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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

OF THE

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE

OF THE

MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

Free and Accepted Masons

FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Held in Masonic Hall, Mobile, Ala., commencing Friday, June 21st, 1872.

M. W. Grand Master—F. D. TAYLOR, P. O. Box 697, Mobile, Ala.
R. W. Grand Secretary—W. H. VAUGHAN, P. O. Box 697, Mobile, Ala.



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TRANSACTIONS.

FRIDAY, June 21st, 1872.

On this day, appointed for the second annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama, a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock, A. M., in Masonic Hall, Mobile, Alabama—R. W. D. Grand Master Franklin D. Taylor, presiding.

Prayer by brother T. H. Raymond, Grand Chaplain.

The following brethren were appointed Committee on Credentials: A. H. Thompson, J. T. Cashin, Edwin Jackson.

Committee on Credentials reported the following present Grand Officers:

Brother	F. D. Taylor,	Past Grand Master.
"	A. P. Jones,	R. W. Sr. Grand Warden.
"	S. S. Ashe,	R. W. Jr. Grand Warden.
"	C. Blackledge,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
"	W. H. Vaughan,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
"	.....	R. W. Grand Sr. Deacon.
"	A. H. Thompson,	R. W. Grand Jr. Deacon.
"	.....	R. W. Grand Lecturer.
"	T. H. Raymond,	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
"	Robert Green,	R. W. Grand Master of C.
"	Simon Bartley,	R. W. Grand Marshal.
"	.....	R. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
"	Green Moore,	R. W. Grand Sr. Steward.
"	W. H. McCants,	R. W. Grand Jr. Steward.
"	Edwin Jackson,	R. W. Grand Pursuivant.
"	Philip Ballard,	R. W. Grand Tyler.

SUBORDINATE REPRESENTATIVES OR PROXIES.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 1.—Bros. J. H. Bryant, Robert Green, R. L. Starr.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2.—Green Moore, Henry Austin, and Freeman W. Smith.

Hiram Lodge, No. 3.—Charles Blackledge, C. D. Nicholas, and Paul Gregg.

Relief Lodge, No. 4.—L. J. Williams, J. T. Cashin, and Washington Stephens.

FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES.

S. S. Ashe, Ohio and Virginia; F. D. Taylor, District of Columbia; Charles Blackledge, Florida.

VISITORS PRESENT.

Bros. N. C. Mitchell, J. Mathews, P. A. Branch, H. P. Washington.

The Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Accounts.—Bros. W. H. Vaughan, J. H. Bryant, and C. Blackledge.

On Dispensations and Charters.—Bros. T. H. Raymond, J. T. Cashin, S. Bartley.

On Unfinished Business.—Bros. W. H. McCants, J. O. Roberson, Edwin Jackson.

On Ways and Means.—Bros. L. J. Williams, A. P. Jones, J. T. Cashin.

On Grievances.—Bros. L. J. Williams, T. H. Raymond. and J. T. Cashin.

On Grand Master's Address.—Bros. W. H. Vaughan, J. O. Roberson, L. J. Williams.

On Returns of Lodges.—Bros. B. T. Collins, A. P. Jones, and Robert Green.

On Constitution and By-Laws.—Bros. H. Austin, B. T Collins, and A. P. Jones.

On Jurisprudence.—Bros. W. H. Vaughan, Green Moore, and Charles Blackledge.

On Foreign Communications.—Bros. W. H. Vaughan, J. O. Roberson, and J. T. Cashin.

On Pay Roll.—Bros Charles Blackledge, Green Moore, and J. H. Bryant.

On Work.—Bros. W. H. Vaughan, L. J. Williams, and Charles Blackledge.

HOUR OF MEETING.

Resolved, That during this session this Grand Lodge hold three meetings on each day, as follows: from 10 A. M. to 12 M., from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M., and from 7½ P. M. to 9½ P. M.

Agreed to.

The Grand Master delivered the following Address:

Brethren of the Fraternity:

Our Masonic Year has been one overshadowed with sorrow, but let us bow in humble submission to the decree of Him who is Ruler of all things and the giver of every good and perfect gift, for having spared us to meet in the capacity of Grand Lodge while many of our dear and beloved associates have passed away to that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns.

Let us raise our voices to heaven and return thanks to the God of all nature for the privilege that we this day enjoy. May the loss of our dear friends impress each one of us with the importance of a preparation for entrance into that Grand Lodge where, at last, all faithful Masons shall meet, to no more use the Plumb, Square or Level.

May the proceedings of this M. W. Grand Lodge be conducted in peace and harmony, manifesting who can best work and best agree; proving our actions by the Square of virtue.

Let equity to all men be our chief aim. Let us remember that the second great commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. Let the interest and prosperity of one be the interest and prosperity of all without regard to race, color or condition.

We are all common brethren, and must so hail each other sooner or later.

I regret to announce that a very important breach of masonic law has been committed by the St. John's Lodge, No. 2—that of making Masons over a protest, thereby encroaching on the landmarks.

This breach of discipline requires the attention of the Grand Lodge and the fraternity at large. I therefore most respectfully advise that this body take the matter under consideration; that respect for our landmarks may be inculcated by the censure or punishment of any who have or may encroach upon them.

It is essential to the integrity of our institution that the principles upon which institutions are founded should be rigidly maintained.

With one exception I have, during the recess of this M. W. Grand Lodge, visited all of the Lodges in this jurisdiction. Circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from making a personal inspection of Relief Lodge, No. 4, at Montgomery. I have, however, been in constant communication with the W. M., and am pleased to say that the Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

I respectfully announce that during the recess of the Grand Lodge, I have granted dispensations to the following Lodges, viz: Olive Branch Lodge, No. 1, St. John's, No. 2, and Relief Lodge, No. 4.

By the untimely death of our late Grand Master, it has devolved upon me to discharge the duties of that office. In what manner I have discharged those duties it does not become me to say, further than that I have labored with zeal. I have studied to promote the interest of the fraternity and to devise means for the better government of subordinate Lodges. During this masonic year I have been in constant communication with the Grand Lodges of the following States, viz: California, Delaware, Florida, New Jersey, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois (compact), District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania. I have been in constant communication with our Mother Grand Lodge of Ohio, the proceedings of which I commend to your careful perusal. I have received a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia. The Lodges in that State seem to be in a prosperous condition. Nine Lodges recognize the authority of that M. W. Grand Lodge, Douglas Johnson, M. W. Grand Master. I have been in communication with the Grand Lodge of Ireland. In that jurisdiction all are welcome, without distinction of race or color. In this State there exist two Grand Lodges—one colored, the other white. For this condition of affairs we are not responsible. That the principles of masonry are as much for the sable sons of Africa as for the white man, needs no argument. We say this from the fact that the good book says that God created of one blood all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth.

It is my sorrowful duty to announce to you, the members of this M. W. Grand Lodge, that God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst, our M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Emile Henry, and R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Frank Vaughan, and other brethren.

Let their removal admonish us

That art is long and time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though strong and brave,
Still, like muffled drums are beating,
Funeral marches to the grave.

Let us so live that when we are received into that Grand Lodge above, the eternal house of the faithful Mason, we may receive from the great Grand Master the plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Brethren, for your kind regards accept my sincere thanks, and believe me, fraternally yours,

F. D. TAYLOR, *Grand Master.*

The address was received and referred to Committee on Grand Master's Report.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments at 12 o'clock M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 21st, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor, at 2 o'clock, P. M.—the Grand Master presiding.

Prayer by Bro. S. Bartley.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Bro. Vaughan, from Committee on Grand Master's Report, submitted the following:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Grand Master's Report, respectfully report, that they heartily endorse the report of the Grand Master, and recommend that that portion in relation to a breach of law by the St. John's Lodge, be referred to Committee on Grievances—that in relation to dispensations, to Committee on Dispensations and Charters—and that in relation to the deaths of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. VAUGHAN,
J. O. ROBERSON,
L. J. WILLIAMS,
} Committee.

Report received and recommendations adopted.

L. J. Williams, J. T. Cashin, J. O. Roberson, Special Committee.

FOREIGN COMMUNICATIONS.

Bro. Vaughan, from Committee on Foreign Communications, reported as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Foreign Communications respectfully report that they have been in communication with the following Grand Lodges:

CANADA.

Of this Grand Lodge, your Committee is unable to say much. We have written several letters and received but one from them, which was very short, only asking whether we were within the compact or not. Your

Committee endeavored to give them all the necessary information; since which time, your Committee have heard nothing from them. We have not been favored with a copy of their proceedings.

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Steward is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Stanton, Grand Secretary, Hamilton, Ont.

DELAWARE.

From this Grand Lodge your Committee have had several Communications, including a copy of the proceedings held December 11th, 1871. The address of M. W. Grand Master, Robert H. Lewis, your Committee would especially recommend to the notice of every Mason, as a document well worthy of perusal. Of the Grand Lodge for the State of Delaware, your Committee could say much did time permit, but suffice it to say, that that Grand Lodge is destined to be foremost among independent Grand Lodges.

R. W. Bro. Edmund H. Anderson, Sr., is the Grand Secretary, and our representative—P. O. address, 820 Buttonwood Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Your Committee received from this Grand Lodge an official notification of their withdrawal from the compact. They ask to be recognized among us, to which we say, welcome! a hearty welcome, for the fabric is crumbling beneath you.

R. W. Bro. C. A. Steward, is Grand Secretary, Washington, D. C.

FLORIDA.

From this Grand Lodge we have the sad intelligence of the death of M. W. Bro. J. W. Toer, who was then Grand Master. We also learn that the compact is doing much damage to the Craft in Florida; but we are of the opinion that as truth is mighty and will prevail, that they will not live long there.

R. W. Bro. Richmond Kinlock, is Grand Secretary, and the Representative of the Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama—P. O. Address, Jacksonville, Florida.

INDIANA.

We have the glorious news of the withdrawal of this Grand Lodge from the National Compact, though we have not been officially informed. We have never had any correspondence with the brethren, but will do so at as early a date as possible.

LOUISIANA.

Your Committee informed the Grand Master of the death of our Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and received a letter from M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jno. Parsons, who said he would lay the matter before the Grand Lodge in due form. Further than this your Committee have had no correspondence with them, so we are unable to say anything concerning their proceedings. We hope, however, that this coming year may bring us into closer union with every Grand Lodge.

NEW JERSEY.

Your Committee cannot say anything of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, as we have never seen them. We asked for a copy but have never had an answer, but we hope to hear from them soon. Your Committee learned, though indirectly, that the Alpha Lodge, (white) in the State of New Jersey, were making colored Masons; whether true or not your Committee cannot say.

TENNESSEE.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee is before us. The First Annual Communication was held in the City of Nashville, June 22d to 24th.

They have lost during this year their Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Alexander Sumner, who died June 25th, 1871. Bro. Abram Smith is now the Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

Your Committee has not heard from this Grand Lodge during this year, though we wrote them concerning the death of our Grand Secretary. Your Committee is satisfied that the letters did not reach their destination, or we should certainly have heard from them.

VIRGINIA.

The proceedings of the Fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge is before us, and speaks volumes for the Craft in Virginia. The session was harmonious and lengthy. There are under its jurisdiction nine working Lodges. They extend a hearty greeting to all Masons, and invite correspondence.

M. W. Bro. J. H. Jones, is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. William Green, is Grand Secretary, Box 214, Petersburg, Va.

M. W. Bro. Jones wrote the Chairman of your Committee, that as the Convention so long talked of would perhaps assemble at an early date, it would be well for us to hold some one in readiness to move on sixty days notice, as it is impossible to say how soon you may be called upon.

Your Committee would state that the correspondence of this year has not been as full as we desired, but circumstances over which we had no control prevented us from writing as much as we would have done. We hope, however, that the Grand Lodge will excuse us, if in her judgment we have been neglectful.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. VAUGHAN, Chairman.

Report received.

Grand Secretary's Report.

Mobile, June 21st, 1872.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

The Grand Secretary respectfully submits the following as his annual report:

Dr.

1871.					
June 23.	To	Hiram Lodge Tax	$18 75		
" "	"	Olive Branch Lodge Tax	22 75		
" "	"	St. John's " "	27 75		
" 24.	"	Relief Lodge, Warrant	40 00		
Aug. 23.	"	Minutes	7 00		
Oct. 11.	"	"	3 00		
" 12.	"	"	3 75		
					123 00

Cr.

1871.					
June 21.	By	Balance	$ 60		
" 24.	"	Olive Branch Lodge, Returned Loan	20 00		
" "	"	St. John's " " "	20 00		
" "	"	Hiram " " "	20 00		
" "	"	Grand Secretary	11 00		
" "	"	Parchment	1 00		
July 21.	"	Postage	2 45		
Oct. 11.	"	Printing	45 00		
1872.					
April 27.	"	Stationery	1 00		
June 12.	"	"	25	121 30	
June 20.	"	Balance on hand		1 70	
					$123 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. VAUGHAN, *Grand Secretary.*

Received, and referred to Committee on Accounts.

Grand Treasurer's Report.

Mobile, June 21st, 1872.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

The Grand Treasurer respectfully submits the following as his annual report:

Receipts.

1871.					
June 24.	To	Cash	$68 75		
" "	"	"	40 00		
Aug. 23.	"	"	7 00		
Oct. 11.	"	"	3 00		
" 12.	"	"	25		
" 25.	"	"	3 50		
1872.					
Apr. 27.	"	"	50	123 00	

Expenditures.

1871.					
June 21.	By	Balance	$ 60		
" 24.	"	Order No. 10	20 00		
" "	"	" " 11	20 00		
" "	"	" " 12	20 00		
" "	"	" " 13	11 00		
" "	"	" " 14	1 00		
July 21.	"	" " 15	2 45		
Aug. 23.	"	" " 16	40 00		
Oct. 11.	"	" " 17	5 00		
1872.					
Apr. 27.	"	" " 18	1 00		
June 12.	"	" " 19	25	121 30	
" 20.	"	Balance on hand		1 70	
					123 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. BLACKLEDGE, *Grand Treasurer.*

Received and referred to Committee on Accounts.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 21st, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7½ P. M., Grand Master presiding.

Prayer by Bro. T. H. Raymond, Grand Chaplain.

Roll called. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Grievances submitted their report, as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

Your Committee, to whom was referred a breach of law by St. John's Lodge, No. 2, respectfully report, that after mature consideration of the grave and important subject committed to us, find that said breach was committed by the W. M. of said Lodge, in raising a brother over the protest of the Grand Treasurer; that he was guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason and an officer entrusted with the high and responsible trust of presiding over the craft. That he deserves the severest censure of this M. W. Grand Lodge.

All of which is most fraternally submitted.

L. J. WILLIAMS,
J. T. CASHIN,
T. H. RAYMOND,
} Committee.

Report received and recommendation adopted.

IN MEMORIAM.

Special committee reported as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address in relation to the death of our M. W. G. M., Emile Henry, respectfully beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, The Grand Architect of the Universe, in His wisdom, has been pleased to remove by death from our midst, our much esteemed and beloved M. W. G. M., Emile Henry, to which dispensation of Providence, we humbly and reverentially bow.

He knoweth and doeth all things well.

The steady and unwavering light that shone so brightly in the east has been extinguished.

His cheering, consoling and encouraging voice is no longer heard in our midst. It is hushed in death. Yet we have our consolation in knowing that he has but been called from labor here below to refreshment

above, and that by a virtuous and upright life here, we hope to be able to meet him in the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Our late Grand Master, Emile Henry, as a man, was beloved and highly esteemed by all that knew him. For, but to know him was to love him.

He was a most confiding and sincere friend, a kind and devoted husband, an affectionate and tender father, a public spirited and upright citizen, and a christian gentleman. As a Mason, he was a bright and shining light, whose rays will extend from the east to the west As a Grand Master, he was the embodiment of all the attributes essential to fill so high and responsible a station.

To his widow and to his fatherless children we tender our consolations and sympathies in this their sad bereavement, and we hope that He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb will comfort them in their afflictions. Brother Emile Henry is no more. He has gone to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

As a tribute to his memory, and as an evidence of our friendship and love and esteem, be it therefore

Resolved 1st. That we cherish, and shall ever cherish the memory and virtues of our deceased brother.

2d. That this preamble and these resolutions be recorded and published as a part of the proceedings of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

3d. That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to furnish a copy of these proceedings to his widow. Further, that a page in the proceedings be devoted to the memory of our dead.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe to call from labor in the Lodge Terrestrial below, we trust, to refreshment in the Lodge Celestial on high, R. W. Brother Frank Vaughan, our Grand Secretary; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we most sincerely deplore the loss of our beloved and esteemed brother, we bow in humble submission to the decree of the Supreme Grand Master, who doeth all thing well.

Resolved, That we will treasure his memory and extend to his bereaved family and friends our warmest sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. WILLIAMS,
Chairm'n Com.

Bro. Cashin from the Committee on Dispensations and Charters submitted his report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters would respectfully report, that on examination, we find them in keeping with law.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. CASHIN, Chairman.

Report received.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, June 22d, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Grand Master presiding.

Prayer by Bro. T. H. Raymond, Grand Chaplain.

Roll called. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

By-Laws of Olive Branch No. 1, St. John's No. 2, Hiram No. 3, Relief No. 4, read and referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they have made many efforts to secure the clothing and jewels of the Grand Lodge during the year, but find that they can be purchased in Mobile as cheap, if not cheaper than anywhere else. We therefore recommend that they be procured in Mobile.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. VAUGHAN, Chairman.

Report received and recommendation adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. L. J. Williams:

Resolved, That the name of Relief Lodge, No. 4, be, and the same is hereby changed to that of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 4.

Received, and referred to Committee on Unfinished Business.

Brother Blackledge offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved. That this M. W. Grand Lodge bear the expenses of the Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges.

ACCOUNTS.

Committee on Accounts rendered their report, as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the annual financial reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, having examined the same, find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. VAUGHAN,
C. BLACKLEDGE,
J. H. BRYANT,
} Committee.

Approved.

Returns of Olive Branch, Hiram, and Relief Lodges received and referred to Committee on Returns of Lodges. Returns of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, sent back for correction.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, June 22d, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

In the case of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, committing a breach of law, the Grand Master rendered the following decision:

Brethren of the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

My opinion is, that the W. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, has justly merited the censure of this M. W. Grand Lodge, for persisting in raising a brother over the protest of the Grand Treasurer and other brethren.

It is essential to the integrity of the fraternity, that violators of the principles of masonay be punished. It certainly is a rule which applies to to the rules of law in the administration of justice, that persons cannot be judges of their own cases. Upon this principle, a W. M. cannot be tried in his Lodge, but stands amenable to the Grand Lodge for his misdeeds—that is, for the abuse of his position.

Submission to the constituted authorities, both in the State and in the Craft, is a quality that all masons should inculcate. A true mason is a peaceable subject to the country in which he lives; he pledges himself never to be a party to plots and conspiracies. And to the Craft, he promises to pay due respect to the Grand Lodge and Grand Officers, for the time being, and to put them to worship; and another part of the same regulation, directs this to the rulers, supreme and subordinate.

Dr. Oliver commenting on the emblematic allusion of the Master to the sun and moon, says: Hence, we find that the Master's authority in the Lodge is despotic as the sun in the firmament, which was placed there by the Creator, never to deviate from its accustomed course, till the declaration is promulgated that time shall be no more.

This spirit and obedience runs through the whole system, and constitutes one of the greatest safeguards to an institution. The mason is obedient to the Master, the Master and the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and this in its turn to the old landmarks and ancient regulations of the Order. Thus is a due degree of subordination kept up, and the institution preserved in its pristine purity.

F. D. TAYLOR, *G. M.*

Brother McCants from Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following, which was approved:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to name of Relief Lodge, No. 4, respectfully report that we have had the same under advisement, and would respectfully recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McCANTS, Chairman.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY, June 22d, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7½ o'clock, P. M.—Grand Master presiding.

Prayer by Bro. S. Bartley.

Roll called. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Returns of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, presented and referred to Committee on Returns of Lodges.

GRAND SECRETARY'S SALARY.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be paid the sum of twenty dollars for services during this session.

Carried.

The Grand Secretary was allowed one dollar for revising the warrant of Relief Lodge, No. 4.

WORK.

Committee on Work made the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

We, the Committee on Work, beg leave to submit this our report:

We find the Subordinate Lodges are working in accordance with the ancient landmarks. We therefore recommend that they continue to use the same Ritual.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. VAUGHAN,
L. J. WILLIAMS,
C. BLACKLEDGE,
} Committee.

Report received, and recommendation adopted.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

Bro. B. T. Collins, from the Committee on Returns of Lodges, submitted the following, which was approved:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on returns of Lodges, would respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the different Lodges, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. COLLINS, Chairman.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Bro. H. Austin, from Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, submitted the following, which was approved:

Your Committee would respectfully report, that having examined the By-Laws of the different Lodges, find them in keeping with masonic law, with the exception of Article 15 of the By-Laws of Relief Lodge, No. 4; we respectfully recommend that the same be stricken out.

Respectfully submitted,

H. AUSTIN,
B. T. COLLINS,
A. P. JONES,
} Committee.

PROCEEDINGS TO BE PRINTED.

Bro. Blackledge offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed and furnished to the brethren at 25 cents per copy.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, June 24th, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Grand Master presiding.

Prayer by Bro. T. H. Raymond, Grand Chaplain.

Roll called. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Bro. C. Blackledge offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this M. W. Grand Lodge hold its Third Annual Communication in the city of Montgomery.

The prayer of the petitioners at Huntsville coming under consideration, the Grand Secretary stated that he had received the prayer and handed it to the Grand Master. After an examination it was found that it was not in proper form. He then sent it back to be put in form, after which he wrote to the brethren, but received no answer. The petition was sent again in care of Mr. C. A. Woodward, the Cashier of the Bank, who returned it, together with the money. Appended is a copy of the letter from Mr. L. Robinson to Mr. Woodward, which it is hoped will be satisfactory to this Grand Lodge:

HUNTSVILLE, June 7th, 1872.

C. A. Woodward, Esq.,

Dear Sir—Yours of the 3d inst., is at hand with contents, as stipulated, $10 on P. O., in settlement for check I sent you for same in favor of W. H. Vaughan.

Respectfully yours,

LAFAYETTE ROBINSON.

Statement received, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Bro. L. J. Williams, from Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following, which was approved:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

We, your Committee, respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary be empowered to negotiate a loan from one or more of the subordinate Lodges should the same be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. WILLIAMS,
A. P. JONES,
J. T. CASHIN,
} Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, June 26th, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 2 o'clock, P. M.—Grand Master presiding.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Bro. W. H. Vaughan, from Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following, which was received:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have had the same under advisement and respectfully recommend a continuation of the use of Mackey's Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. VAUGHAN,
GREEN MOORE,
C. BLACKLEDGE,
} Committee.

Bro. Cashin offered the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to wait on the officers of the Montgomery Railroad to obtain half fare for the delegates to the M. W. Grand Lodge.

PAY ROLL.

Bro. Blackledge, from Committee on Pay Roll, submitted the following, which was approved:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama:

Your Committee respectfully report that they have examined the pay-roll as furnished by the Grand Secretary and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

C. BLACKLEDGE,
GREEN MOORE,
J. H. BRYANT,
} Committee.

GRAND LODGE CLOTHING.

The clothing and jewels of the Grand Lodge was again referred to Committee, with power to act.

Election of Grand Officers.

The regular business of the Grand Lodge being concluded, the following officers were elected:

Bro. Franklin D. Taylor, Mobile,....Grand Master.
" L. J. Williams, Montgomery....Deputy Grand Master.
" B. T. Collins, Mobile.....Senior Grand Warden.
" A. P. Jones, Mobile.....Junior Grand Warden.
" C. Blackledge, Mobile,.....Grand Treasurer.
" W. H. Vaughan, Mobile.....Grand Secretary.

Appointed Grand Officers.

Bro. S. Bartley, Mobile.....Grand Senior Deacon.
" R. L. Starr, Mobile.....Grand Junior Deacon.
" S. S. Ashe, Mobile.....Grand Lecturer.
" T. H. Raymond, Mobile.....Grand Chaplain.
" R. Green, Mobile.....Grand Master of C.
" W. Stephens, Montgomery,.....Grand Marshal.
" W. H. McCants, Mobile.....Grand Sword Bearer.
" Paul Gregg, Mobile.....Grand Senior Steward.
" T. W. Gorham, Montgomery....Grand Junior Steward.
" Edwin Jackson, Mobile.....Grand Pursuivant.
" Philip Ballard, Mobile.....Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

EVENING SESSION.

Monday, June 24th, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7 o'clock, P. M.—Grand Master presiding.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Roll called. Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Bro. Green offered a resolution in relation to badge of mourning, which was carried.

The Grand Officers were then duly installed, as follows:

Bro. Franklin D. Taylor, Mobile, .M. W. Grand Master.
" L. J. Williams, Montgomery,-R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" B. T. Collins, Mobile,.....R. W. G. Senior Warden.
" A. P. Jones, Mobile, ...R. W. G. Junior Warden.
" C. Blackledge, Mobile,.....R. W. G. Treasurer.
" W. H. Vaughan, Mobile, ...R. W. G. Secretary.
" S. Bartley, Mobile,.....R. W. G. Senior Deacon.
" R. L. Starr, Mobile, ...R. W. G. Junior Deacon.
" S. S. Ashe, Mobile,.....R. W. G. Lecturer.
" T. H. Raymond, Mobile, ...R. W. G. Chaplain.
" R. Green, Mobile,.....R. W. G. Master of C.
" W. Stephens, Montgomery...R. W. G. Marshal.
" W. H. McCants, Mobile, ...R. W. G. Sword Bearer.
" Paul Gregg, Mobile,.....R. W. G. Senior Steward.
" T. W. Gorham, Montgomery,.R. W. G. Junior Steward.
" Edwin Jackson, Mobile, ...R. W. G. Pursuivant.
" P. Ballard, Mobile,.....R. W. G. Tyler.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed until June 21st, 1873.

Attest:

W. H. VAUGHAN, *Grand Secretary.*

Pay Roll of the Grand Lodge.

Receipts.

By Olive Branch Lodge, No. 1, Dues and Dispensations,....	$20 50
" St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Dues and Dispensations.....	29 75
" Hiram Lodge, No. 3, " " "	29 00
" King Solomon's, No. 4, " " "	25 75
	$105 00

Disbursements.

To Delegate's Fare,.....	$20 00
" Grand Secretary.....	21 00
" Ice, &c., during Session.....	50
	$ 41 50
Balance on hand June 24th, 1872,.....	$63 50

Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges for the year ending June 17th, 1872.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 1, Mobile.

Officers.

J. H. Bryant, W. M.
Robert Green, S. W.
R. L. Starr, J. W.
H. P. Washington, Treas.
H. C. Royal, Secretary.
W. H. McCants, S. D.
Simon Bartley, J. D.
Charles B. Williams, S. S.
William Mason, J. S.
P. Ballard, Tyler.

Members.

S. S. Ashe.
J. H. Ashe.
S. Andry.
L. Bowen.
J. T. Collins.
B. T. Collins.
William Taylor.
William Carson.
Alfred Williams.
William Littell.
S. B. Somerville.
Erasmus Meggerson.
Benjamin H. Jones.
George M. Washington.
Richard F. Butler.

Initiated—two. Passed—one, Raised—one.
Suspended—R. R. Castrix.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2. Mobile.

Officers.

Green Moore, W. M.
Henry Austin, S. W.
F. W. Smith, J. W.
G. L. Green, Treasurer.
P. A. Branch, Secretary.
S. Wilson, Jr., S. D.
Edwin Jackson. J. D.
H. Brown, S. S.
J. White, J. S.
Moses Duke, Tyler.
George Fears, Chaplain.

Members.

A. P. Jones.
E. Tunstall.
Joseph Banion.
A. Ewing.
C. Davis.
C. Crussett.
H. A. Clements.
E. W. Jackson.
M. P. McGee.
N. C. Mitchell.
F. Walker.
W. J. Stewart.
John Bryant.
A. H. Thompson.
Lawrence Clifford.
L. Wilkerson.
I. Mathews.
H. L. Foster.

Inititiated—four. Passed—three. Raised—five.
Suspended—H. Kennedy, S. W. Jones.
Died—R. D. Wiggins.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 3, Mobile.

Officers.

Charles Blackledge, W. M.
Charles D. Nicholas, S. W.
Paul Gregg, J. W.
H. J. Hawkins, Treasurer.
Joseph E. James, Secretary.
W. H. Vaughan, S. D.
J. O. Howe, J. D.
J. H. Palmer, S. S.
Jackson Caldwell, J. S.
James Ross, Tyler.
T. H. Raymond, Chaplain.

Members.

F. D. Taylor.
Jno. M. Taylor.
E. Madrid.
A. C. Fisher.
Spencer Allen.
W. G. Strong.
Jas. McNeil.
C. Fernandez.
J. W. Armistead.
T. W. Johnson.
E. D. Taylor.

Initiated—nine. Passed—six. Raised—seven.
Suspended—L. Gardiner.
Died—Emile Henry, Frank Vaughan.
Rejected—two.

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 4, Montgomery.

Officers.

L. J. Williams, W. M.
J. T. Cashin, S. W.
W. Stephens, J. W.
T. W. Gorham, Treasurer.
Jackson Coleman, Secretary.
C. C. Benifield, S. D.
Simon Burchett, J. D.
Hilliard Willis, S. S.
M. M. Turner, J. S.
J. H. Alston, Tyler.

Members.

Horace King.
A. H. Curtis.

Initiated—thirteen. Passed—Three. Raised—four.
Suspended—William Coleman, G. W. Cox.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Alabama near Foreign Grand Lodges.

Names.	*Residences.*	*Grand Lodges.*
John Cousins,	Xenia	Ohio.
J. L. Winters	Philadelphia	Penn., Hiram.
N. G. Merry,	Nashville	Tennessee.
Edmund H. Anderson	Wilmington, 820 Buttonwood st.	Delaware, Hiram.
John Parsons,	New Orleans	Louisiana, Eureka.
Alfred Holland	Kaignsville	N. Jersey, Union.
Richard Freeman,	Baltimore, 60 Lerew's Alley,	Maryland.
J. H. Jones	Petersburg, P. O. Box 214	Virginia.
Richmond Kinloch,	Jacksonville	Florida.

In Memoriam.

Sacred to the Memory of

M. W. EMILE HENRY,

Grand Master for the State of Alabama.

Died at Mobile, March 27th, 1872.

"The pitying heart that felt for human woe—
The dauntless heart that feared no human pride;
The friend of man: to vice alone a foe,
For even his failings leaned to virtue's side."

To the Memory of

R. W. FRANK VAUGHAN,

Grand Secretary of Alabama,

Died September 18th, 1872.

He rests from his labors.

To the Memory of

M. W. O. J. DUNN,

P. G. M. of Louisiana,

Died in New Orleans, November 22d, 1871.

He sleeps the sleep of the righteous.

In Memoriam.

To the Memory of

R. W. WM. A. SUMNER,

Grand Secretary of Tennessee.

Died at Nashville, June 25th, 1871.

Dust to dust, the dark decree—
Soul to God, the soul is free;
Leave him with the lovely lain—
Brothers we shall meet again.

In remembrance of

M. W. J. W. TOER,

Grand Master of Florida.

Died at Tallahassee, May 22d, 1872.

Mortals now indulge a tear,
For mortality is here:
See how wide her trophies wave,
O'er the slumbers of the grave.

NAOMI COURT, October, 1871.

Resolved, That this Court request the Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama to publish the testimonial of this Court to the memory of our beloved brother, FRANK VAUGHAN, O. G. K.

The following was submitted to the Court by Mrs. F. L. Roberson.

WHEREAS, It has been the decree of an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother, FRANK VAUGHAN, whose memory we revere and loss we deplore for the many virtues he possessed, therefore

Resolved, That in the demise of Brother Frank Vaughan this Court has sustained a loss which cannot be easily replaced.

Resolved, That this Court has lost a good and honest member, and the community a worthy citizen.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved relatives, whom he devotedly loved and cherished, and pray that they may be able to bear with christian resignation and fortitude this heavy affliction.

Resolved, That the members of this Court wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to his family.

Fortitude.

In Memory of R. W. Grand Secretary,
FRANK VAUGHAN.

An honest man here lies at rest,
As e'er God with His image blest;
The friend of man, the friend of truth;
The friend of age, the guide of youth;
Few hearts like his, with virtue warmed;
Few heads with knowledge so informed.

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