, D. G. H. P.
E. THOMAS NICHOLSON, G. K. pro tem.
E. ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. S. pro tem.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.—James Seawell, H. P.; Charles B. Jones, K. and John Black, S. by Anson Bailey, their proxy.

And the members as of yesterday.

M. E. Comp. Freeman, from the Committee on Communications, made the following report; which was concurred in, and the resolution therein contained adopted:

The Committee on Communications beg leave to report, that since the last annual Convocation proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the following States have been received, viz. Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut. Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, and Alabama. Your committee find nothing in them which requires the particular attention of this Grand Chapter, except in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky upon the subject of dissolving the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, recommending the several Grand Chapters to take under their recognizance and control the degree of Select Master.

As regards the dissolution of the General Grand Chapter, an opinion has already been expressed by this Grand Chapter, at its fourth annual convocation at Tarborough, in the year 1826, which your committee deem unnecessary to reiterate.

Your committee further report, that they are informed and believe, that there are several Councils of Select Masters in the State of North Carolina, working, as they allege, under authority granted by Comp. James Cushman, independent of Royal Arch Masonry, a Grand Council, or any general head. They are, therefore of the opinion that it is expedient that the degree be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter; and, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter of the United States be requested to take the Select Master's degree under its jurisdiction, by an amendment of the Constitution, or otherwise, so as to authorize and compel the conferring the same as a degree immediately preceeding that of the Royal Arch.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDM. B. FREEMAN, Chm.

Comp. Nicholson, from the Committe on Grievances, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolutions therein contained adopted:

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the present situation and conduct of Zerubabel Chapter, No. 11, Hertford, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find that it is the unanimous desire of the members of said Chapter, as expressed by a resolution at their last convocation, to change the location thereof from Hertford, Perquimons county, to the town of Edenton, in the county of Chowan, alleging their inability to work at its present location, as but few of its members reside in or near the said town of Hertford. Your committee believe that; for the promotion and welfare of Royal Arch Masonry, the said Chapter should be removed accordingly.

Your committee further report, that in consequence of the difficulties which said Chapter has had to encounter, they are at present unable to discharge the debt of thirty dollars due this Grand Chapter. They therefore recommend for the relief of said Chapter the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Zerubabel Chapter, No 11, be removed from Hertford, Perquimons county, to the town of Edenton, in the county of Chowan.

Resolved, That a certificate of the foregoing resolution be endorsed on the Charter of said Chapter, under the hands of the grand officers, and the seal of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved further, That the said Chapter have time until the next annual convocation to pay their dues.

Upon the subject of delinquent Chapters, your committee beg to be discharged, as the same has been taken under the consideration of the committee on returns of subordinate Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS NICHOLSON, Chm.

Comp. Bryan made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution therein contained adopted:

The committee on returns of subordinate Chapters beg leave to report, that the following Chapters have made their annual returns, which are filed with the Grand Secretary, and their dues paid to the Grand Treasurer:

Roanoke	Chapter,	No.	4, Halifax.
Concord	"	"	5, Tarborough.
Phœnix	"	"	2, Fayetteville.
Raleigh	"	"	10, Raleigh.

And that the following Chapters have made no returns, and are in arrears to this Grand Chapter severally the sums affixed to each:

Mount Ararat	Chapter,	No.	3, $60.
Eureka	"	"	7, 30.
Clinton	"	"	8, 30.
Cyrus	"	"	9, 37 50.
Zerubabel	"	"	11, 30.
Harmony	"	"	12, 37 50.

Your committee regret to see such gross neglect of the Constitution, Bye-Laws and Edicts of the Grand Chapter, as has been shewn by the subordinate Chapters herein reported as delinquent. Could they attend the annual convocations of the Grand Chapter only by their principal officers, or by proxies, members of their several Chapters, the plea of business or expense of traveling, so often urged by delinquent Chapters, might carry with it some weight; but when it is known that proxies can be readily obtained at the places where the Grand Chapter is held, disposed to attend to the instructions of their principals, this pretext is worse than silent neglect.

Your committee, unwilling to recommend extreme measures, and with a hope that the Chapters may yet return to that punctuality so desirable, for their welfare and the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry, do commend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delinquent Chapters herein mentioned, be allowed until the next annual convocation to make their returns and pay their dues.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BRYAN, Chm.

A communication from the High Priest of Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, was read and referred to the committee on returns of subordinate Chapters.

The following preamble and resolution were submitted by Comp. Wiggins:

Whereas, it was resolved at a convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, held at Fayetteville on the 23rd June, A. D. 1827, that the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction should never exalt more or less than three persons at one and the same time, and all three of such persons should be real candidates for the degree or for healing, and neither of them a companion who has already taken the degree, except such as may require healing; and whereas the restriction contained therein retards the progress of masonry, and is unnecessary and inexpedient;

Therefore resolved, that the said resolution be; and the same is hereby repealed.

On the quesiion "shall the resolution be adopted?" The yeas and nays were called for: which call being sustained, it was decided in the affirmative.

Comp.	Joyner,	1 vote.	Comp.	Arnold,	1 vote.
	Nicholson,	1		Bailey,	3
	Lawrence,	1			—
	Bozman,	2			4 nays.
	Wiggins,	1			
	Sugg,	1			
	Bryan,	1			
	Jackson,	1			
	Pugh,	1			
	Mhoon,	1			
	Marshal,	1			
	Freeman,	1			
		—			
		14 yeas.			

Comp. Bozman, submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, by the 16th article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, it is required that to call a convention for the purpose of altering the location thereof, two-thirds of the subordinate Chapters shall concur; and whereas the welfare of Masonry requires that the Grand Chapter should be located in some one town;

Be it therefore resolved, That the Grand Secretary address a circular to the several Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, requesting them to announce to him on or before the 1st day of October next, whether they consent to, or desire a convention, to be held in Raleigh on the day of December next, to make such alterations and amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina as they may deem necessary.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary advertise in the newspapers published in Raleigh, the time of holding said convention, as soon as he is informed that eight Chapters assent and agree thereto.

On the question of adopting the resolutions, the yeas and nays were called for, and were as follows:

Comp.	Nicholson,	1 vote.	Comp.	Arnold,	1 vote.
	Lawrence,	1		Joyner,	1
	Freeman,	2		Sugg,	1
	Bozman,	2		Bryan,	1
	Pugh,	1		Jackson,	1
	Mhoon,	1		Bailey,	3
	Marshall,	1		Wiggins,	1
		9 yeas.			9 nays.

There being an equal number of votes, M. E. Esek Arnold, G. H. P., gave the casting vote in the negative, and the resolutions were rejected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee on accounts be instructed to allow the Grand Treasurer the sum of five dollars and twenty-five cents, paid by him to the Grand Secretary for postage, &c.

Comp. Bryan, from the committee on returns of subordinate Chapters, to whom was referred the communication from the High Priest of Mt. Ararat Chapter, No. 3, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd visit said Chapter, with full powers to settle all difficulties existing in said Chapter.

Resolved further, That Mount Ararat Chapter have until the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter to make their return and pay their dues.

On motion, the following proceedings of Phœniz Chapter, No. 2, were read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

"At a called meeting of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, Fayetteville, N. C., holden at the Chapter Room on the 1st day of August, A. L. 5827:

On motion the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas the Great Creator having been pleased, out of his mercy, to remove our M. E. Past Grand High Priest from the cares and troubles of

a transient existence to a state of endless duration, and thereby to weaken the chain by which we are united man to man;

Resolved, That we sincerely deplore the death of our companion, and, as a testimony of respect for his memory, will wear the badge of mourning prescribed by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for thirty days.

Resolved, That we invite the officers and members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter to unite with us in paying this mark of respect to the memory of our deceased friend, late King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Chapter be directed to transmit a copy of these proceedings to the next annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, with a request that they may be spread on the records of the said Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the above resolutions be published in the North-Carolina Journal and Carolina Observer, that all companions may take notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly.

There being no further business, closed in due form.

HUGH M'CLAURIN, Sec."

A petition, signed by sundry Royal Arch Masons, praying the establishment of a Chapter at Greensborough, recommended by Cyrus Chapter, No. 9, and duly certified, was read, and, on motion of Comp. Joyner,

Resolved, That a Charter issue to the petitioners, empowering them to open a Chapter at Greensborough by the name of CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. 13, constituting Comp. Benjamin Overman first High Priest, Comp. William Kerr, first King, and Comp. John Hoskins, first Scribe.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

WM. A. BOZMAN, G. Sec. pro tem.

TUESDAY EVENING June 24, 1828.

The Grand Chapter was convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
M. E. ROBERT JOYNER, D. G. H. P.
E. THOMAS NICHOLSON, G. K. pro tem.
E. ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. S. pro tem.

And the members as before.

Comp. Jackson made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee on Accounts have examined the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer, and find that he has received since the last convocation, $150
That the balance of last year's account was 384 83

$534 83

And that he has paid out upon sufficient vouchers, exhibited and cancelled, 133 94

Leaving a balance in his hands of $400 89

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. JACKSON, Chm.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following companions were duly elected to the offices attached to their respective names, and proclaimed accordingly:

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, (Fayetteville,) G. H. P.
M. E. ROBERT JOYNER, (Tarboro'.) D. G. H. P.
M. E. JAMES SEAWELL, (Fayetteville,) G. K.
E. MASON L. WIGGINS, (Halifax,) G. S.
M. E. EDM. B. FREEMAN, (Halifax,) G. Treasurer.
E. ALEX. J. LAURENCE, (Raleigh,) G. Secretary.
Rev. Comp. COLIN M'IVER, (Fayetteville,) G. Chaplain.
E. ANSON BAILEY, (Fayetteville,) G. Marshal.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be requested to obtain a Charter of incorporation for this Grand Chapter at the next session of the Legislature of North Carolina.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have one hundred copies of the proceedings of this convocation printed, and to distribute them according to the provisions of the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

On motion,

Resolved, That Comp. Weeks P. Hadley, Grand Steward, be allowed the sum of twenty dollars for his services during the present convocation.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to Concord Lodge and Concord Chapter, for their polite attention, and the use of their Hall during the session of the present convocation.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter are due to Comp. Bozman, for his prompt and polite discharge of the duties of Secretary, in the absence of the Grand Secretary.

No further business appearing before the Grand Chapter, it was closed in ample form. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.

W. A. BOZMAN, G. Sec. pro tem.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

No Returns.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. 2, FAYETTEVILLE.

M. E. James Seawell, H. P.
E. Charles B. Jones, K.
E. John Black, S.
36 Members.
Died.—M. E. John Armstrong, P. H. P., 21st July, 1827.
———L. Nicolson, March, 1828.

MOUNT ARRARAT CHAPTER, No. 3, MURFREESBORO'.

No Returns.

ROANOKE CHAPTER, No. 4, HALIFAX.

M. E. Robert H. Wilson, H. P.
E. John T. Clanton, K.
E. M. L. Wiggins, S.
35 Members.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 5, TARBOROUGH.

M. E. Joseph R. Lloyd, H. P.
E. Henry Bryan, K.
E. Benj. M. Jackson, S.
40 Members.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7, NEWBERN.

No Returns.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 8, WASHINGTON.

No Returns.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 9, MILTON.

No Returns.

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. 10, CITY OF RALEIGH.

M. E. David W. Stone, H. P.
E. William H. Hunter, K.
E. Alex. J. Lawrence, S.
20 Members.

ZERUBABEL CHAPTER, No. 11, EDENTON.

M. E. James Bozman, H. P.
E. Joseph Manning, K.
E. Francis Jones, S.

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 12, ELIZABETH CITY.

No Returns.

CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. 13, GREENSBOROUGH.

Charter Granted at this Convocation.

M. E. Benjamin Overman, H. P.
E. William Kerr, K.
E. John Hoskins, S.

Dr. *Grand Chapter of North Carolina in acc't with E. B. Freeman, G. T.* Cr.

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June 23.	To am't paid D. Lindeman,	15	25	June 23.	By balance on hand at June, 1827,	384	83
	" " " Dillon Jordan,	19			" Raleigh Chapter, No. 10,	30	
	" " " Grand Secretary,	30	94		" Phœnix " " 2,	15	
	" " " Robert Joyner,	27			" Roanoke " " 4,	15	
	" " " Lawrence & Lemay,	16	25		" Concord " " 5,	15	
	" " " Stage for proceedings,		50		" Chorazin " " 13,	75	
	" " " Lawrence & Lemay,	15					
	" " Uncurrent Money,	10					
	" " Cash on hand,	400	89				
		534	83			534	83

EDM. B. FREEMAN, *G. Treasurer.*

Grand Secretary's address:
"ALEX. J. LAWRENCE,
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At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, begun and holden at Fayetteville, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1829, A. L. 5829:

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
E. WILLIAM STEWART, G. K. pro tem.
E. MASON L. WIGGINS, G. S.
M. E. EDMUND B. FREEMAN, G. Treasurer.
E. ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Sec.
E. ANSON BAILEY, G. M.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PROXIES.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.—M. E. Anson Bailey, H. P., E. William Waddill, S.
Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.—M. E. Edmund B. Freeman, H. P. and proxy of R. H. Wilson, K. and of James Simmons, S.
Concord Chapter No. 5.—Reading S. Long, proxy of M. E. Joseph R. Lloyd, H. P., and of Henry Bryan, K., William Stewart, proxy of Benjamin M. Jackson, S.
Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.—Alex. J. Lawrence, S., and proxy of M. E. John C. Stedman, H. P., and of William H. Hunter, K.
Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11.—Samuel T. Sawyer, proxy of M. E. David W. Stone, H. P., of Joseph Manning, K., and of Joseph Bozman, S.
Chorazin Chapter, No. 13.—Ralph Gorrell, proxy of M. E. Benjamin Overman, H. P., and of John Hoskins, S., E. William Kerr, K.
Alex. J. Lawrence, proxy of M. E. Simmons J. Baker, P. G. H. P.
Reading S. Long, proxy of M. E. Robert Joyner, D. G. H. P,

A quorum being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. with the assistance of

Comp. READING S. LONG, as C. H.
RALPH GORRELL, P. S.
WILLIAM KERR, R. A. C.
HENRY M'LEAN, G. M. 3d V.
SAMUEL T. SAWYER, G. M. 2d V.
JOSHUA W. COCHRAN, G. M. 1st V.

On motion Comp. David D. Salmon was appointed Grand Steward and Tyler for the present Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following committees:

On Credentials.--Comps. Wiggins and Kerr.

On Grievances.--Comps. Sawyer and Freeman.

On Communications.—Comps. Stewart and Bailey.

On returns from subordinate Chapters.—Comps. Long and Gorrell.

On the Treasurer's Accounts.—Comps. Waddill and Sawyer.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Sec.

TUESDAY, June 23rd, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
E. M. L. WIGGINS, G. S.

And the representatives and proxies as before.

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

The committee on Credentials report,that they have examined such credentials as have been submitted to them. and find that the Companions herein before named as the present officers of this Grand Chapter and the officers of subordinate Chapters or their proxies are entitled to seats as members.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WIGGINS, Chm.

Comp. Long presented the report of M. E Joseph R. Lloyd, relative to Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3; which was read, and, together with a communication received by the G. H. P. on the same subject from Comp. Moses Clements, referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion of Comp. Freeman, ordered that the several communications received from other Grand Chapters during the past year, and such other papers as may have been received by the Grand Secretary during the same period, be referred to the committee on Communications.

Comp. Sawyer presented the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on the Returns of Subordinate Chapters:

Resolved, That Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11 be absolved from the payment of thirty dollars, which sum stands charged to said Chapter agreeably to the report of the committee on returns made at the last annual convocation.

On motion of Comp. Sawyer,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of employing a Grand Lecturer by this Grand Chapter, and that they report fully at our next sitting.

Comps. Sawyer, Freeman and Wiggins were appointed as the committee.

On motion the Grand Chapter adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Sec.

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
E. M. L. WIGGINS, G. S.
M. E. ROBERT STRANGE, P. G. H. P.

And the representatives and proxies as before.

On motion the following members were admitted and took their seats:

Concord Chapter. No. 1.—Isaac Northrop, proxy of M. E. John A. Lillington, H. P., of John H. M'Ilhenny, K., and of Archibald M'Rae, S.
Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.—Edward L. Winslow, proxy of John Black, K.

Comp. Long, from the committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution recommended thereby adopted:

The committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters report, that the following have made returns of their proceedings, which are filed with the Grand Secretary, viz:

Concord	Chapter,	No.	1, Wilmington.
Phœnix	"	"	2, Fayetteville.
Roanoke	"	"	4, Halifax.
Concord	"	"	5, Tarborough.
Raleigh	"	"	10, Raleigh.
Zerubbabel	"	"	11, Edenton.
Chorazin	"	"	13, Greensboro'.

And that the following Chapters have failed to make any returns, and are indebted the several sums as hereinafter mentioned:

Mount Arrarat	Chapter,	No.	3, Murfreesboro',	$75
Eureka	"	"	7, Newbern,	45
Clinton	"	"	8, Washington,	45
Cyrus	"	"	9, Milton.	52 50
Harmony	"	"	12, Elizabeth City,	52 50

Your committee feel much gratified at the disposition manifested on behalf of some of the subordinate Chapters to comply with the requisitions of their Charters, and performed their duties to the Grand Chapter; but the large number of Chapters which, notwithstanding the repeated indulgence of this Grand Chapter, are still culpably negligent in the discharge of their sacred duties, is a subject deeply to be regretted and la-

mented by all those who have the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry at heart. Your committee, under the full consideration of the protracted negligence of many of the Chapters, deem it of the utmost importance that some steps should be taken by the Grand Chapter to investigate, and, if possible, correct these abuses, which, of late, are so abundantly springing up; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be authorised and requested to appoint some person to visit all the Chapters which are in arrears to this Grand Chapter; to require immediate payment; and in case of refusal, to demand a surrender of their Charters; take into his possession the property of said Chapters, and hold the same subject to the further order of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted. R. S. LONG, Chm.

Comp. Gorrell, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was also concurred in:

The committee on Subordinate Chapters, to whom was referred the resolution to release and absolve Zerubbabel Chapter from the payment of arrearages due the Grand Chapter previous to the last year, beg leave to report, that they can see no good reason why the aforesaid Chapter should be released from the payment of the same, and beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject,

R. S. LONG, Chm.

Comp. Bailey from the committee on Communications, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee on Communications beg leave to report, that, since the last annual Convocation, proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the following States have been received, viz. Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Ohio, Kentucky and Georgia, together with the Bye Laws of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island and a list of the officers of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Your committee have taken these communications into their consideration, and do not find any thing in them that requires this Grand Chapter to express any other opinion than that which has already been expressed at previous convocations on the subject of dissolving the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Your committee have noticed a resolution of the last annual Convocation, requesting the General Grand Chapter to take the Select Master's degree under their jurisdiction, so as to authorize and compel the conferring the same immediately preceding that of the Royal Arch; and your committee are of opinion, from all the information which they have been able to collect on the foregoing subject, that any further proceedings by this Grand Chapter is at the present time unnecessary and uncalled for, no communication having been received from the General Grand Chapter on this subject.

Respectfully submitted, W. STEWART, Chm.

Comp. Sawyer from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution therein contained adopted:

The committee on Grievances have had under their consideration the report of M. E. Comp. Lloyd upon the situation of Mount Arrarat Chapter, and also a communication from the High Priest of said Chapter, and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand High Priest. to visit Mount Arrarat Chapter, and set them to work, if practicable; if not, to receive a surrender of their Charter, and take into possession the property of said Chapter.

Comps. E. B. Freeman, M. L. Wiggins and R. London are the committee.

Comp. Wiggins, from the select committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of appointing a Grand Lecturer, made the following report, which, together with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted:

The select committee, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency of appointing a Grand Lecturer, to visit the subordinate Chapters in this State, and establish an uniformity of working among them, have had the same under advisement, and beg leave to submit the following report: Your committee deem it of the utmost importance that an uniformity of working should be established in all the subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. This can only be done by sending some competent person to visit the said Chapters, and instruct them to work in one and the same way. And your committee are further of opinion, that, from the present languid and inoperative state of some of the subordinate chapters, it is indispensably necessary that something should be done, or they must cease to exist. Your committee regret to say that they believe some of the Subordinate Chapters have not had a convocation or done any work since their charters were granted. Your committee, therefore, recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter deem it expedient to appoint a Grand Lecturer to visit the different subordinate Chapters, and establish one uniform mode of working in the same; that this Grand Chapter will pay the expenses incurred by the Grand Lecturer in travelling to and from the different subordinate Chapters he may be called on to visit, at the rate of $5 for every thirty miles; and they will also allow him the sum of $5 for one day's sojourn at each Chapter he may visit.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with the officers of the subordinate Chapters, requesting them to state whether they will be willing to employ the Grand Lecturer should he visit them, and the sum they will be willing to pay him for his services; and that they communicate such information to the Grand Lecturer as soon as convenient.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of a Grand Lecturer, and the M. E. Esek Arnold was duly elected.

Comp. Sawyer submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, by the 16th article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, it is required that to call a convention for the purpose of altering the location thereof, two thirds of the subordinate Chapters shall concur; and whereas the welfare of Masonry requires that the Grand Chapter should be located in some one town:

Be it therefore resolved, That the Grand Secretary address a circular to the several Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, requesting them to announce to him on or before the 1st day of November next, whether they consent to, or desire a convention, to be held in Tarborough on the 23d day of June next, to make such alterations and amendments

to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina as they may deem necessary.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary advertise in the newspapers published in Raleigh, the time of holding said convention, as soon as he is informed that eight Chapters assent thereto.

The yeas and nays on the adoption of the foregoing resolutions being called for, were as follows:

Comp.	Freeman,	4 votes.	Comp.	Arnold,	1 vote.
	Lawrence,	4		Wiggins,	1
	Northrop,	3		Bailey,	2
	Sawyer,	3		Strange,	1
	Gorrell,	2		Winslow,	1
	Kerr,	1		Waddill,	1
		—		Long,	3
		17 yeas.		Stewart,	1
					—
					11 nays.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

ALEX. G. LAWRENCE, G. Sec.

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
E. M. L. WIGGINS, G. S.
M. E. ROBERT STRANGE, D. G. H. P.

And the representatives and proxies as this morning.

During the recess of the Grand Chapter, a convention of High Priests was held.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
M. E. ROBERT STRANGE, P. G. H. P.
M. E. EDMUND B. FREEMAN, H. P. of Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.

It appearing satisfactorily to the Convention that M. E. Comp. Anson Bailey had been regularly elected High Priest of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, the order of High Priesthood was duly conferred on him.

Comp. Wiggins presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Zerubbabel Chapter be released from the payment of its annual contribution for the year 1827.

The yeas and nays being called for, were as follows:

Comp.	Arnold,	1 vote.	Comp.	Freeman,	4 votes.
	Wiggins,	1		Bailey,	2
	Lawrence,	4		Gorrell,	2
	Long,	3		Kerr,	1
	Strange,	1			—
	Winslow,	1			9 nays.
	Waddill	1			
	Stewart,	1			
	Northrop,	3			
		16 yeas.			

On motion, ordered that the Grand Treasurer pay Lawrence & Lemay three dollars.

On motion of Comp. Gorrell, ordered that a diploma be granted to Companion Green D. Jordan, of Chorazin Chapter, No. 13, and that the Grand Secretary receive four dollars for the same.

Comp. Waddill from the committee on the Treasurer's accounts, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee on Accounts report that the Grand Treasurer has received since the last convocation, $120
That the balance of last year's account was 400 89

$520 89
And that he has paid out upon vouchers, exhibited and cancelled, 25 00

Leaving a balance in his hands of $495 89

The committee further report, that this sum is subject to a deduction of about forty-five dollars, which he has expended, the vouchers for which have not been submitted.

W. WADDILL, Jr., Chm.

On motion of Comp. Sawyer,

Resolved, That, in addition to the fees at present allowed the Grand Secretary, he shall receive a salary of twenty dollars per annum.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following companions were duly elected to the offices attached to their respective names, and proclaimed accordingly:

M. E. ROBERT STRANGE, (Fayetteville,) G. H. P.
M. E. JAMES NORCOM, (Edenton,) D. G. H. P.
E. MASON L. WIGGINS, (Enfield,) G. K.
M. E. ALEX. M'RAE, (Wilmington,) G. S.
M. E. JOSEPH R. LLOYD, (Tarborough.) G. Treasurer.
M. E. EDM. B. FREEMAN, (Halifax,) G. Secretary.
Rev. JOHN WARNOCK, (Tarborough,) G. Chaplain.
E. ANSON BAILEY, (Fayetteville,) G. Marshal.

On motion of Comp. Freeman,

Resolved, That Comp. David D. Salmon, Grand Steward, be allowed

the sum of twenty dollars for his services during the present convocation.

On motion of Comp. Kerr,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have one hundred copies of the proceedings of this convocation printed, and distribute them according to the provisions of the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

On motion of Comp. Wiggins,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to Phœnix Chapter and Phœnix Lodge for their polite attention, and the use of their Hall during the session of the present convocation.

On motion of Comp. Stewart,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the act of the Legislature incorporating the Grand Chapter printed with the proceedings of this convocation.

No further business appearing before the Grand Chapter, it was closed in ample form. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Sec.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

M. E. John A. Lillington, H. P.
E. John K. M'Ilhenny, K.
E. Arch'd M'Rae, S.
16 Members.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. 2, FAYETTEVILLE.

M. E. Anson Bailey, H. P.
E. John Black, K.
E. William Waddill, Jr., S.
34 Members.
Died, Joseph Snively, 15th June, 1829.
Suspended for one year from 6th Feb., 1829, Lawrence Fitzharris.

MOUNT ARRARAT CHAPTER, No. 3, MURFREESBORO'.

No Returns.

ROANOKE CHAPTER, No. 4, HALIFAX.

M. E. Edm. B. Freeman, H. P.
E. Robert H. Wilson, K.
E. James Simmons, S.
30 Members.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 5, TARBOROUGH.

M. E. Joseph R. Lloyd, H. P.
E. Henry Bryan, K.
E. Benj. M. Jackson, S.
48 Members.
Suspended, April 19, 1829, John L. Southerland.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7, NEWBERN.

No Returns.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 8, WASHINGTON.

No Returns.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 9, MILTON.

No Returns.

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. 10, CITY OF RALEIGH.

M. E. John C. Stedman, H. P.
E. William H. Hunter, K.
E. Alex. J. Lawrence, S.
19 Members.

ZERUBABEL CHAPTER, No. 11, EDENTON.

M. E. David W. Stone H. P.
E. Joseph Manning. K.
E. Joseph Bozman, S.
37 Members.

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 12, ELIZABETH CITY.

No Returns.

CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. 13, GREENSBOROUGH.

M. E. Benjamin Overman, H. P.
E. William Kerr, K.
E. John Hoskins, S.
20 Members.

An act to incorporate "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina."

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the officers and members which at present are, or hereafter may compose the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North-Carolina, are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North-Carolina; and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, acquire and hold, alien and transfer property, and pass all such rules, regulations and bye laws as shall not be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State.

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, this 10th day of January, 1829.

Dr. *Grand Chapter of North Carolina in acc't with E. B. Freeman, G. T.* Cr.

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	" " Balance on hand,	495	89		" Phœnix " " 2,	15	
					" Roanoke " " 4,	15	
					" Concord " " 5,	15	
					" Zerubbabel " " 12,	30	
					" Chorazin " " 13,	15	
		520	89			520	89

EDM. B. FREEMAN, *G. Treasurer.*

Grand Secretary's address:
"EDMUND B. FREEMAN,
Raleigh, North Carolina."

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
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EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The eighth annual convocation was held in the town of Tarborough, on the 23d of June, 1830, and the day following.

At this convocation the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

M. E. ROBERT STRANGE,.....G. H. P.
E. MASON L. WIGGINS,.....D. G. H. P.
E. JAMES K. MHOON,.....G. K.
E. WILLIAM KERR,.....G. S.
M. E. JOS. R. LLOYD,.....G. Treas.
M. E. E. B. FREEMAN,.....G. Sec.
Rev. T. P HUNT,.....G. Chap.
E. GEORGE BLAIR,.....G. Marshall.

The above information is obtained from a statement in the "Free Press," a newspaper published in Tarboro' on June 25, 1830, and is all the information, that can be procured, relating to this convocation. The Proceedings of this convocation, it appears, were never published. The original Proceedings were at one time in the possession of the Grand Chapter, subsequent to its reorganization in 1847, but cannot now be found. It is probable that they were destroyed by fire in 1868.

This was the last convocation ever held by this Grand Chapter.

H. H. MUNSON, P. G. H. P.,
JAMES C. MUNDS, P. G. K.,
E. S. MARTIN, P. G. K.,
Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

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OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

1828, 1829, 1830.

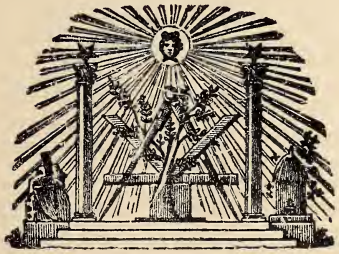
SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, begun and holden at Tarborough, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1828, A. L. 5828:

PRESENT.

M. E. ROBERT JOYNER, D. G. H. P.
E. THOMAS NICHOLSON, G. K. pro tem.
E. ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. S. pro tem.
M. E. EDMUND B. FREEMAN, G. Treasurer.
E. WILLIAM A. BOZMAN, G. Sec. pro tem.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PROXIES.

Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.—Robert H. Wilson, H. P. by E. B. Freeman, his proxy: John T. Clanton, K. by Thomas Nicholson, his proxy; Mason L. Wiggins, S.
Concord Chapter. No. 5.—J. R. Lloyd, H. P. by P. S. Sugg, his proxy; Henry Bryan, K.; B. M. Jackson, S.
Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.—D. W. Stone, H. P. by Thomas J. Pugh, his proxy; W. H. Hunter, K. by Jas. G. Mhoon, his proxy. Alex. J. Lawrence, S.
Zerubabel Chapter, No. 11.—Jas. Bozman, H. P. and Jos. Manning, K. by W. A. Bozman, their proxy.
George Anderson, Grand Secretary, by F. S. Marshall, his proxy.

A quorum being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with the assistance of

E. HENRY BRYAN, as C. H.
E. M. L. WIGGINS, P. S.
Comp. J. G. MHOON, R. A, C.
P. S. SUGG, G. M. 3d V.
THOS. J. PUGH, G. M. 2d V.
F. S. MARSHALL, G. M. 1st V.

On motion, Comp. Weeks P. Hadley was appointed Grand Steward and Tyler for the present Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Comps. Wiggins, Jackson and Mhoon were appointed a committee to

examine the credentials of members composing this Grand Chapter, who reported that the several Companions herein before named as the present officers of this Grand Chapter, and the officers of subordinate Chapters, or their proxies, are entitled to seats as members.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

W. A. BOZMAN, G. Sec. pro tem.

MONDAY, June 23rd, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ROBERT JOYNER, D. G. H. P.
E. THOMAS NICHOLSON, G. K. pro tem.
E. ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. S. pro tem.

And the representatives and proxies as before.

The proceedings of the last annual Grand Convocation were read and approved.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the appointment of the following committees:

Committee to examine attendant and visiting companions.—Comps. Bryan and Mhoon.

Committee on grievances.—Comps. Nicholson, Jackson and Wiggins.

Committee on communications.—Comps. Freeman, Lawrence, and Bozman.

Committee on returns of subordinate Chapters.—Comps. Bryan, Pugh, and Marshall.

Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.—Comps. Jackson, Wiggins, and Lawrence.

A circular from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky, enclosing a resolution upon the subject of the General Grand Chapter, was read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

A communication from Zerubabel Chapter, No. 11, was read and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

The proceedings of the several Grand Chapters received since the last annual convocation were referred to the Committee on Communications.

The Grand Secretary made the following report:

That pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Chapter, passed at the last annual Convocation, we notified the following Chapters, and that they have failed to make their returns, or assign any reason therefor:

Mount Ararat Chapter,	No. 3.
Eureka Chapter	No. 7.
Clinton Chapter,	No. 8.
Cyrus Chapter,	No. 9.
Zerubabel Chapter,	No. 11.
Harmony Chapter,	No. 12.

On motion. the situation of the delinquent Chapters mentioned in the Grand Secretary's report was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

On motion the Grand Chapter was adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock. W. A. BOZMAN, G. Sec. pro tem.

TUESDAY, June 24, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
M. E. ROBERT JOYNER, D. G. H. P.
E. THOMAS NICHOLSON, G. K. pro tem.
E. ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. S. pro tem.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.—James Seawell, H. P.; Charles B. Jones, K. and John Black, S. by Anson Bailey, their proxy.

And the members as of yesterday.

M. E. Comp. Freeman, from the Committee on Communications, made the following report; which was concurred in, and the resolution therein contained adopted:

The Committee on Communications beg leave to report, that since the last annual Convocation proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the following States have been received, viz. Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut. Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, and Alabama. Your committee find nothing in them which requires the particular attention of this Grand Chapter, except in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky upon the subject of dissolving the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, recommending the several Grand Chapters to take under their recognizance and control the degree of Select Master.

As regards the dissolution of the General Grand Chapter, an opinion has already been expressed by this Grand Chapter, at its fourth annual convocation at Tarborough, in the year 1826, which your committee deem unnecessary to reiterate.

Your committee further report, that they are informed and believe, that there are several Councils of Select Masters in the State of North Carolina, working, as they allege, under authority granted by Comp. James Cushman, independent of Royal Arch Masonry, a Grand Council, or any general head. They are, therefore of the opinion that it is expedient that the degree be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter; and, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter of the United States be requested to take the Select Master's degree under its jurisdiction, by an amendment of the Constitution, or otherwise, so as to authorize and compel the conferring the same as a degree immediately preceeding that of the Royal Arch.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDM. B. FREEMAN, Chm.

Comp. Nicholson, from the Committe on Grievances, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolutions therein contained adopted:

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the present situation and conduct of Zerubabel Chapter, No. 11, Hertford, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find that it is the unanimous desire of the members of said Chapter, as expressed by a resolution at their last convocation, to change the location thereof from Hertford, Perquimons county, to the town of Edenton, in the county of Chowan, alleging their inability to work at its present location, as but few of its members reside in or near the said town of Hertford. Your committee believe that; for the promotion and welfare of Royal Arch Masonry, the said Chapter should be removed accordingly.

Your committee further report, that in consequence of the difficulties which said Chapter has had to encounter, they are at present unable to discharge the debt of thirty dollars due this Grand Chapter. They therefore recommend for the relief of said Chapter the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Zerubabel Chapter, No 11, be removed from Hertford, Perquimons county, to the town of Edenton, in the county of Chowan.

Resolved, That a certificate of the foregoing resolution be endorsed on the Charter of said Chapter, under the hands of the grand officers, and the seal of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved further, That the said Chapter have time until the next annual convocation to pay their dues.

Upon the subject of delinquent Chapters, your committee beg to be discharged, as the same has been taken under the consideration of the committee on returns of subordinate Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS NICHOLSON, Chm.

Comp. Bryan made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution therein contained adopted:

The committee on returns of subordinate Chapters beg leave to report, that the following Chapters have made their annual returns, which are filed with the Grand Secretary, and their dues paid to the Grand Treasurer:

Roanoke	Chapter,	No.	4, Halifax.
Concord	"	"	5, Tarborough.
Phœnix	"	"	2, Fayetteville.
Raleigh	"	"	10, Raleigh.

And that the following Chapters have made no returns, and are in arrears to this Grand Chapter severally the sums affixed to each:

Mount Ararat	Chapter,	No.	3, $60.
Eureka	"	"	7, 30.
Clinton	"	"	8, 30.
Cyrus	"	"	9, 37 50.
Zerubabel	"	"	11, 30.
Harmony	"	"	12, 37 50.

Your committee regret to see such gross neglect of the Constitution, Bye-Laws and Edicts of the Grand Chapter, as has been shewn by the subordinate Chapters herein reported as delinquent. Could they attend the annual convocations of the Grand Chapter only by their principal officers, or by proxies, members of their several Chapters, the plea of business or expense of traveling, so often urged by delinquent Chapters, might carry with it some weight; but when it is known that proxies can be readily obtained at the places where the Grand Chapter is held, disposed to attend to the instructions of their principals, this pretext is worse than silent neglect.

Your committee, unwilling to recommend extreme measures, and with a hope that the Chapters may yet return to that punctuality so desirable, for their welfare and the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry, do commend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delinquent Chapters herein mentioned, be allowed until the next annual convocation to make their returns and pay their dues.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BRYAN, Chm.

A communication from the High Priest of Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, was read and referred to the committee on returns of subordinate Chapters.

The following preamble and resolution were submitted by Comp. Wiggins:

Whereas, it was resolved at a convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, held at Fayetteville on the 23rd June, A. D. 1827, that the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction should never exalt more or less than three persons at one and the same time, and all three of such persons should be real candidates for the degree or for healing, and neither of them a companion who has already taken the degree, except such as may require healing; and whereas the restriction contained therein retards the progress of masonry, and is unnecessary and inexpedient;

Therefore resolved, that the said resolution be; and the same is hereby repealed.

On the quesiion "shall the resolution be adopted?" The yeas and nays were called for: which call being sustained, it was decided in the affirmative.

Comp.	Joyner,	1 vote.	Comp.	Arnold,	1 vote.
	Nicholson,	1		Bailey,	3
	Lawrence,	1			—
	Bozman,	2			4 nays.
	Wiggins,	1			
	Sugg,	1			
	Bryan,	1			
	Jackson,	1			
	Pugh,	1			
	Mhoon,	1			
	Marshal,	1			
	Freeman,	1			
		—			
		14 yeas.			

Comp. Bozman, submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, by the 16th article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, it is required that to call a convention for the purpose of altering the location thereof, two-thirds of the subordinate Chapters shall concur; and whereas the welfare of Masonry requires that the Grand Chapter should be located in some one town;

Be it therefore resolved, That the Grand Secretary address a circular to the several Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, requesting them to announce to him on or before the 1st day of October next, whether they consent to, or desire a convention, to be held in Raleigh on the day of December next, to make such alterations and amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina as they may deem necessary.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary advertise in the newspapers published in Raleigh, the time of holding said convention, as soon as he is informed that eight Chapters assent and agree thereto.

On the question of adopting the resolutions, the yeas and nays were called for, and were as follows:

Comp.	Nicholson,	1 vote.	Comp.	Arnold,	1 vote.
	Lawrence,	1		Joyner,	1
	Freeman,	2		Sugg,	1
	Bozman,	2		Bryan,	1
	Pugh,	1		Jackson,	1
	Mhoon,	1		Bailey,	3
	Marshall,	1		Wiggins,	1
		9 yeas.			9 nays.

There being an equal number of votes, M. E. Esek Arnold, G. H. P., gave the casting vote in the negative, and the resolutions were rejected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee on accounts be instructed to allow the Grand Treasurer the sum of five dollars and twenty-five cents, paid by him to the Grand Secretary for postage, &c.

Comp. Bryan, from the committee on returns of subordinate Chapters, to whom was referred the communication from the High Priest of Mt. Ararat Chapter, No. 3, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd visit said Chapter, with full powers to settle all difficulties existing in said Chapter.

Resolved further, That Mount Ararat Chapter have until the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter to make their return and pay their dues.

On motion, the following proceedings of Phœniz Chapter, No. 2, were read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

"At a called meeting of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, Fayetteville, N. C., holden at the Chapter Room on the 1st day of August, A. L. 5827:

On motion the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas the Great Creator having been pleased, out of his mercy, to remove our M. E. Past Grand High Priest from the cares and troubles of

a transient existence to a state of endless duration, and thereby to weaken the chain by which we are united man to man;

Resolved, That we sincerely deplore the death of our companion, and, as a testimony of respect for his memory, will wear the badge of mourning prescribed by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for thirty days.

Resolved, That we invite the officers and members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter to unite with us in paying this mark of respect to the memory of our deceased friend, late King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Chapter be directed to transmit a copy of these proceedings to the next annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, with a request that they may be spread on the records of the said Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the above resolutions be published in the North-Carolina Journal and Carolina Observer, that all companions may take notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly.

There being no further business, closed in due form.

HUGH M'CLAURIN, Sec."

A petition, signed by sundry Royal Arch Masons, praying the establishment of a Chapter at Greensborough, recommended by Cyrus Chapter, No. 9, and duly certified, was read, and, on motion of Comp. Joyner,

Resolved, That a Charter issue to the petitioners, empowering them to open a Chapter at Greensborough by the name of CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. 13, constituting Comp. Benjamin Overman first High Priest, Comp. William Kerr, first King, and Comp. John Hoskins, first Scribe.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

WM. A. BOZMAN, G. Sec. pro tem.

TUESDAY EVENING June 24, 1828.

The Grand Chapter was convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
M. E. ROBERT JOYNER, D. G. H. P.
E. THOMAS NICHOLSON, G. K. pro tem.
E. ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. S. pro tem.

And the members as before.

Comp. Jackson made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee on Accounts have examined the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer, and find that he has received since the last convocation, $150
That the balance of last year's account was 384 83

$534 83

And that he has paid out upon sufficient vouchers, exhibited and cancelled, 133 94

Leaving a balance in his hands of $400 89

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. JACKSON, Chm.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following companions were duly elected to the offices attached to their respective names, and proclaimed accordingly:

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, (Fayetteville,) G. H. P.
M. E. ROBERT JOYNER, (Tarboro'.) D. G. H. P.
M. E. JAMES SEAWELL, (Fayetteville,) G. K.
E. MASON L. WIGGINS, (Halifax,) G. S.
M. E. EDM. B. FREEMAN, (Halifax,) G. Treasurer.
E. ALEX. J. LAURENCE, (Raleigh,) G. Secretary.
Rev. Comp. COLIN M'IVER, (Fayetteville,) G. Chaplain.
E. ANSON BAILEY, (Fayetteville,) G. Marshal.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be requested to obtain a Charter of incorporation for this Grand Chapter at the next session of the Legislature of North Carolina.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have one hundred copies of the proceedings of this convocation printed, and to distribute them according to the provisions of the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

On motion,

Resolved, That Comp. Weeks P. Hadley, Grand Steward, be allowed the sum of twenty dollars for his services during the present convocation.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to Concord Lodge and Concord Chapter, for their polite attention, and the use of their Hall during the session of the present convocation.

On motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter are due to Comp. Bozman, for his prompt and polite discharge of the duties of Secretary, in the absence of the Grand Secretary.

No further business appearing before the Grand Chapter, it was closed in ample form. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.

W. A. BOZMAN, G. Sec. pro tem.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

No Returns.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. 2, FAYETTEVILLE.

M. E. James Seawell, H. P.
E. Charles B. Jones, K.
E. John Black, S.
36 Members.
Died.—M. E. John Armstrong, P. H. P., 21st July, 1827.
———L. Nicolson, March, 1828.

MOUNT ARRARAT CHAPTER, No. 3, MURFREESBORO'.

No Returns.

ROANOKE CHAPTER, No. 4, HALIFAX.

M. E. Robert H. Wilson, H. P.
E. John T. Clanton, K.
E. M. L. Wiggins, S.
35 Members.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 5, TARBOROUGH.

M. E. Joseph R. Lloyd, H. P.
E. Henry Bryan, K.
E. Benj. M. Jackson, S.
40 Members.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7, NEWBERN.

No Returns.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 8, WASHINGTON.

No Returns.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 9, MILTON.

No Returns.

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. 10, CITY OF RALEIGH.

M. E. David W. Stone, H. P.
E. William H. Hunter, K.
E. Alex. J. Lawrence, S.
20 Members.

ZERUBABEL CHAPTER, No. 11, EDENTON.

M. E. James Bozman, H. P.
E. Joseph Manning, K.
E. Francis Jones, S.

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 12, ELIZABETH CITY.

No Returns.

CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. 13, GREENSBOROUGH.

Charter Granted at this Convocation.

M. E. Benjamin Overman, H. P.
E. William Kerr, K.
E. John Hoskins, S.

Dr. *Grand Chapter of North Carolina in acc't with E. B. Freeman, G. T.* Cr.

1828.		Dols.	Cts.	1828.		Dols.	Cts.
June 23.	To am't paid D. Lindeman,	15	25	June 23.	By balance on hand at June, 1827,	384	83
	" " " Dillon Jordan,	19			" Raleigh Chapter, No. 10,	30	
	" " " Grand Secretary,	30	94		" Phœnix " " 2,	15	
	" " " Robert Joyner,	27			" Roanoke " " 4,	15	
	" " " Lawrence & Lemay,	16	25		" Concord " " 5,	15	
	" " " Stage for proceedings,		50		" Chorazin " " 13,	75	
	" " " Lawrence & Lemay,	15					
	" " Uncurrent Money,	10					
	" " Cash on hand,	400	89				
		534	83			534	83

EDM. B. FREEMAN, *G. Treasurer.*

Grand Secretary's address:
"ALEX. J. LAWRENCE,
Raleigh, North Carolina."

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.



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SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, begun and holden at Fayetteville, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1829, A. L. 5829:

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
E. WILLIAM STEWART, G. K. pro tem.
E. MASON L. WIGGINS, G. S.
M. E. EDMUND B. FREEMAN, G. Treasurer.
E. ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Sec.
E. ANSON BAILEY, G. M.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PROXIES.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.—M. E. Anson Bailey, H. P., E. William Waddill, S.
Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.—M. E. Edmund B. Freeman, H. P. and proxy of R. H. Wilson, K. and of James Simmons, S.
Concord Chapter No. 5.—Reading S. Long, proxy of M. E. Joseph R. Lloyd, H. P., and of Henry Bryan, K., William Stewart, proxy of Benjamin M. Jackson, S.
Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.—Alex. J. Lawrence, S., and proxy of M. E. John C. Stedman, H. P., and of William H. Hunter, K.
Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11.—Samuel T. Sawyer, proxy of M. E. David W. Stone, H. P., of Joseph Manning, K., and of Joseph Bozman, S.
Chorazin Chapter, No. 13.—Ralph Gorrell, proxy of M. E. Benjamin Overman, H. P., and of John Hoskins, S., E. William Kerr, K.
Alex. J. Lawrence, proxy of M. E. Simmons J. Baker, P. G. H. P.
Reading S. Long, proxy of M. E. Robert Joyner, D. G. H. P,

A quorum being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. with the assistance of

Comp. READING S. LONG, as C. H.
RALPH GORRELL, P. S.
WILLIAM KERR, R. A. C.
HENRY M'LEAN, G. M. 3d V.
SAMUEL T. SAWYER, G. M. 2d V.
JOSHUA W. COCHRAN, G. M. 1st V.

On motion Comp. David D. Salmon was appointed Grand Steward and Tyler for the present Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following committees:

On Credentials.--Comps. Wiggins and Kerr.

On Grievances.--Comps. Sawyer and Freeman.

On Communications.—Comps. Stewart and Bailey.

On returns from subordinate Chapters.—Comps. Long and Gorrell.

On the Treasurer's Accounts.—Comps. Waddill and Sawyer.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Sec.

TUESDAY, June 23rd, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
E. M. L. WIGGINS, G. S.

And the representatives and proxies as before.

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

The committee on Credentials report,that they have examined such credentials as have been submitted to them. and find that the Companions herein before named as the present officers of this Grand Chapter and the officers of subordinate Chapters or their proxies are entitled to seats as members.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WIGGINS, Chm.

Comp. Long presented the report of M. E Joseph R. Lloyd, relative to Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3; which was read, and, together with a communication received by the G. H. P. on the same subject from Comp. Moses Clements, referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion of Comp. Freeman, ordered that the several communications received from other Grand Chapters during the past year, and such other papers as may have been received by the Grand Secretary during the same period, be referred to the committee on Communications.

Comp. Sawyer presented the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on the Returns of Subordinate Chapters:

Resolved, That Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11 be absolved from the payment of thirty dollars, which sum stands charged to said Chapter agreeably to the report of the committee on returns made at the last annual convocation.

On motion of Comp. Sawyer,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of employing a Grand Lecturer by this Grand Chapter, and that they report fully at our next sitting.

Comps. Sawyer, Freeman and Wiggins were appointed as the committee.

On motion the Grand Chapter adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Sec.

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
E. M. L. WIGGINS, G. S.
M. E. ROBERT STRANGE, P. G. H. P.

And the representatives and proxies as before.

On motion the following members were admitted and took their seats:

Concord Chapter. No. 1.—Isaac Northrop, proxy of M. E. John A. Lillington, H. P., of John H. M'Ilhenny, K., and of Archibald M'Rae, S.
Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.—Edward L. Winslow, proxy of John Black, K.

Comp. Long, from the committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution recommended thereby adopted:

The committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters report, that the following have made returns of their proceedings, which are filed with the Grand Secretary, viz:

Concord	Chapter,	No.	1, Wilmington.
Phœnix	"	"	2, Fayetteville.
Roanoke	"	"	4, Halifax.
Concord	"	"	5, Tarborough.
Raleigh	"	"	10, Raleigh.
Zerubbabel	"	"	11, Edenton.
Chorazin	"	"	13, Greensboro'.

And that the following Chapters have failed to make any returns, and are indebted the several sums as hereinafter mentioned:

Mount Arrarat	Chapter,	No.	3, Murfreesboro',	$75
Eureka	"	"	7, Newbern,	45
Clinton	"	"	8, Washington,	45
Cyrus	"	"	9, Milton.	52 50
Harmony	"	"	12, Elizabeth City,	52 50

Your committee feel much gratified at the disposition manifested on behalf of some of the subordinate Chapters to comply with the requisitions of their Charters, and performed their duties to the Grand Chapter; but the large number of Chapters which, notwithstanding the repeated indulgence of this Grand Chapter, are still culpably negligent in the discharge of their sacred duties, is a subject deeply to be regretted and la-

mented by all those who have the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry at heart. Your committee, under the full consideration of the protracted negligence of many of the Chapters, deem it of the utmost importance that some steps should be taken by the Grand Chapter to investigate, and, if possible, correct these abuses, which, of late, are so abundantly springing up; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be authorised and requested to appoint some person to visit all the Chapters which are in arrears to this Grand Chapter; to require immediate payment; and in case of refusal, to demand a surrender of their Charters; take into his possession the property of said Chapters, and hold the same subject to the further order of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted. R. S. LONG, Chm.

Comp. Gorrell, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was also concurred in:

The committee on Subordinate Chapters, to whom was referred the resolution to release and absolve Zerubbabel Chapter from the payment of arrearages due the Grand Chapter previous to the last year, beg leave to report, that they can see no good reason why the aforesaid Chapter should be released from the payment of the same, and beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject,

R. S. LONG, Chm.

Comp. Bailey from the committee on Communications, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee on Communications beg leave to report, that, since the last annual Convocation, proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the following States have been received, viz. Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Ohio, Kentucky and Georgia, together with the Bye Laws of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island and a list of the officers of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Your committee have taken these communications into their consideration, and do not find any thing in them that requires this Grand Chapter to express any other opinion than that which has already been expressed at previous convocations on the subject of dissolving the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Your committee have noticed a resolution of the last annual Convocation, requesting the General Grand Chapter to take the Select Master's degree under their jurisdiction, so as to authorize and compel the conferring the same immediately preceding that of the Royal Arch; and your committee are of opinion, from all the information which they have been able to collect on the foregoing subject, that any further proceedings by this Grand Chapter is at the present time unnecessary and uncalled for, no communication having been received from the General Grand Chapter on this subject.

Respectfully submitted, W. STEWART, Chm.

Comp. Sawyer from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution therein contained adopted:

The committee on Grievances have had under their consideration the report of M. E. Comp. Lloyd upon the situation of Mount Arrarat Chapter, and also a communication from the High Priest of said Chapter, and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand High Priest. to visit Mount Arrarat Chapter, and set them to work, if practicable; if not, to receive a surrender of their Charter, and take into possession the property of said Chapter.

Comps. E. B. Freeman, M. L. Wiggins and R. London are the committee.

Comp. Wiggins, from the select committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of appointing a Grand Lecturer, made the following report, which, together with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted:

The select committee, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency of appointing a Grand Lecturer, to visit the subordinate Chapters in this State, and establish an uniformity of working among them, have had the same under advisement, and beg leave to submit the following report: Your committee deem it of the utmost importance that an uniformity of working should be established in all the subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. This can only be done by sending some competent person to visit the said Chapters, and instruct them to work in one and the same way. And your committee are further of opinion, that, from the present languid and inoperative state of some of the subordinate chapters, it is indispensably necessary that something should be done, or they must cease to exist. Your committee regret to say that they believe some of the Subordinate Chapters have not had a convocation or done any work since their charters were granted. Your committee, therefore, recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter deem it expedient to appoint a Grand Lecturer to visit the different subordinate Chapters, and establish one uniform mode of working in the same; that this Grand Chapter will pay the expenses incurred by the Grand Lecturer in travelling to and from the different subordinate Chapters he may be called on to visit, at the rate of $5 for every thirty miles; and they will also allow him the sum of $5 for one day's sojourn at each Chapter he may visit.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with the officers of the subordinate Chapters, requesting them to state whether they will be willing to employ the Grand Lecturer should he visit them, and the sum they will be willing to pay him for his services; and that they communicate such information to the Grand Lecturer as soon as convenient.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of a Grand Lecturer, and the M. E. Esek Arnold was duly elected.

Comp. Sawyer submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, by the 16th article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, it is required that to call a convention for the purpose of altering the location thereof, two thirds of the subordinate Chapters shall concur; and whereas the welfare of Masonry requires that the Grand Chapter should be located in some one town:

Be it therefore resolved, That the Grand Secretary address a circular to the several Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, requesting them to announce to him on or before the 1st day of November next, whether they consent to, or desire a convention, to be held in Tarborough on the 23d day of June next, to make such alterations and amendments

to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina as they may deem necessary.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary advertise in the newspapers published in Raleigh, the time of holding said convention, as soon as he is informed that eight Chapters assent thereto.

The yeas and nays on the adoption of the foregoing resolutions being called for, were as follows:

Comp.	Freeman,	4 votes.	Comp.	Arnold,	1 vote.
	Lawrence,	4		Wiggins,	1
	Northrop,	3		Bailey,	2
	Sawyer,	3		Strange,	1
	Gorrell,	2		Winslow,	1
	Kerr,	1		Waddill,	1
		—		Long,	3
		17 yeas.		Stewart,	1
					—
					11 nays.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

ALEX. G. LAWRENCE, G. Sec.

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
E. M. L. WIGGINS, G. S.
M. E. ROBERT STRANGE, D. G. H. P.

And the representatives and proxies as this morning.

During the recess of the Grand Chapter, a convention of High Priests was held.

PRESENT.

M. E. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.
M. E. ROBERT STRANGE, P. G. H. P.
M. E. EDMUND B. FREEMAN, H. P. of Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.

It appearing satisfactorily to the Convention that M. E. Comp. Anson Bailey had been regularly elected High Priest of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, the order of High Priesthood was duly conferred on him.

Comp. Wiggins presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Zerubbabel Chapter be released from the payment of its annual contribution for the year 1827.

The yeas and nays being called for, were as follows:

Comp.	Arnold,	1 vote.	Comp.	Freeman,	4 votes.
	Wiggins,	1		Bailey,	2
	Lawrence,	4		Gorrell,	2
	Long,	3		Kerr,	1
	Strange,	1			—
	Winslow,	1			9 nays.
	Waddill	1			
	Stewart,	1			
	Northrop,	3			
		16 yeas.			

On motion, ordered that the Grand Treasurer pay Lawrence & Lemay three dollars.

On motion of Comp. Gorrell, ordered that a diploma be granted to Companion Green D. Jordan, of Chorazin Chapter, No. 13, and that the Grand Secretary receive four dollars for the same.

Comp. Waddill from the committee on the Treasurer's accounts, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee on Accounts report that the Grand Treasurer has received since the last convocation, $120
That the balance of last year's account was 400 89

$520 89
And that he has paid out upon vouchers, exhibited and cancelled, 25 00

Leaving a balance in his hands of $495 89

The committee further report, that this sum is subject to a deduction of about forty-five dollars, which he has expended, the vouchers for which have not been submitted.

W. WADDILL, Jr., Chm.

On motion of Comp. Sawyer,

Resolved, That, in addition to the fees at present allowed the Grand Secretary, he shall receive a salary of twenty dollars per annum.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following companions were duly elected to the offices attached to their respective names, and proclaimed accordingly:

M. E. ROBERT STRANGE, (Fayetteville,) G. H. P.
M. E. JAMES NORCOM, (Edenton,) D. G. H. P.
E. MASON L. WIGGINS, (Enfield,) G. K.
M. E. ALEX. M'RAE, (Wilmington,) G. S.
M. E. JOSEPH R. LLOYD, (Tarborough.) G. Treasurer.
M. E. EDM. B. FREEMAN, (Halifax,) G. Secretary.
Rev. JOHN WARNOCK, (Tarborough,) G. Chaplain.
E. ANSON BAILEY, (Fayetteville,) G. Marshal.

On motion of Comp. Freeman,

Resolved, That Comp. David D. Salmon, Grand Steward, be allowed

the sum of twenty dollars for his services during the present convocation.

On motion of Comp. Kerr,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have one hundred copies of the proceedings of this convocation printed, and distribute them according to the provisions of the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

On motion of Comp. Wiggins,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to Phœnix Chapter and Phœnix Lodge for their polite attention, and the use of their Hall during the session of the present convocation.

On motion of Comp. Stewart,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the act of the Legislature incorporating the Grand Chapter printed with the proceedings of this convocation.

No further business appearing before the Grand Chapter, it was closed in ample form. ESEK ARNOLD, G. H. P.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Sec.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

M. E. John A. Lillington, H. P.
E. John K. M'Ilhenny, K.
E. Arch'd M'Rae, S.
16 Members.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. 2, FAYETTEVILLE.

M. E. Anson Bailey, H. P.
E. John Black, K.
E. William Waddill, Jr., S.
34 Members.
Died, Joseph Snively, 15th June, 1829.
Suspended for one year from 6th Feb., 1829, Lawrence Fitzharris.

MOUNT ARRARAT CHAPTER, No. 3, MURFREESBORO'.

No Returns.

ROANOKE CHAPTER, No. 4, HALIFAX.

M. E. Edm. B. Freeman, H. P.
E. Robert H. Wilson, K.
E. James Simmons, S.
30 Members.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 5, TARBOROUGH.

M. E. Joseph R. Lloyd, H. P.
E. Henry Bryan, K.
E. Benj. M. Jackson, S.
48 Members.
Suspended, April 19, 1829, John L. Southerland.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7, NEWBERN.

No Returns.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 8, WASHINGTON.

No Returns.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 9, MILTON.

No Returns.

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. 10, CITY OF RALEIGH.

M. E. John C. Stedman, H. P.
E. William H. Hunter, K.
E. Alex. J. Lawrence, S.
19 Members.

ZERUBABEL CHAPTER, No. 11, EDENTON.

M. E. David W. Stone H. P.
E. Joseph Manning. K.
E. Joseph Bozman, S.
37 Members.

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 12, ELIZABETH CITY.

No Returns.

CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. 13, GREENSBOROUGH.

M. E. Benjamin Overman, H. P.
E. William Kerr, K.
E. John Hoskins, S.
20 Members.

An act to incorporate "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina."

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the officers and members which at present are, or hereafter may compose the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North-Carolina, are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North-Carolina; and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, acquire and hold, alien and transfer property, and pass all such rules, regulations and bye laws as shall not be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State.

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, this 10th day of January, 1829.

Dr. *Grand Chapter of North Carolina in acc't with E. B. Freeman, G. T.* Cr.

1829.		Dols.	Cts.	1829.		Dols.	Cts.
June 23.	To am't paid Grand Secretary,	10		June 23.	By balance on hand at June, 1828,	400	89
	" " " Lawrence & Lemay,	15			" Concord Chapter, No. 1,	30	
	" " Balance on hand,	495	89		" Phœnix " " 2,	15	
					" Roanoke " " 4,	15	
					" Concord " " 5,	15	
					" Zerubbabel " " 12,	30	
					" Chorazin " " 13,	15	
		520	89			520	89

EDM. B. FREEMAN, *G. Treasurer.*

Grand Secretary's address:
"EDMUND B. FREEMAN,
Raleigh, North Carolina."

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1897.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The eighth annual convocation was held in the town of Tarborough, on the 23d of June, 1830, and the day following.

At this convocation the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

M. E. ROBERT STRANGE,.....G. H. P.
E. MASON L. WIGGINS,.....D. G. H. P.
E. JAMES K. MHOON,.....G. K.
E. WILLIAM KERR,.....G. S.
M. E. JOS. R. LLOYD,.....G. Treas.
M. E. E. B. FREEMAN,.....G. Sec.
Rev. T. P HUNT,.....G. Chap.
E. GEORGE BLAIR,.....G. Marshall.

The above information is obtained from a statement in the "Free Press," a newspaper published in Tarboro' on June 25, 1830, and is all the information, that can be procured, relating to this convocation. The Proceedings of this convocation, it appears, were never published. The original Proceedings were at one time in the possession of the Grand Chapter, subsequent to its reorganization in 1847, but cannot now be found. It is probable that they were destroyed by fire in 1868.

This was the last convocation ever held by this Grand Chapter.

H. H. MUNSON, P. G. H. P.,
JAMES C. MUNDS, P. G. K.,
E. S. MARTIN, P. G. K.,
Grand Chapter of North Carolina.