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OF THE

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OF

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OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

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GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Friday evening, December 29th, A. L. 5826.

At a Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina:

PRESENT,

M. W. HUTCHINS G. BURTON, G. Master.
R. W. GEORGE E. SPRUILL, S. G. Warden.
LOUIS D. WILSON, J. G. Warden.
WM. H. HUNTER, G. Treasurer, P. T.
ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Secretary.
JOHN C. STEDMAN, D. G. Secretary.
SAMUEL F. PATTERSON, G. S. Deacon.
JOHN E. LEWIS, G. J. Deacon, P. T.
JOHN T. C. WIATT, G. Steward & Tyler.

PAST OFFICERS.

M. W. ROBERT STRANGE, P. G. Master.
R. W. RICHARD D. SPAIGHT, P. S. G. Warden.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 1, Bros. Jos. A. Hill and W. W. Jones.
Royal White Heart, No. 2, Bros. Anthony A. Wyche, Geo. E. Spruill and Robert Potter.
Saint John, No. 3, Bro. Richard D. Spaight.
Davie, No. 39, Bro. James G. Mhoon.
Liberty, No. 45, Bros. Saml. F. Patterson and Montford Stokes.
Hall, No. 53, Bros. W. D. Barnard and Thos. Dozier.
Concord, No. 58, Bro. Louis D. Wilson.
Scotland Neck, No. 68, Bros. Geo. E. Spruill.
Eagle, No. 71, Bros. John Scott and Wm. Montgomery.
Widow's Son, No. 75, Bros. W. D. Barnard and Wm. Boylan.
Fellowship, No. 84, Bro. James H. Smith.
Enfield, No. 88, Bros. Geo. E. Spruill and A. A. Wyche.
Eastern, No. 89, Bros. Jos. H. Pool and Wm. J. Hardy.
Western Star, No. 91, Bros. D. L. Swain, Wm. Richardson, and John Carson.

VISITORS.

Brethren Thomas Lambert, Wm. H. Haywood, jr. Otway Burns, John Saintclair, Charles Edwards, Marshall Dickinson and John B. Tate.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

On motion, the following committees were appointed, viz.

On Charters—Bros. Robert Strange, Geo. E. Spruill, Louis D. Wilson, John E. Lewis and Jesse Speight.

On Communications from Grand Lodges—Bros. Richard D. Spaight, David L. Swain and Wm. Montgomery.

On Miscellaneous Communications—Bros. Joseph A. Hill, Will. H. Hunter and John R. Lewis.

On Treasurer's Accounts—Samuel F. Patterson, James G. Mhoon, John C. Stedman.

Bro. Geo. E. Spruill presented a petition from Joseph Warren Lodge, Stantonsburg, and Bro. L. D. Wilson, the petition of Mount Moriah, Edgecombe, praying for charters; which were referred to the committee on charters.

No further business coming before the Grand Lodge, it was adjourned until Tuesday evening next, at 6 o'clock.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, *G. Secretary.*

Tuesday evening, January 2, A. L. 5827

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

M. W. GEORGE E. SPRUILL, G. Master P. T.
R. W. JAMES G. MHOON, S. G. Warden P. T.
JOSEPH. H. POOL, J. G. Warden P. T.
WM. H. HUNTER, G. Treasurer P. T.
ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Secretary.
JOHN C. STEDMAN, D. G. Secretary.
SAMUEL F. PATTERSON, G. S. Deacon.
W. D. BARNARD, G. J. Deacon, P. T.
J. T. C. WIATT, G. Steward & Tyler.

PAST OFFICERS.

M. W. ROBERT STRANGE, P. G. Master.
R. W. RICHARD D. SPAIGHT, P. S. G. Warden.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Phoenix, No. 8, Bro. Colin M'Iver.
Hiram, No. 40, Bros. H. M. Miller, Wm. H. Hunter & J. G. Marshall.
Perseverance, No. 59, Bros. Wm. J. Armistead and Wm. A. Bözman.
Morning Star, No. 85, Bro. Joseph Arrington.
Line, No. 87, Bro. Wm. K. Frederick.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. Hardy, the committee appointed at the last annual Communication to receive the Jewels, Furniture, &c. of Camden Lodge, No. 63, were discharged.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, made the following Report, which was concurred in:

The committee appointed at the last meeting to settle with the Grand Treasurer, have performed that duty, and respectfully Report:

That since the 6th day of December, 1825, the date of the last settlement, we find that he has received (including the sum of \$126 13 which remained in his hands at that time) the aggregate sum of six hundred and forty one dollars and thirteen cents, \$641 13

Out of which he has disbursed, as per satisfactory vouchers shewn, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars and sixty-five cents,

240 65

\$400 48

Leaving a balance in his hands on the 24th of April last, (the date of the last receipt,) of four hundred dollars and forty eight cents, sub

ject to the future disposition of the Lodge.—Leaving the receipts of the present session to defray its expenditures, which it is presumed will be more than sufficient for that purpose.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

S. F. PATTERSON,
JAMES G. MHOON,
J. C. STEDMAN.

January 2, 1827.

A communication from William Lyon, respecting the working of Eastern Lodge, No. 89, was read. Ordered that a committee, consisting of the Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of Albemarle, Hall, and Widow's Son Lodges, be appointed to inquire into the subject of the above mentioned communication, and report to the Grand Lodge at its next Grand Annual Communication. It was further ordered, that the said committee be instructed to make inquiry respecting the Jewels, Furniture, &c. which were, by order of the Grand Lodge, delivered to the officers of Eastern Lodge, and report to the next annual Communication.

The committee on Charters made a Report, recommending that Charters be granted to *Joseph Warren* Lodge, Stantonsburg, and *Mourning Moriah* Lodge, Edgecombe county; which was concurred in.

On motion of Bro. Samuel F. Patterson, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorised, and he is hereby directed, to invest all the disposable funds of the Grand Lodge in the purchase of Bank Stock in some one of the Banks of this State; provided the same can be procured at its par value.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge adjourned until Friday evening next, at half past 6 o'clock.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Secretary.

Friday evening, January 5, A. L. 5827.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

M. W. HUTCHINS G. BURTON, G. Master.
R. W. GEORGE E. SPRUILL, S. G. Warden.
LOUIS D. WILSON, J. G. Warden.
WM. H. HUNTER, G. Treasurer P. T.
ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Secretary.
JOHN C. STEDMAN, D. G. Secretary.
SAML. F. PATTERSON, G. S. Deacon.
JESSE SPEIGHT G. J. Deacon P. T.
RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. Steward & Tyler P. T.

PAST OFFICERS.

M. W. ROBERT STRANGE, Past G. Master.
JAMES IREDELL, Past D. G. Master.
RICHARD D. SPAIGHT, Past S. G. Warden.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Golden Fleece, No. 74, Bro. John E. Lewis.
Taylor, No. 69, Bro. Richard D. Spaight.
Albemarle, No. 77, Bro. James Iredell.

Bro. John E. Lewis, from the committee on Miscellaneous Communications, reported that it was the opinion of the committee that the petition of Thomas Roberts, praying to be reinstated to the rights and privileges of Masonry, should be submitted to the Grand Lodge for their consideration. The said petition and accompanying papers were accordingly read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

It was then, on motion of Bro. Colin M'Iver,

Resolved, That, while this Grand Lodge are at all times disposed to correct any irregularity into which any subordinate Lodge may have fallen, in the exercise of discipline, and to secure to every brother under their jurisdiction, his just rights; yet, inasmuch as the memorialist himself admits that he has been guilty of a breach of morality, which we cannot contemplate without disapprobation, and for which he has made no profession of penitence, it is, therefore, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, highly inexpedient to grant to the said memorialist any relief, until the Lodge to which he properly belongs shall regularly decide his case, and until it shall come before this Grand Lodge regularly, either in the form of an appeal from the decision of, or as a reference from the said Lodge. And it is, moreover, the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that a subordinate Lodge has full power to restore a suspended or expelled member, on such evidence of penitence and reformation, as to them may appear satisfactory.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish the petitioner with an attested copy of the above resolution.

Bro. Richard D. Spaight, from the committee on Foreign Communications, reported that, on examination of the several communications received from foreign Grand Lodges since the last annual Grand Communication, nothing appeared of sufficient importance for the consideration of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Wm. I. Hardy,

Ordered, that Bros. Samuel Matthews, Isaac N. Lamb and Charles R. Kenny, be appointed a committee to investigate the proceedings of Williams Lodge, No. 66, in Currituck county, and report, as soon as it shall be expedient, to the M. W. Grand Master; and that the proceedings of said Lodge be suspended until further directions from the M. W. Grand Master; and, also, that the Grand Secretary furnish the above committee with a copy of this order.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were re-elected:

M. W. HUTCHINS G. BURTON, Grand Master;

R. W. GEORGE E. SPRUILL, S. G. Warden;

LOUIS D. WILSON, J. G. Warden;

BENJ. A. BARHAM, G. Treasurer; and

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Secretary.

On motion, Brethren Jesse Speight, Richard D. Spaight and Henry M. Miller were appointed a committee to wait on the M. W. Past Grand Master Robert Strange, and request his attendance on Wednesday evening next, for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers elect.

Nothing further appearing, the Grand Lodge adjourned until Wednesday evening, the 18th instant, at 7 o'clock.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, *G. Secretary.*

Wednesday evening, January 18, A. L. 5827.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

- M. W. JOHN L. TAYLOR, P. G. Master.
 HUTCHINS G. BURTON, G. Master elect.
 R. W. JOHN E. LEWIS, S. G. Warden P. T.
 LOUIS D. WILSON, J. G. Warden elect.
 JOHN C. STEDMAN, D. G. Secretary.
 JESSE SPEIGHT, G. S. Deacon P. T.
 C. D. LEHMAN, G. J. Deacon P. T.
 J. T. C. WIATT, G. Steward and Tyler.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 56, Bros. Exum Hollimon and Saml. Calvert.
Lafayette Lodge, No. 86, Bro. Charles A. Hill.

The Grand Officers elect for the ensuing year were installed by the M. W. P. G. Master John L. Taylor in ample form.

On motion, Bros. John L. Taylor, Louis D. Wilson and John E. Lewis were appointed a committee, to inquire into the state of the Jewels of the Grand Lodge, and, if necessary, to procure new ones. The said committee were instructed to make inquiry relative to the proper clothing which should be worn by the Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge, and to inquire, also, into the propriety of purchasing a Chandelier for the use of the Grand Lodge, and report at the next Grand Annual Communication.

The M. W. G. Master was pleased to make the following appointments for the ensuing year:

M. W. FRANCIS L. HAWKS, D. G. Master.

R. W. JOSEPH CALDWELL,

WM. M. GREEN,

WM. J. NEWBORN,

ROBERT T. DANIEL,

JOHN E. LEWIS,

WM. H. HAYWOOD, jr.

JOSEPH R. LLOYD,

EDMUND B. FREEMAN,

JESSE SPEIGHT,

WM. DAVIDSON,

GID'N C. MARCHANT,

E. ARNOLD,

SAMUEL F. PATTERSON, G. S. Deacon.

WM. H. HUNTER, G. J. Deacon.

EDWARD WARD, G. Marshal.

RICHARD D. SPAIGHT, G. Sword Bearer.

JAMES G. MHOON, G. Pursuivant.

JOHN T. C. WIATT, G. Steward and Tyler.

The work being finished, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form until the next Grand Annual Communication.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Secretary.

Friday Afternoon, January 26, A. L. 5827.

Pursuant to an order of the M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Lodge convened, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother LEONARD MARTIN, a Member of the General Assembly from Hertford county.

PRESENT,

M. W. HUTCHINS G. BURTON, G. Master.
 JOHN L. TAYLOR, P. G. Master.
 R. W. GEORGE E. SPRUILL, S. G. Warden.
 LOUIS D. WILSON, J. G. Warden.
 WM. ROBARDS, G. Treasurer P. T.
 ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Secretary.
 JOHN C. STEDMAN, D. G. Secretary.
 JESSE SPEIGHT, G. Marshal P. T.
 JAMES G. MHOON, G. Sword Bearer P. T.
 SAMUEL F. PATTERSON, G. S. Deacon.
 JOHN E. LEWIS, G. J. Deacon.
 JOHN T. C. WIATT, G. Steward & Tyler.

The Representatives from the subordinate Lodges and many visiting Brethren were also present.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and a procession formed, which proceeded to the Methodist Church, where divine service was performed over the body of the deceased Brother by the Rev. Mr. Charlton. After which, the procession resumed its march for the burying ground, and after interring the remains with the usual solemnities, returned to the Hall.

On motion of Bro. Joseph H. Bryan, it was

Resolved, That the Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge, as a testimony of the respect they entertain for the memory of their deceased friend and Brother, LEONARD MARTIN, wear the usual badges of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved further, That the Grand Secretary request the editors of this place to publish the above resolution in their respective papers.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form until the next Grand Annual Communication, unless specially convened.

ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of N. Carolina, 1827.

St. John's,.....No. 1,	Wilmington.
Royal White Heart,.....2,	Halifax.
St. John,.....3,	Newbern.
Phoenix,.....8,	Fayetteville.
Johnston Caswell,.....10,	Warrenton.
Washington,.....15,	Beaufort county.
American George,.....17,	Murfreesborough.
Hiram,.....24,	Williamsborough.
Phalaux,.....31,	Charlotte.
Freeland,.....33,	Rowan.
Davie,.....39,	Bertie.
Hiram,.....40,	Raleigh.
Liberty,.....45,	Wilkesborough.
Hall,.....53,	Currituck.
Unanimity,.....54,	Edenton.
King Solomon,.....56,	Northampton.
Concord,.....58,	Tarborough.
Perseverance,.....59,	Plymouth.
Union,.....62,	Waynesborough.
Camden,.....63,	Jonesborough.
Kilwinning,.....64,	Wadesborough.
William R. Davie,.....65,	Lexington.
Williams,.....66,	Currituck.
Scotland Neck,.....68,	Halifax.
Taylor,.....69,	Beaufort.
John L. Taylor,.....70,	Currituck.
Eagle,.....71,	Hillsborough.
Western Sun,.....72,	Wake.
Blakely,.....73,	Franklin.
Golden Fleece,.....74,	Milton.
Widow's Son,.....75,	Camden.
Greensborough,.....76,	Guilford.
Albemarle,.....77,	Hertford.
Sharon,.....78,	Greenville.
Charity,.....78,	Windsor.
University,.....80,	Chapel Hill.
Zion,.....81,	Trenton.
Mount Moriah,.....82,	Statesville.
Lafayette,.....83,	Onslow C. H.
Fellowship,.....84,	Smithfield.
Morning Star,.....85,	Nashville.
Lafayette,.....86,	Louisburg.
Line,.....87,	Duplin Old C. H.
Enfield,.....88,	Enfield.
Eastern,.....89,	Elizabeth City.
Skewarkee,.....90,	Williamston.
Western Star,.....91,	Rutherfordton.
Joseph Warren,.....92,	Stantonsburg.
Mount Moriah,.....93,	Edgecombe.
Franklin, (by dispensation,)	Hyde.
Jerusalem, do.	Snow Hill.
St. John's, do.	Kinston.

List of Expulsions and Suspensions for 1826.

EXPELLED,

By Hall Lodge, No. 53, Jacob Dozier.

By Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75, Abner Forbes.

SUSPENDED,

By St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Laurel G. Pignatelli.

By Eastern Lodge, No. 89, William Lyon.

A FORM,

Whereby the subordinate Lodges are required to make their annual Returns to the Grand Lodge.

RETURN of the Officers and Members of _____ Lodge, No. —, held at _____, (Charter or Dispensation, as the case may be) from the M. W. Grand Lodge of N. Carolina; together with a statement of the Admissions, Initiations, Passings, Raisings, Withdrawals, Deaths, Suspensions, Expulsions, and Rejections, which have taken place in said Lodge, from _____, A. L. —, to _____, A. L. —.

Members' Names.	Rank.	Officers.						
		Master. S. Warden. J. Warden. Treasurer. Secretary. S. Deacon. J. Deacon. Steward. Tyler.						
Admitted.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Withdrawn	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled	Reject'd

Master.

ATTEST.



North Carolina