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IN ITS

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  Is dedicate with loving heart to thee.

Of all the mighty Brotherhood whose toils
  (Through threescore years perpetuated here)
Built with fond assiduity our halls,
  Thy services, the Craftsmen most revere.

Long through the desert lead thou safe the way
  We pilgrims following with faithful feet—
A light by night, unerring guide by day;
  Till on the shores of Canaan we shall meet.

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# PREFACE.

THE History of a Grand Lodge should be a general history of Masonry. This is the idea with which I set about the preparation of this volume, gathered the materials, worked them up. To exhibit the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the venerable mother of the Craft in the Mississippi Valley, in its various relations to Lodges, Grand and Subordinate, in other jurisdictions, has been the design, just now after many years, erased from my trestle-board, upon which I have steadily labored. With this view, I have faithfully drawn its merits and demerits, and arrayed its venerable names, that in the judgment of posterity we may have our due share of honor for maintaining and carrying forward the Institution for nearly threescore years.

The labor expended upon this volume, will best be estimated when it is known that I have had no predecessor in an American Masonic History. This is the first History of Masonry ever published in this country whose statements are facts alone, and for every fact recorded here, an amount of research has been expended amounting to real extravagance in point of time and labor. Like the task of the pioneers in the primeval forests of the "Dark and Bloody Ground," mine has been to enter alone into a rich soil heretofore unworked, and draw, with great labor, the first fruits from the virgin fields. Every detail in comparing conflicting statements, reconciling discrepancies, etc., out of which this history has been composed, partakes, therefore, of the nature of a discovery. So much it was due the author to say.

If the work appears to be overloaded with references, it must be attributed to an anxiety to leave a clear path in which future historians may walk with certainty.

The original prospectus of this History, published in 1856, contemplated, among other divisions, "the organization of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Encampment of Kentucky, with their histories, their lists of officers, statistics of progress, etc., up to 1858, together with their Constitutions, impressions of their seals, and copies of the Charters granted to their subordinates." This I am compelled to omit; the necessary information for that division not having been furnished me by those to whom I repeatedly applied for it. To the same cause—the general indifference with which Secretaries of Lodges regard all appeals for information from their archives—the reader must refer the omission of various other things contemplated in the original prospectus. I have used all the material I could procure by whatever facilities were at

my command, and having already delayed the publication eighteen months beyond the period originally contemplated, I feel unwilling to protract it further in the desperate hope of awakening interest in the hearts of sluggish officials. I acknowledge special obligations to the following gentlemen:

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There is another explanation which will be demanded by those who read the first prospectus, viz.: *the want of portraits.* I can only say that of all the considerable number of persons to whom I addressed letters asking for daguerreotypes, etc., only *two* responded. It appeared to me better to omit that department entirely, than to limit my illustrations to so small a number.

But while entering this gentle protest against such want of zeal in so good a cause, I feel that we have much cause of gratulation that so much information, otherwise fast perishing and soon lost, is herein collected. Those who follow in the path now cleared out, will have a task as easy as delightful. Nothing is more pleasing to the mind of the zealous Mason than the contemplation of the works of his forerunners in the Craft; and the archives of lodges are full of such knowledge yet inedited and unpublished. The memories of the remaining veterans are full-charged with such treasures. The current journals of the past are rich with this information, and I can but hope the reception of the present volume will be so cordial and flattering as to encourage the preparation of similar works in every Masonic jurisdiction.

*Louisville, Ky,* Dec. 27, 1858. ROB. MORRIS.

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# HISTORY OF MASONRY IN KENTUCKY.

## CHAPTER FIRST.

### FREEMASONRY IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

*Section First.—Introduction.*

THE introduction of Freemasonry into this country, through regularly warranted lodges, established upon the present basis of the masonic system, dates from July 30, 1733. On that day, a masonic organization, styled the *Provincial Grand Lodge*, of New England, was opened at Boston, in the then colony of Massachusetts Bay, and a subordinate lodge established the same day; both being authorized by the following grant:

"MONTACUTE (SEAL), G. M.

"*To all and every our Right Worshipful and loving Brethren, now residing, or who may hereafter reside, in New England:*

"The Right Honorable and Right Worshipful Anthony, Lord Viscount Montacute, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England:

"*Sendeth greeting:*

"*Whereas*, application has been made unto us by our Worshipful and well-beloved Brother, Mr. Henry Price,* in behalf of himself and several other Brethren, now residing in New England aforesaid, Free and Accepted Masons, that we would be pleased to nominate and appoint a Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in New England aforesaid.

"*Now know ye*, That we have nominated, ordained, constituted and appointed, and do, by these presents, nominate, ordain, constitute and appoint our said Worshipful and well-beloved Brother, Mr. Henry Price, *Provincial Grand Master of New England aforesaid, and dominions and territories thereunto belonging*, with full power and authority to nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens: And we do also hereby empower the said Mr. Henry Price, for us, and in our place and stead, to constitute the Brethren (Free and Accepted Masons) now residing, or who shall hereafter reside, in those parts, into one or more regular lodge or lodges, as he shall think fit, and as occasion shall require; he, the said Mr. Henry Price, taking special care that all and every member of any lodge or lodges, so to be constituted, have been or shall be made regular masons: And that they do cause all and every the regulations contained in the printed Book of Constitutions, (except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge at their quarterly meetings,)

* Mr. Price was born in London, about the year 1697, and came to America about 1723. He was a merchant in Boston for many years. He died at Townsend, Mass., May 20, 1780, where his tombstone may yet be seen. A portrait of him, in good preservation, has recently been discovered, and secured by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and may be seen suspended in its hall.

to be kept and observed, and also such other rules and instructions as shall, from time to time, be transmitted to him by us, (or by Thomas Batson, Esq., our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his deputy for the time being:) And that he, the said Mr. Henry Price, or his deputy, do send to us, our Deputy Grand Master, and to the Grand Master of England, or his deputy for the time being, annually, an account, in writing, of the number of lodges so constituted, with the names of the several members of each particular lodge, together with such other matters as he or they shall think fit to be communicated for the prosperity of the Craft: And, lastly, we will and require that our said Provincial Grand Master of New England do annually cause the Brethren to keep the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, and dine together on that day, or (in case an accident should happen to prevent their dining together on that day) on any other day near that time, as he shall judge most fit, as is done here; and that, at all Quarterly Communications, he do recommend a General Charity to be established, for the relief of poor Brethren in those parts.

"Given under our hands and seal of office, at London, the thirtieth day of April, 1733, and of Masonry, 5733.

"By the Grand Master's command.

"THOS. BATSON, D. G. M.
G. ROCHE, S. G. W.
J. SMYTHE, J. G. W."

It will be observed that, by this warrant, Mr. Price was empowered to appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, according to the usage in the establishment of provincial grand lodges, generally, to the present day. On the 30th July, of the same year, therefore, he assembled the Brethren at the "Bunch of Grapes" tavern in Boston, caused his commission to be read, and then proceeded to appoint and install *Andrew Belcher*, as Provincial Deputy Grand Master; *Thomas Kennelly*, as Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and *John Quann*, as Provincial Junior Grand Warden, thus constituting the first lodge, possessing general powers, on the continent. That this was not a supreme or independent Grand Lodge may be seen at a glance. The Provincial Grand Master being the appointee and creature of the Grand Master of England, all his powers were revokable by his superior at pleasure, and in the event of his death, the Provincial Grand Lodge necessarily dissolved in confusion. Such a result followed upon the death of General Joseph Warren, who was a Provincial Grand Master in the same jurisdiction, although holding his powers under a different authority; his decease, in 1776, was followed by the dissolution of the body over which he had for six years presided.*

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* *Const. G. L., MS.*, 1857. (*Cat.* 435). The author, the erudite Brother C. W. Moore, says: "The precise date of the first introduction of Freemasonry into America is not known. The earliest authentic record we have of its existence among us bears date 1733, though it was probably known and cultivated in several of the colonies at a much earlier period."

There is a sufficient reason given for the non-existence of masonic records prior to 1733, that lodges were not required to keep notes of their proceedings till a few years before that period.

But we are convinced that private lodges were established in America before 1733, although their records are lost. The proof, though scanty, is reliable. In the *Freemason's Pocket Companion*, Edinburgh, 1775, (see that year in subsequent pages,) the following entry is found: "Lodge, No. 172. *The Royal Exchange*, in the Borough of Norfolk in Virginia, 1st Thursday, December 22, 1733." This implies that Lodge No. 172 had been in existence for some time previous to December 22, 1733, and was officially known to the compiler of the *Companion* as a working lodge of that period.* The masons of New Jersey and of Rhode Island refer to traditions yet extant among them, of the existence of masonic lodges in those provinces respectively, for a considerable period, prior to 1733. But this is a subject for the investigation of future explorers in the field of history.

Thus scanty and unsatisfactory is the history of the introduction of Masonry into this country. The slavish subserviency of the American people to the mother country in all things, in those days, and long afterward, justified the low estimate of American matters held at that time by English historians, and explains why we can learn so little, specifically, of the doings of our masonic forefathers. When the English papers of the day could give but a dozen lines to the defeat of Braddock, or the capture of Quebec, it is not strange that such events as the founding of a masonic lodge, or the spread of the Craft in a distant province, claimed no space at all. Nor indeed was Masonry in those days so much a subject for the press as now. We have diligently searched the columns of a London semi-weekly newspaper (*the Public Advertiser*)† through each issue, from 1717 to 1780, for masonic notices, and in all that period, so important in the annals of the Craft, when the first noblemen of the kingdom, and even princes of the blood, were patrons and Grand Masters, there are less than twenty allusions to Freemasonry in the entire file.

But as we advance from year to year, the evidences of masonic progress thicken and brighten. The press found abundant pabulum in describing its splendid shows, its antiquated ceremonies, its lordly rulers, and its wondrous progress. Writers discovered congenial themes in its principles, and their books found readers. A demand was not long in springing up for masonic literature; for we see, as early as 1734, Benjamin Franklin, then a youthful mason, and a beginner in the typographical trade, issuing the first American edition of the *Book of Constitutions;* and but twenty years later, a Dermott arose. Nor must it be forgotten, while enlarging upon this

* *Masonic Text Book*, 1847, pp. 71-2. (*Cat.* 88.)
† In the Congressional Library at Washington, D. C.

great want in masonic history, *authentic records*, that the archives of public libraries, and even of the older Grand Lodges in America, have not yet been examined by the experienced eye of the historian. Their treasures are yet to be unfolded. And in that immense collection of records, the chancery of the Grand Lodge of England, what stores of knowledge, elucidating every branch of Masonic history, must exist, to be exposed to the light of day whenever that venerable body shall find its historian!

The year after Mr. Price's appointment, (1734,) having received additional authority, as Provincial Grand Master, *over all North America*, he granted a charter for the establishment of a lodge in Philadelphia, of which Benjamin Franklin was made First Master. This warrant bears date June 24.* That Franklin was an intimate personal friend of Price, appears from the following copy of a letter addressed to that gentleman, and dated "Philadelphia, November 18, 1734," in which he solicits an enlargement of his powers, equivalent, or nearly so, to those of Price himself:

"*Right Worshipful Grand Master and Most Worthy and dear Brethren:*

"We acknowledge your favor of the 23d of October past, and rejoice that the Grand Master, whom God bless, hath so happily recovered from his late indisposition; and we now, glass in hand, drink to the establishment of his health and the prosperity of your whole lodge.

"We have seen in the Boston prints an article of news from London, importing that, at a Grand Lodge held there in August last, Mr. Price's deputation and power was extended over America, which advice we hope is true, and we heartily congratulate him thereupon.

"And though this has not as yet been regularly signified to us by you, yet giving credit thereto, we think it our duty to lay before your lodge what we apprehend needful to be done for us, in order to promote and strengthen the interest of Masonry in this province, (which seems to want the sanction of some authority derived from home, to give the proceedings and determination of their lodge their due weight,) *to wit*, a deputation or charter granted by the Right Worshipful Mr. Price, by virtue of his commission from Britain, confirming the Brethren of Pennsylvania in the privileges they at present enjoy of holding annually their Grand Lodge, choosing their Grand Master, Wardens, and other officers, who manage all the affairs relating to the Brethren here, with full power and authority, according to all the costumes and usages of masons, the said Grand Master of Pennsylvania only yielding his chair when the Grand Master of all America shall be in place. This, if it seem good and reasonable for you to grant, will not only be extremely agreeable to us, but will also, we are confident, conduce much to the welfare, establishment and reputation of Masonry in these parts.

"We therefore submit it to your consideration; and, as we hope our request will be complied with, we desire that it may be done as soon as possible, and also accompanied with a copy of the Right Worshipful Grand Master's first deputation, and of the instrument by which it appears to be enlarged, as above mentioned, witnessed by your Wardens,

* *Masonic Text Book*, 1847, p. 72.

and signed by your Secretary, for which favors this lodge doubts not of being able to behave as not to be thought ungrateful.

"We are, Right Worshipful Grand Master, and Most Worthy Brethren, your affectionate Brethren, and obliged humble servants.

"Signed, at the request of the lodge, B. FRANKLIN, G. M."*

On the same day, Mr. Price issued a warrant to *The Holy Lodge of St. John*, at Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, and, December 27, 1735, a warrant to *The First Lodge*, in Charleston, South Carolina.† The same year, 1735, the Grand Lodge of England, by Montague, Grand Master, granted a warrant for the establishment of *Solomon's Lodge*, at Charleston, South Carolina.‡

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*Section Second—From* 1730 *to* 1739.—*Chronological Details.*

1730. The Grand Lodge of England began to print abstracts of its proceedings annually. Heretofore, since 1717, they had been preserved only in MSS.‖ These abstracts are very brief, filling, even at the present day, only 4 pages folio paper annually, and containing but little of general value in Masonry.

1731. "The Ancient Constitutions of the Free and Accepted Masons, neatly engraved on copper plates, etc. etc. The second edition, *London*. Printed for B. Creake, etc." 16mo. 51 pages. Engraved matter. 34 pages speech, etc. 64 pages song. MDCCXXXI.§

1732. George Washington was born, Feb. 22d.

1733. The first Provincial Grand Lodge in America was established at Boston, Mass., July 30. The same day "First Lodge," afterward and yet styled "St. John's Lodge," was organized at Boston, under its authority.

1734. The first lodge was established at Philadelphia, Pa.

"A Dissertation upon Masonry, delivered to a lodge in America, June 24, 1734, Christ's Regm."

In the archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, author's name unknown. It is probably the oldest Masonic address extant.¶

The first Masonic publication ever issued in America was published by Benjamin Franklin, being a reprint of Anderson's Constitutions.**

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* *American Freemason*, vol. 2, p. 21. What claim Franklin imagined he had to the title of G. M. (Grand Master) is hard to see.

† *Cons. G. L., MS.*, 1857, pp. 95–8.

‡ *Masonic Text Book*, 1847, p. 7 *Mackey's Ahiman Rezon*, 1852, p. 174, (*Cat.* 87,) avers in opposition to the *Const. G. L. MS.* above, that *Solomon's Lodge* precedes the *First Lodge* in point of date. Other lodges were established in S. C., as follows: No. 75, 1743; No. 116, 1755; Nos. 125 and 126, 1756. all under the direct authority of the Grand Lodge of England, which thus competed with its own provincial subordinate at Boston.

‖ *American Masonic Register*, New York, Vol. 1, No. 1. (*Cat.* 177.)

§ In the possession of Francis Richardson, Toronto, Canada West.

¶ *Fr. Monthly Mag*, Boston, Mass., vol. viii, p. 289. etc.

** In the possession of Leon Hyneman, Philadelphia, Pa.

1735. "An Address to the Free and Accepted Masons assembled at a Quarterly Communication held near Temple Bar, Dec. 11, 1735. By Martin Clare, M. A., J. G. W."*

Persecution against the Freemasons in Holland commenced.

1736. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, was founded upon an independent basis, Nov. 30.

Prior to this period the office of Grand Master had been hereditary in the family of the Lords of Roslin, and the Masonic Order in Scotland the mere dependents upon their will and pleasure.

1737. The Grand Lodge of Scotland changed the day of its Annual Communications, from St. John Baptist's day, June 24, to St. Andrew's day, Nov. 30, at which it still remains.

The assemblages of Freemasons in France were forbidden by the civil authority.

1738. A papal Bull was fulminated against the Masonic Institution, April 28.†

The famous schism among the English Masons culminated in the establishment of a second Grand Lodge in London. This was styled the *Ancient* Grand Lodge; the older body by contrast receiving the appellation of *Moderns*. In process of time, the *Ancients* became very powerful, established Provincial Grand Lodges and numerous private lodges in various counties. In America, the power and influence of the *Ancients*, we conclude, exceeded that of the *Moderns*, although the latter have been more fortunate in their historians. Kentucky, receiving her Masonry from Virginia, recognized the *Ancients* in preference to the *Moderns*, and until the Union of the two bodies, at London, in 1813, showed but little countenance to the latter.

"The Book of Constitutions of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing their History, Charges, Regulations, etc.; collected and digested by order of the Grand Lodge, from their old records, for the use of the lodges. By James Anderson, D.D., *London*. Printed for Bros. Cæsar Ward, and Richard Chandlers, 1738. In the vulgar year of Masonry, 5738." 4to., pp. 230.‡

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* *Fr. Mag., or Gen. and Complete Lib.*, Oct. 1793, p. 359, etc. I give the titles in full of such English and other foreign productions, as, by their extensive circulation in America, have influenced the Masonic mind in this country. The want of an American *Bibliographia Masonica* is much felt among us; such a work is in active process of preparation.

† For a faithful translation of this ridiculous paper, see *American Freemason*, vol. iv, p. 125. For absurd charges and illogical conclusions it is scarcely excelled even by the offensive air of supremacy that pervades every sentence.

‡ This is the second authorized edition, and is remarkably dissimilar to the first. It is in the possession of K. T. Carson, Cincinnati, Ohio. This gentleman has also the editions of 1756, 1783, and 1795. The copy above entitled, has recently been republished by Leon Hyneman, Philadelphia, Pa. The first edition of Anderson (of which copies are in the possession of K. T. Carson, the Grand Lodge of Florida, E. R. Ives, Alligator, Fla., and others, and which is republished in The *Universal Masonic Library*, compiled by Rob. Morris) has the following title: "*The Constitutions of the Freemasons*, containing the History, Charges, Regulations, etc., of that Most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity. For the use of the lodges. *London*: printed by William Hunter, for John Senex at the Globe, and John Hooke, at the Flower-de-Luce, over against St. Dunstan's Church, in Fleet Street. In the year of Masonry 5723, A. D. 1723." 4to., vi, 92. The various authorized English editions are thus described to me by Mr. Carson; 1. 1723, by Anderson; 2. 1738, by Anderson: 3.

1739. Penalties of fines, the rack, the gallies, etc., threatened and inflicted, in the papal dominions, upon those who attended or should attend masonic assemblies.

1730 *to* 1739.—*The Grand Masters of England.*

(Moderns), 1730, Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk; 1731, Lord Lovel; 1732, Anthony Brown, Viscount Montacute; 1733, James Lyon, Earl of Strathmore; 1734, John Lindsay, Earl of Crawford; 1735, Thomas Thynne, Viscount Weymouth; 1736, John Campbell, Earl of Loudown; 1738, H. Brydges, Marquis of Carnarvon; 1739, Robert, Lord Raymond.

1730 *to* 1739.—*The Grand Masters of Ireland.*

1730 and 1731, James King, Lord Kingston; 1732, Right Hon. Nicholas Netterville; 1733 and 1734, Henry Barnwall, Lord Viscount Kingsland; 1735, James King, Lord Viscount Kingston; 1736 and 1737, Marcus Beresford, Lord Viscount Tyrone; 1738 and 1739, William Stewart, Lord Viscount Mountjoy.

1736 *to* 1739.—*The Grand Masters of Scotland.*

1736, William St. Clair, of Roslin; 1737, George, Earl of Cromarty; 1738, John, Earl of Kintore; 1739, James, Earl of Morton.

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*Section Third.—From* 1740 *to* 1749.—*Chronological Details.*

1741.—"Les Fri-Maçons Hyperdrome, 1741." 16mo., pp. 103.*

1743.—Freemasonry was introduced from Scotland into Denmark.

1745.—Freemasonry prohibited, under severe penalties, by the Council of Berne, Switzerland.

1746.—"The Sufferings of John Coustos for Freemasonry, and for his refusing to turn Roman Catholic, in the Inquisition at Lisbon, where he was sentenced during four years, etc. *London.* For the author, 1746." 8vo., pp. 50–400.†

1747.—The Grand Lodge of England prohibited the public

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1756, by Entick: 4. by ——; 5. 1783. by Noorthouck; 6. 1795, by Williams; 7. 1827, by ——; 8. 1841, by White; etc. I have many modern American Editions of the Constitutions; among them are *Alton, Ill.*, 1854. 12mo., pp. 118, (*Cat.* No. 159;) *Burlington, Io.*, 1851, 12mo., pp. 185, 20, (*Cat.* No. 121.) I published a fac-simile edition of Anderson in antique type, etc., *New York*, 1855, the pages, typography, etc., exactly as in the original (*Cat.* No. 280). It is a happy evidence of return to first principles that many Grand Lodges are reaffirming the regulations and doctrines of the Old Constitutions, casting out the modernisms that have gained favor in the last century and setting themselves upon the original platform of the Institution.

* In the possession of E. T. Carson.

† Republished in the U. M. Lib., vol. xviii. An original copy is in possession of E. T. Carson.

processions of the Fraternity upon festival occasions, which had heretofore been unrestricted.

1748. "L'Ecole Des Franç-Maçons. A. Jerusalem, 1748." 12mo., pp. 10–155.*

1749. Freemasonry was introduced into Bohemia, now a portion of Austria.

1740 *to* 1749.—*The Grand Masters of Ireland.*

1740, Lord Viscount Doneraile; 1741 and 1742, Lord Tullamore; 1743, Lord Southwell; 1744 and 1745, Lord Viscount Allen; 1746, Lord Kingston; 1747 and 1749, Sir Marmaduke Wyville.

1740 *to* 1749.—*The Grand Masters of England.*

(Moderns), 1740, John Keith, Earl of Kingston; 1741, James Douglas, Earl of Morton: 1742, John Ward, Viscount Dudley and Ward: 1745, James Cranston, Lord Cranston; 1746, William, Lord Byron.

1740 *to* 1749.—*The Grand Masters of Scotland.*

1740, Thomas, Earl of Strathmore; 1741, Alexander, Earl of Leven; 1742, William, Earl of Kilmarnoch; 1743, James, Earl of Wemyss; 1744, James, Earl of Moray; 1745, Henry David, Earl of Buchan; 1746, William Nisbet, Esq., of Dirleton; 1747, Francis Charters, Esq., of Amisfield; 1748, Hugh Seton, Esq., of Touch; 1749, Thomas, Lord Erskine.

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*Section Fourth.—From* 1750 *to* 1759.—*Chronological Details.*

1752. George Washington was initiated, November 4, in Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia.†

St. Andrew's Lodge was established, at Boston, Mass., by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

1754. Freemasonry was introduced from Scotland into Sweden.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Carolina was formed, under authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, December 24. Peter Leigh, first Provincial Grand Master.‡ The Grand Lodge celebrated its centennial in 1854.

1756. "Ahiman Rezon; or, a Help to a Brother; showing the excellency of secrecy, and the first cause or motive of the Institution of Free-

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* In the possession of E. T. Carson.

† *Address, B. B. French, June* 24, 1851.—(*Cat.* 265.) Passed Fellow Craft, March 3, 1753; raised Master Mason, August 4, 1753—all in the same lodge. The lodge, at that time, worked under a Scotch Charter, which accounts for the fact of Washington's initiation while under the age of twenty-one years.

‡ *Mackey's Ah. Rez., p.* 177.

masonry, the principles of the Craft, and the benefits arising from a strict observance thereof; what sort of men ought to be Initiated into the Mysteries, and what sort of Masons are fit to govern lodges, with their behavior in and out of the lodges; likewise the prayers used in the Jewish and Christian lodges; the ancient manner of constituting new lodges, with all the Charges, etc.; also the Old and New Regulations, the manner of choosing and installing the Grand Master, officers, and other particulars, too numerous here to mention. To which is added the greatest collection of Masonic Songs ever presented to public view, with many entertaining prologues and epilogues, together with *Solomon's Temple, an Oratorio*, as it was performed for the benefit of Freemasons. By Lawrence Dermott, Secretary. *London.* Printed for the editor, etc., 1756." 8vo., pp. 17–209.*

1757.—"The Light and Truth of Masonry Explained; being the substance of a charge delivered at Plymouth (England), in April, 1757. By Thomas Dunckerley, Esq., P. G. M." †

"Act of the Associate Synod, concerning the Mason's Oath. *Edinburgh*, (Scotland), 25th Aug., 1757." ‡ This was first published in The Scots' Magazine, August, 1757.

### 1750 *to* 1759.—*The Grand Masters of Scotland.*

1750, Alexander, Earl of Eglintoun; 1751, James, Lord Boyd; 1752, George Drummond, Esq.; 1753, Charles Hamilton Gordon, Esq.; 1754, James, Master of Forbes; 1755 and 1756, Sholto Charles, Lord Aberdour; 1757 and 1758, Alexander, Earl of Galloway; 1759, David, Earl of Leven.

### 1750 *to* 1759.—*The Grand Masters of Ireland.*

1750 to 1752, Lord Kingsborough; 1753 to 1756, Hon. Thos. Southwell; 1757, Lord Newton; 1758, Lord Moore; 1759, Earl of Drogheda.

### 1750 *to* 1759.—*The Grand Masters of England.*

(Moderns.) 1750, Lord Byron; 1752, John Proby, Lord Carysfort; 1754, James, Marquis of Carnarvon; 1757, Sholto, Lord Aberdour.

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### *Section Fifth.—From* 1760 *to* 1769.—*Chronological Details.*

1760.—Sir John Johnson was appointed, by the Grand Lodge of England, Provincial Grand Master of New York.

1764.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was constituted, by authority, from the Grand Lodge of England, June 20. The warrant was granted to Wm. Bell and others.§

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* In the possession of E. T. Carson. This is the first edition of a work which has exercised more influence in shaping the Masonry of this country than any other, between Anderson and Preston. The jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky is much indebted to Dermott's Masonic Views. Mr. Carson has Dermott's edition, 1764, and James Jones' edition, London, 1778. The Grand Lodge of Virginia has the edition, 1756, above entitled

† *The Fr. Mag.*, Oct., 1 93, pp. 364, etc.

‡ *Am. Mag. Reg. and Ladies' and Gents' Mag.*, vol. viii, No. 1, pp. 294, etc.

§ *Fr. Comp. or Pocket Prec.*, 1805, p. 141.

1765.—"Apologie pour L'Ordre des Franç Maçons, etc., 1765." 12mo., pp. 14–126.*

1766.—"The Principles of Freemasonry explained, in a Discourse upon the Very Ancient Lodge of Kilwinning, in the church at that place, in the year 1766, by a Brother. Transmitted by Mr. James Somerville, of Edinburgh."†

1768.—The Grand Lodge of England adopted the regulation relative to registrations, which is continued to the present day.

1769.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (Ancients) was established by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, June 24, Dalhousie, Grand Master. Joseph Warren was first Provincial Grand Master.

"A Charge delivered to the members of the Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held at the Castle Inn, Marlborough (England), at a meeting for the distribution of charity to twenty-four poor people, at which most of the ladies in Marlborough were present, September 11, A. L. 5769, by Thomas Dunckerley, Esq., R. W. Provincial G. M., over the lodges in Dorset, Essex, Gloster, Hereford, Somerset and Southampton, with the city and county of Bristol and the Isle of Wight. 'Blessed is he that considereth the poor.'—*Ps. xlix*, 1."‡

1760 *to* 1769.—*The Grand Masters of Scotland.*

1760, David, Earl of Leven; 1761 and 1762, Charles, Earl of Elgin; 1763 and 1764, John, Earl of Kellie; 1765 and 1766, Right Hon. J. Stewart; 1767, George, Earl of Dalhousie; 1769, General Oughton.

1760 *to* 1769.—*The Grand Masters of Ireland.*

1760, Earl of Drogheda; 1761 to 1763, Sir Edward King; 1764 and 1765, the Earl of Westmeath; 1766 to 1769, Lord Kingston.

1760 *to* 1769.—*The Grand Masters of England.*

(Moderns.) 1760, Sholto, Lord Aberdour; 1762, Washington Shirley, Earl Ferrers; 1764, Cadwallader, Lord Blaney; 1767, Henry, Duke of Beaufort.

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*Section Sixth.—From* 1770 *to* 1779.—*Chronological Details.*

1771.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of North Carolina was instituted under authority of the Grand Lodge of England, January 14.§

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* Translated by Henry W. Thorpe, and republished in the U. M. Lib., vol. 13.

† *The Fr. Mag.*, etc., January, 1794, pp. 5, etc.

‡ *Fr. Mag.*, etc., Sept., 1793, pp. 271, etc; also, *Webb's Monitor*, 1797, p. 207, (*Cat.* 188.)

§ In a manuscript letter of Robert Williams, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of N. C., dated January 9, 1808, and directed to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the archives of the latter Grand Lodge, Mr. Williams says: "The Grand Lodge of North Carolina was constituted by charter, issued from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in

1772.—"A Candid Disquisition of the Principles and Practices of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons; together with some strictures on the Origin, Nature and Design of that Institution. Dedicated, by permission, to the Most Noble and Most Worshipful Henry, Duke of Beaufort, etc., Grand Master. By Wellins Calcott, P. M.

"Ab ipso
Ducit opes animumque ferro."—*Hor. Od.*

*London.* Printed, reprinted and sold by Bro. William M'Alpine, in Marlborough Street, *Boston*, Mass., A. L. 5772, A. D. 1772. 8vo., pp. 13–256.*

"ILLUSTRATIONS OF MASONRY:

"The man, whose mind on virtue bent,
Pursues some greatly good intent
With undiverted aim;
Serene beholds the angry croud,
Nor can their clamors fierce and loud
His stubborn honor tame."—BLACKLOCK.

*London.* Printed for the author, and sold by Brother J. Williams, opposite St. Dunstan's Church, Fleet Street, MDCCLXXII." 12mo., pp. 24–264.†

1773.—The patent of Joseph Warren, Provincial Grand Master (Ancients) of New England, was enlarged so as to embrace *the continent of America.*

1774.—"Letters Critiques sur la Franç-Maçonnerie, etc. *London and Paris*, 1774."‡

1775.—The corner-stone of Freemason's Hall, at London, (England,) was laid.

Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, in which Joseph Warren, Provincial Grand Master (Ancients) of America, was killed. His death virtually dissolved the body (Prov. G. L.,) which he had so ably governed.

The pseudo-masonic society styled *The Illuminati*, was founded by Dr. Adam Weishaupt, Professor of Canon Law, in

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the year 1761, signed by Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, Marquis and Earl of Worcester, Earl of Glamorgan, Viscount Grosmont, Baron Herbert, Lord of Ragland, Chepstow and Gower, and Baron Beaufort of Caldecot Castle, as Grand Master; and attested by George John Spencer, Earl of Spencer, of Althorpe, in Northamptonshire, as Grand Secretary. They were among the officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, although Beaufort was an English Duke, and Lord Spencer an English Earl." As the famous altercation between the two Grand Lodges of North Carolina and Kentucky, in relation to jurisdiction over the territory of Tennessee, in 1807, etc., was finally settled, chiefly by reference to the statements made by Mr. Williams, relative to the above-named charter, it is a curious fact, that *the persons above named were not officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland*, but that the Duke of Beaufort, from 1767 to 1771, was Grand Master of *England!* It is admirable to see what a small amount of Masonic history satisfied our fathers fifty years ago.

Both the *Masonic Text Book* (1847, p. 73) and *The Freemason's Companion* (p. 141) are in error in stating that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was instituted by that of Scotland. If Beaufort signed the charter, he must have done so as Grand Master of England. We hope this piece of history will yet be cleared up.

* (*Cat.* 43.) Republished in the U. M. Library, vol. 6. The first edition (London, 1769) is in possession of E. T. Carson.

† (*Cat.* 717.) This is the first edition of Preston's Illustrations. Republished in the U. M. Lib., vol. 3. It was the basis of Webb's *Freemason's Monitor*, which is the model of all the American hand-books, manuals, etc., etc.

‡ In the possession of E. T. Carson.

the University of Ingolstadt. At this period Weishaupt was not a mason.

"The Freemason's Pocket Companion, containing a History of Freemasonry from the Creation to the Present Time; the illustration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; a list of all the lodges of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England, their Customs, Charges, Constitutions, Orders and Regulations. To which is added a large collection of Songs, some of which were never before published. *Edinburgh*, (Scotland;) printed by Auld & Smellie, and sold at their Printing House, Morocco Close, Lawn Market, MDCCLXXV.*

1776. American Union Lodge was established in the American Army, at Roxbury, Ct. I am in possession of their original Minute Book, 1776 to 1779.†

"An Oration delivered at the dedication of Freemason's Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Thursday, May 23, 1776, by William Dodds. Published by general request, under the sanction of the Grand Ledge London 1776." 4to., pp. 16.‡

1777. Gen. David Wooster, Provincial Grand Master of Ct., was killed, near Ridgefield, Ct., April 27.‖

Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, accepted the title of "Protector of all Masons in Germany."

The Grand Lodge of England first authorized the publication of "the Freemasons' Calendar."

The first Independent Grand Lodge in this country, was instituted March 8, by the late Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancients, at Boston, Mass., over which Gen. Joseph Warren had presided. This body was active until in June 19, 1792, it united with the other Grand Lodge, at Boston.

1778. George Washington appeared in public procession with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, Dec. 28. An oration was delivered as follows:

"A Sermon preached in Christ Church, Philadelphia, (for the benefit of the poor,) by appointment of and before the General Communication of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday Dec. 28, 1778, celebrated agreeable to their Constitution, as the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, by William Smith, D.D., Provost of the College and Academy of Philadelphia. *Philadelphia*, reprinted by Hall & Sellers, MDCCLXXXIII. 12mo., pp. 145–166. (Appended to the Pennsylvania Ahiman Rezon, of 1783. (*Cat.* 431.)

"Funeral Oration on William St. Clair, of Roslin Castle, Scotland, delivered January 24, 1778, by Sir William Forbes, as Grand Master."§

"An Oration, delivered before a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in the church at Providence, R. I., on Monday, the 28th of December, 1778, by the Hon. Brigadier-General James M. Varnum."¶

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* In the possession of the G. L. of Va.
† *American Freemason*, vol. 5, pp. 10, etc.
‡ In the possession of E. T. Carson. Also *Fr. Mag.*, etc., 1793, vol. 7, p. 206
‖ *Henry C. Deming's Oration*, Danbury, Ct., Ap. 27, 1854. (*Cat.* 18.)
§ *The Amaranth*, etc., Dec., 1828, pp. 265, etc.
¶ *Fr. Month Mag.*, Boston, vol. 10, p. 205.

The Second Independent Grand Lodge in America was constituted, October 30, in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.* As all the lodges which united (in Oct., 1800) in forming the Grand Lodge of Kentucky worked under the authority of Virginia, a more extended notice of the origin of this Grand Lodge appears proper. My facts in relation to the first introduction of Masonry into Virginia are scanty; the single note under the year 1733, already given, comprises all that is reliable. But in the *Ahiman Rezon of Va.*, 1793, pp. 1–9, there is a detailed and most interesting account of the establishment of the present Grand Lodge.

At a Convention of delegates from Norfolk Lodge, Kilwinning Port Royal Cross Lodge, Blandford Lodge, Williamsburg Lodge, and Cabin Point Royal Arch Lodge, met at Williamsburg, Va., May 6, 1776, by invitation of Williamsburg Lodge, for the purpose of *choosing a Grand Master for the State of Virginia.* Matthew Phripp was elected President; James Kemp, Clerk. Letters were received from Fredericksburg Lodge and Bottetourt Lodge. The Convention decided, by unanimous vote, that a Grand Master ought to be chosen to preside over the Craft in Virginia, and a committee was appointed to present, to the Fraternity at large, the reasons for this step.

On the 13th May following, the convention received the committee's report, which presented four reasons for the course contemplated; viz: 1. That the lodges in Virginia were working under *five* distinct and separate authorities; viz.: the Grand Masters of England, Scotland, Ireland, Pennsylvania, and America, the last at second hand; consequently, they could not assemble in Annual Communication to manifest the distinguishing characteristics of Masonry, or settle whatever differences might arise among the respective lodges for want of a common tribunal. 2. No precedent could be found by the committee where Masonry had ever derived any benefit from the foreign appointment of a Grand Master in this country, those officers being but little known and slightly regarded. 3. There was no tribunal for the correction of abuses, and no settled authority for the establishment of new lodges. 4. The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, having established their own right of election upon the inherent privilege of masons, distinct from all foreign power whatever, the committee conceive that the masons of Virginia have the same rights and privileges which masons in other lands, in all times, heretofore had confessedly enjoyed. After the discussion of this able paper, the Convention then adjourned to meet at Williamsburg, June 23, ensuing.

* *Virginia Ahiman Rezon*, 1791, pp. 1, etc.

Upon that day, the delegates of five lodges assembled, agreeably to adjournment, and declared themselves unanimously of opinion that *a Grand Master of Virginia is essential to the prosperity and dignity of Masonry in general;* but there not being a majority of the Virginia lodges represented, they declined proceeding at that time to an election. The convention recommended, however, that each lodge petition its own Grand Master (in England, Scotland, etc., as the case might be) to appoint some one worthy mason, resident in this State, as Grand Master thereof, with power to resign such authority to a Convention of all the lodges when they should meet and elect a Grand Master. And for this purpose the Convention recommended that *General George Washington*, commander-in-chief of the revolutionary army, should be the individual to whom the charter of appointment should be made.

The Convention reässembled, October 13, 1778, four lodges being represented, and adopted a resolution, unanimously, that there was a sufficient number of lodges present to proceed to business. Decided that the power and authority of Cornelius Harnet, as Deputy Grand Master of America, had ceased to exist. John Blair, of Williamsburg was then unanimously elected Grand Master. He was installed October 30, ensuing, and thus the long-desired object of an Independent Grand Lodge was accomplished. In John Dove's *History of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Richmond*, 1854, (*Cat.* No. 121,) is a comprehensive sketch of these proceedings, most appropriately got up.

1770 *to* 1779.—*The Grand Masters of Scotland.*

1770, General Oughton; 1771 and 1772, Patrick, Earl of Dumfries; 1773, The Duke of Athol; 1774 and 1775, David Dalrymple, Esq.; 1776 and 1777, Sir William Forbes; 1778 and 1779, John, Duke of Athol.

1770 *to* 1779.—*The Grand Masters of Ireland.*

1770, The Earl of Kingston; 1771, 1775, and 1776, William Robert, Marquis of Kildare; 1777, Garrett, Earl of Mornington; 1778, William, Duke of Leinster; 1779, Randal William, Earl of Antrim.

1770 *to* 1779.—*The Grand Masters of England.*

(Moderns.) 1770 and 1771, Henry, Duke of Beaufort; 1772, Robert Edward, Lord Petrie; 1777, George, Duke of Manchester.

*Section Seventh.—From* 1780 *to* 1789.—*Chronological Details.*

1780.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, contemplating an independent establishment, nominated, by unanimous vote, *George Washington* to be General Grand Master of the United States.

1781.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of New York (Ancients) was constituted under the authority of the Grand Master of Scotland, the Duke of Athol, Sept. 5.*

"An Oration, delivered at the Rev. T. Harrington's Church, Lancaster, Mass., June 25, A. L. 5781, upon the Festival of St. John the Baptist, in the presence of the Brethren of Trinity Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in Boston, Commonwealth of Mass., by Rev. Brother A. Dunbar. *Worcester.* By Bro. Isaiah Thomas, 1781." 4to., pp. 22.†

"A Charge delivered at St. Peter's Church, in Salem, Mass., to the Brethren of the Essex Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Masons, Dec. 27, 5781, by Joseph Hiller, Salem, 1781." 8vo., pp. 14.‡

"The Freemasons' Pocket Companion; containing the origin, progress and present state of that ancient Fraternity; the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; lists of the Grand Masters and other officers of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England; their Customs, Charges, Constitutions, Orders and Regulations, for the instruction and conduct of the Brethren. To which is added a complete collection of Freemasons' Songs, Prologues, Epilogues, etc.; also lists of all the regular lodges both in Scotland and England, and many other particulars of use to the Society. *Per bonum famam et infamiam. Glasgow,* (Scotland.) Printed for Peter Tait, James Brown & John Tait, booksellers, MDCCLXXXI." §

1783.—"*An Oration,* delivered in Christ's Church, Middletown, (Conn.,) September 30, A. D. 1783, before a general convention of several lodges, etc., of the State of Connecticut. By Oliver Lewis. *Hartford,* 1783." 4to., pp. 16.‖

"*Ahiman Rezon,* abridged and digested; as a help to all that are or would be Free and Accepted Masons. To which is added a Sermon, preached in Christ Church, Philadelphia, at a General Communication, celebrated agreeably to the constitutions, on Monday, December 28, 1778, as the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. Published, by order of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by William Smith, D. D. *Philadelphia.* Printed by Hall & Sellers, MDCCLXXXIII." 12mo., pp. xvi–166.¶

The Third Independent Grand Lodge in the United States was established in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, July 31.

As this was given for a precedent, in the Circular Address of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to the other Grand Lodges of the United States (October, 1800), it demands a more extended notice here. In the *Maryland Ahiman Rezon,* by Geo. Keating, (*Baltimore,* 1797,)** a full account of this organization is given

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* *Fr. Comp.*, 1805, p. 140. *Amaranth*, vol. 1, No. 11, p. 367.
† In the possession of E. T. Carson. ‡ Ibid.
§ In the possession of James Evans. This work contains many valuable statistics, and was much used in this country for several years.
‖ In the possession of E. T. Carson.
¶ *Cat.* No. 431. ** *Cat.* No. 434.

as follows:—The deputies of five lodges, working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, assembled at Talbot Courthouse, June 17, 1783—viz.: Chester Mill Lodge, No. 17; Cambridge Lodge, No. 29; Talbot Courthouse Lodge, No. 34 and No. 37, Somerset county, Maryland. With these, were present, as visiting Brethren, John Coats, late Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who resided in Maryland; and James Bruff, late of Lodge No. 7, Chestertown.

A lodge was opened, and a resolution adopted, unanimously, "That the several lodges, on the eastern shore of Maryland, consider it as a matter of right, and that *they ought* to form a Grand Lodge, independent of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia." The deputies from No. 7 not being authorized to unite in such a measure, the organization of the Grand Lodge was postponed, and the Convention adjourned to meet at the same place, July 31, next; it being first agreed that a petition should be forwarded to the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, for a warrant for a Grand Lodge to be held on the eastern shore of Maryland. The Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, Rev. William Smith, promised to prepare a Masonic Sermon, and deliver it at their next assembling.

Being reassembled, July 31, delegates were reported from Nos. 17, 29 and 34; also from Lodges No. 6, at Georgetown, and No. 7, at Chestertown. William Smith, Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, took the chair. A Masters' Lodge was opened, and the motion to organize a Grand Lodge was adopted unanimously. John Coats was elected Grand Master; Charles Gardiner, Grand Secretary. Dr. Smith then delivered a Masonic Sermon, and the Grand Lodge closed. A letter from Grand Master Coats to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was recorded, in which he declares that he was not the proposer of the present movement, as had probably been intimated; but that the necessity of independency was a ruling sentiment among the Fraternity of Maryland. His own arguments for it were: 1. That the original warrant, under which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania acts, is *expressly for that State*, and not for Maryland. This is a home-thrust upon the former. 2. That the masons of Maryland had been informed that *another Grand Lodge was requisite*, before an election could be had of a Grand Master for the United States, which he conceived there was much need of. 3. That so great a distance intervened between the six lodges on the eastern shore of Maryland and the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, no benefits could be derived by their members from the charity funds, and but few opportunities enjoyed for uniting in the Grand Lodge deliberations. They are willing, he said, to settle up all arrearages to the utmost farthing; yet

beg leave to suggest, in consideration of the infancy of their Grand Lodge, and the late confusion of the times, that the money may be remitted them to form the commencement of a new fund.

To this, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through its Deputy Grand Secretary, Joseph Howell, jr., replied, that they felt a sense of doubt and delicacy respecting the matter. Referring to the last edition of their Ahiman Rezon, published the same year (1783), page 102, they were compelled to differ in sentiment from their Maryland Brethren, as to the legality of their organization, but acknowledged their ignorance as to what power could grant them a Grand Lodge Warrant. The Deputy Secretary quotes from a letter written by Lawrence Dermott, that "no masons of any denomination can hold any lodge without a warrant for the place where held."

Nevertheless, the Grand Lodge of Maryland assembled, Dec. 19, following, and was opened in due form. The Pennsylvania Correspondence was read; the Grand Master Coats delivered a pertinent Address; and then the Grand Lodge adjourned to June 17, 1783. In his Address, he informed them that he had visited the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, "where, on whatever side he looked, he saw, or thought he saw, each one ready to oppose him." In reply to their arguments, he had boldly inquired whether *they* (the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania) felt themselves bound to obey the Grand Lodge of London, from which they originated? If so, he, for one, as a Past Deputy Grand Master of their body, should protest against it. Who, he inquires, formed a Grand Lodge in England, Scotland and Ireland, or any other State, if not the masons of those countries, asserting their own independence? To whom should the Maryland masons look for a warrant, being Freemasons and *freemen* of a State, independent and sufficiently numerous in themselves to form a Constitution?

No meeting was held in 1784, nor indeed until April 17, 1787, when, in consequence of a summons from the Grand Master (Coats), through the Grand Secretary (Gardiner), deputies from Lodges 6, 7, 29, 34 and 37 assembled at Talbot Courthouse, opened a Masters' Lodge, and again organized *the Grand Lodge of Maryland*, reëlecting Coats Grand Master, and Gardiner Grand Secretary. An invitation was extended to the several lodges of Delaware, to unite with them in this Grand Lodge.

September 18, 1787, the Grand Lodge reässembled. Lodge No. 15, at Baltimore, petitioned for a Charter from *the Grand Lodge of Maryland*. A committee was appointed to draft rules and regulations of government. Official announcement having been made that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had renounced its dependence upon the Grand Lodge of Great Britain, and

declared its own independence, it was ordered by the Grand Lodge of Maryland that all the warrants heretofore granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to lodges in Maryland be cancelled, and new warrants, as of this date, be issued. A Grand Lodge Seal was ordered to be prepared.

At the sessions of September 16, 1788, a letter was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, communicating the fact of the reörganization of the Grand Lodge, and repeating, as before, the reasons for the separation. To this a reply was returned, December 18, 1789, by the Grand Master (J. B. Smith), that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania *was convinced by the solidity of their reasons*, approved of their conduct, recognized their authority, and perfectly acquiesced in a separation dictated both by reason and necessity. Thus the independence of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was fully established and confirmed, and an important principle settled, of which the masons of Kentucky availed themselves twelve years later.*

1783.—Robert Burns was initiated during one of the summer months, he being 23 years of age.

1785.—The Duke Maximilian of Brunswick, (Germany,) Master of the Lodge *Upright Heart*, lost his life in a noble deed of benevolence. In a dreadful innundation of the river Oder, attempting to rescue the gate keeper of the bridge and his family, he was drowned. The lodge erected a monument to his memory, which is still to be seen, and struck a medal in his praise.

1786.—The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was constituted, Sept. 25.† This was the fourth American Grand Lodge established upon an independent basis.

"The Independent Grand Lodge of Georgia was constituted Dec. 16, it being the fifth in order of time. ‡

The Independent Grand Lodge of New Jersey was constituted Dec. 18, it being the sixth in order of time.‖

"Charges and Regulations of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, extracted from Ahiman Rezon, etc., together with a concise account of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia, from the first settlement of it to this time. And a Charge given by the Rev. Bro. Weeks, at the installation of his Excellency John Parr, Esq., Grand Master. Designed for the use of the Brethren, and published by the consent and direction of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Halifax. Printed by John Howe, at his printing office in Barrington St., corner of Sackville St., MDCCLXXXVI."⁋

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* A comparison of these proceedings with those relative to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, will show that they were the model upon which the Lexington Convention (of September, 1800) acted.

† *Fr. Comp.* 1805, p. 141.

‡ *Amaranth*, vol. 1, p. 367. The early history of Masonry in Georgia is involved in some obscurity.

‖ *Fr. Comp.* 1805, p. 141.

⁋ In the possession of A. G. Mackey.

"Les Plus Secrets Mysteries Des Hauts Grades de la Maçonnerie Devoilés; ou Le Vrai Rose-Croix traduit de L'Anglois suivi Du Noachite traduit de L'Allemand. A. Jerusalem, De L'Imprimerie des Amis de le Veritè, MDCCLXXXVI." 12mo., pp. 143.*

1787.—The Independent Grand Lodge of New York was constituted.†

The Independent Grand Lodge of North Carolina was constituted Dec. 16.‡

The Independent Grand Lodge of South Carolina was constituted March, 24.‖

"La Vraie Maçonnerie d'Adoption," etc. 12mo., pp. 152.⁂

1788.—The Female Orphan School established by the Grand Lodge of England, (Moderns.)

Lexington Lodge, No. 25, at Lexington, Ky., was established by the G. L. of Va., Nov. 17, it being the first Masonic lodge organized west of the Alleghany Mountains.

1789.—The Independent Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was constituted July 8.¶

1789.—The Independent Grand Lodge of Connecticut was constituted July 8.**

Installation Address by John Mix, before Frederick Lodge, No. 14, Farmington, Ct.††

1780 *to* 1789.—*The Grand Masters of Scotland.*

1780 and 1781, Alexander, Earl of Balcarras; 1782 and 1783, David, Earl of Buchan; 1784 and 1785, Lord Haddo; 1786, Hon. F. Charteris Younger of Armisfield; 1787, Francis, Lord Elcho; 1788 and 1789, Francis, Lord Napier.

1780 *to* 1789.—*The Grand Masters of Ireland.*

1780 and 1781, Randal William, Earl of Antrim; 1782 and 1783, the Earl of Mornington; 1784, Lord Muskery; 1785 and 1786, Lord Kilwarden; 1787 and 1788, Lord Glerawly; 1789, Lord Donoughmore.

1780 *to* 1789.—*The Grand Masters of England.*

(Moderns.) 1780 to 1781, George, Duke of Manchester; 1782 to 1789, Frederick, Duke of Cumberland.

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* In the possession of John Biguenet.
† *The Amaranth*, vol. 1, p. 367.
‡ Ibid., vol. 1, p. 368.
‖ Ibid., vol. 1, p. 368.
⁂ In the possession of E. T. Carson.
¶ *Fr. Comp.*, 1805, p. 140. Also, *Fr. Mag.* 1811, p. 130.
** *Amaranth*, vol 1, p. 368.
†† *Fr. Monthly Mag.* vol. 10, p. 79.

*Section Eighth.—From* 1790 *to* 1799.—*Chronological Details.*

1791.—**The Independent Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was constituted June 25.***

"*The New Ahiman Rezon*, containing the Laws and Constitutions of Virginia; to which is added the History of Masonry, from the Creation to the Death of Queen Elizabeth. Also, Illustrations of the Royal Art, and a variety of other matter relative to that Institution, carefully collated from the most approved authors, ancient as well as modern, by John K. Read, present Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, and Member of the Sublime Lodge of Perfection, of Charleston, South Carolina. *Causa latet vis est notissima.* Ovid. Met., L. 4, ver. 207. *Richmond.* Printed by John Dixon, MDCCXCI." 12mo., pp. xx, 240.†

**Paris Lodge, No. 35, at Paris, Kentucky, established Nov. 25, by the G. L. of Va.**

1792.—"The Freemason's Pocket Companion; containing the Origin, Progress and Present State of that Ancient Fraternity; the Institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; lists of the Grand Masters and other officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; their Customs, Charges, Constitutions, Orders and Regulations, for the instruction and conduct of the Brethren. Also a complete collection of Masonic Toasts, Songs, Prologues, Epilogues, etc.; lists of all the regular lodges in Scotland and England; and many other particulars for the use of the Society. To which is now added, a collection of the most approved English, Scotch, and Irish Songs. *Per bonam famam et infamiam. Ayr* (Scotland). Printed by John & Peter Wilson, MDCCXCII." 12mo., pp. 299.‡

**The officers and members of the conflicting Grand Lodges, in Massachusetts, met in Convention, according to previous arrangement, and organized a United Grand Lodge, electing John Cutler, G. M., June 19. St. Andrew's Lodge, however, declined acceding to the arrangement, and remained independent for many years.§**

"*A Charge*, delivered to The Faithful Lodge, No. 499, at Bideford, Devon (England), by John Watkins, LL. D. and R. W. M., Dec. 27." ‖

"*The Constitutions* of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing their Charges, Addresses, etc., collected and digested from their Old Records, faithful Traditions, and Lodge Books, for the use of masons. To which are added the History of Masonry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Constitutions, Laws, and Regulations of their Grand Lodge, together with a large collection of Songs, Epilogues, etc. Printed at Worcester, Mass., by Bro. Isaiah Thomas, in the Christian era, 1792, in the year of Light 5792." 4to., pp. xvi, 288.¶

1793.—"Address, delivered before the Holland Lodge, (New York),

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* *Fr. Comp.*, 1805, p. 140. Also Proc. G. L., R. I., 1818.

† *Cat.* No. 228. There is an edition of this, *Richmond, Va.*, 1818, by James Henderson, 8vo., pp. viii, 201, with Appendix, 1821, pp. 24. (*Cat.* No. 436.) As a sequel to this, see *Masonic Text Book*, 1847. (*Cat.* No. 88.)

‡ *Cat.* 222.

§ *Fr. Comp. or Pock. Prec.*, 1805, p. 140. Also, *Am. or Mas. Gar.*, vol. 1, p. 368.

‖ *Fr. Mag. or Gen. and Comp. Lib.*, Aug. 1793, pp. 195–199, and pp. 275–282. *Fr. Comp. or Pock. Prec.*, 1805, p. xvii.

¶ In the possession of E. T. Carson, Cincinnati, Ohio. The edition of 1857, by Charles W. Moore, in *Morris' Cat.* No. 435.

Dec. 24, 1793, by De Witt Clinton, Master of said lodge, on the evening of his installation." Republished at Buffalo, New York, at Seaver's steam presses, Courier office, 1853, 8vo., pp. 10. (*Cat.* 21.)

"The Freemason's Magazine; or General and Complete Library, vol. 1. *Commissumque teges et vino tortus et ira.* Hor. *London.* Printed for the proprietor, and sold by Scatcherel & Whitaker, Ave Maria Lane, and all booksellers in town and country, 1793." 8vo., pp. 438.

1794.—A monument of wood was erected by King Solomon's Lodge, on Bunker Hill, in memory of Joseph Warren, with the following inscription: "Erected A. D. MDCCXCIV, by King Solomon's Lodge of Freemasons, constituted at Charlestown, 1783, in memory of Major General Joseph Warren and his associates, who were slain on this memorable spot, June 17, 1775. None but they who set a just value upon the blessings of liberty are worthy to enjoy her. In vain we toiled, in vain we fought; we bled in vain if you, our offspring, want valor to repel the assaults of her invaders. Charlestown settled, 1628; burnt, 1775; rebuilt, 1776. The enclosed land was given by Hon. James Russell."

The Independent Grand Lodge of Vermont was constituted Oct. 19.* This is the thirteenth, and last, of the old Grand Lodges.

**Proceedings of G. L. Va., 8vo., pp. 14.**—The Grand Lodge of Va. assembled at Richmond, Oct. 28. John Marshall, G. M. Nine lodges represented. Nov. 25, sixteen lodges represented. John Marshall unanimously reëlected G. M. 250 copies of John K. Read's Ahiman Rezon were ordered by the G. L. Proxies might be members of lodges other than those they represented, but no delegate to represent more than one lodge.

1795.—Charge to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, by (Smith) the Grand Master.†

"The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine, Dublin," (Ireland.)‡

1796.—Georgetown Lodge, No. 46, at Georgetown, Ky., established, Nov. 29, by the G. L. of Va.

"*A Discourse*, delivered in Roxbury, October 12, 5796, before the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Most Worshipful Paul Revere, Esq., Master), at the request of the members of *Washington Lodge*, on occasion of the consecration of the lodge and the installation of officers, by the Rev. Brother William Bentley, A. M., F. H. S. *Sperata voluptas suavis amicitiæ, quemvis perferre laborem, suadet.—Lucretius. Boston,* (*Mass.*) William Spotswood, 1797." 8vo., pp. 21.

"*A Salutatory Address* on the Social Influence and Merit of Freemasonry, delivered in public assembly, at the request of the officers and members of *Washington Lodge*, in Roxbury, at their consecration, Octo-

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* *Amaranth*, vol. 1, p. 368. † *Fr. Mag.*, 1811, vol. 1, p. 13.

‡ (*Cat.* 264.) I have but one number of this, viz., June 1795. The title page is marked "January to June, 1795, vol. 6."

ber 12, A. L. 5796, by Brother William Dix, A. M. *Boston*, (Mass.) William Spotswood, 1797."

"An Oration, delivered before the Right Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, at Newburyport, Mass., June 24, 1796, by Thomas W. Hooper. *Newburyport*, 5796." 4to., pp. 16.*

**Robert Burns died July 21, aged 38 years.**

1797.—"*A Sermon*, preached at the Anniversary Grand Provincial Meeting of Free and Accepted Masons, at Chatham, in Kent (England), June 5, 1797. By Rev. Jethro Inwood. *Chatham*, 1797." 8vo., pp. vii, 32.†

"*Masonic Miscellany*, in poetry and verse, containing: 1. The Muse of Masonry, comprising one hundred and seventy Masonic Songs, etc. 2. The Masonic Essayist. 3. The Freemasons' Vade Mecum. By Stephen Jones. *London*, 1797." 12mo., pp. 328.‡

"*The Maryland Ahiman Rezon* of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the History of Masonry from the establishment of the Grand Lodge to the present time; with their Ancient Charges, Addresses, Prayers, Lectures, Prologues, Epilogues, Songs, etc., collected from the Old Records, faithful Traditions, and Lodge Books, by G. Keating. Compiled by order of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. *Baltimore*, 1797." 12mo., pp. 272. (*Cat.* 434.)

"Proofs of a Conspiracy against all the Religions and Governments of Europe, carried on in the secret meetings of Freemasons, Illuminati and Reading Societies, collected from good authorities by John Robison, A. M., Professor of Natural Philosophy, and Secretary to the Royal Society of Edinburgh (Scotland). *Nam tua res agitur paries cum proximus ardet. The second edition* corrected, to which is added a postscript. *London.* Printed for T. Cadell, jr., and W. Davies, Strand; and W. Creech, Edinburgh, 1797." 2 vols., 8vo., vol. 1, pp. 531, vol. 2, pp. 547. (*Cat.* 160 and 161.)

"An Oration, delivered before the Right Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, by Benjamin Green, June 24, 1797. Salem, 1797." 8vo., pp. 23.‡

A Convention of Delegates from the various Royal Arch Chapters, in the Northern States, assembled at Boston, Mass., October 24, to deliberate upon the propriety of establishing a Grand Chapter for the Northern States. It would appear that a Grand Chapter already existed in Pennsylvania.

A Masonic Medal was struck in honor of George Washington.‖

**Proc. of G. L. N. C., 8vo., pp. 16.**—Twelve lodges were represented. A new Constitution was adopted. Thirty-four lodges on the Rolls. The title of this Grand Lodge, "The Grand Lodge of North Carolina."

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* In the possession of E. T. Carson.

† In the possession of E. T. Carson. Republished in the *Universal Masonic Library*, vol. xvi, with 12 other Discourses. by the same; viz.: June 24, 1793; May 19, 1794; May 18, 1795: May 16, 1796; Feb. 1797; Aug. 7, 1797; Dec. 29, 1797; May 28, 1798; June 24, 1798; Sept. 3, 1798; June 27, 1799, and Sept. 12, 1895; also, in the same volume, three Sermons on Masonry, by Rev. William John Percy, viz.: Aug. 17, 1841; July 21, 1842, and August 16, 1843.

‡ In the possession of E. T. Carson.

‡ Ibid.

‖ One of these is in the possession of John Dove, Richmond, Va. An engraving of it appears in *American Freemason*, vol. 4, p. 114.

"The Freemason's Monitor, or Illustrations of Masonry. In Two Parts. By a Royal Arch Mason, K. T.; K of M., etc., etc. Part I. Printed at *Albany*, for Spencer & Webb, Market street, 1797." 12mo., xii, 284.*

1798.—An Oration, delivered before the Right Worshipful Master and Brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, in Newburyport, Mass., 25th June, 1798, by Charles Jackson. *Newburyport*, 5798." 4to., pp. 24.†

Oration at Sussex, Mass., Dec. 27. Charles Bentley.

The Boys' School was established by the Grand Lodge of England.

"*Memoirs*, illustrating the History of Jacobinism, written in French by The Abbé Barruel; and translated into English by the Hon. Robert Clifford, F. R. S. and A. S. *Princes and Nations shall disappear from the face of the earth . . . and this Revolution shall be the work of Secret Societies.* Weishaupt's Discourse for the Mysteries. Part I. The Antichristian Conspiracy. Second edition, revised and corrected. *London.* Printed for the translator by T. Burton, No. 11, Gate street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Sold by E. Booker, No. 56, New Bond Street, 1798." 8vo., 4 vols. *Vol.* 1, pp. xvi, 401; *vol.* 2, pp. 479; *vol.* 3, pp. xviii, 414; *vol.* 4, pp. xviii, 601, 50.‡

1799.—The Parliament of England passed an Act suppressing Secret Societies, but reserving that of Masonry, from its operations.

George Washington, died Dec. 14, and was buried Dec. 16, at Mt. Vernon, with Masonic honors. The Fraternity at Bennington, Vt., Boston, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., etc., performed funeral ceremonies in his honor.§

Among the evidences of masonic regret and fraternal regard elicited by the death of Washington, none are more interesting than those found in the records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. That illustrious body had frequently distinguished itself by marks of respect for their incomparable Brother, and upon his unexpected decease, hastened to display their regrets. An extra communication was called on the 26th December, in consequence of the invitation of the Congressional Committee of Arrangement, to attend the delivery of a Funeral Oration. The Grand Lodge, having first been addressed by their Grand Master, resolved that they were deeply and sincerely afflicted with the melancholy event which had called them together. They then formed a procession, proceeding from Congress Hall to Zion Church, where the Funeral service was pronounced by Bishop White, and an Oration delivered by General Henry Lee.

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* This is the first edition of *Webb's Monitor*, the oldest and only Hand-Book in general use in the American lodges. All other Monitors, Charts, Manuals, etc., are but copies of this, with slight and unimportant variations.

In my Library are eight perfect editions of the Monitor:—That of 1802 (*Cat.* 599); 1805 (*Cat.* 704); 1812 (*Cat.* 438); 1816 (*Cat.* 77); 1819 (*Cat.* 79): 1821 (*Cat.* 290), and 1858 (*Cat.* 598).

I have also a copy, of which the title page is defaced, published at Montpelier, Vt. 12mo., pp. 12, 300 (*Cat.* 288); and another (*Cat.* 556), the title of which is entirely gone; but neither of these correspond with any of the eight editions above named.

† In the possession of E. T. Carson. ‡ *Cat.*, Nos. 32–35. § *Am. Freemason*, vol. 4, p. 122.

On the next day, it being St John's Day, the Grand Master (Jonathan Bayard Smith) called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the mournful exercises of the preceding day. The Grand Lodge having requested a copy of his remarks the day before, ordered them spread upon their Minutes. In them he had reverted to the fact that it was twenty-one years since, by unanimous suffrage, Washington had been proposed, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as *Grand Master for the United States*. They had been made the almoners and dispensers of Brother Washington's charitable beneficence. In their archives existed flattering evidences of his reciprocated esteem and approbation of the Masonic Order. He was, indeed, an illustrious Brother. The Masons of Pennsylvania had exulted that his name stood enrolled on the list of their Brethren, and they would cherish the remembrance of his virtues and his services as a rich legacy for their emulous example. If devotion of time and talents to ameliorate the state of man be a virtue; if obeying the calls of his country in times of greatest difficulty and danger, at every risk, be a Masonic duty, of that virtue may Masonry boast that this our Washington has exhibited an instance beyond former example brilliant; and for the exercise of this duty will our Washington ever stand conspicuous in the foremost rank. Are a love of order and sacred regard to the laws of the social compact characteristic of Masons? for his exemplary adherence to these Masonic virtues, through all the vicissitudes and variegated difficulties of a revolutionary war, has our Washington received the plaudits of thirteen sovereign States.

June 24. The G. L. of S. C., in a Circular Letter to its subordinates, proposed a scheme for a *Superintending Grand Lodge for America*, ordered an extra meeting of the G. L. to be called, during the subsequent month, and directed its subordinates to take the matter into careful consideration This G. Lodge had appointed a Standing Committee of Foreign Correspondence. Forty-three lodges are reported on its Rolls. Dec. 31, a Circular was issued by the same, to all Grand Lodges in correspondence, recommending the plan, with these specifications: 1. The Convention to be held at Washington, D. C., in 1801. 2. Each G. L. to send three delegates. 3. Two-thirds of the G. Lodges being represented, the Convention to proceed to business. 4. All votes, in framing Rules, etc., to be taken by G Lodges. 5. Each G. L. to defray the expenses of its own delegation.

Thaddeus Mason Harris resigned the office of Grand Chaplain to the G. L. of Mass., Dec. 27.

Winslow Lewis, of Boston, Mass., was born. (G. M. of Mass., 1856.)

1790 *to* 1799.—*The Grand Masters of Scotland.*

1790 and 1791, George, Earl of Morton; 1792 and 1793, The Marquis of Hartley; 1794 and 1795, Earl of Ancram; 1796 and 1797, Lord Viscount Downe; 1798 and 1799, Sir James Stirling.

1790 *to* 1800.—*The Grand Masters of Ireland.*

1790 to 1800, Lord Donoughmore.

1790.—*The Grand Masters of England.*

(Moderns.) 1790 to 1813, Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex. This was to the period of the Union.

Thus closed the eighteenth century of the Christian era, the fifty-eighth in the Masonic annals. It opened amid the gloomiest prospects which had ever overshadowed the Masonic Fraternity; the old age of Grand Master Wren, his incapacity to act, and his unwillingness to resign; the fading out of the Institution in every country except Great Britain; and the general neglect of principle and practice, even there. Who could have foreseen that, in one short century, the budding spring, the ripening summer, and the glorious harvest, would have so gloriously followed upon this cheerless winter! In spite of papal bulls; in spite of the attacks of pamphleteers; in spite of professed expositions, by the score, in English, French and German; in spite of the heavy weight of accumulated degrees and systems of degrees of which Freemasonry was enduring the public odium, without realizing a shadow of benefit; despite a Barruel and a Robinson to denounce, a Weishaupt and a Voltaire to disgrace, the Society of Freemasons, closing its annals for the 18th cycle, could point to its altar fires blazing in every civilized nation; could show its publications, healthy, orthodox and talented, by scores and hundreds; could exhibit a long line of the nobility and aristocracy among its Grand Masters in England, Scotland, Ireland, France, and other countries; and, finally, could show, in a country almost unknown at the opening of the century, thirteen Grand Lodges,* governing 400 subordinates, and all pointing proudly toward Mt. Vernon, and, with smiles mingling with their tears, exclaiming, "Our matchless Brother, George Washington!"

A few facts relative to the early settlement and progress of the State of Kentucky will be introduced here. There is a necessary relation between the condition, civil and political, of a country and its Masonic history. This will be easily marked

* Ct., Ga., Md., Mass., N. H., N. J., N. Y., N. C., Pa., R. I., S. C., Vt., and Va. The subordinate lodges, in 1803, numbered 527.

in the present work. We make our extracts from *Collins' Historical Sketches of Kentucky*, a volume which contains every thing relative to the State that can interest a student, except its Masonic progress. But in this unfortunate defect the author has but imitated Stark, Bancroft, and other historians of larger fame.

1750.—Dr. Walker, of Virginia, visits the northeastern portion of Kentucky. Another account says, that it was in 1758; and a third, places it in 1747, and says, he visited the eastern and southeastern parts.

1751.—Christopher Gist sent out, by the Ohio Company, to explore the western country, descends the Ohio river to the Falls.

1765.—June 8. Col. Geo. Crogan, a British officer, in descending the Ohio from Fort Pitt, is taken prisoner by the Indians, below the Wabash.

1766.—Colonel James Smith visits Kentucky.

1767.—John Finley visits Kentucky on a trading expedition.

1769.—Finley again in Kentucky, accompanied by Dan Boone and others. This party built a wigwam, to shelter them from the storms, and remained two years, traversing the northern and middle regions.

Dec. 22.—Boone and Stewart taken prisoners by the Indians.

1770.—The Long Hunters from Holston, on Clinch river, led by Col. Jas. Knox, explore the middle and southern regions of the State. Gen. Washington descends the Ohio, as far as the northeastern part of Kentucky.

1773.—Sept. 25—Boone and others start to settle Kentucky.

Oct. 10.—Are attacked by Indians, and turn back.

May 29.—Capt. Thomas Bullitt and the M'Afees descend the Ohio river. Bullitt and others proceed to the Falls, and survey land below the Falls, to Salt river, and up the same to Bullitt's Lick.

July 16.—The M'Afees, and others of the company, separated from Bullitt, at the mouth of the Kentucky river, which they ascended, as far as where Frankfort now stands, and surveyed six hundred acres there. Gen. Thompson, of Pennsylvania, makes some surveys upon the north fork of Licking river.

1774.—James Harrod, late in the spring, ascended the Kentucky river, and built the first cabin in the State, on the spot where Harrodsburg now stands.

1775.—March 17—Colonel Richard Henderson, Nathaniel Hart, and others, conclude the Wataga Treaty with the Cherokees, by which, for £10,000 sterling, they acquired the territory between the Ohio, the Kentucky, or Louisa river, the Cumberland mountains, and the Cumberland river. Virginia refused to recognize the purchase, but compromised it by grants of land.

Lord Dunmore issues a proclamation against the Transylvania Company of purchasers.

April 1.—Fort at Boonsboro begun, and finished. June 14, settlements made and stations built; also at Harrodsburg, at the Boiling Spring, and at St. Asaph's, in Lincoln county.

May 23.—Pursuant to a call by Henderson, representatives, chosen by the people of Transylvania, met at Boonsboro, agreed upon a proprietary government, and passed nine laws. They adjourned to meet again in September, but never met.

September.—Boone, and others, bring their wives and children to Kentucky.

George Rogers Clark visits Kentucky, but returns before winter.

Simon Kenton builds a cabin, and plants corn, near where Washington stands, in Mason county.

1776.—Clark moves to Kentucky early this year.

June 6.—At a general meeting at Harrodsburg, Clark and Gabriel Jones were chosen members of the Virginia assembly, and required to present the petition, drawn up, asking permission as citizens, and efficient protection.

August 23.—Clark procures five hundred pounds of powder from the Council of Virginia, which he takes from Pittsburg, down the Ohio to Limestone.

December 6.—Kentucky county established out of Fincastle county, by Virginia.

December 25.—Col. John Todd and his party, while on their way to Limestone, for the powder secreted there, defeated near the Blue Licks, and Gabriel Jones killed.

Clark takes the powder, in safety, to Harrodsburg.

Dec. 29.—M'Clellan's Fort on Elkhorn, attacked by the Indians.

1777.—March 7.—Harrodsburg attacked by the savages.

April 15.—First attack on Boonsboro.

Burgesses chosen to represent the county of Kentucky in the Legislature of Virginia.

May.—Logan's station attacked.

Major Clark's spies in the Illinois country.

September.—First Court at Harrodsburg.

Oct. 1st.—Clark starts to Virginia.

December 10.—Clark opens his plan, for conquering Illinois, to Gov. Patrick Henry.

1778.—Jan. 2.—Col. Clark appointed to lead an expedition against the British post in Illinois.

February 7.—Boone taken prisoner at the Blue Licks.

May 25.—Disastrous attack, by Indians, on a boat ascending Salt river.

June 24.—Col. Clark established a Fort on Corn Island, before leaving the Falls of the Ohio for Illinois.

July 4th.—Clark took Kaskaskia, and, two days after, Cahokia.

August 1st.—Vincennes voluntarily submitted to the Americans.

August 8th.—Boonsboro besieged.

October.—Louisville settled.

Virginia grants Henderson and Company 200,000 acres on the Ohio, below Green river.

Dec.—Gov. Hamilton took Vincennes.

1779.—Feb. 24.—Vincennes surrendered to Col. Clark.

April 1st.—Blockhouse built at Lexington.

July.—Col. Bowman's expedition against Chillicothe.

Oct.—Col. Rogers and Capt. Benham defeated by the Indians, near the mouth of Licking.

Virginia Land Commissioners open their session at St. Asaph's.

1780—January—The hard winter—game frozen in the forests, and cattle around the stations. Corn sold at $50 to $175.

May.—Virginia grants land in Kentucky for educational purposes.

June 22.—Col. Byrd, of the British army, with six field pieces, and six hundred Canadians and Indians, compels the surrender of Ruddell's station; and, immediately after, of Martin's station.

July.—Gen. Clark, at the head of 1000 men, destroyed the Piqua towns on the Miami.

Nov. 1st.—The country of Kentucky divided into three counties—of Lincoln, Fayette, and Jefferson.

1781.—County lieutenants and surveyors appointed.

1782—March 22.—Desperate battle near the Little Mountain, known as Estill's defeat.

August 14th.—Bryant's station besieged by 500 Indians, under Simon Girty.

August 19.—The disastrous battle of the Blue Licks, in which one hundred and sixty, or one hundred and eighty-two white men were defeated by the Indians, with the loss of sixty killed and seven taken prisoners.

September.—Another expedition of Gen. Clark against the Miami towns. No large body of Indians, thenceforward, invaded Kentucky.

1783—March.—Kentucky formed into one district, and a district court established.

Danville founded. A store opened at Louisville by Dan. Brodhead.

1784—February.—Gen. James Wilkinson came to Lexington as the leader of a large commercial company formed in Philadelphia. An informal meeting of the people, held at Danville, on the state of the District.

Dec. 27.—First Convention held at Danville. Separation from Virginia discussed, but referred to a second convention.

Blockhouse erected at Limestone or Maysville.

1785—May 23.—Second Convention adopted an address to the assembly of Virginia, and one to the people of Kentucky, together with strong resolutions in favor of separation.

August 8th.—Third Convention assembled and adopted two new addresses, conceived in bolder terms than before.

1786—January.—First act of Virginia favoring a separation by Kentucky, on certain conditions.

September.—Fourth Convention met, but without a quorum, and continued its meetings, by adjournment, until January 1787; when a quorum attended, expressed their feelings in favor of separation, and called another convention, to be held in the fall.

October.—Expedition of Gen. Clark against the Wabash Indians. Returns without effecting any thing.

Second act of Virginia, postponing the separation of Kentucky until January 1st, 1789.

Col. Logan's expedition against the Shawanees.

Gen. Clark's seizure of Vincennes, and other movements against the Spaniards.

1787—May.—Meeting at Danville in relation to the navigation of the Mississippi.

June.—Gen. Wilkinson descends with the first cargo from Kentucky, to New Orleans, and obtained a permit to import tobacco for the Spanish king's stores.

August 18th.—The Kentucky Gazette established at Lexington.

Sept. 17.—Fifth Convention unanimously decided in favor of separation, on the terms offered by Virginia.

1788—June 28.—Convention of Virginia decided, by a vote of eighty-eight to seventy-eight, in favor of adopting the Constitution of the United States—the Kentucky delegation voting eleven against it, and three in its favor.

July 3.—Congress refers the subject of the admission of Kentucky into the Union to the new government.

July 28.—Sixth Convention meets, and adjourns without other action than calling another convention, with full discretionary powers.

Spanish intrigues in Kentucky during this year.

Nov. 4.—Seventh Convention meets.

Dr. Connolly in Kentucky as British agent.

Dec. 24.—The founders of Cincinnati leave Maysville.

Dec. 27.—Third act of Virginia in favor of separation.

1789—January.—No votes given for electors of President and Vice-President of the United States in the district of Kentucky.

Feb. 12.—Correspondence between Gen. George Washington and Col. Thos. Marshall, respecting British and Spanish intrigues in Kentucky.

July 20.—Eighth Convention assembled, and remonstrated against the condition of separation contained in the third act of Virginia.

Dec. 18.—Fourth act of separation passed by Virginia, complying with the wishes of Kentucky.

1790—July 26.—Ninth Convention assembled, accepted the terms of Virginia, and fixed June 1st, 1792, for the independence of the State of Kentucky.

Oct.—Col. Trotter leads the Kentuckians at Harmar's defeat.

December—Kentuckians petition Congress to fight Indians in their own way.

Local Board of War appointed in Kentucky.

1791—Feb. 4.—Congress agree to admit Kentucky on the 1st of June, 1792.

May 23.—Gen. Scott's expedition against the Indians on the Wabash.

August 1st.—Gen. Wilkinson marched against the Eel river Indians.

1792—April 3.—Convention met to draft the first Constitution of Kentucky.

May.—Col. John Hardin and Major Truman killed by the Indians while on a peace mission to them.

Nov. 6th.—Major John Adair attacked near Fort St. Clair, by Little Turtle.

Frankfort chosen as the capital of the State.

1793—Oct 24.—Gen. Scott joins Gen. Wayne near Fort Jefferson with 1000 mounted volunteers from Kentucky.

Nov. 1st.—Genet, the French minister, sends agents to Kentucky to organize an expedition against New Orleans, and the then Spanish possessions.

Democratic societies established in Kentucky.

1794—July 26.—Gen. Scott again joins Wayne with 1600 men from Kentucky.

August 20.—Gen. Wayne defeated the Canadians and Indians at the battle of the Fallen Timber, with very gratifying effect.

1795—July.—Thomas Power sent by Governor Carondelet, of Louisiana, to concert with the people of Kentucky a commercial treaty for the navigation of the Mississippi; in consequence of which Judge Sebastian met Col. Gayoso at New Madrid. The agreement was, however, defeated by the Spanish Treaty.

1796—August.—First paper mill in the West.

1797—July 12.—Thomas Power sent by Governor Carondelet to concert a separation of Kentucky from the Union.

October.—Occupying Claimant Law passed.

1798—Nov. 16.—Nullifying resolutions passed with regard to the alien and sedition laws.

Death, except for murder, abolished in Kentucky.

1799—July 22.—Convention assembled for forming a new Constitution.

Internal improvements talked of.

Nov. 14.—The nullifying resolutions of last year affirmed.

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# CHAPTER SECOND.

## THE HISTORY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.

### *Section First.—From* 1800 *to* 1809.

THE Organization of the first Grand Lodge in the Mississippi Valley, was an event that worthily dignified the opening of a new century. The great Institution, whose labors of love were effecting so much elsewhere, in behalf of Piety, Morality, Charity, Science and Self-discipline, was no longer to be confined, in its scope, to the comparatively narrow strip of land lying east of the Alleghanies. Every emigrant, whose slow-moving wagons surmounted those barriers, brought some knowledge of Masonry from the east to the west, some family tradition, some country gossip, some tale of wonder, some incident of a charitable character, to relate to his children, when they should arrive at their wildwood home; and this was the germ which was to expand into a great stock. Many from Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Connecticut came possessed of the light and knowledge of the Institution. Among their scanty books, were to be found The Ahiman Rezon of Pennsylvania (1783), or one of the various editions of Dermott or Anderson; and when they were set down amid the cheerlessness of the forests, far from the pleasant influences of schools and churches, and the social gatherings of their former homes, what wonder that the thoughts of their old *Masonic homes*, of fraternal circles, at labor and at refreshment, possessed their minds with the keenest desire! What wonder that the faintest suggestion of the establishment of a lodge, within ten or thirty or fifty miles of the log-cabins, was hailed with ardor, or that signature and influence and open purse were offered unreservedly to perfect the idea! Such elongations of the Masonic cable-tow were rarely ever witnessed before, as those displayed by the emigrant masons, in the "dark and bloody ground," thirsting for the "social joy" connected with the "great design."

It is less difficult, therefore, to account for the early introduction into, and the subsequent rapid spread of Freemasonry throughout the Mississippi Valley; for it may be observed that the Institution is everywhere more thoroughly prized in sparsely-settled communities than in those in which the population is dense; the masons of the *country*, other things being equal, are ever more devoted to the mystic work than those of the *town*.

The Organization of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the first on the great American Roll of the nineteenth century, now numbering twenty-three Grand Lodges,* was foreshadowed in a Convention of Five Lodges, all working under authority derived from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, as was seen in our last chapter, and assembled at Lexington, in *Masons' Hall*, for that purpose, September 8, 1800. The proceedings of this Convention are officially given in a pamphlet of forty-two pages. The following is the title-page:

PROCEEDINGS

*OF THE*

# GRAND LODGE

OF KENTUCKY;

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED,

*THE PROCEEDINGS*

OF THE

*LODGES OF KENTUCKY,*

RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

A GRAND LODGE.



LEXINGTON:

*Printed by* DANIEL BRADFORD.

1802.

* Al., Ark., Cal., Del., D. C., Fla., Ill., Ind., Iowa, Kansas, Ky., La., Me., Mich., Min., Miss., Mo., Neb., Ohio, Or., Tenn., Texas and Wis. A twenty-fourth will soon be announced from Washington Territory, in the extreme northwest.

## We give the original record entire:

Proceedings, etc.—Pursuant to an invitation from LEXINGTON LODGE, No. 25, a CONVENTION OF DELEGATES, from the several * LODGES in the State of Kentucky, met at MASONS' HALL, in the town of Lexington, on Monday, the 8th day of September, *Anno Lucis* 5800—*Anno Domini* 1800.

PRESENT:

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| Alex. Macgregor, Thomas Bodley, James Russell, | *Lexington Lodge, No.* 25. |
| Thomas Hughes, Adam Calderwood, Joseph Duncan, | *Paris Lodge, No.* 35. |
| John Hawkins, Samuel Shepherd, | *Georgetown Lodge, No.* 46. |
| William Murray, Thomas Leov, Isaac E. Gano, Otho Beatty, Nicholas Lason, Amos Anderson, | *Hiram Lodge, No.* 57. |
| Simon Adams, | *Abraham's Lodge, held (under Dispensation) at Shelbyville.* |

Brother John Hawkins being elected Chairman, and Brother Thomas Bodley Clerk, the Convention proceeded to business, and passed the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That in voting on any question which may come before the Convention, the votes shall be given by lodges—each lodge to have one vote.

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* I have searched the files of *The Kentucky Gazette*, the oldest papor in the State, published by the Bradfords, at Lexington, in the confident expectation of discovering some notice, either editorial or in the way of advertisment, of this invitation and its consequences, but am disappointed. The following are all the Masonic allusions those files contain, from 1799 to 1804.

A notice appears, 1799, signed by James Bliss, Secretary, summoning Lexington Lodge, No. 1, to celebrate St. John Evangelist's Day, at 9 A. M.

March 20, 1800.—"An Address by the M. W. Grand Master, at the Grand Lodge, on Monday, December 9, 1799, Benjamin Day. Published at the request of Lexington Lodge, No. 1."

June 10, 1800.—Thos. Bodley, Secretary, "signs a call to Lexington Lodge, No. 25, to assemble on the 24th, at 10 A. M., to celebrate St. John Baptist's Day."

June 18, 1799.—James Bliss, Secretary, had signed a similar call to the lodge.

June 23, 1798.—S. Postlethwait, Secretary, addressed a summons to the lodge, to assemble "on business of importance," prior to celebrating the festival of St. John the Baptist.

J. Russell, Grand Secretary, under date Jan. 9, 1801, summoned the Grand Lodge to assemble, in called meeting, second Monday February, ninth day of the month.

June 15, 1801.—Junius B. Brent summoned Lexington Lodge, still designated as No. 25. to celebrate St. John the Baptist's Day. A public Oration was promised.

June 17, 1802.—Joseph Boswell, Secretary, called together Lexington Lodge, now styled "No. 1," to celebrate the 24th June, at 10 A. M.

December 13, 1802.—Daniel Bradford, Secretary, summoned Lexington Lodge, No. 1, to celebrate the 27th December, and invited the citizens to hear an Oration. This was delivered by Henry Clay, and will be found on subsequent pages.

June 13, 1803.—James Coleman, Secretary, summoned the same lodge to celebrate the 24th, at 10 A. M.

December 6, 1803. — Macgregor, Master of the Mark Masters' Lodge, summoned his members (Mark Masters) to attend the lodge, at 6 A. M.

December 13, 1803.—James Coleman, Secretary, summoned the lodge to celebrate the 24th, and gave a public invitation.

February 25, 1804.—Daniel Bradford, Grand Secretary, gave notice that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky would meet on the third Tuesday in March, ensuing.

August 6, the same year, he announced the next sessions for third Tuesday in September ensuing, at 10 A. M.

*Resolved*, That it is expedient, necessary, and agreeable to the Masonic Constitution, that a Grand Lodge should be established in this State: to be composed of the representatives of such lodges in the western country, as may find it convenient to attach themselves to its jurisdiction.

*Resolved*, That the several lodges now represented in Convention, be requested to appear by their representatives, at this place, on Thursday, the 16th day of next October, for the purpose of opening a GRAND LODGE.

*Resolved*, That Brothers Murray, Macgregor, Hughes, Adams and Shepherd, be a committee to draft a respectful address to *the Grand Lodge of Virginia*, giving the reasons that have induced these lodges to separate from its jurisdiction.

*Resolved*, That every lodge here represented, ought (and it is hereby recommended to them,) to pay up all contributions due to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, prior to the time of establishing a Grand Lodge in Kentucky.

*Resolved*, That the Convention do now adjourn till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

(Signed,) JOHN HAWKINS, Chairman.
THOMAS BODLEY, Clerk.

The Convention met according to adjournment, at MASONS' HALL, Tuesday, September the 9th, A. L. 5800, A. D. 1800. The members being assembled as on yesterday, Brother Murray, from the committee appointed to draft a respectful address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, reported the following, which was read and agreed to (viz.):

LEXINGTON, (Kentucky,) Sept. 8, A. L. 5800, A. D. 1800.

Most Worshipful Sir, and Brothers:

A meeting of the Deputies from five lodges regularly established in Kentucky, has been held at Lexington, and adopted the Resolutions which you will find inclosed.

In adopting this measure, we have been actuated by a wish to promote the welfare of the Craft. It can not be new to, or unconsidered by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, that the lodges in this country under their jurisdiction, labor under many inconveniences.

In the first place, we suppose the Charity Fund an important object in our Institution. The benefit of this fund can not be extended to any Brother or his family here.

It must also be observed, that the lodges in this State can not conveniently be represented in the Grand Lodge of Virginia, by their Masters and Wardens, and that the appointment of other representatives is subject to great difficulties, from causes which are evident. The distance and unavoidable accidents, have frequently prevented the lodges in Kentucky from being represented in the Grand Lodge.

Another inconvenience (not the least important in regard to Masonry) is, that we can not expect the presence either of the Grand Master, or Visitors who may be appointed to inspect our Work, and see that it is regularly conducted.

Part of an independent Commonwealth, we need not refer to precedents, to authorize this measure; these precedents must be familiar to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

While, however, we deem the measure necessary, we have yet determined that the usual contributions to the Grand Lodge of Virginia shall be paid up till the period of our separation; and thus proving our disposition to discharge, in every respect, our duty to our Parent Lodge, we trust that it will credit the motives which lead us to separate.

Notwithstanding the separation, we will never forget that we are materials of the same Temple, nor cease to attach ourselves to our Brethren of Virginia, however remote we may be from their part of the great superstructure. No disgust, no disrespect to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, has induced us to adopt this measure; necessity and the welfare of the Craft command it.

We shall, at every opportunity, be happy to communicate through our Grand Lodge with your Grand Lodge, and assure you we are,

Your FRIENDS and BROTHERS.

Signed by order of the Convention.

JOHN HAWKINS, Chairman.
THOS. BODLEY, Clerk.

The Convention then adjourned. JOHN HAWKINS, Chairman.

*Teste:* THOS. BODLEY, Clerk.

We are familiar with the records of the various American and Canadian Grand Lodges, and have perused, with lively satisfaction, the manifestoes with which they have respectively flung forth their banners of independence, and announced their motives in separating from a parent stock; but nothing of this sort has come under our notice, which surpasses, in perspicuity, dignity, and Masonic self-respect, this "respectful letter," addressed by the Convention of Lexington, Sept., 1800, to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. And the reply is worthy of the epistle. The venerable mother having reared her daughter in grace and usefulness, up to the period of Masonic maturity, yields her up to the demands of society with a dignity well becoming her position.

The following is the response as extracted from the Virginia Records:

"A Communication from a Convention of the several lodges of Ancient York Masons, in the State of Kentucky, holding their Charters under this Grand Lodge, together with an Address from the said Convention, announcing their wish to separate and form a Grand Lodge in their own State, having been maturely considered; *Resolved*, That the reasons which have influenced the said Convention, in the adoption of the measure proposed, are such as arise from the purest principles, and with a view alone to promote the good of the Craft. Situated as they are, at a considerable distance from this Grand Lodge, few of the beneficial effects, to be derived from a constant communication therewith, could be expected to flow from their remaining under its jurisdiction. While we, therefore, lament that our distance from each other prevents that reciprocation of fraternal offices which the principles of our Order prescribe, we yield to a conviction that a separation from this Grand Lodge, and the formation of a Grand Lodge of their own, will be productive of the best consequences to the Society.

"*Resolved, therefore*, That this Grand Lodge do highly approve of the principles which have actuated the several lodges in Kentucky, and the respectful manner in which their sentiments have been conveyed to this Grand Lodge: and that our Grand Secretary be directed to communicate these Resolutions to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and to assure them of our willingness to enter upon a harmonious correspondence, and our readiness to co-operate in all such measures as may have a tendency to promote the good of the Craft in general."

We proceed with the record of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

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## THE FIRST GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, October* 16 *and* 17, 1800.

Five lodges were represented. In consequence of the third Resolution, ("*Resolved*, That the several lodges, now represented in Convention, be requested to appear, by their representatives, at this place, on Thursday, the 16th day of next October, for the purpose of opening a Grand Lodge,") adopted by the Convention, held at this place, on Monday, September the 8th, A. L. 5800, A. D. 1800, the representatives of five lodges, regularly constituted under the Grand Lodge of Virginia, assembled at MASONS' HALL, in the town of Lexington, on Thursday, the 16th of October, A. L. 5800, for the purpose of opening a Grand Lodge for the State of Kentucky.

The Worshipful James Morrison being the oldest Past Master present, was requested to take the Chair, and appointed the following Brethren officers, *pro tem.*, viz.:

William Murray, S. W.
Thomas Hughes, J. W.
Thomas Bodley, Secretary.
James Bliss, Treasurer.
Isaac E. Gano, S. D.
John Bobbs, J. D.
Nathaniel Barker, Tyler.

BRETHREN PRESENT:

A. Macgregor, Master,
Hugh M'Ilvain, P. M.
James Russell,
} *Lexington Lodge, No.* 25.

Nathaniel Williams,
Thomas Phillips,
Joseph Duncan,
} *Paris Lodge, No.* 35.

Wm. Sutton, Master,
Sam. Shepherd, S. W.
John Sutton, J. W.
Cary L. Clarke, P. M.
} *Georgetown Lodge, No.* 46.

Thomas Love, *Hiram Lodge, No.* 57.

Simon Adams, Master,
James Wardlow, S. W.
} *Abraham's Lodge, under Dispensation.*

A MASTER MASONS' LODGE being opened in due form, the Masters of the several lodges produced their Charters, and also the authorities under which they represented their respective lodges.

The following Brothers were reported as Representatives from the different lodges, to wit.:

A. Macgregor, Master,
Thomas Bodley, S. W.
John Bobbs, J. W.
} *Lexington Lodge, No.* 25.

Thomas Hughes, Mast.
Nath. Williams, J. W.
} *Paris Lodge, No.* 35.

Wm. Sutton, Master,
Sam. Shepherd, S. W.
John Sutton, J. W.
Cary L. Clarke, P. M.
} *Georgetown Lodge, No.* 46.

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| Wm. Murray, Master,<br>Thomas Love, S. W.<br>Isaac E. Gano, J. W. | *Hiram Lodge, No.* 57. |
| Simon Adams, Master,<br>Jas Wardlow, S. W. | *Abraham's Lodge.* |
| James Morrison, P. M.<br>H. M'Ilvain, P. M. | *Lexington Lodge, No.* 25. |

*Resolved*, That in voting for officers for the Grand Lodge, the Representatives of each lodge shall have one vote, and the Past Masters, who are not representatives, one vote.

*Resolved*, That the mode prescribed by the *Ahiman Rezon* of Virginia, so far as it is applicable to our present situation, shall be observed in the election and appointment of officers for this Grand Lodge.

The lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when, on examining the ballots, it appeared that the Worshipful Brother William Murray, Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 57, was unanimously elected GRAND MASTER of the GRAND LODGE of Kentucky, and was immediately installed according to ancient form. The Most Worshipful Grand Master elect, having waived his right of appointing a Deputy Grand Master, the lodge proceeded to the election of one, and the Worshipful Brother Alexander Macgregor, Master of Lexington Lodge, No. 25, was duly elected to that office, and installed according to ancient form.

The lodge then proceeded to the election of the Grand Wardens, when the Worshipful Simon Adams, Master of Abraham's Lodge, was elected Senior, and Cary L. Clarke, P. M., of Georgetown Lodge, No. 46, Junior Grand Wardens, and respectively installed according to ancient form.

*The following Grand Officers were then elected:*

James Russell, Grand Secretary;
John A. Seitz, Grand Treasurer;
Thos. Hughes, Sen. Grand Deacon;
Nath. Williams, Jun. Grand Deacon;
Sam. Shepherd, Grand Pursuivant;
John Bobbs, Grand Tyler;

and were severally presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and installed according to ancient form.

*Ordered*, That this Grand Lodge meet in Grand Committee to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, to take into consideration such matters as may be deemed necessary to the benefit of the Craft, and to make report thereon to the Grand Lodge, at seven o'clock in the evening.

*Ordered*, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn till to-morrow evening, seven o'clock.

WM. MURRAY, G. Master.
A. MACGREGOR D. G. M.

(Signed,) J. RUSSELL, G. Sec.

The Grand Lodge met, according to adjournment, at MASONS' HALL, on Friday evening, October the 17th, A. L. 5800, A. D. 1800.

PRESENT:

The Most Worshipful Wm. Murray, Grand Master.
The Right Worshipful A. Macgregor, D. G. M.
Worshipful Simon Adams, S. G. W.
Worshipful Cary L. Clarke, J. G. W.
Jas. Russell, G. S.
John A. Seitz, G. T.
Thos. Hughes, S. G. D.

Nath. Williams, J. G. D.
Sam. Shepherd, G. P.
John Bobbs, G. T.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Thos. Bodley, *Lexington Lodge, No.* 25.
William Sutton, John Sutton, } *Georgetown Lodge, No.* 46.
Thos. Love, Isaac E. Gano, } *Hiram Lodge, No.* 57.
James Wardlaw, *Abraham's Lodge.*

The Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form; Brothers James Bliss, Joseph Duncan, and Thomas Phillips were admitted as visitors.

The Grand Lodge then took into consideration the Report of the Committee, of which the following is a copy:

IN COMMITTEE:

At a meeting of the Grand Committee at MASONS' HALL, on the 17th day of October, A. L. 5800, A. D. 1800, pursuant to an order of the Grand Lodge on the evening preceding.

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful A. Macgregor, Chairman.
J. Russell, Clerk.

Thomas Bodley, John Bobbs, } *Lexington Lodge, No.* 25.
Wm. Sutton, Cary L. Clarke, } *Georgetown Lodge, No.* 46.
Thos. Hughes, Nath. Williams, } *Paris Lodge, No.* 35.
Isaac E. Gano, *Hiram Lodge, No.* 57.
Simon Adams, *Abraham's Lodge.*

*Resolved*, That Brothers Simon Adams, William Sutton and Isaac E. Gano, be a Select Committee to draft a Circular Letter to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, detailing the motives which have induced the lodges in Kentucky to withdraw from the jurisdiction of their parent Grand Lodge of Virginia.

*Resolved*, That the *Ahiman Rezon*, published by Brother John K. Reid, the Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, under the sanction of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of that State, dated the first day of ————, A. L., 5792, A. D., 1792, ought to be adopted as the rule of government for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and its subordinate lodges, except so far as subsequent regulations of the said Grand Lodge of Virginia contravene the same; which said subsequent regulations shall be in force until the Grand Lodge of Kentucky shall adopt and publish an *Ahiman Rezon* for its own government and that of its dependent lodges.*

*Resolved*, (as the unanimous opinion of this Committee,) That the Most Worshipful Grand Master ought to appoint some well-skilled Brother or Brothers to visit and inspect the workings of the different lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, (as our opinion,) That the following ought to be the order of the numbers of the subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, until by it legally changed; viz.:

Lexington Lodge, No. 1.
Paris Lodge, No. 2.

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*This was done in 1808, as will be seen.

Georgetown Lodge, No. 3.
Hiram Lodge, No. 4.
Solomon's (late Abraham's) Lodge, No. 5.

*Resolved*, That (in the opinion of this committee), the Seal of the Lexington Lodge, No. 25, ought to be used as the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, until a proper one can be prepared for the use of the said Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, (as our opinion,) that the deputies now present, ought to deliver up their Charters, etc., under which they worked, to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and receive temporary Charters on paying therefor the following sums, to wit: Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, £5 each; and No. 5 £10, for which sums the respective lodges shall have credit on paying the Grand Secretary's fees in advance.

The Grand Lodge not being provided with a seal, and parchment or vellum proper for making out Charters, the committee does, therefore, recommend that the Grand Secretary ought to prepare a Charter for each lodge represented in Grand Lodge; which ought to be signed by the Grand Master, and attested by the Grand Secretary (under the seal above recommended), the charters so received by the several lodges, to be returned at the next stated meeting of the Grand Lodge, and other Charters executed in due form to be then given in lieu of them.

*Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful D. G. Master, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer ought to constitute a committee to prepare the regalia, tools, jewels, and other necessary apparatus for this Grand Lodge, and that the livery ought to be crimson.

*Resolved*, That the completion of a Seal for the Grand Lodge ought to be left with the Grand Secretary.

Brother Simon Adams, from the committee appointed to draft a respectful address to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, reported the following, which was read and approved of by the committee, to wit:

LEXINGTON, (KENTUCKY,) *A. L.* ——, *A. D.* ——.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

I am instructed by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to announce to you their organization, and to explain the motives which have led to a separation of the lodges in Kentucky, from the jurisdiction of their parent Grand Lodge of Virginia.

They will be detailed in the simplicity of unadorned truth, and are too forcible to require any extraneous assistance to carry conviction of the propriety of the measure. No motive of disgust or disrespect to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, has actuated these lodges upon this occasion. They still feel the same fraternal love and affection for their Brethren of Virginia, which as Masons, it is their duty to entertain for all the Fraternity; with the additional sentiments which arise from a remembrance that it was more immediately from that Grand Lodge, that these lodges derived the means of illumination. They conceive that their procedure is sanctioned by precedent, and enforced upon them by Masonic principles.

Among the multitude of precedents to which they might refer, the following only will be enumerated, which are supposed to be more than sufficient to give every sanction which precedent can give to any measure:

I. In the reign of George the 2d, the lodges in England having from neglect gone greatly into decay, it was deemed necessary, to promote the welfare of the Craft, that a Grand Lodge for England should be established in London, although no Grand Lodge had ever been before

established there. It is further to be observed, at that time there was a Grand Lodge established at York, in the same kingdom, which continued a long time afterward separate and independent. In the State of Kentucky, there is no Grand Lodge but this which is now organized. In forming the new Grand Lodge in England, at London, four lodges only concurred; in forming the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, five regular lodges (all of which are in this State) are represented.

II. Prior to the American Revolution, the Grand Lodges of the then Provinces, were governed by Provincial Grand Masters, appointed by the Grand Master of England. After that revolution, they separated themselves into different and independent Grand Lodges, justly conceiving that, as members of an Independent Commonwealth, and as FREE MASONS, they had a right so to do, the better to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Craft. This is believed to have happened in almost every State of the Union.

III. There was one exception, which will now be noticed, as the last precedent of which mention will be made. The lodges in Maryland were generally, if not altogether under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, until the 31st day of July, A. D. 1783, A. L. 5783, when they formed a Grand Lodge of Maryland; and this proceeding finally received the sanction and approbation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Though the right of the lodges in this State to form a Grand Lodge, is undoubted, yet, a due regard to the opinions of their Brethren, induces this Grand Lodge to develop the circumstances which rather have compelled than induced, this measure to be adopted, merely as of right and choice.

Here, it will be only necessary to advert to the great distance (not less than 700 miles) between the seats of the lodges in this State, and that of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. This alone, is sufficient to prove that our inducements to a separation, are much stronger than those which existed in the cases of the Grand Lodge at London, or that of Maryland. On this head, it will be sufficient to enumerate some inconveniences, not which might happen, but which have actually been felt in this State, by the Craft. Some lodges though punctual in transmitting their communications and contributions to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, have labored under a painful, and, although to the Grand Lodge then unknown, an undeserved censure, when from causes unavoidable, the persons intrusted therewith, have not arrived in due time. From the same cause, one lodge, then acting under a Dispensation, has been compelled to take out two Dispensations before they obtained a Charter, and were obliged to suspend their work at two periods, for almost a year. In different parts of this State, applications for Charters have been made by worthy Brethren, which are presumed wholly to have miscarried, because no notice has been taken of them by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and the characters of the applicants are of undoubted eligibility.

We have already found cause to lament that the lodges in this country could not be legally and regularly visited. A continuance in such a state, there is just ground to fear, would give existence and permanence to the greatest irregularities.

Finally, it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that if no other reason existed, it would be sufficient to represent to our Brethren that our situation precludes an unfortunate Brother or his family among us, from the due assistance out of the Grand Charity Fund, to which we have contributed.

Fully convinced of their right, and actuated by a desire to encourage

the deserving Brethren in their labors, and repress the irregularities of the unwary, we trust that our motives and conduct will be duly appreciated by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of ————. I am also instructed by the Grand Lodge to offer through you a reciprocation of correspondence and communications with your Grand Lodge, and to assure them of the earnest wish we have to prove to them our fraternal regard and esteem, in which, permit me to add to yourself and them, that of Your Friend and Brother.

*Resolved*, That the committee do now rise and report.

MACGREGOR, Chairman.
J. RUSSELL, Clerk.

IN GRAND LODGE.

The question having been put on each of the resolutions of the committee separately, the whole were ratified and confirmed, and the delegates having complied with the conditions in them required, it was ordered that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn till the 2d Monday in February, A. L. 5801, A. D. 1801, or during the pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

(Signed,) WM. MURRAY, G. M.
MACGREGOR, D. G. M.
J. RUSSELL, G. S.

Duly extracted from the minutes by J. RUSSELL, G. S.

*Imprint—Lexington.* Printed by Daniel Bradford, 1802.) 16mo., pp. 1–18.

This record is so plain and straightforward, as to render a lengthy comment superfluous. A few points will receive enlightenment by reference to the Virginia *Ahiman Rezon*, under which all the Kentucky Masons of that period had been instructed.

This is a work of 240 pp., 12mo., in which the Ancient Constitutions of Masonry are combined with much that is now considered as pertaining to monitorial instruction. It is, in fact, a *Book of Constitutions* and a *Hand-book* united.*

The Virginia *Ahiman Rezon* of 1792 conveys all the ideas of Lawrence Dermott, a celebrated masonic writer of 1750, with few or none of those of William Preston, whose views have obtained more general favor since.

As the Kentucky "Book of Constitutions," compiled and published in 1808, and again in 1818, is predicated upon the Virginia *Ahiman Rezon* of 1792, we give a detailed account of the latter work:

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* *The New Ahiman Rezon*, containing the Laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to which is added The History of Masonry, from the Creation to the Death of Queen Elizabeth; also Illustrations of the Royal Art, and a variety of other matter relative to that Institution, carefully collated from the most approved authors, ancient as well as modern. By John K. Read, present Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, and Member of the Sublime Lodge of Perfection, of Charleston, South Carolina. *Causa latet vis est notissima.* Ovid Met. L. 4, ver. 207. *Richmond*, (Va.) Printed by John Dixon, MDCCXCI, 8vo, pp. xx, 240. (*Cat.* No. 228.)—The edition of 1818, by James Henderson, is 8vo., pp. viii, 203 24. (*Cat.* No. 437.)—The edition of 1847, under title *The Masonic Text Book*, by John Dove, is 8vo., pp. xx, 328, (*Cat.* No. 88.)

The preface, dated *Richmond, Sept.* 1, 1791, states that the lodges of Virginia had been heretofore governed chiefly by Dr. Smith's *Ahiman Rezon*, published at Philadelphia, in 1783, and that the present work was mainly a revision of that. Dr. Smith's work is an adaptation of Dermott's Ahiman Rezon. The first chapter of the Virginia work relates to "the temper and qualities requisite in those who would be Free and Accepted Masons." This is nearly a literal transcript from Dr. Smith's work of 1783. *Chapter 2d* presents "General Regulations among Ancient York Masons, with a few alterations, adapted to the particular situation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia." *Chapter 3d*—"Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge of Virginia." *Chapter 4th*—"Of the election of officers and duty of Grand Officers." *Chapter 5th*—"Regulations for Charity, to be observed in the Grand Lodge of Virginia." *Chapter 6th*—"Of Grand Visitations and Communications." Under the heads of "Charity" and "Grand Visitations," the work is very elaborate and precise, and the language exceedingly beautiful. This gave the Kentucky delegates powerful arguments in favor of separating themselves from Virginia, as will be seen by reference to their Letter on Separation. No aid could be expected from the *Grand Charity Fund* of Virginia, and no benefits anticipated from *Grand Visitations*, seeing that the centers of the two States respectively were seven hundred miles apart.

After these subjects are expounded, and these duties enforced, the work goes on to give *Prayers* proper for various incidents in Masonry; charges for the several degrees; the Regulations of the (Ancient) Grand Lodge of England, 1772, relative to Brotherly Correspondence among Grand Lodges; the celebrated Letter of Lawrence Dermott, dated May 15, 1772; the xii Questions of King Henry VI; William Webster's Remarks on the Three Lectures of Masonry, 1788; the History of Masonry from the Creation of the World down to the era of Gothic Architecture; a History of Masonry in England; and a Sketch of the Masonic History of Georgia. The whole concludes, as was usual in Masonic works of that period, with a collection of Masonic Songs of no great merit.

To the teachings of this *Ahiman Rezon*, then, may be referred the Masonic doctrines enunciated in the Convention of Sept. 8, 1800, in the Grand Lodge of October 16, 1800, and subsequent sessions; in the body of the By-Laws and Regulations, adopted Oct. 1806; the 1st and 2d editions of the Kentucky "Masonic Constitutions, or Illustrations of Masonry," dated 1808 and 1818 respectively, and, in general, the entire legislation and polity of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, for the first twenty or twenty-five years.

The mode prescribed in the election and appointment of officers—the voting by lodges—the waiving the right to appoint the Deputy by the Grand Master—the form of installation—the title *Most Worshipful* given to the Grand Master, and the other titles used—the installing the Grand Master elect by the Master of a subordinate lodge, (no Past Grand Master being present,) and other matters herein recorded—all had their counterpart, exemplar, and precedents in the Virginia *Ahiman Rezon* of 1793, and the publications cited antecedent to that. The Constitutions of Anderson assumed their present place in Kentucky Masonry at a much later day.

A few general facts relative to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, its legislative enactments, etc., will be useful in this chapter as a further guide to the general tone of Masonry as it was introduced into Kentucky from that State.

Dec. 12, 1798.—An order was passed, that the Grand Secretary (W. H. Fitzwhylsonn) should publish, in a pamphlet, all the resolutions adopted since the publication of its Book of Constitution, (in 1791,) and intended to have a general influence on the workings of the subordinate lodges; also a list of the lodges, etc., etc.

The following is a synopsis of this pamphlet:

Oct. 5793.—The Quarterly Meetings of the Grand Lodge were ordered to be discontinued, being productive of no advantage to the Craft, and leading to many inconveniences.

Nov. 5794.—The Grand Master was instructed to lay before the Grand Lodge Minutes of all his proceedings during the recess—the minutes to be read previously to the election of officers.

It was granted, in future, that the lodges might be represented, in Grand Lodge, by an eminent Brother or Brethren not a member or members of such lodge, provided that no Brother shall represent two lodges.

It being complained that Masonry is liable to many impositions by the Grand Master granting dispensations to initiate men of objectionable character, it was ordered by the Grand Lodge that subordinate lodges should henceforth transmit, promptly, to the Grand Secretary, an account of all rejections, expulsions, etc., that may occur, to the end that the Grand Master may be able to know when an imposition of a kind so destructive to the Craft may occur.

A Brother who had served six months as Master of a lodge, filling a vacancy, occasioned by the resignation of the elected Master, petitioned the Grand Lodge that he might be ranked a Past Master, in virtue of such service; but the Grand Lodge decided that no persons are eligible to that rank but those

who have regularly had the suffrage of the majority of their Lodge.

Nov. 5796.—The Grand Inspectors were ordered, in their future official visits to the lodges, to instruct the officers of each lodge in the proper mode of working, in order that a uniform method may be established throughout the jurisdiction.

It was recommended to the subordinate lodges, "that balloting, in case of introducing candidates to the Mysteries of Masonry, should be confined to Master Masons only."

*Ordered*, That copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be sent to every Grand Lodge in North America and Europe, accompanied by a Masonic letter, requesting constant correspondence.

Nov. 5797.—The Grand Lodge agreed to grant no more Charters or Dispensations to constitute new lodges in any State under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, or to hold any communications with lodges formed in violation of this principle.

Applicants rejected for initiation, etc., were declared ineligible to a second recommendation either in the same or another lodge, until the expiration of twelve months. The secretary of a lodge rejecting an applicant, was required to report immediately the fact of such rejection to the Grand Secretary, who was required to give immediate information to every other lodge under this jurisdiction of every such notification.

Dec. 1798.—Upon the question, "is there any impropriety in a Brother being a member of more than one Chartered Lodge at one and the same time," the Grand Lodge decided in the *negative*.

It was settled, in opposition to the Constitution then governing the Masons of Virginia, that the old requisition "every Brother desiring admission, must be upright in body, not deformed or dismembered at the time of making, but of hale and entire limbs as a man ought to be," was not obligatory, as "the literal observance of the said requisition, were it constantly and rigidly enforced, might operate to the exclusion of many persons otherwise qualified to become useful and ornamental members of the Society." A rule was thereupon established that corporeal deformity was not a sufficient reason for rejection, unless he was thereby rendered incapable of pursuing his worldly avocations, or procuring a livelihood.

It was ordered that any Mason visiting a lodge of so-called MODERN MASONS, or any lodge of Masons not working agreeably to the ancient usages of YORK MASONS, should be subject to Masonic discipline.

A Mason petitioning for advancement to the second or third degree of Masonry, was required to undergo an examination

in open lodge in the degree from which he was to advance, and the fact of his eligibility to such advancement was afterward to be decided by ballot, the suffrages of the *majority* present being sufficient to determine the matter.

No Brother was henceforth to be allowed to visit the Grand Lodge without the payment of one dollar to the Grand Treasurer, unless he was in needy circumstances. But this rule was soon abrogated.

A catalogue of the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia is appended in the form of a statistical table to this pamphlet. Among these are the following, working, in Sept., 1800, in Kentucky:

No. 25. *Lexington, State of Kentucky*, James Morrison, Master. Stated meeting, second Monday. Constituted Nov. 17, 5788.

No. 35. *Paris, Bourbon Co., Kentucky.* (Name of Master and time of meeting blank.) Constituted Nov. 25, 5791.

No. 46. *Georgetown, Scott Co., Kentucky.* (Name of Master blank.) Stated meeting Tuesday after the 4th Monday. Constituted Nov. 29, 5796.

The dates of organization of the other lodges in this table, are here given in brief: No. 1, June 1, 1741; No. 2, Dec. 1, 1755; No. 3, Sept. 9, 1757; No. 4, June 21, 1758; No. 5, Feb. 26, 1759; No. 6, Nov. 6, 1773; No. 7, the same; No. 8, Apr. 13, 1775; No. 9, Feb. 22, 1780; No. 10, Dec. 28, 1780; No. 11, July 8, 1785; No. 12, Oct. 1, 1785; No. 13, Feb. 6, 1785; No. 14, Feb. 28, 1786; No. 15, May 6, 1786; No. 16, June 15, 1786; No. 17, July 6, 1786; Nos. 18 and 19, Oct. 29, 1787; Nos. 20, 21, and 22, Apr. 28, 1788; No. 23, Nov. 17, 1788; No. 24, Apr. 28, 1789; No. 26, Apr. 28, 1789; No. 27, Oct. 29, 1789; No. 28, Apr. 28, 1790; No. 30, Oct. 29, 1790; Nos. 31 and 32, Apr. 14, 1791; Nos. 33 and 34, Oct. 29, 1791; No. 36, Nov. 1, 1792; Nos. 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42, Oct. 29, 1793; Nos. 43 and 44, Nov. 27, 1794; No. 45, Nov. 24, 1795; Nos. 47, 48, and 49, Nov. 29, 1796; Nos. 50 and 51, Nov. 28, 1797; No. 52, Nov. 29, 1797; Nos. 53 and 54, Nov. 27, 1797; Nos. 55 and 56, Dec. 11, 1798. At the date of this publication, Lodges Nos. 5, 8, 9, 12, 21, and 28 were suspended; there was no No. 29.

An extract from the by-laws of Richmond Randolph Lodge, No. 19, published July, 1797, has this passage, which exhibits the general usage of Virginia, upon the question of balloting.

"ARTICLE VI.—Of *Balloting*. 1. Balloting, in all cases, shall be confined to Master Masons only."

The Grand Lodges at labor in the United States, at this period, are hereby given in tabular form, so far as reliable information has been secured, with their respective dates of establishment, as well in the *Provincial*, as the *Independent* form:

| STATES. | PROVINCIAL ESTAB. | INDEPENDENT ESTAB. |
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| Connecticut, | | July 8, 1789. |
| Georgia, | | Dec. 16, 1786. |
| Maryland, | | July 31, 1781. |
| Massachusetts, | July 30, 1733. | March 8, 1777. |
| New Hampshire, | | July 8, 1789. |
| New Jersey, | | Dec. 18, 1786. |
| New York, | Sept. 5, 1781. | 1787. |
| North Carolina, | Jan. 14, 1771. | Dec. 16, 1787. |
| Pennsylvania, | June 20, 1764. | Sept. 25, 1786. |
| Rhode Island, | | June 25, 1791. |
| South Carolina, | Dec. 24, 1754. | March 4, 1787. |
| Vermont, | | Oct. 17, 1794. |
| Virginia, | | Oct. 30, 1778. |

The style of lectures and work in use in the Kentucky lodges, in 1800. can be but imperfectly understood at the present time. The laudable scruples of all York Masons, against committing any description of the work and lectures to paper, (scruples no where more zealously maintained than in Kentucky,) thwart every effort of the historian to examine intc and expound them. When the last of the connecting links, between the Masonry of 1800 and 1859, was broken by death, the last means of acquiring the Masonic arcana of that period. was forever lost. But we may approximate to this knowledge, so desirable in comparing Rituals and forms of work in modern times, by recalling to mind the fact, that the first knowledge of Masonry in Kentucky was brought from Virginia, and that every thing Masonic, printed and unprinted, which emanated from Virginia, was adopted, without question, as the law of Kentucky, at least for the first four or five years after the Grand Lodge commenced its existence. Old Masons still living, made as far back as 1815, testify that when "the work of Thomas Smith Webb," as it was technically called, (but more properly "the Prestonian lectures" of England,) when that work, which is now, with unimportant modifications, the standard of all the American Grand Lodges, except Pennsylvania, began to be disseminated in Kentucky, which was between 1815 and 1818, the skillful Masons of that period found little or no difficulty in adapting themselves to it. It is true, that in the Session of 1817, on motion of George M. Bibb, it was resolved that the work of W. G. Hunt *did vary* in

many parts from the mode of working previously practiced in the State; yet no further mention was made of the discrepancy, although, as we know, the "Webb work," from that time, began to prevail in Kentucky. As to the differences mentioned in the resolution of Brother Bibb, every one who has remarked the tenacity with which some Masons adhere to the most unimportant particulars of the lectures, while neglecting other parts on which the very morality and vital action of the Institution depend, will not be surprised that *any* change, however trivial, and even though for the better, should be at first deprecated.

The period of which we are writing, 1800, is particularly marked in Masonic history, as that in which the celebrated organizer of the Craft Rituals, Webb, began his efforts to improve and enlarge the Masonic Lectures, by adapting them to the Prestorian Standard. No man has ever lived in America whose works have done so much to shape the Masonic mind; and it will not, therefore, be considered inappropriate here to speak of them. We do so by transferring a portion of an article recently prepared by us for a Masonic periodical.

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## THE LECTURES OF THOS. SMITH WEBB.

The origin and authenticity of the Webb lectures, which for more than half a century have controlled and shaped the work in America, beyond all other influences, and which, rising above the gallicisms and other interpolations of later lecturers, are again assuming a place in the Masonic esteem, never more, we trust, to be removed, form a subject of great importance to reflecting Masons, and should be treated as such. That the Grand Lodges of America can never agree upon any changed form of work—that Masonic Conventions have effected, and will effect, nothing useful in that direction—that every alteration which has been made in the rituals in any of our jurisdictions has but led to other and greater changes—are facts with which, in our travels, we have become personally cognizant. It is not analogous to point to England and show there the spectacle of a great jurisdiction, of five hundred or one thousand lodges, working by the same rituals. There is no such power in America to enforce subjection to a new ritual as that possessed by the Grand Lodge of England. We have thirty-six Grand Lodges, each supreme in its own sphere, each claiming to have ample light in Masonry to regulate all its own concerns to the best ends; each capable, or thinking itself capable, of detecting unerringly the "true old work;" each despising all innovations, from whatever quarter emanating, and each (with few exceptions) hammering away, every few years, at its own forms of

work, as though all the world would necessarily endorse and adopt its changes as law and gospel. It is manifestly impossible, therefore, that our Grand Lodges will ever employ a Henning to invent a new set of lectures, as England did, and then decree that all lodges and Masons, in their respective bounds, shall adopt them.

Nor are we quite ready to admit, as most seem to do, that the Grand Lodge of England has been so wonderfully successful after all. The Brethren in Ireland, only a few miles west of England, the Brethren in Scotland, adjoining England, each of them, with perfect accord, refuses to adopt the English rituals, and adheres closely to its own old forms, which, especially in the case of Ireland, are nearly the same as the American. Not a lodge in the world, save those which were forced by solemn edict to do so, has ever, to our knowledge, adopted the Henning rituals as established by the Union Grand Lodge of England in 1813! Is not this a fact worth considering?

We shall be pardoned for again alluding to our own observations in regard to the Masonic rituals, in saying that we have never heard any lectures that, for strong, sensible language, and a consistent interweaving of the operative and the speculative, the ceremony and the explanation, compare favorably with Webb's. Almost every word in Webb's, like the words in the old Bible and in the Pilgrim's Progress, is a monosyllable of the Saxon tongue. We have just counted on our fingers a portion, and find that, out of eighty-three words, taken at random, fifty-nine are monosyllables, strong, nervous meaning roots of words, each of which conveys a whole class of thoughts. Compare this with any other system—compare it with the English Henning lectures—and the comparison is vastly in favor of Webb's.

We set out by remarking that the origin and authenticity of the lectures formerly taught by Thomas Smith Webb form a subject of great importance. It is no small matter to commit perfectly so much language, and whoever undertakes it should be well assured beforehand that he is acquiring that which need never be changed—that which is both old and orthodox. We hope in this article to give such historical assurances upon this subject as may satisfy the most skeptical.

John Barney, who lies buried at Peoria, Illinois, brought these lectures to the Mississippi Valley, about the year 1819. He acquired them at Boston, Mass., from Webb himself, in 1816 or 1817; brought them to Vermont, and exemplified them before the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, which readily adopted them, and have continued them unchanged to the present time.

In the year 1800, a Mason came to this country from Eng-

land, who had acquired the ritual in general use there from William Preston, the celebrated ritualist of the day. The name of the foreign brother can not, at this day, be recalled, though further researches may bring it to light. He satisfied the Boston Brethren, then, as now, exceedingly suspicious of all strangers in Masonic garb, and just then enjoying the first fruits of the Masonic Union consummated, only a few years before, between the "Ancients" and "Moderns" of the old Bay State, he perfectly assured them as to his own character and the correctness of his claims. He communicated the Prestonian Lectures to Mr. Webb, who had published his "Freemason's Monitor" about three years before, and to others; but we can not, at this time, give their names.

Henry Fowle, highly distinguished afterward for his Masonic attainments, and Snow, of Rhode Island, were indebted for their knowledge of the Prestonian Lectures to Webb, who, by this time, had changed their form slightly by reducing the number of the sections, and in the second edition of his "Freemason's Monitor," prepared the monitorial portions in a practical and masterly manner to accompany them. The celebrated lecturer, Henry Gleason, of Massachusetts, also acquired them from Webb, whose pupil he was, and greatly distinguished himself among the Craft by his polished and classical manner of imparting them. Gleason preserved his knowledge of the lectures by a method of his own invention. Under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts he visited, about the year 1805, every lodge, we believe, in that State. He was the only lecturer authorized by that body until 1842. Gleason was a graduate of Brown University in 1802. He became a public lecturer on geography and astronomy, belonged to Mt. Lebanon Lodge in 1807, and died at Concord, Mass., in 1847, at the ripe age of seventy years.

Previous to 1813 Gleason visited England, and repeated these lectures which he had acquired of Webb before the highest authorities in that country. They were recognized as correct, and received the approbation of one of the Grand Lodges then holding jurisdiction there; we are not able to specify which.

Henry Fowle preserved and communicated, with great accuracy, the lectures as Webb had given them to him.

## Cotemporary Events of 1800.

*Dec.* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.***—The proposition from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, relative to the establishment of a *National Grand Lodge*, with power to superintend and control the several Grand Lodges of the United States, was declared, by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to be, at present, improper and inexpedient; but that a General Convention of Masons, to assemble triennially, at Washington, for the purpose of recommending a uniform mode of work, would meet its approbation. This effort has been renewed, again and again, up to the present time. Enforced by the eloquence of a Clay, clinched by the logic of a King, recommended, alternately, by the oldest as well as the more recent Grand Lodges of the Union, it has never found favor with the masses of the Craft; and the sentiment is so decided against it, as to be, we apprehend, irrevocable.

## Masonic Literature of 1800.

"*An Oration*, commemorative of the virtues and greatness of General Washington, pronounced in the German Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, before the the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the 22d day of February, 1800. By Samuel Magaw, D.D. Published at the request of the Grand Lodge. *Philadelphia.* Printed by J. Ormrod, No. 41 Chesnut street, 1800." 8vo., pp. 44.†

"*Eulogium*, delivered to a large concourse of respectable citizens, at the State House, in the town of Dover, (Delaware,) on the 22d Feb., 1800, in commemoration of the death of General George Washington. By John Vining, Esq. Published at the request of the Committee of Arrangement appointed to superintend the ceremony, and take order on the solemn occasion. *Philadelphia.* Printed by John Ormrod, No. 41 Chesnut street, 1800." 8vo., pp. 32.‡

"*Funeral Oration* on Brother George Washington, delivered Jan. 1, 1800, before the French Lodge L'Aménité. By Brother Samuel Chaudron. Translated from the French by Samuel F. Bradford. *Philadelphia.* Printed by John Ormrod, No. 41 Chesnut street, 1800." 8vo., pp. 26.§

"*An Oration*, pronounced at Bennington, Vt., on the 22d February, 1800, in commemoration of the death of General George Washington. By Royal Tyler, Esq. *Walpole*, New Hampshire. Printed for Thomas & Thomas, by David Carlisle, 1800." 8vo., pp. 16.‖

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# THE SECOND GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, Februarg* 9 *and* 10, 1801.

"At a meeting of the Grand Lodge for the State of Kentucky, at the Masons' Hall, in the town of Lexington, on Monday the 9th day of February, A. L. 5801, A. D. 1801—

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* The sources of information of many of these *Cotemporary Events* are given in connection with the facts themselves, for the saving of space. Many more valuable facts would have found place here, but for the difficulty of procuring reliable dates to them. The task of sifting out the facts of Masonic history here given has been very great.

† *Cat.* No. 430. ‡ *Cat.* No. 430. § *Cat.* No. 430. ‖ *Cat.* No. 19, pp. 65–80.

PRESENT:

The Most Worshipful Wm. Murray, Grand Master.
The Right Worshipful Alex. Macgregor, D. G. M.
The Worshipful Simon Adams, Sen. G. W.
The Worshipful Cary L. Clarke, Jun. G. W.
Thomas Bodley, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
John A. Seitz, Grand Treasurer.
Thomas Love, Sen. G. D., *pro tem.*
Nathaniel Williams, Jun. G. D.
Samuel Shepherd, Grand Pursuivant.
John Bobb, Grand Tyler

The representatives of five lodges—to wit:

Thomas Bodley, Master,
John Bobbs, S. W. } *Lexington Lodge, No.* 1.
Benjamin Graves, J. W.

Nathaniel Williams, J. W., *Paris Lodge, No* 2.

Wm. Warren, Master,
Sam. Shepherd, S. W. } *Georgetown Lodge, No.* 3.
Robert Hunter, P. M.

Wm. Murray, Master,
Thomas Love, S. W. } *Hiram Lodge, No.* 4.

Simon Adams, Master,
James Wardlaw, S. W. } *Solomon's Lodge, No.* 5.
W. J. Tunstall, J. W.

Edmund Bullock,
Hugh McIlvain, } *Past Masters, Lexington Lodge, No* 1.
James Bliss,

The lodge was then opened in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

The following Brethren were admitted as visitors:

Wm. Bobbs and David McClellan, Lexington Lodge, No. 1.
James Blair, Hiram Lodge, No. 4.*

An application from sundry Brethren, residing in Bairdstown and its vicinity, was made for a Charter; and a recommendation, produced from the Lexington Lodge, No. 1, recommending Bro. David McClellan as Master, John Crozier, Senior Warden, and Thomas Speed, Junior Warden.

*Resolved*, That the same be referred to the Grand Committee to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of the whole lodge do meet in the Masons' Hall, to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock, to take under consideration such matters relative to the good of the Craft as may be laid before them, and make report thereof to the Grand Lodge.

*Ordered*, That the Grand Lodge be adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock.

(Signed,) WILLIAM MURRAY, G. M.

*Teste:* Thomas Bodley, G. S., *pro tem.*

TUESDAY, Feb. 10th, A. L. 5801, A. D. 1801.

The Grand Lodge met according to adjournment; present, the same

* Up to 1827 it was the custom to notice the names of all visitors at the Grand Lodge communications. There is still a Committee on Visitors.

Brethren as yesterday. The report of the Grand Committee was then read as follows—to wit:

MASONS' HALL, Feb. 10, A. L. 5801.

IN GRAND COMMITTEE.

Pursuant to the order of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Committee met.

PRESENT:

The Worshipful Edmund Bullock, P. M., of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, Chairman; Cary L. Clarke, Clerk.

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| Benjamin Graves, John Bobbs, Hugh McIlvain, | *No.* 1. |
| Nathaniel Williams, | *No.* 2. |
| Thomas Love, | *No.* 4. |
| Simon Adams, Wm. J. Tunstall, | *No.* 5. |

An application for a Charter, accompanied by the requisite certificates from the Lexington Lodge, No. 1, was made by sundry Brethren in Bairdstown and its vicinity.

*Resolved*, That a Charter do issue, establishing a Lodge in Bairdstown, in the county of Nelson, by the name and designation of the *Washington Lodge*, No. 6, appointing David McClellan, Master; John Crozier, Senior Warden; and Thomas Speed, Junior Warden.

The Right Worshipful Alexander Macgregor, D. G. M., appeared, and took the seat of Chairman. Brothers Samuel Shepherd and Robert Hunter, of No. 3, and Brother Thomas Hughes, of No. 4, appeared and took their seats.

*Resolved*, That it is indispensably necessary for every subordinate lodge to have their Charter or Dispensation present before they proceed to open a lodge.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge be, in future, held on the Tuesday after the Second Monday in October.

The Committee then adjourned.

MACGREGOR, Chairman.

Cary L. Clarke, Clerk.

The question being put on each of the resolutions separately, the whole were agreed to and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

*Ordered*, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn until the Second Tuesday in October next, at 10 o'clock A. M., or during the pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Lodge was then closed in ample form and harmony.

WILLIAM MURRAY, G. M.

*Teste:* Thomas Bodley, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.**

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* No list of lodges, etc., appears. The Grand Lodge continued to hold Semi-annual Sessions until 1807. Topics of all sorts continued to be digested and perfected in *Grand Committees* (*or Committees of the Whole*, in parliamentary language) until 1807, when the practice began to be changed into that of appointing Stated or Standing Committees, of which, in 1858, there were nine—viz., on Finance; Grievances; Returns; Lodges U. D.; Visitors; Unfinished Business; Credentials; Education and Foreign Communications. The latter are allowed twelve months to prepare their report.

## THE THIRD GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, October* 13 *to* 16, 1801.*

The officers present at the opening were:

Alex. Macgregor, G. M., *pro tem.*
Simon Adams, S. G. W.
Ben Graves, J. G. W., *pro tem.*
Thomas Tunstall, G. S., *pro tem.*
John A. Seitz, G. T.
John Simpson, S. G. D., *pro tem.*
George Baltzel, J. G. D., *pro tem.*
James Morrison, G. Tyler, *pro tem.*

But two elected officers were at their posts. Three lodges were represented, viz., Nos. 1, 4, and 5; and as the Virginia *Ahiman Rezon*, which had been adopted as a constitutional guide, requires five lodges for a quorum (see p. 30, edition of 1791), the Grand Lodge would not proceed to business. The next day four lodges (Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 5) being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. The difficulty above referred to was obviated for the future by the adoption of the following resolution:

*Whereas*, it has been found impracticable to procure the attendance of the representation from all the lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the representatives of four lodges having assembled, and it being considered that the good of the Craft requires they should proceed to business,

*Resolved*, That the part of the *Ahiman Rezon* of Brother John K. Reed, adopted by a resolution of the Grand Lodge, which requires that five lodges shall be necessary to constitute a Grand Lodge, be dispensed with; and in future the representatives of a majority of the lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be sufficient to do business.

Letters were received from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire and Virginia, the latter approbating the conduct of the lodges in Kentucky in establishing a Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary was ordered to answer both.

A Resolution was adopted, in accordance with the requisitions of the *Ahiman Rezon* (p. 23), that in future all the lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall elect their officers at the stated meetings *on each St. John's Day*, that is, twice a year, and it was so inserted in their Charters. This rule con-

* From this date, abstracts only of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge will be given. The greater part of published proceedings of Grand Lodges consist necessarily of matter which becomes useless after a few years, and would only serve to swell the size of a volume without adding to its interest. Every fact of importance will be introduced into this compilation, either under the running heads of current proceedings or the eight standard themes of Finance; Charity; Returns; Historical Roll of Lodges; Education; Foreign Correspondence; Biography and Jurisprudence.

tinued in force in Kentucky, until 1855, a period of fifty-four years. It was also ordered "that every officer may be eligible to be reëlected as often as the lodge shall think proper."

A petition, signed by Seth Lewis, James Ferrall, Arch'd Lewis, James Hogget, John Hardemar, David Lattimore, and William Mitchell, living at *Natchez, Mississippi Territory*, was received, recommended by Past Grand Master William Murray, praying for a Charter to hold a lodge there. The petition was granted, and *Harmony Lodge, No. 7*, Mississippi, was established, with Seth Lewis, Master; James Ferrall, Senior Warden; and Arch'd Lewis, Junior Warden.*

A petition from John Pope, having been presented to Solomon's Lodge, No. 5, setting forth that he had lost his right arm, and praying to be made a Mason, was referred to the Grand Lodge, with the understanding that if that body consented to it, No. 5 would pass a unanimous order for his admission. The Grand Lodge thereupon considered the question, and fully discussed it, passed the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the decision of the Solomon's Lodge in favor of the admission of John Pope, is proper, *and that he may be initiated in said lodge*, as it appears that the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the Arts and Mysteries of Freemasonry, and that his being initiated will not be an infringement upon the Landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our Institution.†

A Committee, consisting of the Deputy Grand Master (Jordan), the Sen. G. Warden (Adams), the Jun. G. Warden (Tunstall), the G. Treas. (Seitz), the G. Sec. (Bodley), and Bros. Wm. Murray, Benj. Graves, Thos. Todd, and Wm. Warren, or any three or more of them was appointed to prepare a set of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge, and make report thereof at the next stated meeting. It does not appear, however, that this Committee ever reported. A Committee, consisting of John Jordan, jr., Thos. Bodley, and John A. Seitz, or any two of them, was appointed to provide a seal, with a proper device, for the use of the Grand Lodge, as soon as practicable.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned "until the first Mon-

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* The lodges in Mississippi, in 1855, numbered 179. Those in Natchez were, Harmony Lodge, No. 1, and Andrew Jackson, No. 2. There is no Grand Lodge jurisdiction in which the principles of Masonry have found more congenial soil than in Mississippi. It has produced its Scott, Howry, Mellen, Speight, Quitman, Gray, and many others, whose names will not shortly be erased from the Rolls of Masonic fame. The present writer dates his Masonic birth from Oxford Lodge, No. 33, in that chivalrous State.

† See Grand Master Monsarrat's remarks upon this subject in his Opening Address, 1856. See also *Code of Masonic Law*, by Rob. Morris, 1856, pp. 351-2. The clause in the *Ahiman Rezon*, which was violated in this legislation of 1801, is as follows (p. 7): "Every person desiring admission must be upright in body, not deformed or *dismembered* at the time of making, but of hale and entire limbs, as a man ought to be."

Singularly enough this legislation, performed when only three lodges were represented, and done in direct violation of the rules, both of this and all other Grand Lodges, has been made a precedent for many similar acts in Kentucky for a period of fifty years.

day in April next, at ten o'clock, A. M., or during the pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master."

(Signed,) JAMES MORRISON, G. M.

*Teste:* THOS. BODLEY, G. Sec.*

(*Imprint—Lexington.* Printed by Daniel Bradford, 1802.) 16mo., pp. 18–34.

## Cotemporary Events of 1801.

Our collection of documents and statistics afford us comparatively few events of a Masonic character cotemporary with Masonry in Kentucky this year. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina forwarded an interesting circular, dated Halifax, North Carolina, Jan. 20, 1798, from which are derived the following extracts:

"By order of our Grand Lodge, it becomes my duty to transmit to you a copy of the Constitution of our Grand Lodge, and an abstract from the proceedings of our last Grand Annual Communication, holden in the city of Raleigh. When we advert to the first principles of our Order, frequent and friendly communications are a basis on which the prosperity of our Fraternity, and harmony of the Craft, are properly disseminated. A correspondence of this nature will, therefore, become highly advantageous to create respect and harmony among our lodges, and promote and cherish the Masonic virtues. We are happy, Brethren, to assure you, on our part, that this principle alone actuates and influences our motives in this respect, and further to inform you that the Fraternity, in our State, are in a prosperous and flourishing condition. Established, as Masonry is, on the foundation of genuine morality, and forming a chain of union between the charitable and benevolent of all countries and nations, it can not be cultivated with too much zeal. We have participated the happy effects of its benign influence, and we flatter ourselves that its salutary existence is beneficially experienced by all nations around the globe. May that light which emanates from the Throne of Grace illuminate your lodge, and influence the conduct and design of its members, is the earnest wish of your friend and brother,

(Signed,) ROBERT WILLIAMS, JR., G. S."

This document is postmarked and superscribed, "Halifax, January 29, —98, 11 oz., $2.75. The Right Worshipful Secretary of the Grand Lodge of *Kentucke.* To the Postoffice in Lexington." The original mode of spelling the name of the State, *Kentuckee*, was in frequent use even at that period.

There is also a Circular Letter in our possession, extracts from which are here given:

"Charleston, S. C., 24th of June, 5799.—Brothers:—The Grand Lodge of South Carolina Ancient York Masons, having received letters and other communications from several of the Grand Lodges of the United States, which, from a variety of local circumstances, have remained unanswered to this time, they have, therefore, been induced to appoint a

* The custom of signing the minutes of the Grand Lodge, both by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, has continued until the present time (1858). The rule by Grand Lodges is not universal.

Standing Committee of Correspondence, to consist of the Deputy Grand Master, and Senior and Junior Wardens, for the time being, in order to avoid such apparent neglect and inattention in future. * * * * It is with much satisfaction, we can truly make known to you that, although you have not heard from us before, it has not been owing to any want of respect or regard for our Brethren engaged in the same honorable and philanthropic work with ourselves, but to a variety of causes, unnecessary, we trust, and which would perhaps prove uninteresting, to detail at this time. Suffice it, therefore, to say, that we hope, by our future attention, to make up for any seeming past neglect.

"We are happy to inform you, that the interest of the Ancient Craft, in this State, is rather flourishing than otherwise; that a good degree of wholesome discipline is kept up in our lodges; and that there is, at present, a fair prospect that the Modern Grand Lodge, which has long been established here under a foreign jurisdiction, and which we believe to be the only one existing in America, will form a coalition with us, without any departure on our part, or infringement upon our Ancient Landmarks, whereby we may become united under one head; and that this schism in Masonry, which has proved a stumbling-block to many, and occasioned more injury to the prosperity of the Craft than any other circumstance, is likely to be removed from among us. Should this desirable event take place, we shall take the earliest opportunity of making you acquainted therewith; hoping that similar steps may be taken in other parts of the United States, if expedient or necessary, and that the distinction, so long exhibited to the world between Modern and Ancient Masonry, may be forever buried in oblivion.

"We also think it incumbent upon us to make known to you the following resolutions, entered into by this Grand Lodge, at their Quarterly Communication, held at their room in this city, 30th March last; hoping that they will meet with your approbation, and that you may be in a state of preparation to join us in any plans which may be deemed expedient and conducive to the interest and prosperity of the Ancient Craft. * * * In order to draw closer the bonds of union between the different lodges in the United States, and to induce them to join with us in some systematic plan whereby the drooping spirit of the Ancient Craft may be revived, and become more generally useful and beneficial; and whereby Ancient Masonry, so excellent and beautiful in its primitive institution, may be placed upon such a respectable and firm basis, in this Western World, as to bid defiance to the shafts of malice, or the feeble attempts of any foreign declaimers to bring it into disrepute; therefore, *Resolved*, That an extra meeting of the Grand Lodge be called, for the special purpose of considering the propriety and expediency of writing Circular Letters to the different Grand Lodges in the Union, inviting them to join with us in calling a Masonic Convention, to meet in some central spot in the United States, for the purpose of instituting a SUPERINTENDING GRAND LODGE FOR AMERICA, and framing such a Constitution as may accord with, and be adapted to, the local situation and circumstances of this extensive continent; and that the Secretary be directed to mention the purpose for which the meeting is called, in the summonses to be issued on that occasion. Also, that he write to such country lodges as may not be represented, to appoint proxies, in time to attend said meeting, in order that as large and respectable a number as possible may be convened, to deliberate on a business of so much importance.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Masters of the different lodges to submit the propriety of the above measure to the serious consideration of their respective lodges, in order that they may come prepared to communicate to the Grand Lodge the general and prevailing

sentiments of the Brethren on a business of so great magnitude, and on the fortunate issue of which so much apparently depends."

### Masonic Literature of 1801.

An Address by G. S. Williams, at Salisbury, N. C.

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## THE FOURTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, April 5 and 6, 1802.*

The officers present at the opening were:

James Morrison, G. M.
John Jordan, jr., D. G. M.
Simon Adams, S. G. W.
Thomas Tunstall, J. G. W
Thomas Bodley, G. S.
Samuel Shepherd, S. G. D.
John Bobbs, J. G. D.
Innis B. Brent, G. Stew'd.
Wm. Bobbs, G. Purs.
Nathaniel Barker, G. Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, and Abraham's Lodge, U. D. were represented.

Two Brethren present without credentials, were made to give proof of their representative authority before they were allowed their seats.

A Dispensation having been granted Dec. 21, 1801, to establish Abraham's Lodge, U. D., at Middletown, Jefferson Co., Ky., a Charter was granted to it, under the title of Abraham's Lodge, No. 8, having the names of James Taylor, Master, Philip Barbour, S. W., and Samuel N. Luckett, J. W.

The subject of a superintending Grand Lodge of the United States having been agitated in several of the Grand Lodges, Communications from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and South Carolina were received in relation thereto, and laid over until the next Session.

Charges of irregularities were made against Paris Lodge, No. 2, and there being no Representative from that lodge, it was ordered that said lodge appear here by its Representatives at the next Session, and show cause why their Charter should not be returned. At the next Session the Charter was returned to the Grand Lodge.

Returns of membership, etc., of the subordinate lodges were made this Session, and published by the Grand Lodge as follows:

| | Master Masons. | Fellow Crafts. | Ent. Apprentices. |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1, | 41 | 3 | 18 |
| 2, | no report. | | |
| 3, | 11 | 1 | |
| 4, | 35 | 3 | 6 |
| 5, | 43 | 4 | 4 |
| Abraham's, U. D., | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| | 140 | 12 | 29 |

At this time (1858), there are single lodges in the State having memberships nearly as large as this entire catalogue.

The circular from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, alluded to, bears date, Portsmouth, N. H., May 20, 1801, and is signed by L. Spalding, Grand Secretary. It declares "the G. L. of N. H. highly approves of the conduct of the Kentucky lodges, and hope for an exchange of friendly offices." It further states, "that the G. L. of N. H., and all the lodges under its jurisdiction are very flourishing, strictly adhering to Ancient Masonry." The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire pronounced the project of a superintending Grand Lodge, proposed by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina not practicable or expedient, believing every Grand Lodge fully adequate to the government, regulation and instruction of its subordinate lodges. It was of opinion, however, "that a Grand Convention of Masons to be holden at the City of Washington, as intimated by the circular of the G. L. of Va. might be of real benefit to the Craft, in producing uniformity in many things improper to be communicated in a letter. This Grand Convention might depute three well-instructed Brethren to visit all the Grand Lodges in the United States." This circular is directed "To William Murray, Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, Lexington." Postage unpaid, 50 cents.

There is in the archives of our Grand Lodge a letter, dated "Dorchester, near Boston, Mass., Nov. 18, A. L. 5801," signed by Thaddeus Mason Harris, as Corresponding Secretary of the G. L. of Mass. He says:

"I am directed by the G. L. to congratulate you on the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the State of Kentucky. Be assured that we are happy to greet you in due form, and that we cheerfully accord with your proposal of a 'reciprocation of correspondence and communication.' We should like to send you our Book of Constitutions, could you point out a method by which it might be transmitted less expensive than that of the mail. We flatter ourselves you would find it peculiarly serviceable in your recent establishment, as it contains more general and particular directions from the most ancient and authentic sources upon the organizing, constituting and government of lodges, with a great variety of charges, etc., for the instruction and use of the Fraternity than can be met with in any other publication of the kind."

The book referred to, is described by title, in the preceding chapter, under date 1792.

This subject was acted upon by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at its session, Oct., 1802.

Returns were made by five lodges, showing an aggregate of 180 members, including Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. No deaths, suspensions, or expulsions are reported.*

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## THE FIFTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, October* 12 *to* 14, 1802.

The officers present at the opening were—

John Jordan, jr., D. G. M., as G. M.
Levi Todd, S. G. W. *pro tem.*
Hugh Logan, J. G. W., *pro tem.*
John A Seitz, G. Tr. and G. P., *pro tem.*
Thomas Bodley, G. S.
Edmund Bullock, S. G. D., *pro tem.*
Cuthbert Banks, J. G. D., *pro tem.*

But one of the proper Grand Officers—viz., Bodley—was in his place. Lodges No. 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 were represented.

Thomas Reid, of Lexington, was made a Mason, by the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of securing his services as Grand Tyler. The Grand Lodge dispensed with the usual form of examination in opening lodge, and proceeded to initiate the said Reid *in a Master Mason's Lodge.* The record is clear upon this singular point, although a typographical error may be suspected. It proceeds thus: "The Master Masons' Lodge was then closed, and a Fellow Crafts' Lodge opened in ample form, when Bro. Thomas Reid, having been duly prepared, was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. This lodge was then closed, and a Master Masons' Lodge opened in ample form, when Brother Thomas Reid, being duly prepared, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason." Mr. Reid was then appointed Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*, and took his place accordingly. The lodge fees for passing and raising him were remitted.†

At this Session, for the first time in the records of the

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* It has always been the practice of this Grand Lodge to reckon Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts among the members of its subordinate lodges, and to charge annual dues for such. This should be borne in mind in noticing the statistics of the various years respectively.

† Thomas Reid is reported, at the Sessions of 1803, as Steward of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, but was suspended by that lodge in 1805, with twenty-eight others, for non-payment of dues. The practice of making Masons out of the usual course, to secure their aid as serving Brethren and Tylers, was derived from the practice of lodges in England, where it is common to the present day. It has been entirely abrogated in the American lodges in modern times.

Grand Lodge, the expression occurs: "Called from labor to refreshment, and, after some time, from refreshment to labor." The expression is technically correct, and in universal use in America.

After the election of the first five Grand Officers, the record declares "that the M. W. Grand Master, *pro tem.*, (Jordan) then nominated and appointed the following officers during the pleasure of the M. W. Grand Master, etc.,"—naming the Grand Secretary, the two Grand Deacons, the Grand Pursuivant, and the Grand Tyler. The practice of making these officers* appointees of the Grand Master was in accordance with the *Ahiman Rezon*, (p. 43.) "The appointment of the Grand Secretary is considered the inherent right of the Grand Master, being properly his amanuensis." See pp. 45 and 46 relative to Grand Deacons, Pursuivant and Tyler.

Seven resolutions were adopted at this Session, each of considerable importance—viz.:

1. The Lodges are strictly enjoined to transmit their reports to the Grand Lodge "agreeably to the rules and regulations prescribed in the *Ahiman Rezon*, and, by no means, to omit to communicate the several rejections, expulsions, deaths, removals, demissions and advancements which may take place in their respective lodges; and where none such have happened, to announce that fact."†

2. The Charter of Paris Lodge, No. 2, tendered by its members, was accepted by the Grand Lodge for reasons contained in the Letter. Those reasons, however, do not appear on the record, nor are we able to ascertain them.

3. Circular Letters from the Grand Lodges of Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, referring to a general plan of association of Grand Lodges, then much favored, were considered, and the Grand Master was authorized, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, "to appoint a delegation, consisting of one or more skillful Brethren, not exceeding three, to represent this Grand Lodge in a Convention, to be held at the city of Washington, agreeably to the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina"—the said delegation to be fully empowered to act under the

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*This practice continued but a short period in relation to the Grand Secretary, for in 1806 the record declares that he was *elected*. It is a confirmed usage in this Grand Lodge at the present day, (1858,) to elect all the Grand Officers except the two Grand *Deacons*, (of whom the Grand Master appoints the Senior, and the Senior Grand Warden the Junior,) the Grand *Marshal*, Grand *Sword-bearer*, and Grand *Pursuivant*—the three latter being appointees of the Grand Master.

†The *Ahiman Rezon*, p. 38, enjoined: "The several lodges on record shall transmit to the Grand Lodge, annually, at their stated meetings, a list of all the officers and members composing each lodge, distinguishing their rank and degree, together with such other matters relating to the Craft in general, as may be deemed proper to communicate." The practice of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, from 1802 to 1821, and from 1841 up to the present time, of publishing these statistics from year to year, in its proceedings, make our published history a thesauros of masonic facts, many of which are of the highest value.

restrictions, however, that the proceedings of the Convention should not be binding until ratified by the Grand Lodge. This delegation seems not to have been appointed. The proposed Convention did not assemble.

4. Twelve copies of the *Ahiman Rezon* were ordered of Bro. John K. Reid, through the Grand Secretary; the Grand Master being directed to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the amount. Each subordinate lodge, upon being furnished with a copy, was to pay the Grand Treasurer the price thereof. This was the edition of 1791.*

5. "*Resolved*, That in all the subordinate lodges, it shall be the duty of the Master or presiding officer, at their respective stated meetings, to deliver a lecture on one of the three first degrees in Masonry." This excellent rule, thus early adopted, was repeatedly reäffirmed in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for many years.

6. The Grand Treasurer's accounts were examined and approved. A balance appeared in his hands of £24, 9s. 1½d.; balance due by the lodges to the Grand Lodge £61, 18s.

7. *Abraham's Lodge* failing to get to work until the month preceding, (Sept.,) in consequence of officers not being installed until that time, a credit of £48 was allowed that lodge on the Grand Treasurer's book.

An allowance of seven dollars was made the Grand Steward for refreshment, etc., furnished the Grand Lodge during this meeting. These are the first appropriations, specifically named, in the records.

One hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge were ordered to be printed, a copy of which to be transmitted to each Grand Lodge in the United States. The Grand Secretary was ordered, at the same time, to answer the different communications received from Grand Lodges, and request a correspondence with them.† (*Imprint—Lexington*, printed by Daniel Bradford, 1802,) pp. 34–42; also, (*Lexington*, printed by Daniel Bradford, 1803,) 12mo., pp. 1–9.

The Committee appointed, October, 1800, to procure jewels and other Grand Lodge paraphernalia, having thus far failed

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* *Cat.* 228.

† Ever since that period efforts have been made, from time to time, to reach, through these printed proceedings, all the Grand Lodges in the world. As lately as 1856, Grand Secretary McCorkle recommended an attempt to open correspondence with foreign Grand Lodges. The proceedings of the first four Sessions are contained in a 16mo. pamphlet of 42 pages, printed at Lexington, by Daniel Bradford. Those of the 5th and 6th Sessions make a pamphlet, a little larger measure, of 20 pages; the 7th Session, 22 pages; the 8th Session, a still larger measure, 19 pages; Sessions of September, 1804, 19 pages; of March, 1805, 11 pages; September, 1805, 22 pages; March, 1806, 31 pages; October, 1806, 23 pages; October, 1807, octavo measure, 30 pages. The proceedings of 1856 fill 236 pages octavo, much of it in small type. Nearly all the printing of the Grand Lodge, up to 1809, was done by Daniel Bradford. William W. Worsley was printer in 1810 and 1811; Thomas Smith, 1812 to 1814; Finnell & Herndon, 1832 and 1833; A. G. Hodges, 1834 to 1839; Penn & Elliott, 1840; A. G. Hodges, 1841 to 1858.

to peform their duty, the Deputy Grand Master (Jordan) was added to their number, and it was expressly ordered "that the jewels be of gold." The report of this Committee was finally made.

No returns of subordinate lodges were published this Session.

The Reports of subordinate lodges occupy five pages, and exhibit so well the social position of the Craft in Kentucky, at that period, that we give them entire. Such names as Henry Clay, Green Clay, Jesse Bledsoe, Joseph H. Daviess, Felix Grundy, and John Pope, speak decisively as to its estimation in the eyes of the public.

### Return of the Lexington Lodge, No. 1,

To the Grand Lodge, held April 5, 1802.

*Officers:*

John Bobbs, Master.
Thomas Wallace, Senior Warden.
Henry Clay, Junior Warden.
Joseph Boswell, Secretary.
John Jordan, Treasurer.
Nathan Burrows, Senior Deacon.
William Bobbs, Junior Deacon.
Innis B. Brent, Stewart.
Nathaniel Barker, Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

James Morrison, John Fowler,
Levi Todd, Hugh M'Ilvain,
Edmund Bullock, Alexander Macgregor,
Thomas Bodley.

*Master Masons:*

William Ford, Edward West,
Green Clay, Thomas Clark,
John Crittenden, Basil Duke,
Frederic Ridgley, Robert Megowan,
Richard W. Downing, Lewis West,
Jeremiah Rogers, Turnstall Quarles,
James Russell, Buckner Thruston,
Charles Carr, Cuthbert Banks,
Stewart Wilkins, Hugh Logan,
Jesse Bledsoe, Lewis Marshall,
John A. Seitz, Benjamin Graves,
John Coons, George Coons,
Daniel M'Vicker.

*Fellow Crafts:*

Joseph H. Daviess, William Dangerfield,
George Mansell.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Richard Jones, Francis Jones,
Nicholas Lewis, James F. Moore,

John Parker,
Edward S. Thomas,
Martin Daniel,
John Watkins,
Thomas J. Garrett,
Thomas Reid,
James Coleman,
David Walker,
John Clay,
James Hughes,
Samuel H. Woodson,
Felix Grundy,
John Springle,
Andrew F. Price.

## Return of the Georgetown Lodge, No. 3.

*Officers:*

William Warren, Master.
Samuel Shepherd, Senior Warden.
George G. Boswell, Junior Warden.
Cary L. Clarke, Secretary.
Robert Hunter, Treasurer.
John Sutton, Senior Deacon.
Frederick Senior, Junior Deacon.
William Bond, Steward.
James Finley, Tyler.

*Past Master:*

William Sutton.

*Master Mason:*

John Overton.

*Fellow Craft:*

James Lemmon, jr.

## Return of the Frankfort Hiram Lodge, No. 4.

*Officers:*

William Murray, Master.
Thomas Love, Senior Warden.
Willis A. Lee, Secretary.
John S. Martin, Treasurer.
Nicholas Lason, Senior Deacon.
Hugh Innis, Junior Deacon.
John Cunningham, Steward.
William Rowland, Tyler.

*Master Masons:*

Daniel Weiseger,
Baker Ewing,
Hadin Edwards,
Thomas Todd,
Otho Beatty,
Isaac E. Gano,
Turner Richardson,
John Cunningham,
Thomas Tunstall,
Nathaniel Richardson,
Stephen G. Letcher,
John Railston,
Allen Richardson,
Philips Caldwell,
John Bacon,
Lewellan C. Griffith,
William Winslow,
Amos Anderson,
James Blair,
Bennet Pemberton,
John D. Richardson,
Francis Ratcliff,
William Hubble,
Joshua Lewis,
Elisha Bridgewater,
Joseph Craig,
John Hunter.

*Fellow Crafts:*

Benjamin Head, Henry Russell,
John M. Scott.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Gabrel Lewis, Samuel Moxley,
Jonathan Bridgewater, Joseph Twyman,
Thomas Bryant, Henry Tunstall.

## Return of Solomon's Lodge, No. 5.

*Officers:*

Simon Adams, Master.
James Wardlaw, Senior Warden.
Joseph Simpson, Junior Warden.
Isaac Watson, Secretary.
Abraham Owen, Treasurer.
James M. Davitt, Senior Deacon.
Robert Moore, Junior Deacon.
Joseph Simpson, Steward.
Peter Hansborough, Tyler.

*Master Masons:*

Benjamin Roberts, George Baltzell,
Robert Allison, Drury Malone,
Robert Dennon, James Craig,
James Moore, Adam Guthrie,
Edward Blanton, Gabriel J. Johnson,
Samuel Waddy, John Allen,
John Bradshaw, James Bradshaw,
Richard Steele, James Cox,
Johannes Goodman, William Bridgewater,
William Roberts, Obadiah Clark,
George Clifton, Montgomery Allen,
Adam Steele, Worden Pope,
Abraham Smith, John Runedgree,
William J. Tunstall, Joseph Ficklin,
Wingfield Bullock, John M. Gunkey,
John Pope, James L. Henderson,
Robert Owens, William Shipman.

*Fellow Crafts:*

Nathan Crofford, James M. Connell,
Richard Stephens, John Bullock.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Thomas Johnson, James Reynolds,
Joseph M. Payne, Luke Huffe.

## Return of Abraham's Lodge.

Held, under Dispensation, at Middletown.

*Officers:*

James Taylor, Master.
Philip Barbour, Senior Warden.
Samuel N. Luckett, Junior Warden.

Jonathan Taylor, Secretary.
William White, Treasurer.
Thomas Crutchfield, Senior Deacon.
Edward Evans, Junior Deacon.
Samuel Lawrence, Steward.

*Master Masons:*

William Chambers, Nathan D. Anderson.

*Fellow Craft:*

Willis Hoard.

*Entered Apprentice:*

Reuben Eastin.

Truly extracted from the papers and proceedings of the Grand Lodge.
*Teste:* THOMAS BODLEY, G. S.

## Cotemporary Events, 1802.

December 13.—Circular G. L. of N. C. The proposition of the G. L. of S. C., bearing date Dec. 11, 1801, for a Superintending G. L. of the U. S., was approved, and the G. M. directed to appoint delegates accordingly. The various Grand Lodges were requested to instruct their subordinates, respectively, not to initiate persons who reside in N. C., without strict inquiry into their characters.

## Masonic Literature of 1802.

*The Vocal Companion and Masonic Register*, in Two Parts. *Part I.*—Consisting of Original and Selected Masonic Songs, Anthems, Dirges, Prologues, Epilogues, Toasts and Sentiments, Charges, Prayers, Funeral Processions, etc. *Part II.*—A concise account of the Origin of Masonry in America, with a list of the lodges in the six Northern States, viz.: Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and Vermont, with the names of the officers, and the number of members of which each lodge consists. *Boston*, (Mass.,) printed by Brother John M. Dunham, A. L. 5802, A. D. 1802. 12mo., pp. viii, 103, v. (*Cat.* No. 220.)

*A Recommendation of Brotherly Love*, upon religious and moral principles, to which is subjoined An Inquiry into the true design of the Institution of Masonry, in Four Books. By the Rev. James Wright, A. M. First American Edition. *Edinburgh, Charleston*, (S. C.,) by T. B. Bowen, No. 3 Broad street, 1802.*

John W. Gurley, Address to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, December 27.

*An Address*, in Commemoration of the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, pronounced before the Brethren of St. John's Lodge, in Masons' Hall, Providence, on the evening of the 24th June, A. L. 5802, at their particular request, by Brother Benjamin Gleason. "All men desire happiness."—*Locke.* "Seven chiefs stood on the paths, and called the strangers to the feasts."—*Ossian.* "Angels, with their silver wings, o'ershade the ground."—*Pope. Providence*, R. I. Printed by Brother B. Wheeler, 5802. 12mo., pp. 16.†

* In the possession of A. G. Mackey, Charleston, S. C.
† *Cat.*, No. 19, pp. 49, B. C3.

## THE SIXTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, April 4 and 5, 1803.*

The officers present at the opening were:

Simon Adams, S. G. W., as G. M.
Thomas Tunstall, J. G. W., as S. G. W.
Alex. Macgregor, P. D. G. M., as J. G. W.
John A. Seitz, G. Treas.
Daniel Bradford, G. Sec.
John Simpson, as S. G. D.
Edward Evans, as J. G. D.
John Rowan, as G. Pur.
Thomas Speed, as G. Tyler.

Only two officers were in their proper places. Lodges Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, and Washington Lodge, U. D., were represented.

A visitor from Fredericksburgh Lodge, No. 63, Virginia, the lodge in which George Washington was made a Mason, was announced in the person of Bro. David Rosseau.

It being represented that Abraham's Lodge, No. 8, held at Middletown (twelve miles from Louisville), should be removed, for the benefit of the Craft, to Louisville, it was ordered that "the said lodge shall have power by complying with the regulations prescribed in the case of removals in the Book of *Ahiman Rezon*, chap. v, sec. 2, to remove to that place."†

A Charter having been granted, Dec. 9, 1802, for the establishment of Washington Lodge, No. 6, at Bairdstown, and the same never having been used, another was issued to it at this session, under the same title, but without fee. Thomas Speed to be W. M., Daniel L. Morrison, S. W., and James Cox, J. W.

The Resolution of Oct. 14, 1801, requiring that a majority of all the lodges in the State should constitute a quorum for business, was rescinded, and the number of *three* lodges was made a quorum.

The Grand Steward (Reid) was allowed £2 9s. 9d. for refreshments, etc., furnished this Grand Lodge.

The rolls of the subordinate lodges, presented this session to the Grand Lodge, exhibit the following results:

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† The passage referred to declares (p. 26) that no lodge shall be removed without the Master's knowledge, nor any motion made for that purpose in the lodge when he is absent. If the Master is opposed to the removal it shall require a vote of two-thirds the members present, summoned for the consideration of that business specially.

At this time (1858) there are twelve lodges in Louisville, having a united membership exceeding 1000. Harry Hudson Lodge, No. 193, has replaced Abraham's Lodge, No. 8, at Middletown.

| | Master Masons. | F. C.'s. | E. A. P.'s. | Admitted. | Demitted. | Deaths. | Rejected. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1, | 48 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4, | 35 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 5, | 45 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 8, | 16 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Washington, U. D. | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 153 | 12 | 28 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 1 |

The Entered Apprentices reported by Washington Lodge were Robert Wickliff and Felix Grundy. No. 8 reports a person rejected, as being "a man of dark complexion, about five feet eleven inches high, a small scar on the end of the nose." The practice of publishing rejections was continued by the Grand Lodge until 1857, when it was finally ordered to be discontinued.

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## THE SEVENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, October* 11 *to* 13, 1803.

The officers present at the opening were:

James Morrison, G. M.
John Jordan, jr., D. G. M.
James Moore, as S. G. W.
John Bobb, as J. G. W.
Andrew F. Price, as G. Tr.
Thomas Bodley, G. Sec.
Daniel Bradford, as S. G. D.
William Bobb, as J. G. D.
Willis A. Lee, as G. Purs.
Jacob E. Lehre, as G. Tyler.

Lodges 1, 4, 5 and 8, were represented.

Circulars from the Grand Lodges of Va., Pa., Md., N. C. and Tenn., N. H. and R. I., were read; the G. Sec. was ordered to answer them and to transmit a copy of the proceedings of the G. L. to each of the G. Lodges in the U. S., and to those of Nova Scotia and Lower Canada.

At the election of officers the Grand Master waived the right given him in the *Ahiman Rezon* (p. 41) *to appoint his deputy*, and that officer was accordingly elected by ballot. The right to appoint the D. G. M. was exercised by the Grand Masters

for several years; acknowledged in the first Constitution adopted by the G. Lodge, (1806,) but finally discontinued a few years later. The clause in the *Ahiman Rezon*, in relation to this matter, is as follows:

"The (Grand) Master elect shall nominate and appoint the Deputy Grand Master as being his inherent right, because, as the Grand Master is generally a Brother of the first eminence and abilities and long experience, and can not be supposed to give his attendance on every emergency, it hath always been judged needful not only to allow him a deputy, but that such deputy should be a person in whom he can perfectly confide, and with whom he can have full harmony."*

The establishment of a Steward's Lodge at some previous Session is referred to, and "Brethren William Bobbs and Geo. M. Bibb were appointed additional members thereof. The record of such establishment is not given, but it was doubtless based upon these requisitions of the *Ahiman Rezon*, (pp. 46, 47.) That the Grand Steward's Lodge should consist of all the present Grand Officers, all Past Grand Masters and Wardens, and all Past Masters of regular private lodges within this jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and such other members as the Grand Lodge may appoint. Those who might receive relief from the funds of this Charity were registered Masons, who had themselves contributed to a Grand Lodge Charity Fund and were members of a lodge at the time of application, and could prove themselves masonically worthy. Persons made in a clandestine manner, or who had assisted in clandestine makings, were specially debarred from the benefit of this Charity.

The times of meeting of the Grand Lodge, which were established Feb. 10, 1801, to be "the Tuesday after the second Monday in October and April," were now changed to the third Tuesday in March and September.

In the Constitution of 1806, they were settled at "the last Wednesday in August," and so continued for a long period thereafter.

"*Resolved*, That unless the requisitions of the Grand Lodge respecting the communications from the subordinate lodges be strictly complied with, such communications will not be received."

This refers to the Resolution of October, 1802, strictly enjoining that all reports shall conform to the rules prescribed in the *Ahiman Rezon*. In modern periods better method and accuracy are partly secured by furnishing the lodges annually with printed blanks for their reports.

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* But few of the American Grand Lodges have continued this ancient usage. Recently (February, 1858) the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has adopted it after long disuse. (See *Ancient Charges* of Masonry, ch. iv.)

A Grand Charity Fund was commenced at this Session by levying a tax of one dollar on every initiation into a subordinate lodge, and "for every initiation in the Grand Lodge, five dollars."

At the present time (1858) this has increased to $22,029.51.

The G. Sec. was ordered to affix the Grand Lodge Seal to such transcripts of original Charters issued by the G. L. as should be presented to him; also to certify to the accuracy of the copies, and file the originals in the archives of the G. L. It was also ordered that the G. M. and D. G. M. countersign the copies.

The G. Sec. was ordered hereafter to publish and distribute, in the printed proceedings of the G. L., all expulsions, rejections, and suspensions, which might be communicated to him from the different Grand Lodges in North America.

Complaints of irregularities committed by Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, having been made to the G. L., and there being no representation present at this meeting from that lodge, it was ordered that No. 3 appear by its representatives at the next Session, and "show cause why their Charter should not be returned." In the March following that lodge was dissolved by order of the G. L.

Legislation, relative to the question still vexed and unsettled in many G. L. jurisdictions, *the power of Past Masters* was established at this Session as follows: "*Resolved*, That none of the lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall confer the degree of Past Master on any Brother, unless he shall be regularly elected to the Chair, or by dispensation from the Grand Lodge, which dispensation shall be attested by the G. Sec., having the Seal of the Grand Lodge affixed thereto, for which the sum of two dollars shall be paid, one of which shall be applied to the use of the Grand Charity Fund." It will be recollected that at the Sessions of Oct., 1801, John Jordan, jr., Deputy Grand Master elect, was not installed until "having first passed the Chair:" that is, received the degree or order of Past Master.

Brother Simon Adams, of Lodge No. 5, was appointed to visit Lodges Nos. 5, 6 and 8; and Bro. Samuel Postlethwait, of Lodge No. 7, to visit Lodge No. 7, inspect its workings, and make report to the Grand Lodge at the next Session. The *Ahiman Rezon*, on this subject, enjoins (p. 48) that skillful Brethren shall be appointed to visit all the lodges, and see that the ancient customs and usages of Masonry are strictly observed.

The rolls of lodges reported at this Session give the following aggregates:

| | No. of M. M's. | F. C. | E. A. P. | Admissions. | Demiss's. | Deaths. | Initiations. | Rejections. | Expulsions. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1, | 48 | 1 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. 4, | 38 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| No. 5, | 40 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| No. 8, | 21 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 147 | 11 | 37 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

The list of suspensions, expulsions and rejections, communicated by other Grand Lodges is given with minuteness. Virginia communicates 37 suspensions and 15 expulsions; Pennsylvania, 26 expulsions and 24 rejections; Maryland, 7 suspensions, 16 expulsions, and 3 rejections; North Carolina, 1 expulsion. The G. L. of Pennsylvania furnished the following minute: "April 5, 1802.—A letter received from Bro. Robert Pickering, Secretary of Athol Lodge, No 7, Lucia, Jamaica, was read. It communicated that Moses Levy, a Jew, near 6 feet high, well proportioned, and a good-looking man; Cuthbert Potts, a squat, well-proportioned man, by trade a saddler, about 5 feet 8 inches high; and Alexander M'Callum, an officer in the Excise Office there, a thin man, and much pock-pitted in the face, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high; should be guarded against in case of their making their appearance among us, they being IMPOSTORS!" The greater part of the suspensions thus reported are for non-payment of dues, that fruitful vice in Masonry. Some are marked, *suspended during pleasure* (of the *lodges*). In various instances, the trades and professions of these outcasts are given as a *carpenter*, a *baker*, *etc.*

(*Imprint:* Lexington, printed by Daniel Bradford, 1803, pp. 10—21.)

The form of the Charter or Warrant used by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in those days, is given below. It is a literal transcript of that still in possession of Hiram Lodge, No. 4, at Frankfort, and is the oldest lodge Charter extant in the Mississippi valley. That of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, was burned in the destruction of their Hall. Those of Nos. 2 and 3, surrendered to the Grand Lodge in the years 1802 and 1804, respectively, have likewise perished by fire. None of the Charters of Ohio, Tennessee, etc., are older than their respective Grand Lodge organizations (1809 and 1818).

{SEAL.} WILLIAM MURRAY, GRAND MASTER.

*To all whom these presents may concern, greeting:*

*Whereas*, it hath been duly represented, that in Frankfort, in the county of Franklin, in the State of Kentucky, there reside a

number of the Brethren of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, who are desirous of being formed into a regular lodge; and it appearing to be for the good increase of our Ancient and Honorable Craft that the said Brethren should be encouraged in their honorable endeavors and designs: *therefore*,

*Know Ye*, that we, William Murray, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Kentucky, by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge, do hereby constitute and appoint our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, the Worshipful William Murray, Master, Thomas Love, Senior Warden, and Isaac E. Gano, Junior Warden, together with all such other true and lawful Brethren as may be admitted to assemble with them, to assemble and work as a regularly constituted lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in the county of Franklin, and State of Kentucky aforesaid, by the name, title, and designation of Hiram Lodge, No. 4, requiring and enjoining all regular lodges to respect them as such; and we do hereby grant and empower the said Master, Wardens, and Brethren aforesaid, full power and authority to receive and enter Apprentices, to pass Fellow Crafts and raise Master Masons, and to perform all the works of the Craft agreeably to the Ancient Constitutions and usages of Freemasonry, and the ordinances and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and not otherwise; and to choose a Master, Wardens, and other officers annually, at such time as to them shall seem convenient; and to exact from their members such dues as they shall think necessary for the support of their said lodge, the relief of their Brethren in distress, and the regular payment of their annual contributions to the Grand Charity Fund: and we do hereby require and command the said Master, Wardens and Brethren, and their successors, to record in their books, along with this present Charter, their own regulations, by-laws, and their transactions, from time to time, as they occur; and also to correspond with our Grand Lodge whenever occasion may offer, and to attend the meetings thereof regularly by their representatives or deputies; and also to pay due respect and obedience to all such decrees and directions as they may, from time to time, receive from the Grand Lodge, or from the Grand Master, for the time being: and, lastly, the Master, Wardens and Brethren, in behalf of themselves and their successors, do, by accepting hereof, solemnly engage strictly to conform to all, and every, the foregoing requisitions and commands, and at all times to acknowledge and recognize the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master of Kentucky as their superiors, and, as such, to obey them, or either of them, in all things appertaining to the Craft.

Done in Grand Lodge at Lexington, this seventeenth day of

October, Anno Lucis five thousand eight hundred, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred.

MACGREGOR, D. G. M.

Attest, J. RUSSELL, Grand Secretary.

The following indorsement upon this Charter explains itself:

In Grand Lodge,

October the 12th, 1803, A. L. 5803.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary do affix the seal of the Grand Lodge to such transcripts of Original Charter, heretofore held from this Grand Lodge, as shall be presented to him, and shall certify the same to be truly transcribed, and that the originals are filed away with the Archives of the Grand Lodge, and that the same be countersigned by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

In conformity with the foregoing resolution, I, Daniel Bradford, Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, do certify that the above Charter is truly transcribed from the original, which is filed away with Archives of the Grand Lodge.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge, this 13th day of October, A. L. 5803, A. D. 1803.

DANIEL BRADFORD, Grand Secretary.

JOHN JORDAN, Jr., G. M.

THOS. TUNSTALL, D. G. M.

A few remarks upon this venerable Charter will be in place: and *First*, It will be seen that the title of William Murray was not "Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky," as in modern times the office in Kentucky has been styled, but "Grand Masons in the State of Kentucky," according to the time-honored usage of the Craft.

*Second*, It was not deemed to be unmasonic or improper for the Grand Master to act at the same time as the Master of a lodge. In some jurisdictions a contrary rule has so far usurped the older, as to occasion a Grand Lodge regulation forbidding the Grand Master acting in the latter capacity.

*Third*, The terms "York" and "Ancient York" Masons are not to be found in this Charter. At that period there were two Grand Lodges in England, as there had very recently been in Massachusetts, the line of division being drawn upon the technicality well understood at that time of "Ancients" and "Moderns;" and the word "York" had no place.

*Fourth*, The manner of signing Charters in those days was as above seen—the Grand Master at the top. This is still the custom in most foreign, and some American, jurisdictions. The Grand Wardens did not sign.

A copy of the Charter, in use in 1858, will be given by way of contrast to this on a subsequent page.

We again give the official returns of subordinate lodges, as they were originally published.

## Return of Lexington Lodge, No. 1,

To the Grand Lodge, Oct. 11, 5803.

*Officers:*

Daniel Bradford, Master.
George M. Bibb, Senior Warden.
William Bobbs, Junior Warden.
James Coleman, Secretary.
Andrew F. Price, Treasurer.
George Coons, Senior Deacon.
Thomas Reid, Junior Deacon.
Jacob E. Lehre, Steward and Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

Hugh Logan,
Alexander Macgregor,
James Morrison,
Edmund Bullock,
Thomas Bodley,
John Fowler,
Hugh M'Ilvain,
John Bobbs,
John Jordan, jr.
Cuthbert Banks.

*Master Masons:*

William Ford,
Green Clay,
John Crittenden,
John A. Seitz,
John Coons,
Daniel McVicker,
Edmund West,
Thomas Clarke,
Basil Duke,
Lewis Marshall,
Samuel H. Woodson,
Henry Clay,
Robert Megowan,
Lewis West,
Tunstall Quarles,
Richard W. Downing,
Jeremiah Rogers,
William Dangerfield,
Thomas Wallace,
Charles Carr,
Stewart Wilkins,
Jesse Bledsoe,
Nathan Burrows,
Frederick Ridgely,
Benjamin Graves,
Thomas B. Scott,
Joseph Boswell,
John Finch,
James Ross,
Joseph H. Daviess.

*Fellow Craft:*

George Mansel.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Richard Jones,
Nicholas Lewis,
Edward S. Thomas,
John Watkins,
Francis Jones,
John Clay,
Felix Grundy,
John Harrison,
John Parker,
Martin Daniel,
Thomas J. Garrett,
James F. Moore,
James Hughes,
John Springle,
William Russell,
Francis Moore,
David Walker.

*Admissions:*

William Russell, James Ross,
John Finch, Francis Moore.

## Return of Hiram Lodge, No. 4.

*Officers:*

John Rowan, Master.
Willis A. Lee, Senior Warden.
William Winslow, Junior Warden.
Henry Tunstall, Secretary.
Joseph Craig, Senior Deacon.
Robert Brenham, Junior Deacon.
Charles Springer, Steward and Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

William Murray, Thomas Tunstal,
Thomas Love, John S. Hunter.

*Master Masons:*

Isaac E. Gano, Nicholas Lason,
John D. Richardson, Stephen G. Letcher,
John Cunningham, John Railton,
Thomas Todd, William Hubble,
Baker Ewing, Philips Caldwell,
Otho Beatty, Joshua Lewis,
Amos Anderson, John Bacon,
James Blair, Allen Richardson,
Bennett Pemoerton, Hugh Innes,
Hayden Edwards, L. C. Griffith,
Nathaniel Richardson, Elisha Bridgewater,
Thomas Bryant, Thomas Long,
George Baltzell, John A. Mitchell.

*Fellow Crafts:*

Henry Russell, Benjamin Head,
John M. Scott.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Gabriel Lewis, Jonathan Bridgewater,
James Twyman, John Pemberton.

*Initiations:*

Thomas Long, John A. Mitchell, } May 25th, 5803.
Charles Springer, June 10.
John Pemberton, September 23.

*Passings:*

Thomas Long, John A. Mitchell, } June 10.
Charles Springer, June 15.

*Raisings:*

Henry Tunstall, John A. Mitchell, } June 15.
Thomas Long, Charles Springer, } June 17.

## Return of Solomon's Lodge, No. 5.

*Officers:*

John Simpson, Master.
James Moore, Senior Warden.
John Bradshaw, Junior Warden.
Robert M. Moore, Secretary.
James Craig, Treasurer.
William Roberts, Senior Deacon.
Wingfield Bullock, Junior Deacon.
Montgomery Allen, Steward.
Peter Hansborough, Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

Simon Adams, James Wardlaw.

*Master Masons:*

Benjamin Roberts,
Robert Allison,
Edmund Blanton,
Samuel Waddy,
Johannes Goodman,
George Clifton,
James M. Davett,
Abraham Smith,
Abraham Owen,
Joseph Simson,
William J. Tunstall,
Isaac Watson,
Gabriel J. Johnson,
John Allen,
James Bradshaw,
Obadiah Clark,
William Bridgewater,
Joseph Ficklin,
John Pope,
James L. Henderson,
John M. Gaughey,
James M. Connell,
William Shipman,
Joseph Allen,
John Gwathmey,
George R. C. Floyd,
Robert Owen,
John Romgue,
William Akin.

*Fellow Crafts:*

Nathan Crawford, Edmund Curd,
John H. Bullock, Charles Adams.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Thomas Johnson, James Reynolds,
Joseph M. Payne, Charles Henderson,
Luke Huff, Nathan Towsen.

*Demissions:*

Richard Steele, John Bullock,
Adam Steele, Robert King,
Drury Malone, Daniel Jennings,
Worden Pope, Adam Guthrie.

## Return of Abraham's Lodge, No. 5.

*Officers:*

James Taylor, Master.
Philip Barbour, Senior Warden.
Edward Evans, Junior Warden.
Jonathan Taylor, Secretary.
William Sullivan, Treasurer.
Willis Hord, Senior Deacon.

David L. Ward, Junior Deacon.
Reuben Eastin, Steward.
John Evans, Tyler.

*Master Masons:*

William White,
James Murray,
John Edwards,
William Chambers,
John Pickett,
Thomas Crutchfield,
Alexander Woodson,
John Jones,
William Jones,
Richard Taylor,
Robert A. New,
Samuel N. Luckett.

*Fellow Crafts:*

Richard Findley,
William C. Galt,
John M. Luckett.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Jonathan Thomas,
John Lamastar,
John T. Gray,
Fleming Gatewood,
Turner Peay,
Samuel Wooldridge,
Martin G. Clark,
Samuel Gwathmey,
Samuel Vail,
Davis Floyd.

*Admitted Masons:*

Worden Pope,
George R. C. Floyd,
Richard Dickenson,
Fortunatus Cosby.

## Return of Washington Lodge,

Held at Bardstown.

*Officers:*

Thomas Speed, Master.
Daniel L. Morrison, Senior Warden.
James Cox, Junior Warden.

*Master Masons:*

Adam Guthrie,
Daniel Jennings,
David McClellan,
Thomas Roberts,
Benjamin Helm,
Robert King.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Felix Grundy,
Robert Wickliff.

Truly extracted from the papers and minutes of the Grand Lodge.

*Attest:* DANIEL BRADFORD, G. S.

## Cotemporary Events, 1803.

*Dec.* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(Folio, pp. 4.)—Lodges ordered to forward copies of their by-laws. 65 lodges reported, including 7 in the island of San Domingo; 1 in Delaware; 1 in New Orleans; 1 at the Old Mingo Town, Northwest Territory; 1 in the Island Trinidad, and 1 in the British 17th Regiment of Foot.

*March* 7.—**Circular G. L. of Pa.**—(Manuscript.)—In relation to a superintending Grand Lodge of the U. S., as proposed by

the Grand Lodge of N. C. The Grand Lodge of Penn., June 7, 1790, in response to a similar proposition from the Grand Lodge of Georgia had unanimously declared it impracticable. In 1800, March 3, a similar plan from the Grand Lodge of S. C. had also been voted impracticable, and now, 1803, the Grand Lodge of Penn. persisted in its former opinion. But it was thought a Convention of Deputies would be conducive to the advancement and respectability of the Craft.

*Nov.* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 3.)—Oration by Walter C. Gardner, ordered to be published.

*April* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(Folio, pp. 2).—The Order in Va. was declared to be receiving daily an accession of characters, calculated to add to its ornament and respectability. 63 lodges are reported.

*Dec.* 12.—**Proc. of G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 36.)—The title assumed at this period, is *The Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee.* Address by John Louis Taylor, G. M., ordered to be printed. The G. M. was instructed to have a sufficient number of plain aprons and sashes for the use of the G. L.

John C. Osborne of Newbern, was requested to compile an edition of the Ahiman Rezon.

"The Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die.*"

A list of the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Sister Grand Lodges respectively, is given, of which the following is a summary: The Grand Lodge of N. C. had 31 lodges; Geo. 21; Va. 67; Pa. 65; N. J. 16; Mass. 79; Nova Scotia, 20; 299 in all. But those of N. H., Vt., R. I., Conn., N. Y. and others are not given.

*From Richard's Preston's Illustrations of Masonry*, published in 1804, the statistics of which it may be presumed, were brought up to, and included 1803, we learn that there were 527 Masonic Lodges then at work in the United States.

Estimating the population at 6,000,000, (the census of 1800, makes it 5,300,000) the ratio of lodges to population is as one lodge to 11,500 people. The present year (1859), with an estimated population of 30,000,000, and an aggregate of Masonic Lodges of 4500, the ratio in the United States is as one lodge to 6666 people.

*Dec.* 12.—**Proc. G L. of Mass.**—(4to., pp. 7.)—36 lodges were represented. Isaiah Thomas reëlected G. M., Thaddeus M. Harris, Corresponding G. S. 12 Dist. Grand Masters were appointed. 80 lodges were on the Rolls, including one in Ohio (*American Union*, at Marietta), and one in Demarara, West Indies (*St. John*, at Stabrock). A minimum fee of $18 for the three degrees had been made obligatory upon the lodges two years before. The price of Charters was set at $75.

### Masonic Literature of 1803.

*Ahiman Rezon*, or a Help to a Brother, collected from the best editions extant, to which is added the choicest collection of miscellaneous matter ever before published. *Dublin* (Ireland), printed by Brother Joseph Hill, No. 3, Copinger's Row, 1803. 12mo., pp. 274.*

*An Oration* delivered in the Baptist Meeting-House on White Creek, on Friday, June 24, 1803, being the festival of St. John the Baptist, by the request of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of *Rural Lodge, No.* 32, of Free and Accepted Masons; *Temple Lodge*, of Bennington, and *Farmers' Lodge* of Easton, being by invitation present, with visiting Brethren of some other lodges. To the above, is added Four Objections Against Masonry, answered in a candid manner by Andrew Harpending, V. D. M. *Bennington* (Vt.), printed by A. Haswell & Co. 16mo., pp. 16.†

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## THE EIGHTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, March* 20 *and* 21, 1804.

The officers present at the opening were:

John Jordan, jr., G. M.
Abraham Owen, as S. G. W.
George M. Bibb, as J. G. W.
Andrew F. Price, G. Tr.
Daniel Bradford, G. Secretary.
John Y. Hiter, as S. G. D.
William Bobb, as J. G. D. and G. P.
Jacob E. Lehre, G. Steward and Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 6 were represented.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 5, sent up two copies of its by-laws; the first notice of the existence of by-laws yet made.

At this Session, it was ordered that henceforth, the subordinate lodges should report in their returns to Grand Lodge, "all persons admitted into their respective lodges as Visiting Brethren." This was doubtless in reference to the fact, that in various States there were conflicting claims of Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, having neglected the summons made last Session, and failed to send up a representative, it was *Resolved*, "That Bro. Isaac E. Gano and Bro. Daniel Bradford, demand of the late officers of the Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, the Charter and all the Archives and property, as well

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* *Cat.*, No. 104.

† *Cat.*, No. 19, pp. 13 B—47 B.

real as personal, belonging to said lodge, and that they make report to the Grand Lodge at the next G. A. Com. And each Brother is hereby required to deliver such articles as may be in his hands, to the said Brethren or either of them."

In connection with this order, the rule was adopted: "That when a Charter, held under this Grand Lodge, shall be returned or forfeited, the whole of the Regalia, books and papers shall be vested in the Grand Lodge, and be at its disposal," a rule based upon the best usage.

Lodge No. 4 having referred a question to the Grand Lodge relative to the necessary qualifications of a candidate for initiation, the Grand Lodge "recommended" a strict observance of chap. i, sec. 3, of the *Ahiman Rezon*. The passages referred to (pp. 4 to 8), refer to private qualities and duties. They forbid intemperance; enjoin industry and the study of the arts and sciences; recommend patience, meekness, self-denial, etc., etc., and enforce charity to all mankind, and especially to Brother Masons. They reprehend the vices of slander, and define secrecy as a virtue absolutely requisite to Masons. They declare that no person is capable of becoming a member, unless he is freeborn, of mature and discreet age, of good report, of sufficient natural endowments, and the senses of a man, etc., etc.; and they positively affirm, that "Every person desiring admission, must be upright in body, not deformed or dismembered at the time of making, but of hale and entire limbs, as a man ought to be."

The Committee appointed October, 1800, to procure regalia, jewels, etc., and to which the D. G. Master (Jordan) was added Oct. 1802, was discharged. In their place, the Grand Secretary was directed to procure them, and to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount. We have no records to show whether the order was obeyed.

It appears by an entry here, that the lodges had thus far sent up their Charters *at each Session of the Grand Lodge;* they are now instructed that they need do so no more, unless specially directed.

An order was passed, making it the duty of each lodge to communicate from time to time to the Grand Secretary, "all such matters as may be for the benefit of the Craft;" and whenever the Grand Secretary is so instructed by the G. M., he shall correspond with the different lodges.

Various lodges being considerably in arrears, were required to make their remittances to the Grand Treasurer, without delay.

A bill of the Grand Secretary of $34.00, for printing and stationery, was allowed; also the Grand Tyler's bill, $24.00, for attendance and refreshments.

The following resolution was ordered to lie over until the September Session.

"*Resolved*, That Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are entitled to vote in receiving or rejecting an applicant, either as a Brother or for initiation, inasmuch as they ought to be judges of the qualifications of those with whom they would wish to associate; but at the same time, it is declared that in no other case are they entitled to vote." The matter, however, did not come up in Sept., nor did the subject come up in the Grand Lodge for a considerable period thereafter.

At this or the previous communication, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky subscribed for twenty copies of Richard's Edition of Preston's Illustrations of Masonry (*Cat.* 123), which is the first instance we have of so laudable an act on the part of a Grand Lodge. Ever since that period, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has proved itself an eminent patron of sound Masonic literature.

The rolls of the subordinate lodges reported at this Session, are thus summed up:

| | M. M. | F. C. | E. A. | Admit'd. | Init'd, | Died. | Reject'd. | Susp'd. | Demit'd. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1, | 52 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. 4, | 39 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| No. 5, | 32 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| No. 6, | 21 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

No. 6 reports Felix Grundy as its Secretary, he having been passed and raised that year.

The Grand Lodge of England furnishes the following minute, which proves that the G. L. of Ky., like Virginia, recognized at that period the "Ancient," or "Dermott" Grand Lodge of England alone.

"Extracts from a communication of the G. L. of England. GRAND LODGE, June 1, 1757—Earl of Blessington, G. M., unanimously ordered that if any Master, Wardens or presiding officer, or any other person, whose business it may be to admit members or visitors, or entertain in his or their lodge during lodge hours, or the time of transacting the proper business of Freemasonry, any member or visitor not strictly an *Ancient Mason*, conformable to the Grand Lodge Rules and Orders, such lodge so transgressing shall forfeit their Warrant and the same may be disposed of by the Grand Lodge. L. Dermott, G. S."

The object of this edict was to exclude from membership all the great body of Masons styled the Moderns.

A circular from the G. L. of England is given thus:

"Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

WORSHIPFUL SIRS AND BROTHERS:

Beware of Certificates with the following words engraved under an arch at the top, viz.: Lodge 57, Royal Naval Lodge of Independence,

Wapping, of the most Ancient and most Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England, according to the Old Constitutions."

We have no such lodge, nor ever had any such, under our Constitution. The above Certificates are in other respects an imitation and piracy, taken from our lodge Certificates, engraved with emblems of Masonry, the armorial bearings of our R. W. Grand Lodge and Seal, fabricated by an expelled Mason, and intended to pass and impose upon our Ancient Order, particularly in America. It has become necessary to guard against imposition and the dangers of those, who, to gratify the spleen of a disappointed individual, and cover the nefarious practices of others are most actively employed in villifying and attempting to bring into disrepute the Ancient Craft in these kingdoms.

(Signed,) ROBERT LESLIE, G. SEC.

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## THE NINTH GRAND COMMUNICATION.

*At Lexington, Sept.* 18 *and* 19, 1804.

The officers present at the opening, were

John Jordan, Jr., G. M.
Jonathan Taylor, S. G. W.
Thomas Speed, as J. G. W.
James Coleman, as G. T.
Daniel Bradford, G. Sec.
Willis A. Lee, S. G. D.
John Bradshaw, J. G. D.
R. Brenham, as G. Pur.
Jacob E. Lehre, G. Steward and Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8, were represented.

At the Installation of officers the G. M. exercised his prerogative by appointing his Deputy G. M., the G. Sec., the S. G. D., the G. Pur. and the G. Tyler. The S. G. Warden appointed the J. G. Deacon.

A Charter was issued to Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, at Henderson, Ky.; Innes B. Brent, Master; John Posey, S. W. and Nathan D. Anderson, J. W., and a dispensation was granted to the Master of No. 8, to confer the degree of Past Master on Mr. Taylor. In the year 1858 the Lodge, No. 9, reports itself to the Grand Lodge with 56 members.

Communications from the G. Lodges of Md., Pa., R. I., Mass., Va., N. C., and Tenn., were read, and the G. Sec'y ordered to make suitable replies by forwarding copies of the proceedings of this G. L.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia having asked an expression of the opinion of this G. L. relative to the propriety of asking the Legislature to incorporate Masonic Societies, the G. L. thus responds: "*Resolved*, As our decided opinion, that such an incorporation is unnecessary and would be dangerous to the ex-

istence and prosperity of Masonry." In after years, however, these conclusions were reversed.

A question from Hiram Lodge, No. 4, reiterating a former query in relation to the necessary qualifications of Candidates for Initiation, and declares the former answer of the G. L., which referred them to the *Ahiman Rezon*, unsatisfactory, whereupon it was decided by the G. L., "that strict attention ought to be paid to the age at which, by the civil laws of the country in which the lodge is constituted, the candidate is declared of lawful age and free to act for himself, which, in Kentucky, is 21 years."

The Legislation of October, 1803, relative to Past Masters was essentially enlarged by the adoption of a rule that Past Masters who have been regularly elected as Masters of lodges, *or received the degree of Past Master as a preparatory step to some higher degree in Masonry, which shall have been conferred upon them*, shall be entitled to seats in the G. L. as members. This gave to what is called "Chapter Past Masters" the same privileges as those who had regularly presided. It was about this period that Webb and others were actively engaged in establishing their new system of Royal Arch Chapters through the United States, and to this fact we think the legislation above mentioned is referable.

The Committee, appointed last Session, brought up the Charter of Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, with an inventory of its effects. Wm. Warren, Sam'l Shepherd and G. G. Boswell, were now appointed to take in hand the books, papers and personal property of said lodge, and collect and settle all debts and accounts of said lodge. If sufficient could not be collected to liquidate all the debts, they were authorized to dispose of its real estate. Should a surplusage remain it should be held subject to the use of any lodge hereafter established in Georgetown.

Lodges Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 8, having been represented as giving relief to sundry distressed Brethren, they were allowed a credit for the amounts so disbursed on the books of the G. L. This is the initiation of the long series of noble deeds performed by the Grand Lodge, amounting in a single year, 1857, to $1500.

A Committee of eleven Grand Visitors were appointed to visit the different lodges, and inspect their workings.

The rolls of memberships are thus summed up:

| | M. M's. | F. C's. | E. A. P's. | Initiations. | Deaths. | Admis'ns | Suspens'ns. | Expuls'ns. | Demitted |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1, | 53 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. 4, | 50 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| No. 5, | 28 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| No. 6, | 25 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. 8, | 26 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 182 | 18 | 38 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 |

(*Imprint:* Lexington, printed by Daniel Bradford, on Main Street.) 8vo., pp. 13. Also, (Lexington, printed by Daniel Bradford, on Main Street.) 8vo., pp. 19.

## Cotemporary Events, 1804.

*January* 24.—A written circular from the G. L. of Massachusetts, asking and offering exchanges of Proceedings, Constitutions, etc.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(Folio, pp. 4.) Ordered that no mason can be a member of more than one lodge at the same time. 69 lodges reported.

*May* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 4.) Oration by Francis Barclay. Lodges forbidden to initiate any person who does not previously confess his belief, that the Moral Law—viz.: the Ten Commandments,—delivered by the Deity to Moses, as contained in the Bible, is the Will of God revealed to man, and the rule of his conduct through life. Grand Inspectors were appointed in the several counties, respectively.

*January* 28.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(Folio, pp. 7.) 81 lodges are reported, including *American Union*, at Marietta, O., (original Charter dated Feb., 1776); and *St. John*, at Stabrock, Demarara, West Indies, (Charter dated Sept. 12, 1801.) The Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge "are appended in full." The minimum of fees for three degrees, $18; price of Charters, $75. A Past Master's Diploma was ordered to be prepared.

*November* 12.—**Proc. of G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 2.) Nothing of general interest.

*December* 12.—**Proc. of G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 12.) 35 lodges on the Rolls. John Louis Taylor, G. M.

*December* 10.—**G. L. of Mass.**—(4to., pp. 8.) 40 lodges were represented. The D. D. G. Masters were recommended to interest themselves, in their several Districts, in favor of the sale of "Harris' Discourses, and to recommend that each lodge purchase four or more copies." A Committee was appointed to petition the Legislature of the State for an Act of Incorporation. The reports made to the Grand Lodge, proving the good order and regularity which prevailed throughout the jurisdic-

tion, must be pleasing, it was declared, to every Brother, "and produced the happy effect of restoring the ancient respectability of the Fraternity, and securing the approbation of the just and good." Great inconveniences, it was said, had arisen on account of the numerical arrangement of some lodges: it was therefore decided that "all numbers now existing in the designation of lodges shall be abolished." This is the only Grand Lodge upon record that refuses the practical advantage of numbering its subordinates. The D. D. G. Masters were ordered to communicate to the Grand Secretary, "who were the best working Master Masons in their Districts. A permission, which had been granted by the Grand Lodge of permitting some of the subordinates to meet alternately at different places, was revoked.

### Masonic Literature of 1804.

Oration on Masonry, pronounced before St. Peter's Lodge, in Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, 1804, by Bro. T. Cary.

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## THE TENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, March* 19 *and* 20, 1805.

The officers present at the opening were:

George M. Bibb, G. M,
Abraham Owen, as S. G. W.
Isaac E. Gano, as J. G. W.
John Bradshaw, as G. T.
Daniel Bradford, as G. S.
Thomas Long, as S. G. D.
John Younger, as J. G. D.
William Bobbs, as G. Pur.
John Bobbs, as G. Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 1, 4 and 5 were represented.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland was read.

The returns of lodges Nos. 1, 4 and 5 were refused to be received, "as the requisitions of the Grand Lodge had not been complied with."

The only lodge whose rolls of membership was given, is thus summed up:

| | M. M's. | F. C's. | E. Ap's. | Rejected. | Expelled. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 7, | 34 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 1 |

A note is appended to these Minutes, by the Secretary of Harmony Lodge, No. 7, that one of the individuals elected for initiation, had, since his election, so conducted himself toward a

member of that lodge, as would, were he "admitted," interrupt that harmony so essential to Masonry. They had, therefore, declined to initiate him for the present.

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## THE ELEVENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, September* 17 *and* 18, 1805.

The officers present at the opening were:

George M. Bibb, G. M.
George W. Botts, as S. G. W.
George Culp, as J. G. W.
Daniel Bradford, G. S.
Adam Rankin, as G. T.
Rob. Brenham, as S. G. D.
John D. Stockton, as J. G. D.
Hugh Duffin, as G. Pur.
John Bobbs, as G. Steward and G. Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 1, 4, 9, Unity Lodge, U. D., and St. John's Lodge, U. D., were represented.

The death of Past Grand Master William Murray was announced, as having occurred August 9, 1805; and it was unanimously resolved, "That the officers and members of this Grand Lodge wear black crape, on the left arm, for one month, as a testimony of the high respect entertained by them for the Masonic virtues of our deceased Brother, and that it be recommended to the different subordinate lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to show their respect for our deceased Brother by adopting similar resolutions."

Communications were read from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Charters were ordered to Unity Lodge, No. 10, at Millersburgh, Kentucky, and St. John's Lodge, No. 11, at Flemingsburgh, Kentucky.

The Grand Secretary was ordered to transmit blank forms of returns to the subordinate lodges.

"*Ordered*, That Brother Grand Treasurer present Jesse Gains, an afflicted Brother, twenty dollars out of the Grand Charity Fund." As none of the lodges report him in their rolls of membership this year, we can not learn whence he hailed.

The Grand Secretary was ordered to procure a press for the safe keeping of his books and papers.

"*Ordered*, That every subordinate lodge, in arrears to the Grand Lodge for more than twelve months, *shall forfeit its Charter*." The *Grand Treasurer* was ordered to communicate such delinquencies to the Grand Lodge.

"The Grand Master then delivered to the Brethren assembled an appropriate address." This is the first notice of the sort on the records.

The aggregate of memberships, taken from the rolls of lodges reported, is as follows:

| | M. M's. | F. C's. | E. Ap's. | Adm. | Dem. | Susp. | Rej. | Dead. | Initia'd. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1, | 33 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 30 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| " 4, | 41 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| " 7, | 30 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| " 9, | 15 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Unity, U. D. | 26 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| St. John's, U. D. | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 12 |
| Philanthropic, U. D. | 17 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 177 | 9 | 37 | 4 | 12 | 31 | 9 | 3 | 17 |

The suspensions of thirty members by Lodge No. 1, among whom were some of the first citizens of Lexington, are reported "for non-payment of lodge dues."

The Grand Lodge of Maryland communicates the expulsion of "Baron Louis B. De Niroeth, by birth, it is supposed, a Polander, who says he has been in the Russian service. His conduct has been such as ought to exclude him from the society of honest men." An impostor, named Anson, is also noticed, "who says he was an officer in Pulaski's horse. He endeavored to prevail on a young man in Virginia to join him in passing counterfeit money." The Grand Lodge of Ireland had restored the Charters of Lodges Nos. 179 and 729, and withdrawn the Charters of Lodges Nos. 142, 175, 327 and 792.

On the evening of Sept. 18, after the Grand Lodge had adjourned "until the third Tuesday in March next," the Grand Master (Bibb) called an Emergent Grand Lodge, the first of which any record is made, in these proceedings.

The representatives of Lodges Nos. 1, 4 and 9, were present. Richard M. Johnson, a visitor from No. 4, was present, afterward famed in the military and civil service of his country.

The emergency was the unexpected arrival of Bros. Edward Ward and Peter Mosely, members of Philanthropic Lodge, U. D., established a few months before, by dispensation from the Grand Master, in Davidson county, Tennessee. They had been detained on the road by unforeseen causes. A Charter was granted them as Philanthropic Lodge No. 12, Edward Ward, W. M., Peter Mosely, S. W., and John Hoggart, J. W., to be holden in Davidson county, Mero District, Tennessee. Much difficulty grew out of this act, as will be seen in subsequent pages, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina claiming the territory for its own.

The published records of this year are very scanty and uninstructive.

(*Imprint:* Lexington. Printed by Daniel Bradford.) 8vo. pp. 22.

## Cotemporary Events, 1805.

*December* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(4to., pp. 7.) Resources, $1552. Good order and regularity prevailed in their jurisdiction. Isaiah Thomas, G. M., declined further service. Oration by R. Lisle ordered to be published. The subject of uniformity of work committed wholly to the direction of the Grand Master. Number of lodges, 85.

*March.*—Circular from the Grand Officers, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, ("from the East, West, and South of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,") in relation to the rude, imperfect, and erroneous lectures and modes of work in many of the lodges. The Grand Master had examined *Benjamin Gleason*, and found him an excellent workman and well skilled in the several degrees, and had commissioned him to visit all the lodges in the State, imparting masonic instruction at least six days to each lodge.

*May* 13.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 4.) The building of a Grand Lodge Hall, devised by Lottery, to cost $10,000, and the Legislature petitioned for an Act of Incorporation.

*May* 13.—The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders, for the State of Rhode Island, was organized. This was the stock from whence the General Grand Encampment of the United States sprung eleven years later. The Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania appears to date from May 19, 1797. Thomas Smith Webb was evidently the leading spirit in organizing both the General Grand Bodies.

*May*, 1806.—The first Annual Assembly of the "Grand Encampment" was held at Boston, Mass., and a Constitution formed for "The United States Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the Appendant Orders" to assemble annually.

*June* 10.—Circular from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. Columbian Lodge, No. 3, had been expelled for irregularity and unmasonic conduct. 16 lodges were reported.

*December* 14.—Western Star Lodge, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was organized at Kaskaskia, Illinois.*

## Masonic Literature of 1805.

"The Ahiman Rezon and Masonic Ritual, published by the Order of the Grand Lodges of North Carolina and Tennessee. Part I, *Newbern*, (N. C.,) John C. Sims and Edward G. Mass, 5805, pp. 164." Part II, pp. 207.†

* There is an entire copy, in our possession, of the Minute Book of this lodge, up to 1820.
† In the possession of Bro. A. G. Mackey, Charleston, S. C.

"*The Freemasons Companion*, or Pocket Preceptor; compiled for the use of the Craft. By John Phillips, Past Master of Lodge No. 2, and Chief J. of the H. R. A. C., No. 52. *Philadelphia*, printed by Bartholomew Graves, No. 40 N. Fourth street, 1805." *

*Addresses.*—Isaiah Thomas, to Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, December 9. Seth Lewis, Natchez, Mississippi, (delivered in 1804 or 1805,) June 24.

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## THE TWELFTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, March* 18 *to* 20, 1806.

The officers present at the opening were:

John Jordan, Jr., D. G. M., as G. M.
Abraham Owen, as S. G. W.
John D. Stockton, as J. G. W.
Daniel Bradford, G. Sec'y.
T. Wallace, as G. T.
James Ross, as S. G. D.
David Hopkins, as J. G. D.
Wm. Stewart, as G. Pur.
John Bobbs, G. Steward and Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, and 12, and Cincinnati Lodge, U. D., were represented.

The installation of Thomas Wallace, elected last Session as Grand Treasurer, was performed. "All the Brethren, except Past Grand Officers, having first retired." The practice of installing the Grand Officers in private has ever maintained in Kentucky from the organization of the Grand Lodge.

The lodges were again cautioned to adhere closely to the G. Lodge Regulations, concerning their Annual and Semi-annual reports to the G. Lodge; and it was ordered that the Seal of the lodge, or the private seal of the Secretary, if the lodge has none, should be appended to all Returns.

A Committee, consisting of the G. Master (Bibb), the G. Secretary (Bradford), and Henry Clay, was appointed to consider a certain letter of remonstrance which had been made by "The United Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee," against the establishment of Philanthropic Lodge in Davidson Co., Tennessee, by the G. Lodge of Kentucky.

A Charter was ordered to Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, at Cincinnati, Ohio; Wm. Goforth, W. M.; John Mahard, S. W.; and Wm. McFarland, J. W.

Washington Lodge, No. 6, not having been represented for

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two successive meetings, a Committee was appointed to inquire the cause and determine whether its Charter should be arrested.

A Committee, consisting of James Moore, Philip Caldwell, and Daniel Bradford, was appointed "to make inquiry relative to the practicability and expense of procuring an engraved plate for the purpose of printing Diplomas." It does not appear from the Record that the Committee ever made a report.

A Convention of Delegates from all the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, was designated to meet in Lexington on the Thursday preceding the next Session, "to compile a Book of Constitutions adapted to Kentucky." The lodges were directed to elect one or more delegates each to attend said Convention, each lodge to have one vote. The Grand Master (Bibb), John Allen, Henry Clay, Carey L. Clarke, James Moore, and John Simpson, or any three of them, were made a Committee to compile a work, which, when adopted by the Convention, should be considered authentic, "and deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge."

The edict of last Session declaring the Charters of all lodges that might fall more than one year in arrears forfeited, was modified, and it was ordered instead that such delinquents should be cited to appear and make satisfactory account, or their Charters should be taken from them.

A Committee of six was appointed to visit and inspect the workings of the various lodges. They were the Deputy Grand Master, John Jordan, Jr.; the Grand Secretary, Daniel Bradford; Philip Caldwell, James Moore, Daniel L. Morrison, and Isaac E. Gano. They were ordered to report at the next Session.

The names of the representatives in attendance this Session are thus given:

Thomas Wallace, *Lexington Lodge, No.* 1.
David Hopkins, William Stewart, } *Union Lodge, No.* 10.
James Ross, John D. Stockton, } *St. John's Lodge, No.* 11.
Dan'l Bradford, proxy for *Philanthropic Lodge, No.* 12.
David L. Carney, *Cincinnati Lodge, U. D.*
Abraham Owen, P. M., James Moore, John Bradshaw, } *Solomon's Lodge, No.* 5.
Philip Caldwell, P. M. Isaac E. Gano, P. M. John A. Mitchell, } *Hiram Lodge, No.* 4.
Daniel L. Morrison, P. M., *Washington Lodge, No.* 6.

Among the names of distinction seen in the reports of mem-

bership in Subordinate Lodges, besides those previously mentioned, are Joseph H. Daviess, of No. 1; Richard M. Johnson, of No. 4; and John Posey, of No. 9. Harmony Lodge, No. 7, at Natchez, Miss., reports 30 Master Masons, 3 Fellow Crafts, and 17 Entered Apprentices. Among the latter, Andrew Marschalk, who continued a member of the Order in Mississippi until his death, about 1850.

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## THE THIRTEENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, October 6 and 7, 1806.*

The officers present at the opening, were

James Moore, as G. M.
Thomas Tunstall, as S. G. W.
David Hopkins, as J. G. W.
Daniel Bradford, G. Sec.
Gabriel Tandy, as G. Tr.
Robert Brenham, as S. G. D.
John Watson, as J. G. D.
Wm. Bobbs, G. Purs.
John Bobbs, G. Steward and Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 1, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12, were represented.

The Committee to prepare a Book of Constitutions reported through James Moore, "that they had had that important object under consideration and had somewhat progressed; but personal avocations, together with the magnitude of the object, had prevented them from completing the work." They promised to have the compilation in readiness for the next Grand Lodge, but when that period arrived they were discharged and another Committee was appointed.

James Moore reported that he had visited Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, in company with Carey L. Clarke, "had given the charges, duly installed the officers and laid down proper regulations for the due progress of the work." The returns of No. 13, however, were rejected by the G. Lodge, this year, as informal.*

Communications from the Grand Lodges of Pa., Md., N. H., Mass., Va., N. C. and Tenn. were read. The G. Lodge decided in accordance with the recommendation of the latter to appoint delegates to meet at Washington City, Jan. 15, 1808, in Grand Convention. We can not find that such delegates were ever appointed.

No response having been made to the summons of last Ses-

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* See Masonic Review, vol. xviii, for Article by the Author, on the Early History of this Lodge.

sion, Washington Lodge, No. 6, was declared "dissolved and stricken from the list of the lodges of Kentucky."

A Committee was appointed to arrest its Charter, and to take charge of all its regalia and effects. Said lodges were declared dissolved and stricken off from the list of the lodges of Kentucky.

The By-Laws and Regulations reported by the Convention, through Thomas Tunstall, its Chairman, were read and agreed to; one hundred copies to be printed, one for each G. Lodge in correspondence, and one for each lodge under this jurisdiction.

The following are the official minutes kept of the Convention:

**Convention of Delegates to Draft Constitutional Rules and Regulations.**

This body, appointed at the March Sessions of 1806, to consist of one or more delegates from each lodge, each lodge to have one vote, assembled at Masons' Lodge, Lexington, Ky., October 2, and closed their labors Oct. 6, 1806. The following delegates were present.

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| Daniel Bradford, John Bobbs, | Lodge No. 1. |
| Thomas Tunstall, Robert Brenham, | Lodge No. 4. |
| James Moore, | Lodge No. 5. |
| Martin Baker, Gabriel Tandy, | Lodge No. 10. |
| John Watson, | Lodge No. 12. |

Thomas Tunstall was appointed President, and Daniel Bradford, Clerk. Refreshments were to be furnished by John Bobbs, under the directions of the President. The 2d, 3d and 4th October, were devoted to the framing a set of By-Laws and Regulations. The 5th was the Sabbath.

On the 4th, James Moore reported for the Committee appointed last Session; his report was referred to the G. Lodge, to meet on the 6th.

On the 6th *these By-Laws* were finally considered, and "upon due deliberation adopted."

"BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.*

ART. 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold a Grand Communication once in every year, on the last Wednesday in August.

*A distinction is here made between a "Book of Constitutions," and "By-Laws and Regulations"—a distinction, certainly not at first intended by the Grand Lodge, and one not founded in general usage or necessity. The Committee appointed March 20, 1806, was expected to examine, amend and adopt a "Book of Constitutions adapted to Kentucky," which Book was to be prepared by a Committee of six, the G. Master being Chairman, and submitted to the Convention for its adoption. Instead of this, Mr. Moore, for the

ART. 2. There shall not be any Grand Lodge opened to work, unless there be present a representation of five subordinate lodges.

ART. 3. The members of the Grand Lodge are the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, officers of subordinate lodges, and representatives from said lodges.

ART. 4. Subordinate lodges who can not send representatives to the Grand Lodge are permitted to appoint proxies who must be Master Masons and members of some lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 5. The appointment of the representatives and proxies must be certified by the Secretary of the lodge making the appointment, and have the Seal of said lodge affixed to the Certificate.

ART. 6. The duty of the Grand Lodge is to receive appeals, redress grievances, and remove all complaints of the private lodges; to grant Warrants and authorize new lodges to work, to reprehend malconduct in any of its private lodges or members; to relieve distressed Brethren, their widows or children; to assess such economical contributions for charity and other exigencies from time to time as shall appear proper for the good of the Craft; to correspond with every Grand Lodge on the terrestrial globe that they shall deem right for the good of the Fraternity; to devise and design plans, problems and positions for the private lodges to execute; and also to choose and elect by written ballot annually and duly install all the Grand Officers.

ART. 7. It is the duty of every Grand Officer, in proportion to his superiority, during the vacation of the Grand Lodge, to have special care of the private lodges, directing all their designs, plans, problems, and positions on which they work, to be executed according to, and within the extent and limit of the Ancient Landmarks, usages, and customs of the sublime order of Free and Accepted Masons.

ART. 8. All matters of controversy before the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of votes—that is to say, the Grand Master or presiding officer having one vote (unless in case of equal division, and then two); the Deputy Grand Master one vote; the Grand Wardens for the time being collectively one vote; the Past Grand Officers and Past Masters col-

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Committee, asked further time to prepare a Book of Constitutions, (as will be seen on a subsequent page,) while the Convention, having nothing prepared to their hands, "proceeded to frame a set of By-Laws and Regulations for the government of the G. Lodge."

These By-Laws and Regulations, so far as they go, are considered by other G. Lodges as *the Grand Lodge Constitution* of K ntucky, and if thrown into Chapters and Sections would present a better model of a Constitution than many of the American Grand Lodges have at present for their government. At all events, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has *no other Constitution* to this present day than this, modified and improved from time to time by the experience of its members. See the "Comment on the Constitutional Regulations," at the end of the volume.

lectively one vote; and the officers or their representatives of each subordinate lodge collectively one vote. It is, however, understood that no Brother can vote in a double capacity.

ART. 9. Every Grand Officer shall be elected annually by a majority of written ballots, taken agreeably to Art. 8, which ballots shall be collected by the Senior Grand Deacon, and shall be by him delivered to the M. W. G. Master for the time being, to count, who shall order the Grand Secretary to proclaim the officer elected. During the time that the Grand Deacon is collecting the ballots, and until the Grand Secretary has proclaimed the officer balloted in, every member shall be silent and keep his seat. The Senior Grand Deacon shall not present the ballot-box to any voter until the Grand Secretary has called upon him to answer, beginning with the M. W. Grand Master, and continuing the voters according to rank and seniority. If it is found by the M. W. Grand Master on counting, that there are more ballots than voters, he shall charge the members to be more attentive to their duty and order a new election, and if any member is convicted of putting more ballots in the box than he is entitled to, he shall be forever suspended from a seat in the Grand Lodge.

ART. 10. Every Grand Officer shall be chosen from among the working members of the several subordinate lodges, provided he is not thereby raised to a degree higher than what he may have attained in his said lodge.

ART. 11. The officers to be elected by the Grand Lodge are the M. W. G. M., the G. Wardens, the G. Chaplain, the G. Orator, the G. Treasurer, and the G. Secretary; the officers, however, having the authority of making the other appointment, may waive that privilege whenever they may think proper.

ART. 12. The Grand Officers shall be titled and ranked in following order:

1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
2. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
3. The Worshipful Senior G. Warden.
4. The Worshipful Junior G. Warden.
5. The Most Reverend G. Chaplain.
6. The Grand Orator.
7. The Grand Secretary.
8. The Grand Treasurer.
9. The Senior Grand Deacon.
10. The Junior Grand Deacon.
11. The Grand Marshall.
12. The Grand Steward.
13. The Grand Sword Bearer.
14. The Grand Pursuivant.
15. The Grand Tyler.

ART. 13. No elected officer of the Grand Lodge, or of any private lodge, shall act as such until he is duly installed.

ART. 14. On the day appointed for the assembly of the Grand Lodge, the members shall collect with all possible punctuality. The lodge shall be opened in the most strict Masonic order. Prayers said, and the proceedings of the last Grand Communication read, and immediately after the several returns are examined, the following committees shall be appointed for the several special purposes, and they shall continue only during the Session of the Grand Lodge:

1. A Committee of three members, who shall be deputies from three different subordinate lodges, to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund; and they shall report a statement thereof. They shall also ascertain the expenses of the Grand Communication.

2. A Committee of two members shall be appointed to examine attendant visiting Brethren, observing that none can be admitted under the degree of Master Mason.

3. A Committee of three members shall be appointed to hear grievances and examine into the same, and make due report thereof to the Grand Lodge.

ART. 15. The Most Worshipful G. Master is invested with the power of convening the G. Lodge at any time when there shall appear to him an emergent occasion.

ART. 16. In case of the death of any Grand Officer, or in case of any Brother refusing to serve or install, according to appointment to any Grand Office, the M. W. G. Master is invested with power to nominate, appoint, or install such other Brethren to fill all such vacancies of office as shall meet his pleasure and discretion.

ART. 17. The M. W. G. Master has the command of every other officer, and may call on any or all of them at any time for advice and assistance on any business relative to the Craft.

ART. 18. The M. W. G. Master is not authorized to make or second any motion.

ART. 19. The M. W. G. Master is invested with the privilege of granting dispensations at his discretion during the recess of the G. Lodge, and the R. W. D. G. Master is invested with the same privileges in case of the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

ART. 20. In case of the death of the M. W. G. Master during the time for which he is elected and installed to serve, or in case of his refusal to serve or install, according to appointment, all the powers and privileges shall devolve and become the inherent right of the following Brethren according to the grade here mentioned:

1st. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
2d. The Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
3d. The Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
4th. The Past Grand Officers according to rank and seniority.
5th. The Presiding Masters of subordinate lodges according to rank.
6th. The Past Masters according to rank and seniority.

ART. 21. It is the duty of the M. W. G. Master to install his Deputy; but he may deputize whom he pleases to install all the other officers, and also any officer of a private lodge.

ART. 22. It is the duty of the M. W. G. Master *in officio* or *pro tem.*, to subscribe in presence of the G. Lodge a fair and true transcript of their proceedings, provided the proceedings are first read by the Grand Secretary and agreed to by a majority of the Brethren assembled, and the proceedings subscribed he is to deliver to the Grand Secretary, with directions to have them truly registered and filed.

ART. 23. Every subordinate lodge which shall not be represented for three successive Grand Communications, or who shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge for two years, shall be suspended from all the privileges of the Order until they shall comply with both those requisitions; and upon an order from the Grand Lodge to that effect at a time to be specified therein, shall be finally stricken off the list of lodges and have their Charters withdrawn, having due notice of such order to be communicated to them by the Grand Secretary for the time being.

ART. 24. Every member of the Grand Lodge, as also every member of every subordinate lodge, shall pay due submission and obedience to the respective officers.

ART. 25. It is the duty of every Freemason to live in peace, harmony and love with all mankind; to despise hatred, malice and calumny; to practice universal charity and benevolence; to avoid, as much as possible, all law suits; and to submit all differences that may arise between Brethren, (except such as may relate to real or personal property,) to be reconciled by the several lodges to which they belong, or by the Grand Lodge.

ART. 26. Every Freemason is enjoined always to avoid addressing a Brother or a Cowan as a Freemason, unless they are in private, or in open lodge, under a penalty of a severe reprimand.

ART. 27. Every set of Masons that may hereafter obtain permission from the Grand Lodge to receive a Warrant to authorize them to congregate and work as a regular lodge of Freemasons, shall, for the same, pay into the Grand Charity Fund thirty dollars, before the said warrant shall be issued, and shall also pay, as a fee to the Grand Secretary, for engrossing and affixing the seal of office, parchment and recording, six dollars.

ART. 28. Every set of Masons that may hereafter obtain from the proper officer permission to receive from the Grand Secretary a Dispensation, to congregate and work as a warranted lodge of Freemasons, not exceeding twelve months, shall pay into the Grand Charity Fund, for the same, five dollars, and three dollars to the Grand Secretary.

ART. 29. Every subordinate lodge shall hereafter be accountable for, and are hereby directed to pay to the Grand Treasurer, on account of the Grand Lodge, every twelve months, the following assessments: 1. For every Mason they have initiated during the preceding twelve months, one dollar; 2. For every member of each respective lodge, fifty cents per annum.

ART. 30. The Grand Charity Funds shall only be subject to such applications as the Grand Lodge and Grand Charity Stewards shall direct.

ART. 31. Five Brothers, being members of the Grand Lodge, one of whom shall be the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the other four duly elected to be nominated, shall be entitled *Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund;* any three of whom shall be a quorum of responsibility, and entitled to act.

ART. 32. It is the duty of the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund to superintend and apply all the said funds of the Grand Lodge with care and economy; and they are authorized to draw orders on the Grand Treasurer for any sum they may think proper.

ART. 33. It is the duty of the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund to inform every assembly of the Grand Lodge, by written report, giving an account of all their proceedings during the last twelve months, and solicit the advice of the Grand Lodge in cases that may appear any way doubtful or intricate.

ART. 34. It is the duty of the Most Reverend Grand Chaplain to say prayers to the congregation at the opening and closing of every Grand Lodge; also to prepare and preach suitable occasional sermons, as may be directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

ART. 35. It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a fair, true and regular copy, registered in proper books, for that purpose, of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. He shall not register any proceedings that are not duly ratified and signed, in open lodge, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master; and the transcript so ratified and signed, shall be, by the Grand Secretary, filed as an original voucher for his record.

ART. 36. No warrant, certificate, or any other instrument of writing whatever, shall be of any validity, if issued by the Grand Secretary, unless it be attested by his signature, and has the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed thereto.

ART. 37. All the books, records, papers, seal, etc., kept by the

Grand Secretary, shall be the property of the Grand Lodge, and to them, or their committee, delivered up whenever called for.

ART. 38. The Grand Secretary shall attend personally, or by his agent, who shall be a member of the Grand Lodge, with all his books and papers of office, on every assembly of the Grand Lodge, under the penalty of twenty dollars.

ART. 39. The Grand Secretary shall procure all the books and stationery for the Grand Lodge on the most reasonable terms, and draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount thereof, who is hereby authorized to pay the same. He shall be entitled to the following fees, as a compensation for his services: 1. He shall be paid ten cents for every hundred words which he actually and necessarily writes for their use, and by their direction. 2. He shall be paid, by the parties employing him, for copying from the records, files and proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or any instrument of writing whatever, (except as is before provided for,) ten cents for every hundred words; he finding, for this purpose, his own stationery. 3. He shall be paid, by the parties employing him, one dollar for affixing his seal of office to any instrument of writing whatever, except it be a warrant or dispensation, which is before provided for.

ART. 40. The Grand Secretary shall not be entitled to any fee for affixing his seal of office to any instrument of writing ordered for the use of the Grand Lodge; such as particular summonses, copies of proceedings sent to foreign Grand Lodges, etc.

ART. 41. The Grand Treasurer shall account to the Grand Lodge for all moneys received by him; nor shall he pay any money without the order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or of the Grand Charity Stewards, except as before provided.

ART. 42. He shall, on the first day of each Grand Communication, lay a statement of his account before the Grand Lodge.

ART. 43. The Grand Secretary shall always have his books completed, so far as he is in possession of documents, for the same to produce to every Grand Communication, under a penalty of twenty dollars.

ART. 44. Any Grand Officer withdrawing himself, during his appointment as a Grand Officer, from the private lodge to which he belonged at the time of his election, shall, in that case, vacate his seat in the Grand Lodge.

ART. 45. No subordinate lodge shall confer the degree of Past Master, unless on those who have been regularly elected to fill the chair, or as preparatory to some higher degree; and no Past Master, who shall have received that degree for the latter purpose, shall be entitled, on that account, to a seat in the Grand Lodge, nor shall they be returned as such in the Communications to the Grand Lodge.

ART. 46. No By-Law shall be altered, or done away, or any

new one adopted, until the proposed alteration, amendment, nullification or addition, as the case may be, shall have been handed in in open lodge, and seconded, and remained one whole vacation.

Signed by order of the Grand Convention.

THOMAS TUNSTALL, Pres't.

*Attest:* DANIEL BRADFORD, Clerk.

(*Imprint: Lexington.* Printed by Daniel Bradford, on Main street, 1806.) 8vo., pp. 23; also, 8vo., pp. 19.

## Cotemporary Events of 1806.

Jan. 9.—The first Septennial Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States was held at Middletown, Connecticut. We deem this a proper place to give a brief sketch of this organization. Previously to 1797, a competent number of Royal Arch Masons could assemble and under sanction of the Warrant of a Blue Lodge confer the Past Master and Royal Arch Degrees; those now styled *Mark* and *Most Excellent* being disconnected from the other two. In that year a Grand Royal Arch Chapter was established in Philadelphia, Pa., by a primary Convention. So far as facts appear, they worked only the Past Master and Royal Arch.

Oct. 24, 1797, a "Convention of Committees" from various Chapters in the Northern States, working the degrees of Past Master and Royal Arch* was had at Boston, Mass., for the purpose "of deliberating upon the propriety and expediency of forming and establishing a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the government and regulation of the several Chapters within the said States." Thomas Smith Webb of Albany, N. Y., having been the master spirit in collecting the Convention, was elected its Chairman.†

A Circular Letter was issued, stating the arguments for the organization of a Supreme Head of Royal Arch Masonry, and then the Convention adjourned to assemble at Hartford, Ct., the fourth Wednesday in January, 1798. At the time named a Second Meeting was had and a Constitution formed by and for "the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America," governing the four degrees of Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch. The Chapters represented were *St. Andrew's*, at Boston, Mass.; *King Cyrus*, at Newburyport, Mass.; *Providence*, at Providence, R. I.; *Solomon*, at Derby, Ct.; *Frank-*

* I take this for granted from the fact that the so called Chapter at Newburyport, Mass., established about 1792, whose minutes I have carefully perused, was restricted to those two, and knew nothing of the Mark and Most Excellent. That Chapter, I believe, was one of those which met in the Convention of 1797, at Boston, Ms.

† I have literal copies of the certificates of the various delegates to this Convention. They were clothed with ample authority for the work proposed.

*lin*, No. 4, at Norwich, Ct.; *Franklin*, No. 6, New Haven, Ct.; *Temple*, at New Albany, N. Y.; *Hudson*, at Hudson, N. Y., and *Horeb*, at Whitestown, N. Y., (?) nine, in all. Officers were duly elected and installed, and it was made a part of the New Constitution that Convocations should be Septennial.

At the 1st Septennial Convocation at Middletown, Ct., the second Thursday in January, (Jan. 9,) 1806, four Grand Chapters (R. I., Ct., N. Y., and Vt.,) were represented. Fundamental alterations were made in the Constitution, and the title of the body changed to that of "The General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America."

The 2d Septennial Convocation was appointed to be held in New York, the second Thursday in September, 1812.

*June* 5.—**The G. L. of N. H.,** issues a Circular Letter to its lodges in relation to Grand Visitations to its subordinates, and gives a synopsis of their condition as disclosed in those visits. In most of the lodges a healthy condition was manifested; in some, great errors prevailed. No. 3 had flagrantly violated the principles of Masonry; No. 15 was totally untaught in the school of Masonry; No. 9 had suffered from the introduction of improper members; No. 17 had manifested too great anxiety for members, etc., but in general, when errors were pointed out they were rectified with promptitude and zeal. The Grand Master had ordered a Course of Lectures to be opened at the lodge room in Portsmouth, on the third Wednesday in January, 1807. An Act of Incorporation of the G. L. had been passed by the Legislature of N. H. Sixteen lodges are reported.

*May* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.,** (4to., pp. 7.) The plan of a superintending G. L., proposed by the G. L. of N. C., in 1806, was approved and delegates appointed to assemble at Washington, D. C., Jan. 15, 1808, with authority, to act upon all matters relative to the Craft whenever two-thirds of all the G. Lodges in the U. S. shall be represented; the Convention to be authorized to establish a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, provided two-thirds of the G. Lodges were represented by R. A. Masons.

Lodges initiating candidates who ridicule or set at naught revealed religion to forfeit their Charters.

*Nov.* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.** (4to., pp. 4.) Resources, $400. The future Sessions of the G. L. were ordered to be "semi-triennially," viz.: at Washington City, at Easton, and at Baltimore.

*June* 6.—Grand Lodge of Delaware was irregularly organized; Dec. 1, the irregularity appears to have been healed, and that body properly constituted, but we have no reliable facts.*

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* See Circular Letter of G. L. of Va., June 18, 1809, when this G. L. was refused recognition, on account of the irregularity of its organization.

*January* 9.— The Second Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, was held at Middletown, Ct.

*Dec.* 5.—**Proc. of G. L. N. C.** (8vo., pp. 10.) John Hall, G. M. A lodge was established at Newport, Tenn.

The form of Charter in use in Kentucky at this period, will be seen in the following literal copy of that still used by Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, at Henderson, Ky., and issued in 1804.

GEO. M. BIBB, GRAND MASTER.

*To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting:—*

*Whereas*, it hath been duly represented, that, in the town of Henderson, in the county of Henderson, there reside a number of Brethren, Freemasons, who are desirous of associating together agreeably to the Constitution of Ancient Masonry,—and it appearing to be, for the increase and promotion of the Royal and Noble Art, necessary that the said Brethren should be encouraged, and properly enabled to proceed and work as heretofore they have been accustomed. Now, know ye, that I, George M. Bibb, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, by and with the consent and approbation of the Grand Lodge, testified by the Rules and Regulations of the said Grand Lodge, do hereby constitute and appoint the Worshipful Brother, Innis B. Brent, Master, John Posey, Senior Warden, and Nathan D. Anderson, Junior Warden, together with all and such other Brethren as are now, or may at any time hereafter become members, a just, true, regular, and warranted lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the Old Constitution, by the name, title, and designation of JERUSALEM LODGE, Number Nine; and, further, do hereby appoint and ordain all regular lodges to hold, acknowledge, and respect them as such, hereby granting and permitting to them and their successors full power and authority to assemble and convene as a regular lodge, and to enter, receive, and make Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons, according to the known and established custom and practices of Ancient Masonry, and not otherwise; and also to elect and choose Masters, Wardens, and other officers, annually, at such time or times as to them shall seem most proper; and also to exact from their members such composition as they shall judge necessary for the support of their lodge, the relief of their Brethren in distress, and contribution toward the Grand Charity Fund, agreeably to the Constitution of Masonry and the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; recommending to the Brethren aforesaid to reverence and obey their superiors in all things lawful and honest, as becomes the

honor and harmony of Masons; and to record in their Lodge Book this present Charter, with their own private Regulations and By-Laws, and their whole acts and proceedings, from time to time, as they occur; and by no means to desert their said lodge hereby constituted, or form themselves into separate meetings, without the consent and approbation of their Master and Wardens for the time being: all which, by the acceptance hereof, they are holden and engage to observe: and the Brethren aforesaid, by accepting hereof, acknowledge and recognize the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Kentucky as their superior, and shall pay due regard to all such instructions and recommendations as they have or shall receive from them: and they are also hereby invited to correspond with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and to attend the meetings thereof by their Proxy or Deputies, authorized under the signature of their Secretary and the seal of their lodge; and for the more effectual preservation of these presents, the same are hereby appointed to be recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge.

Done in Grand Lodge, at Lexington, under our hands and the seal of our Grand Lodge, this nineteenth day of September, Anno Lucis 5804, Anno Domini 1804.

Attest, DANIEL BRADFORD, Grand Secretary.

## Masonic Literature of 1806.

ADDRESSES.

"*An Oration* pronounced before the Bristol Lodge, in Norton, Mass., and in the presence of the associated celebrating lodges of Bristol Co., on St. John's anniversary, June 24, A. L. 5806, by Benjamin Gleason, Grand Lecturer.

"'Jehovah's glories blaze all nature round,
In heaven, on earth, and in the deeps profound.'"

"*Boston*, printed at the Emerald office, by Belcher and Armstrong, 1806." 8vo., pp. 22.

### De Witt Clinton to G. L. of N. Y., June.

"*Masonic Discourse*, delivered in Portsmouth, June 24, 1806, before the Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire, at the festival of St. John the Baptist, by Bro. Thomas Beede, Grand Chaplain. *Portsmouth*, (N. H.,) S. Whidden, 1806." 4to., pp. 13.*

(The following, although belonging to earlier periods, are inserted here.)

1731.—"Masonry Dissected, being a Universal and Genuine description of all its branches from the original to the present time. As it is delivered in the constituted regular lodges, both in city and country, according to the several degrees of admission; giving an impartial account of their regular proceedings in initiating their new members in the whole three degrees of Masonry, viz.:

* In the possession of E. T. Carson.

I. Entered 'Prentice.
II. Fellow Craft.
III. Master.

To which is added the author's vindication of himself. The *Fourth Edition.* By Samuel Pritchard, late member of a constituted lodge. *London*, 1731, (price 6d.)" 8vo., pp. 32.*

This is the oldest publication professing to expose Masonic secrets. It was made the basis, in connection with the work "Jachin and Boaz," published some forty years later, of the attack upon the Masonic Institution, even then brewing, which came to a crisis between 1826 and 1836. This fact alone gives its title a place in this history.

1789.—"A Sermon on the importance of mutual kindness, preached at St. James', Bristol, (Pa.,) Dec. 27, 1789, being the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, before the Brethren of Lodge No. 25, by the Rev. John Andrews, D. D., Rector of St. James', Bristol, and Professor of Rhetoric and Belles Letters in the College and Academy of Philadelphia. *Philadelphia*, MDCCXC." 12mo., pp. 23.†

1788.—The Institutes of Freemasonry: to which are added a choice collection of Epilogues, Songs, etc., addressed to the Sea Captains of Liverpool. Printed and published by Thomas Johnson, in Castle street, MDCCXXXVIII." 12mo., pp. 10, 266.‡ The author's name, John Turnough, is subscribed to the dedication.

1754.—"The Pocket Companion and History of Freemasonry, containing Rise, Origin, and Present State; an Abstract of their Laws, Constitution, Customs, Charges, Orders, and Regulations, for the instruction and conduct of the Brethren; a Confutation of Dr. Plot's False Insinuations; an Apology occasioned by their Persecution in the Canton of Berne, and in the Pope's dominion; and a select number of Songs and other particulars for the use of the Society. *Per bonam famam et infamiam. London*, printed for J. Scott, at the Black Swan in Duck Lane, near West Smithfield, and sold by R. Baldwin at the Rose in Pater Noster Row. MDCCLIV. Frontispiece." 12mo., pp. 328.§

1742.—A Discourse upon Masonry, as spoken by the author when Master of a lodge in England in the year 1742, from the words of the Prophet Amos, ch. 1, verse 9. In which Discourse is set forth Masonry as it stood in the days of Noah and of his generation down to the present time. *Dublin*, printed for the author by Alexander McCullough, in Skinner Row. 1757.‖

1786.—Address of Dudley Atkins to the lodges in Newburyport, Mass., December 27. (Manuscript in my own collection.)

1797.—"A Discourse delivered on the 18th of October, 1797, in the Brick Meeting-House, New Haven, Ct., before the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in Connecticut, being their semi-annual Communication, by the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, A. M., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stratford, and Chaplain to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. From the press of Bro. Lazarus Beach. Newfield, Ct. MDCCXCVIII."

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* In the possession of Cornelius Moore. † Ibid. ‡ Ibid. § Ibid.
‖ In the possession of A. G. Mackey, M. D.

*Ahiman Rezon:* or, a Help to a Brother. Showing the excellence of secresy and the first cause of the Institution of Freemasonry, the principles of the Craft, and the benefits arising from a strict observance thereof, the sort of men that ought to be initiated into the mystery, and the kind of Masons that are fit to govern lodges, with their proper behavior in and out of the lodge, the ancient manner of constituting new lodges with all the Charges, etc. Likewise the prayers used in Jewish and Christian lodges. Also the old and new Regulations, the manner of choosing and installing Grand Master and officers, etc. To which is added a large collection of Mason's Songs, entertaining Prologues and Epilogues, and *Solomon's Temple:* an Oratorio. By Brother Lawrence Dermot, D. G. M. The fifth edition with additions. *Dublin*, printed by D. Chamberlaine, No. 5 College Green, and W. Rainsford, No. 22 St. Andrew street. MDCCLXXX." 12mo., pp. 152.*

1799.—"A choice collection of Masons' Songs, to which is added Solomon's Temple, an Oratorio, as performed at the Philharmonic Room in Dublin for the benefit of sick and distressed Freemasons. *Providence*, printed and sold by Brother John Carter, A. L. 5799, A. D. 1799." 8vo., pp. 40.†

1798.—"A collection of Masonic Songs, extracted from the Freemasons Monitor. *Albany*, printed by Brother J. Fry, in State street, 5798." 8vo., pp. 28.‡

1799.—"Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America. Printed for Thos. S. Webb. Albany, 1799.ʔ

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## THE FOURTEENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION.

*At Lexington, Aug.* 26 *to* 28, 1807.

The officers present at the opening were:

Carey L. Clarke, as G. M.
William Sutton, as S. G. W.
Willis A. Lee, as J. G. W.
Daniel Bradford, G. Sec'y.
Thomas Wallace, G. Treas.
Benj. W. Dudley, as S. G. D.
Joshua Headington, as J. G. D.
John Bobbs, G. Steward and Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, and Rural Lodge U. D., were represented.

The Committee "to compile a Book of Ahiman Rezon," appointed March 20, 1806, was discharged from further proceedings therein, and another Committee, consisting of James Moore, John Simpson, and Carey L. Clarke substituted for the same duty.

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* In the possession of George W. Chase.
† In the possession of the G. L. of R. I. ‡ Ibid. ʔ Ibid.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of N. H., Mass., Pa., and N. C. and Tenn., were read.

In reply to the latter,* the Grand Secretary was ordered to forward the following Address:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee:*

*Brethren:*—Your Communication of the 18th January, 1806, was duly received by this Grand Lodge. In reply, we beg leave, in the first place, to apologize to you for not answering your Communication earlier. This we should have done but for two causes—the taking away, through mistake, of your Communication, by a Brother, and the lapse of time employed in making inquiry into the fact whether the G. L. of Va. has ever adopted the proposition of the G. L. of Mass., referred to in your Communication.

There has been but one instance of a Charter granted by this Grand Lodge to any Lodge in Tennessee. That was issued on behalf of the Philanthropic Lodge in Davidson county. It originated in a respectable application, supported by Brother Hutchins Burton, the Deputy Grand Master, as we have understood, of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee. Unapprized of the restriction upon the jurisdiction of this lodge, arising out of the rule suggested by you, the Charter was granted on the usual conditions. In your Communication it is not positively stated that the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was ever adopted by that of Virginia; and after consulting the best sources of information we have in our power, we are still unable to learn whether it was ever so adopted. We must, therefore, take the liberty of inquiring of you for further information on that subject, and also how the exclusive jurisdiction over the State of Tennessee became vested in the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina. We also beg leave to state to you instances where different Grand Lodges have exercised concurrent jurisdiction. In the State of Ohio, we know of regular lodges holding their Charters under three different Grand Lodges, to wit.: those of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. We, therefore, do conceive that all Grand Lodges have a concurrent jurisdiction over all the sister States and Territories where no Grand Lodge is established, but should we find that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has justly and correctly acquired a jurisdiction over the State of Tennessee, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will then come to a determination of the course they may pursue. In this, rest assured, Brethren, they will be governed by those principles of harmony and fraternal love so essential between lodges as well as between individual Brothers. Should the Grand Lodge of Kentucky finally decide that the grant of the Charter to the Philanthropic Lodge was improper, and that they will henceforward abstain from issuing similar Charters, they beg leave to suggest that, as the measure originated in mistake, and as the Philanthropic Lodge, both respectable and flourishing, are desirous of continuing their connection with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, whether it would not be proper that you should yield your consent to their establishment and relationship with us. The regulation suggested by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts appears to have contemplated an acquiescence of this kind.

Accept, Brethren, the most sincere wishes for the prosperity of your Grand Lodge.

It is difficult to understand how so logical an argument as this,

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*This letter is not in my possession.

based upon all the precedents then (or now) before the Fraternity, should have been abandoned, as it was afterward, and the claims of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina allowed. The whole subject is a striking illustration of the almost slavish deference paid, until recently, by the Western Grand Lodges to those whose geographical relation to *the East* constitutes their highest claim to masonic eminence. Viewed by historians, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina had no more title to the exclusive control of Tennessee than Kentucky had.

In response to a petition to that effect, the G. Master was requested by the Grand Lodge to issue a Dispensation for a lodge at Vincennes, Indiana Territory, George Wallace to be W. M., James Adams, S. W., and General W. Johnston, J. W.*

The Grand Secretary was ordered "to collect and publish a list of all expulsions, suspensions, and rejections communicated to this G. Lodge, up to the present time; and to transmit a copy thereof to each lodge, and to all the Grand Lodges in correspondence. And it shall be the duty of each subordinate lodge to post up the same in their respective lodge rooms."

Lexington Lodge, No. 1, was requested to afford to William Davis, late a P. M. of Warren Lodge, No. 33, Virginia, such medical or pecuniary assistance as he may need, and present an account thereof to the G. Lodge at its next session, "he being in a low state of health, and in want of pecuniary aid."

A Charter was issued to Rural Lodge, No. 14, at Georgetown, Carey L. Clarke to be W. M., William Warren, S. W., and Wm. Sutton, J. W.

The Grand Master was requested to appoint one or more Delegates to the proposed Grand Convention at Washington City, January 15, 1808, as resolved at the last Session. We can not discover that he did so.

Amendments to the G. Lodge By-Laws were proposed, changing the *time* of holding the G. Lodge to the first Monday in January, and the *place* to Frankfort. The propositions were laid over one year, and were then voted down. A glance at the list of Grand Officers for this period will show that most of them were members of the Lexington Lodge, which naturally accounts for the wish of the Frankfort Brethren to remove the Grand Lodge.

A report was made by John Simpson, for the Committee, that he had procured and deposited with the G. Secretary, the Charter, books, and jewels of the late Washington Lodge, No. 6. Thomas Speed was then appointed and fully empowered by

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* I am not able to give the date of the decease of Mr. Johnston, whose zeal and intelligence seem to have been equally prized by the Indiana as the Kentucky Brethren; but by the courtesy of A. U. Morris, Esq., of Vincennes, Ind., I have correspondence of his in my possession, dated as late as 1829.

the Grand Lodge "to collect and settle, in the most speedy manner he can devise, the balance due from the members of the late Lodge No. 6, and to pay all just demands against said lodge out of the money which may come into his hands. That he note the names of all those who may, when applied to, refuse to pay their respective balances, and make due report of his actings and doings herein to the next Grand Lodge, for the purpose of enabling them to suspend or expel all such as shall be found delinquent."

Carey L. Clarke was appointed, in addition to those appointed in March, 1806, to visit the several lodges and inspect their workings.

(*Imprint:* Lexington. Printed by Daniel Bradford, at the office of the Kentucky Gazette, Main street, 1807.) 8vo., pp. 30.

### Cotemporary Events of 1807.

*December* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(4to., pp. 10.) The proposal made August 3, last, by G. L. of Pennsylvania, to send delegates to Philadelphia, and form a Masonic Convention, on the first Monday in May, 1808, was accepted. St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, yet under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of Scotland, had appointed a Committee to inquire upon what conditions they could enter the G. L. of Mass: the G. L. appointed a Committee of Conference. 93 lodges were reported.

*November* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(4to., pp. 2.) Decided that the formation of one Grand Lodge to preside over all the Grand Lodges of the United States was impracticable; but that a Convention to meet at Philadelphia, Pa., in November, 1807, would have a good tendency. Deputies were appointed.

*March* 2.—**Circular G. L. of Pa.**—(Manuscript.) Persisting in its opinion expressed in 1803, that a Grand Lodge of the United States was inexpedient and impracticable; but reäffirming its favorable opinion of a Convention of Delegates, and suggesting one to meet at Philadelphia, the first Monday in May, 1808.

*August* 3.—**Circular G. L. of Pa.**—Urging, by many arguments, the propriety and advantage of a Convention of Deputies to meet in Philadelphia, the first Monday in May, 1808; and declaring that Ancient Masonry, under its jurisdiction, was greatly prospering.

*December* 28.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(Folio, pp. 3.) A Charter had been granted to Louisiana Lodge, No. 109, at St. Genevieve, Louisiana Territory.

*January.*—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(Folio, pp. 8.) A Report, with 18 specifications, is made in relation to the authority, privileges, etc., of District Deputy Grand Masters. The Grand Lecturer's Report (Benjamin Gleason) was received, and a Commit-

tee of Inquiry appointed, with authority to hear any complaint relative thereto. Resources, $1539. 89 lodges were represented, including *Scioto Lodge*, at Chillicothe, Ohio.

*June* 1.—**Circular from the G. L. of N. H.**—Declared that, in seeking for an Act of Incorporation from the legislature, the Grand Lodge had not designed to assume a control over the property of the subordinate lodges. This very singular abnegation of inherent authority has long since been abandoned. Minimum fee for the three degrees was fixed at $15; price of a Charter, $50. Declared that there were but two lodges in the State that had not obtained the Ancient Lectures complete in the three degrees. 16 lodges are reported.

*May* 11.—**Proc. of G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 4.) The organization of the G. L. of Delaware, in June, 1806, was denounced for its irregularity, the Grand Lodge declared illegal, and *Hope Lodge, No.* 3, which was the only lodge on the Maryland Roll that had taken part therein, was summoned to show cause why its Charter should not be declared forfeit. *Resolved*, that no Brother, who does not demean himself as a Mason, shall be permitted to join in any Masonic procession whatever—of which demeanor the Officer of the day shall be the judge.

*November* 9.—**Proc. of G. L. of Md.***—(4to., pp. .) In their Foreign Communications, they perceive, with pleasure, that the several Grand Lodges evince the strongest desire to promote the general interest of Masonry.

*December* 25.—**Proc. of G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 70.) 16 lodges were represented, including four in Tennessee. Delegates were appointed to the proposed Convention at Washington, D. C.: and it was *Resolved*, as the sense of this Grand Lodge, that a National Grand Lodge should possess controlling and corrective powers over all Grand Lodges under its jurisdiction. A Protest from Robert Williams, Grand Secretary, is spread on the Minutes against permitting a new lodge to inherit, as of right, all the property in the possession of a former lodge, now demised, in the same place. The argument given is, that the precedent would affect the right which, by its Incorporation, is vested in the Grand Lodge to succeed to all the property of demised lodges. It is stated in the Protest, as an evidence of the wealth of some of the lodges, that Jerusalem Lodge had property worth $300; the lodge in Halifax owned 30 negroes; that in Newbern was worth $30,000; one of those in Wilmington, $8000, etc. 33 lodges were on the Rolls, four of them being in Tennessee. Appended to the Proceedings is a list of all the lodges in the following States: Nova Scotia, 21; Massachusetts, 93, New Hampshire, 16; Connecticut, 45; New

* The G. L. of Maryland maintain Semi-Annual Communications to this day.

Jersey, 16; Pennsylvania, 52; Maryland 8; Virginia, 67; Kentucky, 6; Georgia, 21.

*January* 26.—St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter at Hanover, N. H., was established; Trinity Chapter, Hopkinton, N. H., was established February 16, following.

### Masonic Literature of 1807.

"*An Ahiman Rezon* for the use of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, and the Lodges under the Register and Masonic Jurisdiction thereof. Compiled and Arranged, with Considerable Additions, at the request of the Grand Lodge, and published by their authority. By Brother Frederick Dalcho, M. D., Member of the Medical Society of South Carolina; Honorary Member of the Medical and Chymical Societies of Philadelphia; and of the Academy of Arts, Sciences, and Belles Lettres, at Marseilles. *Indocti discant ament meminisse periti. Charleston*, (S. C.) Published by Marchant, Willington & Co., 1807." 8vo., pp. xv 234.*

"*The Freemason's Vocal Assistant* and Register of the Lodges of Masons in South Carolina and Georgia. *Charleston*, (S. C.) Printed by Bro. J. J. Negrin, No. 106 Queen street, 1807." 12mo., pp. 255.†

*Address* by James Milnor, Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## THE FIFTEENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, March* 28 *to* 30, 1808.

Lodges Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 13 and 14 were represented.

As the Grand Lodge closed, November 25, 1807, "in ample form and harmony, to meet on the last Wednesday in August next," which, indeed, was the constitutional period prescribed in Article First of the By-Laws and Regulations, the present was perhaps an Emergent Meeting, called by the Grand Master, although there is no intimation in the Record to that effect. The term "Grand Convocation" is used in the caption instead of "Grand Communication," or "Grand Annual Communication," as in other publications of the Grand Lodge.

Green Clay, who had been reported, in 1805, by Lexington Lodge, No. 1, among its list of twenty-nine members, who were suspended "for non-payment of lodge dues," was present as a Visiting Brother, and received from that lodge the following honorable testimonial, which the Grand Lodge ordered to be inserted at length upon its Minutes: "*Whereas*, Bro. Green Clay, who was reported to the Grand Lodge to have been suspended for non-payment of dues, made it appear, to the satis-

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* *Cat.*, No. 163. The sequel to this is Mackey's Ahiman Rezon. *Charleston*, 1852. 8vo., pp. xvi, 247. (*Cat.*, No. 87.)

† *Cat.*, No. 168.

faction of this lodge, that although he did take his seat in Lexington Lodge, No. 25, held under the Grand Lodge of Virginia, yet he was not, in fact, a member of that lodge, nor of the Lexington Lodge, No. 1, held under the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and that the claim upon him as a member originated in a mistake; and, moreover, that so far from showing a disposition to withhold any dues, he had voluntarily contributed, and out of mere good will, when nothing was due; it is *Resolved*, That said order of suspension be annulled and set aside, and that Bro. Green Clay be honorably acquitted of any refusal to pay lodge dues, as supposed in the said order of suspension."

The Order of Committees, directed in Article XIV of the By-Laws, was not yet put into exercise, the plan of maturing all business in "Grand Committee," which had been adopted from legislative analogy, and pursued since 1800, being still maintained.

The *Ahiman Rezon*, styled "The Book of Constitutions," for the State of Kentucky, which had been in a state of preparation for a considerable period, was now received, and the following order passed:

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be rendered to Bros. James Moore and Carey L. Clarke, for their very able and useful labors in compiling the Book of Masonic Constitutions for the State of Kentucky.

"*Resolved*, That Brother Grand Secretary be requested to print, and cause to be bound, for the use of the Grand Lodge, five hundred copies of the Book of Constitutions, adopted by this Grand Lodge, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be, and he hereby is authorized to draw on Brother Grand Treasurer, in favor of Brother Grand Secretary, for any sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, which said sum is to be in part of his compensation for said services."

At the same time, these resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That Brother Grand Secretary be directed to issue subscription papers for publishing the Book of Masonic Constitutions now adopted, one of which, at least, shall be sent to the Master of each lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"*Ordered*, That the following recommendation of the Book of Masonic Constitutions, signed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and attested by the Grand Secretary, be inserted in the subscription papers, and also in the Book itself, when published, to wit: 'The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, having examined the Book of Masonic Constitutions, etc., compiled by our Worshipful Brothers, James Moore and Carey L. Clarke, who were appointed for that purpose by the Grand Lodge, do hereby recommend the same to all the members of our most ancient and honorable Society, as being replete with Masonic information.'"

No returns of subordinate lodges were published in the Minutes of this Session.

The names of the officers and delegates of the present Session are as follows:

George M. Bibb, G. M.
James Moore, S. G. W.
Carey L. Clarke, J. G. W., *pro. tem.*
Daniel Bradford, G. S.
William Warren, G. T., *pro. tem.*
George Greer, J. G. D. and S. G. D., *pro. tem.*
Alex. I. Mitchell, J. G. D., *pro. tem.*
John Evans, G. Purs., *pro. tem.*
John Bobbs, G. Steward and Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES:

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| Jesse Bledsoe, | No. 1. |
| Thomas Tunstall, Alex. I. Mitchell, | No. 4. |
| James Craig, Samuel White | No. 5. |
| John Evans, | No. 8. |
| James Ross, | No. 11. |
| Thomas Dugan, | No. 13. |
| William Warren, John Holroyd, Samuel Shepherd, | No. 14. |

*Past Master*, John Simpson.
*Visiting Brother*, Platt Bayles, Unity Lodge, No. 10.

*Imprint:* Lexington. Printed by Daniel Bradford, at the Office of The Kentucky Gazette, Main street, 1808. The same emblematic device as on the title page of 1802 is exhibited.

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## THE SIXTEENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, Aug.* 31 *to Sept.* 1, 1808.

Lodges Nos. 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 14 were represented.

Communications were read from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee; contents not recorded.

Daniel Bradford, having been appointed proxy by lodges Nos. 7, 11 and 12, and the eighth By-Law of the new Regulations forbidding a Brother to vote in a double capacity, the Grand Lodge, in this particular instance, authorized the infraction of the rule, but declared that, in future, "no Brother should serve as proxy to more than one subordinate lodge."

The lodge at Vincennes, Indiana Territory, having been prevented, from circumstances beyond their control, from organ-

izing under the Letter of Dispensation heretofore granted, a second Dispensation was given them—George Wallace to be W. Master; James Adams, Senior Warden; and General W. Johnston, Junior Warden.

A petition for a Dispensation to open a lodge in Barren county having been read, the Grand Lodge decided that "they were unacquainted with the qualifications of the Brethren to discharge the duties of officers to a subordinate lodge," and that, until further information respecting their qualifications could be received, it would be improper to grant a Charter or Dispensation. As late as 1856, a regulation was adopted, requiring a certificate of official qualifications before a Dispensation should be granted.

The Grand Secretary stated that five hundred copies of the Book of Masonic Constitutions had been printed, according to the orders of the Grand Lodge. It was thereupon ordered, "That the Grand Secretary dispose of the said books to the several subordinate lodges, or the members thereof, at the price of one dollar and twenty-five cents each; and that he keep an account thereof, and render it to the Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication.

"*Ordered*, That one copy of the above work be forwarded to each Grand Lodge in correspondence with us, and also one copy to each of the compilers." We have carefully searched the Archives of various Grand Lodges in vain for a copy of this work, and only, at the last moment, found one, formerly the property of Grand Master James Pike, now in the possession of Amos Adams, Esq., Baton Rouge, Grand Master of Louisiana, who is connected with Mr. Pike's family.

Resolutions to change the time and place of the meetings of the G. L., offered last year, were negatived. Similar resolutions, to lie over one year for consideration, were again proposed.

The subordinate lodges were ordered to communicate to the Grand Lodge their respective times of holding their stated monthly meetings. The practice of publishing these data in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, commenced in 1802, and has been continued, with few intermissions, up to the present time.

The title of the new work, the first of a Masonic character ever published in the West, is,—

"Masonic Constitutions or Illustrations of Masonry. Compiled by the direction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and adopted by them for the Regulation and Government of the Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction; with an Appendix containing Remarks on the Degrees of Master Mark Masons, Super Excellent Master and Royal Arch Masons. By James Moore and Carey L. Clarke, Members of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. *Lexington*. Printed by Daniel Bradford, at the office of the Kentucky Gazette, on Main Street, 1808." 12mo., pp. 191.

This book is entered, by its Compilers, for copyright, March 30, 1808, they claiming the right thereof as Proprietors: but on the same day the following assignment was made: "*To all whom it may concern:*—Be it known that we, James Moore and Carey L. Clarke, do hereby assign all our right, title, claim or demand, to the title of the above-mentioned work, to *George M. Bibb*, as Acting Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Kentucky, and his successors, forever." Attested by George Greer and Thomas Tunstall.

The Preface of this volume happily displays its character; and is written with charming modesty, directed by good sense. We give it entire:

"PREFACE.—The necessity of a work explanatory of the principles and Constitutions of Ancient Masonry, has long been obvious to the Brethren of the western country. Impressed with this opinion, and desirous of remedying the deficiency, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky appointed a Committee to prepare and arrange a Treatise upon that subject; in pursuance of which appointment, the following sheets have been compiled and arranged for their inspection: in doing which, the Compilers have endeavored to combine utility with precision, instruction with amusement, and advantage with convenience—still having special regard to the Ancient Landmarks. How far they have succeeded is left to the candor and good sense of the honest reader to determine. From their Brethren, they ask for that indulgence for imperfections which the want of extensive opportunities of research, and their attention to busy avocations, may demand. To those authors from whom they have largely extracted, they are bound to acknowledge the amount of their obligations. From the older and more scientific Masons, they expect that candor and forbearance which are characteristic of the Fraternity—happy, however, in the sanction and the approbation of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, if any Brother shall be instructed or improved, if the Craft, in general, shall be benefited, and the science of Masonry be exhibited in a more correct point of view: then will the reward, indeed, be ample

Of the Society's sincere friends,

THE COMPILERS."

The Introductory portion, occupying 22 pages, is devoted to a Sketch of Masonry from its origin, which is set as far back as Human Chronology extends, viz.: to the period of Adam, to the rebuilding of London after the great conflagration. Considerable space is devoted to Solomon's Temple, its details of building, etc.; and some observations are made upon the beauty and utility of Masonry as a speculative system; concluding with the counsel, "Let us walk worthy of our vocation, and do honor to our profession."

The First Chapter is entitled, "Origin of Masonry, and History thereof in America." This is mostly taken from "The Freemason's Monitor," by Thomas S. Webb, several editions of which, previous to 1808, had been issued. The Second Chapter ("History of Masonry in Kentucky,") is made up from the Records then existing in the Archives of our Grand Lodge.

The Third Chapter ("The General Laws for the Government of the Grand Lodge, the Subordinate Lodges, and Ancient York Masons,") opens with the "By-Laws" of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the same which we have published on previous pages. Then follows a Synopsis of Anderson's Constitutions, commencing with Chapter III, ("Concerning a Lodge and its Government,") and embracing a Free Comment upon the whole. Among the Masonic requirements of this Chapter, are the following: 1. The Master must first have served as Warden, unless in extraordinary cases. 2. Semi-Annual Elections are required. 3. No lodge can be removed without the Master's knowledge. 4. In the absence of the Master, all his duties devolve upon a Warden.

Chapter IV gives "The Manner of Constituting a Lodge of Master Masons, with Remarks on the *Fifth*, or Past Master's Degree." The latter embrace the Ceremony of Installation.

Chapter V is made up of "General Regulations and Prerequisites for Candidates,"—much of which is a Comment upon the first two Chapters of Anderson's Constitutions. A form of Petition for Initiation and a Declaration to be made by the Candidate, previous to his entrance, as literally as at present in use.

Chapter VI is "Regulations for the Conduct and Behavior of Ancient York Masons," mostly from the Freemason's Monitor." Chapters VII to X are the Monitorial Instructions of the Three Symbolic Degrees. The XIth Chapter embraces the Ceremonies proper to the Laying of Corner Stones, Dedication of Masons' Halls and Funerals—all closely copied from the Monitor. Chapter XII comprises the Mark Masters' Degree; Chapter XIII, the Most Excellent Masters'; Chapter XIV, the Royal Arch—all taken from the Monitor. The latter embraces Observations on "the Order of High Priests." The remaining Chapters (the XVth, XVIth, and XVIIth,) are occupied with the History of Royal Arch Masonry in its relations to the General Grand Chapter. They give the Minutes of the Organization of that Body from the Monitor, a copy of its Constitution, etc., and dwell minutely upon the philosophy of a Supreme Government as applied to this, then, Modern Branch of Masonry.

The book concludes with "A Collection of Odes, Anthems, and Songs," which, with the Index, fills 28 pages. There are fourteen songs, the last of which is *Burns' Adieu*, then, as now, esteemed one of the finest lyrics in Masonic Literature. By some curious oversight, an additional verse, written a few years before by Brother Haswell, of Vermont, commencing—

"And you, kind-hearted sisters fair,"

is appended as part of the original Ode, to which it bears, actually, no resemblance. Three of Thomas Smith Webb's Songs are included in this Collection, viz.:

"I sing the Mason's glory," etc.
"When the Senior Warden, standing in the West," etc.

and

"When the Junior Warden calls us from our labors," etc.

The old Song of Matthew Birkhead's, found in Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, ("Come, let us prepare," etc.,) is one of this selection.

We give one of these Odes (No. 6) entire, to illustrate some of the Masonic peculiarities of that period, and to remove an opinion which has been entertained by some modern writers on Masonry, that our fathers shunned all allusion in print to the Arcana of the Institution. The fact is, there is an over-squeamishness on this subject in certain quarters, which, it is plain, was not felt by the Craft of 1808, and previously.

SONG VI.

Once I was blind and could not see
For all was dark around;
But Providence did pity me,
And I a friend soon found.
Through hidden paths he hath me led,
Such paths as babblers ne'er should tread.
With a fa, la, la, etc.

All stumbling blocks he took away
That I might walk secure,
And brought me ere the break of day
To Sol's great temple-door.
Where there we both admittance found
Without help of magic spell or sound.

But the curber of my bold attempt
Did soon my breast alarm,
By hinting I was not exempt
(If rash) from future harm.
Which put a stop to rising pride,
And made me trust more to my guide.

Round and round I then was brought
To mighty Sol's great throne,
Where I was obliged to stop
Till I myself made known.
Then, with great noise, I round was brought,
For to obtain that which I sought.

In humble posture and due form
I listened with good will;
Instead of any noise or storm,
All was quiet, hushed, and still.
Such charming sounds I then did hear
As quite dispelled all doubt and fear.
The mighty Monarch from his throne,
Bid darkness to withdraw;
No sooner said than it was done,
And I *three great things* saw.

But what they were I will not tell,
Yet such they were they here shall dwell.

Then round about me he did tie
A noble ancient charm;
All future darkness to defy
And guard from cowan's harm.
Then sent me back from whence I came,
Not what I *was*, but what I *am*.

And now I'm made an upright man,
And levelled with the best;
I'll square my acts the best I can
Within an honest breast.
I'll toast my friend both day and night,
And those blest hands brought me to light.
With a fa, la, la, etc.

(*Imprint:* Lexington. Printed by Daniel Bradford, at the office of the Kentucky Gazette, on Main street, 1808.) 8vo., pp. 31.

## Cotemporary Events, 1808.

*December* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(4to., pp. 10.) The Past Grand Officers were each ordered to be presented with an appropriate jewel. A committee was appointed to receive the Urn, etc., used at the Funeral Procession of our late most worthy and revered R. W. Brother, George Washington, and to place said Urn, etc., in the hall of this Grand Lodge. Ninety-three lodges reported.

*November* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(4to., pp. 2.) Decided that the establishment of a Superintending G. L. of the U. S. was altogether improper and unnecessary, but that an Advisory Convention should be established, whenever the majority of Grand Lodges in the U. S. should consent to it.

*January* 9.—**Circular from G. L. of N. C.**—(Manuscript.) The arguments detailed in the Circular of Dec. 11, 1809, (which see,) are given, and reference made to the original organization of the G. L. of N. C., and to *Vattel's Laws of Nations*.

*April* 27.—**Circular Letter G. L. of S. C.**—(Manuscript.) This announces the appointment of a *Corresponding G. Secretary* by this Grand Lodge, (Frederick Dalcho being the first,) whose duty it should be to attend to all correspondence with sister Grand Lodges.

*October* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**——(Folio, pp. 2.) This announces the preliminary arrangements for the union of the two Grand Lodges of S. C., the *Free and Accepted* and the *York Masons*, which had been adopted Sept. 5 last, and gives the six articles of amalgamation, viz.: The Legislature should be petitioned to revoke the existing Charters of Incorporation, and

incorporate them in one body as the *Grand Lodge of South Carolina*. 2. The property of subordinate lodges is confirmed to them respectively. 3. Lodges in the new roll shall be ranked according to the dates of their former Charters respectively, and new Charters granted them. 4. The covenants and work shall be uniform; and a Committee of Inspectors shall be appointed to direct it. 5. The Act of Incorporation being passed, the two Grand Lodges should be called together to organize the United Grand Lodge. 6. At the first meeting after such organization, all officers, past and present, of the two Grand Lodges, and their subordinates respectively, should take the proper covenants, and then the Masters of the subordinate lodges should covenant the private Brethren. 7. The distinctions of *Ancient* and *Modern* Masons shall be abolished, and the only appellation used *Free and Accepted Masons.*

*July* 13.—**Circular of G. L. of N. H.**—The proposed Convention at Washington, D. C., had not been held; the desired Act of Incorporation had not been procured. Sixteen lodges are reported.

*March* 7.—**Circular of the G. L. of Penn.**—Details the results of various Grand Visitations made by the Grand Master (James Milnor), and gives the Address delivered by him on one of those occasions; spread upon the Minutes.

*Jan.* 4.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655).*—Convention to organize the Grand Lodge met at Chillicothe, O., Jan. 4, six lodges being represented. Jan. 5, it was resolved to organize a Grand Lodge; and Jan. 7, the Grand Officers were elected, Rufus Putnam, Grand Master.

*Oct.* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(12mo., pp. 9).—Discourse by Jonathan Nye; a copy requested for the press.

## Masonic Literature of 1808.

ADDRESSES.

"*Valedictory* of the Most Worshipful Thomas Thompson, Esq., Past Grand Master of Masons in and throughout the State of New Hampshire, at his resignation of the Chair of Solomon, April 27, A. L. 5808, an office to which he had been elected seven years in succession." 4to., pp. 3.

James Milnor to the G. L. of Pennsylvania, March.
John Crookes, New York, November 16.

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* These proceedings from 1808 to 1847, inclusive, were republished in 1857, in an elegant volume of 665 pages, embellished with portraits of distinguished Brethren.

## THE SEVENTEENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 30 to September 1, 1809.*

Six lodges were represented.

For the first time the Records show the appointment of the three Standing Committees required in Article 14 of the By-Laws, viz.: "Bros. Van Pelt, Shackleford and Collier, a Committee to settle the Secretary's, Treasurer's, and other Accounts.

"Brothers William Bobbs and Vigus, to examine Attendant and Visiting Brethren.

"Brothers Bradford, Simpson, and John C. Kouns, to hear and examine Grievances."

These correspond with the Standing Committees of the present day on *Finance, Visiting Brethren*, and *Grievances*, respectively. Before this Session all business seems to have been debated, considered, prepared, and matured in "Grand Committee," having its regular chairman and clerk, and reporting its doings to the Grand Lodge for adoption, according to the strictest parliamentary usages. No instance is on record of the Grand Lodge refusing to adopt any conclusion or recommendation offered by this "Grand Committee."

Charters were ordered as follows: Vincennes Lodge, No. 15, at Vincennes, Indiana Territory (now No. 1, *Indiana Register*); Paris Union Lodge, No. 16, at Paris, Ky.; Russellville Lodge, No. 17, at Russellville, Ky. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.) Of the latter, George M. Bibb, Past Grand Master, was the first Master under the Charter.

The Committee of *Grievances* reported on the application of Ennis Duncan, a visiting Brother from Lodge No. 447, Ireland, "that he came to this country fourteen years since; that he is a respectable man and poor; that his losses have been heavy; his family sick—one daughter deranged, wife sickly and weak," and the Grand Lodge appropriated money for his relief. Why this matter was considered proper for the Committee on *Grievances* it is hard to say.

All persons employed in selling the Book of Constitutions for the Grand Lodge, were allowed twenty per cent. on the amount of their sales for their trouble. We have no record who the agents were.

Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, was permitted to demit from this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of uniting in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, a Preliminary Convention having assembled at Chillicothe, January 4, 1808, and Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, being present by its delegates, Thomas Henderson and Francis Mennessier. The Convention continued its sittings until January 8, having passed a Resolution, moved by Bro.

Lewis Cass, now (1858) Secretary of State of the Federal Government, then representing Amity Lodge, No. 105, "that it is expedient to form a Grand Lodge in this State." The first Session of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was held at Chillicothe, and the Grand Officers installed January 2, 1809. Bro. Henderson, of Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, in the Chair. His Lodge was then represented as before, with the addition of Thomas Dugan. A Circular Letter to the Grand Lodges of the United States was framed, and a Committee appointed to draft a Constitution. Until they should do so, that of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was adopted. An election of officers was then held, Samuel Huntington, G. Master, and Lewis Cass, D. G. Master, and the Grand Officers were installed. The New Constitution was adopted, agreeing substantially with the "By-Laws and Regulations" of Kentucky, as follows: *Art.* 1, changed to first Monday in January. *Art.* 2, "a majority." *Art.* 3 *to* 18, literally the same. *Art.* 19, gives the D. G. Master the power of granting Dispensations. *Art.* 20 *to* 46, literally the same.

Renewed motions to change the time and place of the Grand Lodge Sessions of Kentucky were made this year, and ordered to lie over twelve months. A determined effort by the Frankfort representatives to secure the Grand Lodge for their own city, is evident from these records.

A question had recently sprung up in South Carolina in which the merits of antagonistic G. Lodges, under the respective titles of *Ancients* and *Moderns* were essentially involved. The G. L. of Kentucky, in reporting upon the case, declared that they "contemplate, with extreme regret, the wanderings of the lodge calling itself the *G. L. of S. C.*, yet they were entirely unwilling and could not alter or transcend their Ancient York Masonic limits. Hence they felt constrained to take a distant leave of those who had wantonly strayed," and adopted the following *Resolution:* "The G. L. of Kentucky congratulate their Brothers who have withstood the anti-masonic gale and are restoring the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of South Carolina." This was unanimously adopted.

(*Imprint.* Lexington, printed by D. Bradford, Main street.) 8vo., pp. 33.

## Cotemporary Events of 1809.

*May* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 4.) Decided that a party on trial, after all the evidence, etc., is given in, must withdraw from the hall when the final decision of the question is had. Decided that no officer of a lodge has power to dispense with a regular ballot and initiate an applicant. In relation to the union recently made in South Carolina between the antagonistic Grand Lodges there, the Grand Lodge of Maryland

declared its abhorrence, mingled with sincere regret, at the amalgamation, approved the firm and virtuous opposition made to the union by St. John's Lodge, No. 31, at Charleston, S. C., and interdicted further communication with the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. The G. Master (John Crawford) made an Address, which is published in the proceedings, in which he congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the harmonious manner in which their business had been conducted.

*November* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 4.) Lodges not having been represented in Grand Lodge according to the Constitution were declared defunct, and their acting officers ordered within one month to surrender up their Charter, etc., under penalty of "each and every officer belonging to such lodges standing suspended from the rights and benefits of Masonry until the order be fully complied with." No change for the better in the condition of Masonry in South Carolina is reported.

*June* 18.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(Folio, pp. 2.) The Grand Lodge had refused to recognize the organization of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Dec. 1, 1806, for four reasons. 1. They had not paid up arrearages to their mother Grand Lodge, that of Pennsylvania. 2. They had not asked their permission to withdraw and organize independently. 3. They had not craved their assistance in the great work in which they were about to engage. 4. They had not requested a fraternal communication. The G. M. was requested to ascertain the present state of Masonry in South Carolina.

Two letters from Frederick Dalcho, as Cor. G. Sec. of S. C., were acknowledged, of dates Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, 1809, which were generally commended for the excellent principles they inculcated, but the former reprehended for certain unguarded expressions on its second page.

*Dec.* 11.—**Circular G. L. of N. C.** (Manuscript.) Complaint against the G. L. of Ky., for establishing lodges in Tennessee. Reasons given, that a confederation, proposed by the G. L. of Mass., Dec. 16, 1796, and acceded to by the G. L. of N. C., forbids the establishment of lodges by Grand Lodges, outside their own States respectively; and that when the G. L. of Scotland established that of N. C. the territory of Tennessee was within its chartered limits, and will so continue, until she becomes a State of her own. The G. L. of Ky., is requested to recall all Charters thus given, on failure of which all further communication with the Kentucky lodges is renounced.

*January* 28.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.** (Folio, pp. 3.) States that the union proposed the preceding September, had been completed on the 17th December, 1808, and that the *Grand Lodge of South*

*Carolina* was fully organized Sept. 4. A form of Covenant is given and proceedings had as agreed upon.

*January* 7.—**Circular of St. John's Lodge, No. 31,** at Charleston, S. C., denounces in severest terms the amalgamation of the two Grand Lodges, Dec. 28, preceding, and declares they will not come into their measures, but will hold to their integrity as Ancient York Masons.

*February* 4.—**Circular G. L. of S. C.**, proves the legality, strict propriety and evident necessity of the late amalgamation of Grand Lodges in South Carolina; declares that the schism so long existing was owing to slight and unimportant differences in mere ceremonial observances in the administration of the Rites, and that the distinctions of *York Masons* and *Free and Accepted Masons* are dying away in all parts of the world. It asserts that the words, passwords, signs and tokens, etc., are the same in both Rites; and denies that either Grand Lodge had ever authorized the introduction of any thing in the Covenants which forbade the communication between *Ancient* and *Modern* Masons.

*March* 9.—**Circular of St. John's Lodge, No. 31,** at Charleston, S. C., declares that there is an essential difference between *Ancient* and *Modern* Masons, and still further disapprobates the union of the two Grand Lodges. A report of the Corresponding Committee is appended, in which the organization of a G. Lodge of *Ancient York Masons* is recommended.

*April* 14.—**Circular of the G. L. of S. C.** The inspectors had been refused admission into St. John's Lodge, No. 31, whereupon the G. L., in severest terms, declared the Charter of that lodge void, itself clandestine, and its members expelled Masons. *Ordered*, that the Grand Lodge will not grant Charters for lodges in any State where there is a G. L.

*May* 1.—Circular of a Convention to organize the *Grand Lodge of South Carolina Ancient York Masons*, held at Columbia; sixteen lodges were represented. The conduct of the members of the two Grand Lodges in forming the union of December 27 last, is pronounced unmasonic, and a violation of trust and confidence. May 3d, the new Grand Lodge was organized, and on the 18th its officers were installed.

*June* 3.—**Proc. G. L. of Geo.** (4to., pp. 3,) Deeply regrets the union of the two Grand Lodges in S. C., accomplished Dec. 27 preceding, and conceives that in the preliminary arrangements the Ancient Landmarks have been removed. Forbids visitors who have not received their degrees "in regularly constituted lodges of Ancient York Masons and agreeably to the Ancient Form." Encourages the hope of another G. L. being soon established in S. C.

*January* 7.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.** (8vo., pp. 655.) Circular Letter to G. Lodges issued, announcing its organization; G. officers of last year installed; and the Constitution of the G. L. of Ky., temporarily adopted, with slight amendments.

Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, at Cincinnati, the only Ohio Lodge on the Kentucky Register, made no report of its membership since August, 1807. The following was the last report:

**Return of the Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13.**

August 24, 5807.

*Officers:*

Thomas Henderson, Master.
Edward H. Stall, S. W.
Robert Brasher, J. W.
David L. Carney, Sec.
Griffin Yeatman, Treas.
Thomas Ramsay, S. D.
Jacob W. Albright, J. D.
Charles Kilgore, } Masters of
Wm. McFarland, } Ceremonies.
Francis Mennessier, Steward.
Daniel D. Betay, Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

Thoms Henderson, Francis Mennessier,
Charles Kilgore, Griffin Yeatman,
Maxfield Hargraves, Burrowes Smith.

*Master Masons:*

John Mahard, William McFarland,
Thomas Ramsay, Thomas Dugan,
Robert Brasher, David L. Carney,
Ezekiel Hutchinson, Joel Williams,
Thomas Kennedy, William Perry,
J. W. Albright, John Weaver,
E. H. Stall, D. D. Betay, Joseph Mulladay.

*Admitted:*

Burrowes Smith, Jan. 1, 5806; Maxfield Hargraves, Feb. 4, 5807; Thos. Henderson, Dec. 3; Joseph Mulladay, April 1.

*Demitted:*

John Whitworth, Feb. 14, 5807; Wm. Goforth, Jr., and M. Nimmo, March 4; Daniel Roe, April 1; Alexander Enos, Jr., May 18.

*Rejected:*

Edward B. Hannegan, for want of moral character.
George Jamison, Robert M. Kain, want of character.
Garret Lane, want of acquaintance.

*Oct.* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.** (12mo., pp. 9–18.) A Committee was appointed to devise ways and means to introduce a uniform

mode of work in the lodges. A Grand Visitor was appointed, (Jonathan Nye,) to visit all the lodges, remain at least two days with each, to teach the Lectures, and inculcate the moral precepts of the Institution. Oration by Jonathan Nye.

April 17.—Corner Stone, Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, laid.

Dec. 11.—St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Mass., united with "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," as it had been styled since 1792. As this was the crown of the unions formed in that State, a more extended description is proper.

In our first chapter the establishment of St. John's Provincial Grand Lodge, under Henry Price, July 30, 1733, is given, and the formation of various lodges subordinate to it. The celebrated Schism in England, which gave the opprobrious name of *Moderns*, as well to the Massachusetts Masons as to all others who adhered to the Mother Grand Lodge in London, to which they were subordinate, gave birth, through the Grand Lodge of Scotland to a second Provincial Grand Lodge in Boston, Mass., styled "The Massachusetts Grand Lodge." Over this the afterward celebrated Joseph Warren was placed as Provincial Grand Master. This was Dec. 27, 1769. A subordinate lodge of the same class, and emanating from the same authority, (the G. L. of Scotland,) had been established in Boston 13 years earlier, under the name of St. Andrews' Lodge, No. 82, and this lodge united in the movement above described and accepted Warren as its Grand Provincial Head.

The death of Warren, June 17, 1775, in effect, disbanded "The Massachusetts Grand Lodge" as a Provincial body, but on the 8th of March, 1777, its late members came together in primary Convention, as it appears, (its records are very defective,) and declared their independence as a Grand Lodge, by electing Joseph Webb, Grand Master. This was the first Independent Grand Lodge established in America. In 1783 this body took the title of "The Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons," (as a mark of distinction from the "Moderns," with whom, as traditions go, they had no Masonic communication,) March 4, 1784. St. Andrew's Lodge withdrew from its jurisdiction, and, for reasons not recorded, returned to its original allegiance, viz.: to the G. L. of Scotland.

June 19th, 1792, the "Massachusetts" and "St. John's" G. Lodges became blended into one; and Dec. 11, 1809, St. Andrew's Lodge came voluntarily under its jurisdiction as already stated.*

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*For much of this historical compend, and for very many, important reliable data, we are indebted to "A Historical Account of Columbian Lodge," etc., by John T. Heard, now G. Master of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass., 1856, 12mo., pp. 12, 592. (*Cat.* No. 266.)

Nov. 3.—A historical fact of some interest connected with this year was the establishment of Concord Lodge, No. 3, at New Orleans. The founders of the lodge at that time were in possession of a Charter for a Royal Arch Chapter, issued by the *Orient of St. Domingo*, which in the year 1810 was renewed for them by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Again, in 1850, it was renewed by the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

## Masonic Literature of 1809.

ADDRESSES.

"*An Oration* delivered at Henniker, New Hampshire, before the Blazing Star Lodge, at the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1809, by John Burnham,

'In reason, nature, truth, he dares to trust,
Ye fools be silent, and ye critics just.'

*Concord, New Hampshire.* Printed by Isaac Hill, 1810."

"*An Address* in a Letter to the Seceding Masons from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, prepared by a select committee for that purpose, appointed on the 24th day of June, 5809, unanimously approved of by, and published at the desire of the said Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Fiat Lux, *Charleston, S. C.* Printed by J. Hoff, No. 6 Broad street, 1809.

John Crawford to G. L. Md., May 1.

John Vanderbilt, Jr., to N. Y. Free School, Dec. 27.

"*The Duties of Freemasonry*, illustrated and enforced, in a discourse delivered at Chelmesford, (Mass.,) at the Consecration of Pawtucket Lodge, Oct. 12, A. D. 1809, A. L. 5809. By Wilkes Allen, A. M. Minister of Chelmesford. Published by request of the M. W. Grand Lodge and the Fraternity present. Boston, 1809. 8vo. pp. 22."*

In closing the record of the first decennial of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, it is worthy of remark, that a great and healthy impetus had been given, during that period, to the general cause of Masonry in America, and especially in that part of the United States styled the Mississippi Valley. Lodges had been established, both by the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and North Carolina, in Tennessee. Pennsylvania had sent out thrifty branches to Kaskaskia, Illinois, and St. Genevieve, (then Louisiana,) and Massachusetts, to Ohio. Kentucky had planted her vines in Mississippi, Indiana, and Ohio. A Grand Lodge for the latter State had been organized; and similar bodies were in course of formation in Tennessee and other States. Further east, Delaware had exercised the inherent right of Masons, and formed a Grand Lodge: the District of Columbia was preparing to do the same. A long pending dispute had been settled in Massachusetts. One of considerable acrimony was in the course of adjustment in South Carolina. The Grand Lodges of New Hampshire and Pennsylvania had become Incorporated. Movements toward the erection of Grand Lodge Hall were making in all directions.

* In the possession of E. T. Carson.

Abroad the Fraternity of England, worn out with long and unfraternal strife, were laying the train for a concord that should prove as glorious as the quarrels of their fathers had been disgraceful. Two at least of those who bore a part in the Union of 1813 (Oliver and White) are still living. A Grand Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Rite had been established at Charleston, S. C. The establishment of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States at Hartford, Conn., January 22, (or 27,) 1798, had culminated in a Supreme Government that embraced the entire "United States"—a body which has reigned with undisputed sway over those modern, but elegant and impressive ceremonials for nearly sixty years. The success of this National organization had awakened within the breasts of Thomas Smith Webb and his compeers, a desire to extend the same character of Government over the Order of Knights Templary and Appendant Orders as worked in the United States—a purpose that was accomplished a few years later.

The Literature of the Institution was respectable in point of quantity and quality. Kentucky had published her Book of Constitutions, compiled by the brightest lights in her constellation.

Thomas Smith Webb was issuing edition after edition of his Monitor, (then, and for eight years afterward, the only book of Monitorial Instruction known to the American Craft,) then, and ever since, beyond comparison, the best. Editions of Preston's Illustrations of Masonry were published by American Houses. Book Makers in Charleston, S. C., Boston, Mass., and elsewhere, found their profit in compiling volumes of Songs, Registers, and Calendars. Well prepared Addresses upon Masonic themes demanded the printer's art to enable admiring hearers to enjoy, for a second time, their beauties.

Thus far in American History no affiliated Association had sprung up to claim the field in competition with Masonry. Men were yet enabled to do the work of Temperance and Alms-Giving, without any of the secret means of recognition, signs, grips, and passwords, which seem so essential to any philanthropic enterprise in these later years: nor does it appear from the page of History that the good work was neglected or slackly performed.

A few of the political events in Kentucky, from 1800 to 1809, will be found useful in their Masonic relations.

1800, *June* 1.—The New Constitution goes into operation.

1801.—Circuit Court System established.

1802, *January*.—An Insurance Company, with Banking Powers, Chartered. The right of Deposit for American Produce, at New Orleans, suspended.

1805.—Aaron Burr twice visits Kentucky. We are not in possession

of a particle of evidence that he was a Mason, though it has often been charged.

1806, *November* 11.—Burr brought before the District Court of Kentucky, but, for want of testimony, the Grand Jury was dismissed.

1806, *December* 2.—Burr is indicted, but the Grand Jury return, "not a true bill."

1806, *December* 6.—Judge Sebastian convicted of being a pensioner of Spain: resigns his office.

1807.—Bank of Kentucky chartered.

1809.—The limitation in actions in ejectment prolonged from seven to twenty years.

The population of Kentucky, by the census of 1800, was, omitting fractions, 179,000. The ratio of the Masonic membership, (which, in the aggregate, was about 150,) was as one to 1193. By the census of 1810, the population was, omitting fractions, 324,000. The Masonic Membership, being about 300, gives the ratio of one to 1080. Thus the progress of the Craft, it will be seen, was sound and healthful. By comparing these data with the ratio of the present year, 1858, (12,000 to 1,000,000) 1 to 83, an interesting subject for reflection is developed.

We give the Reports of our subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge for 1809, as a suitable sequel to this Section. Many of the names are historical, and all are of importance in a Masonic relation.

## Return of Lexington Lodge, No. 1,

To the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, August 30, 5809.

*Officers:*

Benjamin W. Dudley, Master.
Jabez Vigus, Senior Warden.
Samuel Vanpelt, Junior Warden.
Daniel Bradford, Secretary.
George Coons, Treasurer.
Thomas Bodley, Senior Deacon.
(Vacant) Junior Deacon.
Lewis H. Smith, Steward and Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

James Morrison, John Fowler, Thomas Bodley, John Bobbs, William Cook, Daniel Bradford, Edmond Bullock, Cuthbert Banks, Wm. Bobbs, Thomas Wallace, George M. Bibb, Jesse Bledsoe, John Jordan, jr.

*Master Masons:*

Henry Clay, Benjamin Graves, Joseph H. Daviess, Jno. McKinney, jr., Samuel H. Woodson, Francis Moore, Robert Scott, David Cobb, Wm. S. Dallam, William S. Hunter, William Henry, Joseph Boswell, Robert Miller, Jeremiah Shropshire.

*Fellow Crafts:*

Peter J. Robert, John W. Walker, Samuel Long, James Fishback, William Satterwhite.

*Entered Apprentices:*

William Russell, N. G. S. Hart, Thomas J. Garrett, Joseph H. Hawkins, Robert Breckenridge, Alfred W. Grayson, David M'Nair, Robert Crockett, Robert Wickliff.

*Initiated:*

Thomas Williams and Samuel Long, December 13, 5808; Alfred W. Grayson, February 13, 5809; David M'Nair, June 12; Joseph H. Hawkins and Robert Crockett, August 29.

*Passed:*

Jeremiah Shropshire, Robert Miller, September 22, 5808; Thos. Williams, December 28; Samuel Long, July 17, 5809.

*Raised:*

Henry C. Gist and Samuel Vanpelt, October 8, 5808; Thomas Williams, January 9, 5809; Jeremiah Shropshire, May 21; Robert Miller, June 24.

*Admitted:*

David Cobb, M. M., September 12, 5808; William Cook, M. M., January 9th, 5809; Wm. S. Dallam, M. M., July 15; Thomas Neckevis, M. M., August 19.

*Reinstated:*

T. J. Garrett, April 10, 5809; Joseph H. Daviess, June 12.

*Demitted:*

Green Clay and Andrew F. Price.

*Dead:*

George Mansell.

*Rejected:*

John Grant, *painter*, October 10, 5808.

*Suspended:*

Thomas Williams, counselor at law, for unmasonic conduct, March 13, 1809.

*Expelled:*

George H. H. Gill, for gross unmasonic conduct, February 13.

## Return of Hiram Lodge, No. 4,

To the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

*Officers:*

John Allen, Master.
Samuel S. Landsdale,* Senior Warden,
Thomas V. Loofborough, Junior Warden.
James I. Miles, Secretary.
George Greer, Treasurer.
Edmund Bacon, Senior Deacon.
William I. Phillips, Junior Deacon.
Charles Springer, Steward and Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

John Allen, Willis A. Lee, John A. Mitchell.

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* Elected but not installed.

*Master Masons:*

John Bacon, Thomas Todd, A. Smith, Mathew Gale, John Younger, John Goodman, Nathaniel Porter, Samuel H. T. Young, Thomas Bryan, A. J. Mitchell, Wm. White, James Gale, Paschal Hickman, Francis S. Haydon, Wm. S. Waller, Wm. I. Phillips, Robert Branham, Joseph Craig, Thomas Long, Geo. Greer, Benjamin Hickman, Thos. C. Davis, John Samuel, John D. Richardson, Charles Springer.

*Raised:*

James I. Miles, October 31, 5808; Nathan'l Porter and John Samuel, 25th December; Wm. I. Phillips, 26th December.

*Fellow Craft:*

William Gerard.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Charles Sprowle, William Trigg.

*Passed:*

Nathaniel Porter, John Samuel, and William Gerard, Dec. 9, 5808; Wm. I. Phillips, Dec. 24.

*Demitted:*

Henry Tunstall, January 16, 5809; Wm. C. Greenup, 17th Oct., 5808.

*Rejected:*

Wm. May, October 17, 5808; John W. Wooldridge, April 15, 5809.

*Suspended for Non-payment of Dues:*

Preston W. Brown, Robert D. Gale, B. G. Farrar, Philip Caldwell, William Fenwick, G. Lewis, B. Pemperton.

*Dead:*

Thomas Love, P. M., July 31, 5809.

## Return of Abraham's Lodge, No. 8,

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kentucky, August 19, 1809, A. L. 5809.

*Officers:*

Richard Ferguson, Master.
William C. Galt, Senior Warden.
James D. Breckenridge, Junior Warden.
Charles Cotton, Secretary.
William Chambers, Treasurer.
Joel Ailes, Senior Deacon.
Solomon Fuller, Junior Deacon.
John Gwathmy, Steward.
R. Shackelford, Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

Richard Ferguson, Joshua Headington, John Evans, jr., Worden Pope.

*Master Masons:*

David L. Ward, John Martin, R. A. Maupin, Samuel Hinch, Richard Finley, M. G. Clarke, James D. Breckenridge, Craven P. Luckett, L. Blanton, John Gwathmy, Charles Anderson, William C. Galt, Joseph Lowman, T. Gwathmy, John Murphy, Francis Taylor, D. Floyd, Jas.

Porter, James Patton, R. Shackelford, Sam'l N. Luckett, Robert Macconnel, Chas. Cotton, John Smith, C. Mercer, W. O. Allen.

*Fellow Crafts:*

Peter Fontaine, W. Taylor, Joseph Haugh, John Sutton, J. Sherrow.

*Entered Apprentices:*

M. B. Luckett, Wm. M. Taylor, George Pope, Thos. W. Thruston, John H. Clark.

*Initiated:*

John Smith and Chas. Cotton, 12th September, 5808; John H. Clark, 13th March, 5809.

*Passed:*

John Smith and Charles Cotton, 12th September, 5808; William O. Allen, 20th April, 1809.

*Raised:*

John Smith and Charles Cotton, 12th October, 5808; William O. Allen, 20th April, 5809; Carver Mercer, 22d June, 5809.

*Demitted:*

Joshua Headington, 14th November, 1808; B. T. Dupuy, 10th February, 1809; James Porter, 13th March, 1809; Samuel Gwathmy, E. L. Hall, Wm. O. Allen and T. Gwathmy, 10th July, 1809.

*Admitted:*

Wm. O. Allen, formerly of Bottot Lodge, No. 1, Virginia, 10th April, 5809; James Maconnell, last a member of Solomon's Lodge, No. 5, Kentucky, and S. Fuller, last a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 8, Upper Canada, 10th April, 1809.

*Suspended:*

Wm. M. Taylor, Joseph Lowman, Robert A. New, Robert Maconnell, and Thos. W. Thruston, 10th July, 5809, for the non-payment of dues.

*Rejected:*

Hugh Morrison, 10th April, 1809.

*Expelled:*

John P. Booker, for unmasonic conduct, 10th April, 5809.

## Return of Unity Lodge, No. 10,

August 28th, 5809.

*Officers:*

F. Collier, Master.
John Baker, Senior Warden.
James Patterson, Junior Warden.
Martin Baker, Secretary.
Benjamin Baker, Treasurer.
C. A. Collier, Senior Deacon.
James Baker, Junior Deacon.
James Grey, Steward and Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

Martin Baker, Thomas Lancaster.

*Master Masons:*

Martin Griffith, A. Marshall, P. Shearer.

*Fellow Craft:*

William Porter, passed March 11th, 5809.

*Entered Apprentice:*

H. Rosebury, initiated December 17th, 5808.

*Demitted:*

P. Bayless, May 9th, 5809; H. Williams, August 19th.

*Suspendment of non-payment of dues:*

William Stewart, William Porter, Robert B. Hill.

## Return of St. John's Lodge, No. 11,

Held on the third Thursday in each month; to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the 21st day of August, 1809, A. L. 5809.

*Officers:*

B. H. Evans, Master.
L. D. Stockton, Senior Warden.
C. C. Duncan, Junior Warden.
D. G. Brown, Secretary.
George Robinson, Treasurer.
Joseph Davis, Senior Deacon.
J. T. Evans, Junior Deacon.
Peter Catlett, Steward and Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

William B. Fleming, David Hopkins, B. H. Evans.

*Master Masons:*

William Harper, John N. Stout, C. Carmon, Jas. L. Taylor, Joseph Desha, James Evans, James Ross, Ed. Dorsey, Septimus D. Clark, John D. Fleming, David Trimble, Thomas Jones, George Stockton, Samuel Filson, John C. Kouns, John D. Stockton.

*Fellow Craft:*

Marshall Key.

*Entered Apprentice:*

M. Owens.

*Initiated:*

C. C. Duncan, September 15th, 1808; J. T. Evans, November 28th, 1808; Daniel G. Brown, February 16th, 1809; Samuel Filson, March 15th, 1809; M. Key, March 7th, 1809; John C. Kouns, April 20th, 1809; Maximilian W. Owens, June 5th, 1809.

*Passed:*

Chas. C. Duncan, October 20th, 1808; J. T. Evans, November 28th, 1808; D. G. Brown, February 16th, 1809; M. Key, March 7th, 1809; S. Filson, April 20th, 1809; John C. Kouns, June 15th, 1809.

*Raised:*

Charles C. Duncan, November 17th, 1808; John T. Evans, December

15th, 1808; D. G. Brown, April 20th, 1809; Samuel Filson, May 18th, 1809; John C. Kouns, June 16th, 1809.

*Admitted:*

David Hopkins, Past Master, November 17th, 1808, from Unity Lodge, No. 10; Peter Catlett, M. M., May 18th, 1809, from Lodge No. 20, Va.

*Suspended:*

Johnson Ross, January 19th, 1809, for non-payment of lodge dues.

*Expelled:*

Robert Barnes, for unmasonic conduct, April 28th, 1809.

*Demitted:*

George W. Botts, November 17th, 1808; G. Evans, June 15th, 1809; D. McIntire, August 17th, 1809.

## Return of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 12, Tennessee,

From August 26, 5808, to August 5, 5809.

*Officers:*

Edward Ward, Master.
John Camp, Senior Warden.
William Sanders, Junior Warden.
John H. Camp, Secretary.
William C. Ward, Treasurer.
Thomas Shackleford, Senior Deacon.
William Wyatt, Junior Deacon.
Thomas Watson, Steward.
John S. Williamson, Tyler.

*Past Masters:*

Edward Ward, John Camp, John S. Williamson, William Saunders, William Chandler, William C. Ward, Francis Saunders, Francis Camper, Edmund Cooper, William Wyatt.

*Master Masons:*

George Smith, Josephus H. Conn, Peter Jones, Paul M. Cunningham, William Ingram, John H. Marable, Anthony Winslow, jr., Wood Jones, William Howson.

*Fellow Craft:*

Thomas G. Bradford.

*Initiated:*

Thomas G. Bradford, September 23d.

*Passed:*

William Ingram and James Patterson, August 26th; Thos. G. Bradford, October 28th.

*Raised:*

William Ingram and James Patterson, September 3d; John H. Camp, December 15th.

*Admitted:*

William Wyatt and William Howson, M. M's., November 25th, from Charlotte Lodge, No. 17, Virginia; John H. Camp, F. C., November 25th, Hicksford Lodge, No. 27, Virginia; John Camp, M. M., December 27th,

Brunswick Lodge, No. 52; Edward Cooper, M. M., June 24th, Brunswick Lodge, No. 52; William Chandler, M. M., December 27th, Philanthropic Lodge, No. 12.

*Suspended:*

Samuel Hogg, November 25th, for absence and dues; George Patton, May 26th, for absence and dues.

## Return of Vincennes Lodge, Knox Co., I. T.,

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, August, 5809.

*Officers:*

William Jones, Master.
Gen. W. Johnston, Junior Warden.

All the other and necessary officers have acted under appointments *pro. tempore.*

*Master Masons:*

George Wallace, jr., William Prince, John Caldwell, John D. Hay, Henry Vanderburgh, Peter Jones, Charles Fisher, Thomas Randolph, John Gibson, sr., Joshua Bond, Parmenas Beckes, Charles Smith.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Toussaints Dubois, Walter Wilson, Moses Keller, Paul Tiseloe.

*Initiated:*

Parmenas Beckes, of Vincennes, Innkeeper; William Prince, of same, Merchant; Hezekiah Bradley, Ensign in the U. S. army; John Duffle Hay, of Vincennes, Innkeeper—17*th March*, 5809; Peter Jones, of Vincennes, Merchant; Thomas Randolph, of same, Attorney at Law—18*th March*, 5809; Joshua Bond, of same, House Joiner; Charles Smith, of same, Merchant—3*d April*, 5809; Toussaints Dubois, of Knox county, I. T., aged 40 years; Moses Kellar, of same, Clerk, aged 22 years—17*th July*, 5809; Walter Wilson, of same, Farmer, aged 30 years; Paul Tiseloe, of same, aged 24 years—7*th August*, 5809.

*Passed:*

Parmenas Beckes and Wm. Prince, March 13, 5809; Hezekiah Bradley and John D. Hay, March 18, 5809; Peter Jones, Joshua Bond, and Charles Smith, May 5, 5809; Thomas Randolph, April 12, 5809.

*Raised:*

John Gibson, Sen., March 14, 5809; Parmenas Beckes and Wm. Prince, March 17, 5809; John D. Hay and Peter Jones, May 24, 5809; Joshua Bond and Charles Smith, May 26, 5809; Thomas Randolph, June 7, 5809.

## Return of Union Lodge,

Held, under Dispensation, at Paris, August, 5809.

*Officers:*

Thomas Hughes, Master; Maurice Langhorne, Senior Warden; Oba S. Timberlake, Junior Warden; James Coleman, Secretary; Gabriel Tandy, Treasurer; David Castleman, Senior Deacon; John T. Langhorn, Junior Deacon; Thomas Shelton, Steward and Tyler.

*Master Masons:*

Thomas Arnold, Robert Trimble, Wm. R. Wilmott, George Cleveland, Sterling Allen, Henry Timberlake, Zachariah Eastin, Nicholas Warfield, Wm. S. Allen, James Clarke, Willis Young.

*Entered Apprentices:*

Aveass Throckmorton, Elijah Banton.

*Initiated:*

Henry Timberlake and George Cleveland, Dec. 24, 5808; Sterling Allen, Dec. 26; Robert Trimble, Dec. 27; Nicholas Warfield, Wm. S. Allen, Willis Young and Zachariah Eastin, Feb. 11, 5809; James Clarke, April 29; Aveass Throckmorton, July 8; Elijah Banton and Samuel M. Taylor, Aug. 12.

*Passed:*

Wm. R. Wilmott, George Cleveland, Henry Timberlake, Sterling Allen, and Robert Trimble, Jan. 21, 5809; Willis Young, Nicholas Warfield, and Zachariah Eastin, Feb. 18; Wm. S. Allen and James Clarke, July 8.

*Raised:*

Wm. R. Wilmott, George Cleveland, and Sterling Allen, May 6, 5809; Henry Timberlake and Zachariah Eastin, May 10; Robert Trimble, Nicholas Warfield, Wm. S. Allen, James Clarke, and Willis Young, Aug. 2.

*Demitted:*

Gabriel Tandy and David Castleman, Aug. 2, 5809.

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*Section Second.—From* 1810 *to* 1819.

## THE EIGHTEENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August,* 29 *to* 31, 1810.

Eight lodges were represented. The two Grand Wardens elected in 1809, (Fleming, S. G. W., Ferguson, J. G. W.,) were installed in their respective positions, "and received the congratulations of the Brethren." The old Wardens, it is presumed, held over, retaining their official standing.

A Dispensation was ordered to Saint Andrew's Lodge, U. D., Cynthiana, Ky. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky recognize the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and that the Grand Secretary correspond with the said Grand Lodge accordingly." This was the second Grand Lodge in the Mississippi Valley; now (in 1858) only seven lodges behind that of Kentucky in numerical strength.

A form of Returns for subordinate lodges was drafted by a committee consisting of Brothers Loofborough, Shepherd, Langhorne, and Bradford, and adopted by the Grand Lodge, as follows:

"*Return* of —— Lodge, No. —, held at ——, in the county of —— and State (or Territory) of ——, on the — day of each month." The list of *officers* was given; then of Past Masters, Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices, respectively. The *day* on which each Brother was initiated, passed, and raised, was next noted; then the *admissions to membership*, specifying the lodge last from, etc.; *demissions; dead; reinstated; rejected*, giving age, person, residence, and occupation; *suspended*, naming the offense; *expelled*, describing the age, etc., and the offense; *visitors*, noting the degree, the lodge hailing from, etc. This form is substantially the same used at the present time, with the omission of naming visitors.

The name of Henry Clay first appears on the record this year, *as being present* at the Grand Lodge. The record is: "Brother Henry Clay, Grand Orator, appeared and took his seat." He had held the office since 1806, but in no instance delivered an oration before the Grand Lodge. (See Biography.)

The difficulty relative to Philanthropic Lodge, Davidson Co., Tennessee, which commenced as far back as 1806, or earlier, was revived by the reception of a communication from "the United Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee," as it had recently styled itself; a document reasonably declared, by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to contain "unnecessary asperity." To reconcile the matter, the Grand Lodge at this Session ordered a committee, consisting of the Grand Master (Allen), the Deputy Grand Master (Simpson), the Grand Secretary (Bradford), the Grand Orator (Clay), and Jesse Bledsoe, or any three of them, to open a correspondence with the Grand Lodges of North Carolina and Tennessee, "taking into view such subjects, relative to the matter, as they shall find necessary; and to endeavor to bring the difference to an amicable and honorable adjustment." The address of Philanthropic Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, on this subject, was ordered to be spread upon the record as follows. That from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is found in a manuscript in our possession, and bears the marks of careful elaboration in preparation; it will appear on subsequent pages.*

"*To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:*

"Inclosed you will see an order of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, dated Raleigh, Dec. 27, 1806, published in the Nashville Impartial Review of January 31st ultimo. This order appears to us so far as we are implicated in it to be one of the most singular and rancorous that ever issued from a Grand Lodge of Freemasons. Moderation and forbearance among masons is essentially necessary, and are true characteristics of our Order; but when a Grand Lodge overleaps these bounds, and has for its subject self-aggrandizement and monopoly at the expense of subordinate lodges and private character, it becomes our duty to justify ourselves and call on you to aid us in it. It is well known to you, and also to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, that we have been duly ex-

* This matter having occasioned much interest at the period, the documents are given at length.

amined both as to moral character and our proficiency in the secrets of Ancient York Masonry, and have been pronounced worthy of working as Masters in the temple of the faithful. It is well known that we have received a lawful Charter, and have worked under it regularly and industriously. Under these circumstances to be denounced to the world as a set of men who have assumed the appellation of Freemasons, and associated together for purposes unknown, is truly humiliating; but this is not enough; our association is pronounced an imposition, and the Grand Lodge denies any connection or fraternity with us, and advises all persons to avoid us, declaring that we are not possessed of the Craft. These denunciations, advices, and declarations go to place us on a footing with clandestine masons, who are as ignorant of true Masonry as below our notice.

We hold it as a correct principle, that a competent number of regular York Masons, wherever situated and associated together for the good of the Craft, have an undoubted right to apply to any Grand Lodge for a Charter, and that no Grand Lodge is possessed of the right of denial. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina claims jurisdiction over us in Tennessee, in consequence of a compact said to have been entered into to that effect between them and the Grand Lodge of Virginia, at the time when both your State and ours were Territories or appendages of those States. This compact entered into by the Grand Lodges of the two States, giving them exclusive right of jurisdiction over their respective territories, must have been a mere matter of mutual accommodation, and could not have been viewed as founded in right or Constitution. The then Territories have now become independent States; the compact is at an end, and each have a right of acting for themselves. Your State has established a Grand Lodge, self-competent to all its concerns, free from engagements of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and, of course, at liberty to issue Charters to Brethren of the Masonic Order in Tennessee, without infringing the rights of the North Carolina Grand Lodge. We do not believe that any Grand Lodge on earth has an inherent right of exclusive jurisdiction over any particular State or tract of country. This belief is justified by universal custom and reason. Charity, a fundamental part of our creed, would persuade us that we were not included under the denunciation did not circumstances, too prominent to be overlooked, stare us in the face, (viz.) the application to your Grand Lodge to call in our Charter, and the total omission of the name of our lodge in the catalogue of Tennessee lodges. We shall ever hold it as our duty to act in conformity to the directions of that Grand Body from whom we have derived our authority. So long as we do that, we hold our Charter sacred; too sacred to be within the reach of any power on earth. As we have been denounced by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, we can not immediately communicate with them, therefore, desire that in your correspondence with that body, you will forward a copy of this remonstrance, with a request that they will be as prompt and as public in doing us justice as they have been in criminating us. As masons, we act on the square, and have a right not only to expect, but to demand the same of others.

"Done by order of Philanthropic Lodge, No. 12.

"JOHN WATSON, Secretary.

"DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
"*February* 3, 5807."

**Another set of Delegates to a proposed National Convention was ordered. A Body of that character was projected to meet on the first Monday in January, 1811, at Washington City, "for the**

purpose of forming a Superintending Grand Lodge of America;" but we have no record of the Grand Master appointing the Delegates, nor was such a Convention held until 12 years later. The Grand Secretary, however, was ordered to open a correspondence with all the Grand Lodges in the United States, to ascertain whether they had appointed Delegates for that purpose, and to ascertain their views upon the subject.

A note to the printed Returns affirms, that "St. Andrew's Lodge, in Boston, which, till the present time, has held its Charter under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, has now honorably relinquished that patronage, and been admitted, by mutual agreement, to all the rights, immunities, and privileges of the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, had its Charter conformed thereto, and takes its rank agreeably to the date thereof." This seems the earliest indication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky extending any favor to the so-called "Moderns," and contrasts curiously with its Resolutions a few pages back, relative to the union in South Carolina: but, in the absence of historical documents, the Grand Lodge could only decide such questions by the imperfect lights before them.

(*Imprint:* Lexington. Printed by William W. Worsley, at the Reporter office, 1810.) 8vo., pp. 60.

### Cotemporary Events of 1810.

*April* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(Folio, pp. 2.)—The amalgamation of the Grand Lodges of South Carolina is declared by Virginia, as it was by Kentucky, a departure from the first principles of the Masonic Institution, and a palpable violation of the most sacred duties incumbent on all Ancient York Masons: its subordinate lodges were forbidden to admit any members of the "Union Grand Lodge of South Carolina," as Visitors, and the firm stand made by St. John's Lodge, No. 31, at Charleston, in opposition to the union, was highly approved.

*January* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Form of Charter as used by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts adopted, and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, only, substituting the Gavel and Trowel, for the Beehive, Plumb and Keys. Lewis Cass was Grand Master.

*September* 3.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Nine lodges represented. The lodges were recommended not to confer the degree of Past Master, nor any of the high degrees, on any person, unless regularly elected to be Master of a lodge. This stand, however, was not long maintained.

*October* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(12mo., pp. 18–26.)—Jonathan Nye reäppointed Grand Visitor.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 12.)—James Milnor, G. M. The Grand Lodge refused to acknowledge the

United Grand Lodge of South Carolina, recently organized, and commended the action of Lodge No. 31, and others, who refused to unite therewith: thus Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Kentucky, harmonized in relation to "Modern" Masonry. The death of William Ball, P. G. M., May 30, preceding, was announced, and the Grand Lodge united with the subordinates in Masonic obsequies. 13 subordinate lodges formed the Procession. Funeral Oration by Rev. Dr. Staughton.

*December* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(8vo., pp. 32.) 37 lodges represented. Dabney Libscomb, an active Mason in Mississippi, 40 years later, was a Delegate from Lodge No. 3. Decided that no Brother could be elected an Officer of the Grand Lodge, unless he is present at the election. Solomon Jacobs elected Grand Master. Resources, $252. 78 lodges on the Rolls—all in the State of Virginia.

### Masonic Literature of 1810.

*Addresses.*—James Brackett, Cherry Valley, N. Y., June 25; Andrew C. Mitchell, December 24; Lewis Cass, Zanesville, Ohio, December 27.

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## THE NINETEENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 28 *to September* 1, 1811.

NINE lodges were represented. *Charters* were ordered for St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 18, at Cynthiana, Ky.; Washington Lodge, No. 19, at Washington, Ky. *Dispensations* were ordered for Madison Lodge, in Madison County, Mississippi Territory; likewise for a lodge (name not given) at Winchester, Ky. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

The Grand Master was authorized to open a Correspondence with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and with any other Grand Lodge that he may deem necessary, in relation to the differences that existed concerning the establishment of lodges in Tennessee. The following letters, in manuscript, from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, were made a subject for consideration. It will be seen that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the end, receded from its position, although entirely sound and tenable.

*The Committee*, to whom was referred the dispute existing between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky relative to jurisdictions, report—

That several Articles of Confederation were proposed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and were adopted by the Grand Lodge on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1796.

That the second article of said Confederation is in the following words: That it shall be an invariable principle, that no Charter of erection or

Dispensation shall be granted to any number of Masons residing out of the State, wherein, the Grand Lodge, adopting the principles is held, except when the Grand Lodge of the State, in which the petitioners reside, shall acquiesce therein in writing.

Your Committee state, that in 1796, Kentucky was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Whether these articles of confederation, as proposed by Massachusetts, were adopted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia at that time, your Committee have no correct information, yet it is presumed that such an adoption was made.

The Grand Lodge was constituted by a Charter issued from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This Charter authorized this Grand Lodge to constitute, at pleasure, new lodges in his then Majesty's Provinces of North Carolina. It is well known, that what is now Tennessee, was, at that time, in within the Charter's limits of his Majesty's Province of North Carolina. This Grand Lodge being thus constituted a sovereignty for the purpose of Masonry, had a right to extend its government to every part of its Territories whenever new lodges were constructed. That this is correct on principles of natural law. Hence it follows, that as our Charter included the whole of this Province of North Carolina; and as Tennessee was, at that time, part of said Province, so Tennessee comes within jurisdiction of this Charter.

That Tennessee will continue to remain within their jurisdiction until a new sovereignty will be erected by those rules common among civilized nations. That Tennessee, not being settled by Masons at that time, will not alter the principles. If any Grand Lodge is acknowledged as a sovereignty for the benefits of Masonry, this sovereignty, *quoad hoc*, must be taken in the similitude of other sovereignties.

This being admitted, our sovereignty of Masonry extended through all parts of North Carolina, it being attached to the soil, the right of which all mankind admit is the primary cause of domain. This domain being first established, societies and compacts are formed by benefits resulting to each party. As society progresses in population, new rules become necessary to enforce obedience to the original compact. This increase of population is applicable to Tennessee as growing out of North Carolina. That, as it swelled, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina found it necessary to constitute new lodges within that part of its domains; and, at this time, there are six lodges in Tennessee chartered from this Grand Lodge, which they acknowledge as author of their existence and fountain of their power —that they are respectfully represented in our Grand Annual Communications, at every Session thereof, by a delegation chosen by them for that purpose; and that they regularly pay their dues to our Grand Charity; that the style of this Grand Lodge is that of North Carolina and Tennessee, so adopted by a Convention of Masons, assembled by representatives as well from the State of Tennessee as the State of North Carolina. Your Committee further state, from good information, that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky have constituted, by Charter, a lodge or lodges in the western part of Tennessee, which they deem as an infringement on our jurisdiction, and, therefore, improper; because, if this principle was recognized, subordinate lodges, becoming displeased with their Grand Lodge from motives however improper, would withdraw from their government, and attach themselves to the jurisdiction of some other.

That such subordinate lodges may take the round of all Grand Lodges in America, and avert, with impiety, the chastising hand of the mother Grand Lodge, who alone may know errors, and best apply the proper correction. That when any subordinate lodge is created by a Grand Lodge, the latter has an inherent right to renounce improper conduct in the former.

That no other, as a sovereignty, has a right to interfere with the members or jurisdiction of another. Such an interference Mr. Locker, on Civil Government, c. 18, calls *usurpation.*

Such an interference as this, your Committee conceive, will shake the foundation of Masonry, which may be seen when we advert to the first principles of our Order. That a friendly intercourse is a basis on which the prosperity of our Fraternity and harmony of the Craft are founded. This is highly advantageous to create respect, and to promote and cherish the Masonic virtues this harmony will actuate, and influence proper motives, and place our Institution in a flourishing and conspicuous situation.

Established as Masonry is, on the foundation of genuine morality, forming a chain of union between the charitable and benevolent of all countries and nations, it ought to be cultivated with harmonious zeal. Frequent and friendly communications, with an exchange of good offices, will shed a luster on our Institution, and spread also benign influences to all nations around the globe.

From such an establishment among the Craft through the United States, and a steady adherence to its principles, can not fail, in a great degree, to insure its votaries the blessings of our Institution. The prejudices of mankind will yield to our influence, and recognize us as a band of friends and Brothers. The pillars of our Order will become more strengthened, and redound to the honor of the Craft. Your Committee are grieved to say, that such Committee are not received from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Repeated requests have been made on our part. Friendly solicitations were given, and they have turned a deaf ear, and silently refuse that social union which should grapple our souls into one band of Brothers.

Hard as it is, we owe duties to ourselves and the Craft which compel us to perform that painful task in recommending the following resolution:

*Resolved*, by this Grand Lodge, That one more request be made to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to call in any Charter or Charters that may have been issued by them, constituting a lodge or lodges in the State of Tennessee, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee; and if the same is not done within a convenient time, that this Grand Lodge will forever renounce all further communication with them, or any of their subordinate lodges, and that no lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall have any communication with them, or any lodge under their jurisdiction.

*Resolved, further*, That a copy of these Proceedings be transmitted to every Grand Lodge in the United States, and to the Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia, with a request that our conduct in this particular may be so approbated by them, as to influence their coöperations with us in effecting an alteration in the conduct of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

H. G. BURTON,
WM. W. JONES, } Committee.
R. W. SMITH,

In Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, December 11, A. L. 5809, A. D. 1809.

The foregoing report was read and resolved, unanimously, that the lodge do concur therewith.

*A true copy* from the General Archives.

*Teste:* THOS. S. WILLIAMS, Grand Secretary.

RALEIGH, January 9th, A. L. 5808, A. D. 1808.

BROTHERS:—Your letter dated August 28, 1807, came to hand, and is

now before me. In this letter it is required to know what right of jurisdiction our Grand Lodge have to exercise in Tennessee.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina is constituted by Charter issued from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the year 1761, signed by Henry Somerset, Duke of Beauford, Marquis and Earl of Worcester, Earl of Glamorgan, Viscount Grasmont, Baron Herbert, Lord of Ragland, Chepstow, and Gower; and Baron Beauford, of Caldicot Castle, as Grand Master; and attested by George John Spencer, Earl of Spencer, of Althorpe, in Northamptonshire, as Grand Secretary.

They were among the officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, although Beauford was an English Duke and Lord Spencer an English Earl. Our Grand Lodge, by this Charter, were then authorized to claim jurisdiction, and new lodges to be constituted, at their pleasure, in his then Majesty's Province of North Carolina. It is well known that what is now the State of Tennessee, was, at that time, (though not populated,) within the Chartered limits of his Majesty's Province of North Carolina; that our Grand Lodge, being thus constituted a Sovereignty for the purpose of Masonry, had a right to extend its government to every part of its Territories, whenever new lodges were by them constructed; that this is correct on principles of Natural Law, vide Vattel, 90, 91; Grotius, L. 1, ch. 3, sec. 78; Rutherforth Institutes, 68; Puffendorf, L. 7, ch. 4, sec. 1, 11, 14, with Burbeyrac's Notes on sec. 1.

From these it is to be seen, that as our Charter enclosed the whole of the Province of North Carolina; and as Tennessee was, at that time, part of said Province, so Tennessee comes within the jurisdiction of our Charter; that Tennessee will continue to remain within this jurisdiction, until a new Sovereignty, erected by those rules which are common among civilized Societies, shall be adopted for the purpose of erecting a new Government or Sovereignty.

That Tennessee, not being settled by Masons at that time, will not alter the principle, if any Grand Lodge is acknowledged as a sovereignty; for the purpose of Masonry, this sovereignty, *quoad hoc*, must be taken in the similitude of other sovereignties. This being admitted, our sovereignty of Masonry extended through all parts of North Carolina, it being attached to the soil, the right of which, all writers say, is the first or primary cause of the right of domain. That this domain being first established, societies are afterward formed, by compacts or covenants, for the security of personal property, and this, again, introduces in the civilized world a large portion of their laws; that as societies progress in population, arts, and commerce, new rules then become necessary to enforce obedience to the original compact; that this increase of population is in point applied to Tennessee from that of North Carolina; that as it swelled itself gradually, so the Grand Lodge of North Carolina found it necessary to constitute new lodges within that part of its domain; that at this time, there are five lodges in Tennessee, chartered from this Grand Lodge, which they acknowledge as the author of their existence, and fountain of their power.

That they are respectfully represented in our Grand Annual Communications, at every Session thereof, by delegates chosen for that purpose, and they regularly pay their dues to our Grand Charity. That the style of our Grand Lodge is that of *North Carolina and Tennessee*, so adopted by a Convention of Masons representing as well their lodges in the State of Tennessee, as those of North Carolina.

That every one of these lodges in Tennessee was created by us, and under whom they regularly worked for several years, until the Nashville lodge became refractory; that this lodge continues refractory, notwithstanding the frequent cautions given them by our Grand Lodge; that

they still remain in open rebellion to us, not regarding our admonitions or power; that they were created by us and are within the domain of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee the right to their government exclusively belongs to us, and that no other sovereignty or Grand Lodge ought to interfere in the government of the members of another; that such interference would the more become improper when rebellion takes place between the subjects or citizens with their sovereign power; that this exercise of power, which another hath a right to, Mr. Locke, on Civil Government, calls *usurpation*. Mr. Burton, alluded to in your letter, is a young gentleman commissioned by our Grand Master to visit the lodge in Nashville; that he never was Deputy Grand Master among us, and neither was he ever authorized by us to petition your Grand Lodge for a Charter, such act of petitioning is, therefore, by us disavowed. The case mentioned by you in the lodges in the State of Ohio deriving their Charters from several of the Grand Lodges, and that these Grand Lodges have in that State concurrent jurisdiction, does not apply, because in the State of Ohio there is no Grand Lodge; if there was, then the case, put by you, might be analogous.

Brothers: the confederation entered into, as proposed by Massachusetts, alluded to in my former letter, we deem right upon principles. If such a compact did not exist, consequences would arise most injurious to the Craft. No sooner would a subordinate lodge become displeased with its Grand Lodge, from motives however improper, than such subordinate lodge would withdraw from their government and attach themselves to some other; thus such subordinate lodge would take the round of Grand lodges in America. This would shake the government of the Craft to the foundation; it would produce disorganization throughout the Masonic world, and prostrate with confusion those pillars which are the honor and glory of the Craft. If subordinate lodges have the right to withdraw from their government from caprice, would it not follow that such lodges would erect Grand Lodges at pleasure? It seems to me a fair deduction. What confusion would this likewise produce! Destruction of Masonic government.

Brothers: It is expected that you will lend us all aid in your power to correct refractory lodges; that you will lend a willing hand to the suppression of disorder, and it can not be that the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Kentucky can refrain from those acts we deem as of the highest importance to secure order and tranquillity among brothers of one common family, the Bond of Masons.

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Grand Secretary.

*The Grand Lodge of Kentucky.*

P. S. We have appointed our delegates to represent our Grand Lodge in a Grand Convention of Masons to meet this winter, in Washington City, for the purpose of forming a Constitution for a Superintending Grand Lodge of America. Will you be so good as to send on your delegates as soon as possible.

ROB'T WILLIAMS, G. S.

A question of Masonic jurisprudence arose this Session as follows: "It having become a question with the Past Masters, whether it was regular and Masonic to open a Past Masters' Lodge—*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to correspond with the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of such Grand Lodges as he may think proper, to acquire such information as they may be able to give on this

subject, and communicate the same to the Past Masters present at the next Grand Annual Communication. We can not find any traces of this correspondence in the Archives of any Grand Lodge to which we have had access.

Upon a question propounded by Lexington Lodge, No. 1, the Grand Lodge ordered the following record made: "*Resolved*, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that it requires the same unanimous vote to remove the order suspending the member of any lodge from the privileges of Masonry, which is requisite for the admission of a candidate or new member."

At this Session, the manner of taking an appeal to the Grand Lodge from a subordinate lodge, still in use, was decided upon. —(See Constitutional Regulations.)

Upon a question propounded by Jesse Bledsoe, seconded by Brother Priestly, it was decided that a unanimous vote is *not* necessary to suspend a member from the privileges of Masonry. Decision holds good to the present day.

To end the never-ceasing source of complaints, relative to accounts for dues, etc., to the Grand Lodge, it was ordered, at the present Session, that henceforth no representative should take his seat in the Grand Lodge until he should produce a receipt from the *Grand Treasurer* of the payment of all dues, from such lodge to the Grand Lodge, except a Grand Lodge could not otherwise be formed without them; and the seats of such representatives should be vacated so soon as a Grand Lodge should be formed without them. This rule is substantially the same as Article VII of the present Constitution (1858), substituting the words *Grand Secretary* for *Grand Treasurer*.

Visitors to the Grand Lodge were henceforth to be charged one dollar per day for each day's visit, "to be applied toward defraying the expenses of the Grand Communication." This rule was soon abrogated. The last day's Session this year was held *on the Sabbath day*.

It was recommended to the subordinate lodges, not to initiate candidates residing beyond the limits of the counties where said candidates reside respectively, unless in extraordinary cases.

A bill of $130 to the Grand Steward, for "his attendance and refreshments," was allowed.

At the closing of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master (Daviess) "delivered an appropriate Address and Charge." Before another Session of this Grand Lodge—nay, before the third moon had waxed and waned — that eloquent voice was stilled upon the bloody field of Tippecanoe.

(*Imprint:* Lexington, Kentucky. Printed, at the office of the Reporter, by William W. Worsley, 1811.) 8vo., pp. 48.

## Cotemporary Events of 1811.

*April* 1.—**The G. L. of N. H.** issues a Circular, in which the Grand Master regrets that his avocations should, for a moment, have prevented him from proving his entire devotedness to the Craft. 17 lodges were reported.

*December* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(4to., pp. 4.)—A new Constitution had been adopted. The late Grand Secretary, (John Proctor,) not being a Past Master, was ineligible to reëlection under it. 100 lodges were reported.

*June* 30.—**The G. L. of R. I.** issues a Circular, giving minutes of a plan for accumulating and managing a Grand Charity Fund.

*August* 21.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(4to., pp. 2.)—Lodges were authorized to expel for non-payment of dues. A subscription ordered to *The Freemason's Magazine and General Miscellany*, recently commenced at Philadelphia by George Richards. The Grand Master was authorized to appoint Lecturers to visit and instruct the lodges.

*November* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(4to., pp. 2.)—Nothing of general interest.

*April* 1.—**Circular of G. L. of Va.**—In relation to the proposition from North Carolina, to establish a superintending Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Lodge declined reconsidering its resolution of December 11, 1800.

The complaints of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina against the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, for constituting lodges in Tennessee, the territory being claimed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, are declared to be well founded; and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky is advised to withdraw all Charters thus granted.

*October.*—The first steamboat on the western waters sailed from Pittsburgh, Pa.

*May* 20.—**Circular G. L. of N. C.**—The appointment of Delegates to the contemplated Grand Convention, at Washington, on the 3d Monday, 1812, is stated, and a confirmation of the approbation with which this Grand Lodge has ever viewed such a scheme, is expressed. It is stated that only one Grand Lodge (Va.) has manifested unfavorable sentiments toward this project.

*Jan.* 7.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Seven lodges represented. Decided that lodges can not confer any degree of Masonry higher than that of Master, without first obtaining a Charter from some R. A. Chapter, granting such authority. The *American Union Lodge*, at Marietta, was requested to unite with this Grand Lodge. It was many years, however, before such union was effected.

*April* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 5.)—Arrangements for

the proposed dedication of the Grand Masonic Hall at Philadelphia. All the Brethren of Pennsylvania and the Grand Officers of all the Grand Lodges of sister States to be invited.

*Oct.* 7.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(12mo., pp. 26–36.)—Discourse by Jonathan Nye. Great remissness having been remarked in the lodges with regard to the principles, order, and regulations of Masonry, and in neglecting to observe the character of material adopted in the mystic building, the Grand Visitor was empowered to suspend the workings of lodges thus remiss, until the Grand Lodge should take order in relation to them. Resources $190. Thirty lodges on the Rolls.

*Dec.* 27.—**Proc. of G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 7.)—Nothing of general interest.

*Nov.* 7.—Battle of Tippecanoe, in which Bro. Colonel Joseph Hamilton Daviess, and Bro. Colonel Abraham Owen, with other Masons, were slain. This sad event was appropriately noticed by the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Maryland, and others. The Legislature of Kentucky, by solemn Act, went into mourning in December following, as a testimonial of patriotic respect. Counties in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois received the names of "Daviess" and "Owen" respectively. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky performed funeral honors the subsequent year, (Aug't,) in respect to its Grand Master, upon a scale of great magnificence.

The following sketch of this memorable fight is prepared from one reported in 1854, to the Grand Encampment of Indiana, which was copied from a reliable history of the action :

"The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of this Grand Encampment, visiting the battle ground of Tippecanoe, have had that matter under consideration, and would submit the following report:

"That there would be an evident fitness in such a visit—the fact that there rest the bones of many brave men who fell combating for the safety of their homes and country—would be sufficient to induce us, as patriots and citizens, to visit the scenes of their heroism; and, as our eminent Deputy Grand Master expressed himself, in discussing the appointment of your Committee, and alluding to the fall of a relative, at the beginning of the engagement, 'shed a tear on the ground where so nobly fell these brave and gallant men.' But when we reflect that many of those who there laid down lives to maintain their country's safety, were Brethren of the Mystic Tie, even a Grand Master*—the gallant Daviess reckoned among the number—the propriety of such a visit is still more evident. Who that belongs to the Order for which De Molay suffered martyrdom, will not turn aside to shed a tear over the tombs of so many and so gallant heroes as those entombed in

* It will be remembered that all the lodges of Indiana were, at that time, (1811,) under the authority of Kentucky; therefore, Daviess was Grand Master of Indiana. On his way to open the campaign, he sent a notification to Vincennes Lodge, at Vincennes, Indiana, that he would pay them an official visit, and did so, making various Masons, and giving good and wholesome instruction. One, at least, of those who received the light at that time accompanied him upon the campaign. I am indebted to M. E. Wm. Hacker, of Shelbyville, Indiana, for these and other valuable particulars.

yonder grave, where the winds of forty-two dreary winters have howled a mournful requiem over their unmarked sepulcher?

"Forty-three years ago, on November the seventh, 1811, occurred the battle of Tippecanoe; and here was the beginning of the end of that struggle which cost the life of a Warren, at Bunker Hill. The British Lion never ceased his growl of intimidation from the time that Grand Master Warren fell, until the conclusion of a second war, which was ushered in by a parallel sacrifice of a Grand Master at Tippecanoe. What Bunker Hill is to the East, so should be Tippecanoe to the West. The army proceeded to the place selected, near the mouth of the Tippecanoe, from which the subsequent battle derived its title, and encamped, late in the evening, on a dry piece of ground which rose about ten feet above the level of a marshy prairie.

"The two columns of infantry occupied the front and rear. The right flank, being eighty yards wide, was covered by Captain Spencer's company of eighty men. The left flank was composed of three companies of mounted riflemen, under Major Wells. The front was composed of one battalion of United States infantry, under the command of Major Floyd, flanked on the right by two companies of militia infantry, and on the left by one company of the same troops. The rear consisted of a battalion of United States infantry, under Captain Baen, commanding as major, and four companies of militia infantry, under Colonel Decker. The cavalry, under Daviess, were encamped in the rear of the front line. The encampment was not more than three-fourths of a mile from the town.

"The order given to the army, in the event of a night attack, (which his intimate knowledge of the Indian mode of warfare induced Governor Harrison to anticipate and provide against,) was for each corps to maintain its ground, at all hazards, until relieved.

"The dragoons were directed, in such a case, to parade, dismounted, with their swords on and their pistols in their belts, and to wait for orders. The guard for the night consisted of two captains' command, of forty-two men and four non-commissioned officers each; and two subaltern guards of twenty men and non-commissioned officers; the whole under command of a field officer of the day.

"The men now busied themselves in fortifying the camp. This done, they retired to rest. Throughout the multitude who had lately been so active and busy, not a sound was heard save that of the sentinel as he paced his lonely round.

"The night was dark and cloudy; the moon rose late, and was overcast with clouds, which discharged a drizzling rain. It was the Governor's invariable practice to be ready to mount his horse at a moment's warning. On the morning of the 7th he arose at a quarter before four o'clock, and sat by his fire conversing with the gentlemen of his mess, who were reclining on their blankets, awaiting for the signal, which, in a few moments, would have been given for the troops to turn out.

"The orderly drummer had already been roused for the reveille. The moon had risen, but afforded little light, in consequence of being overshadowed by clouds. It was the uniform usage of Governor Harrison to call up the troops, an hour before day, and keep them under arms until it was light. After four o'clock, General Wells, Colonel Owens, and Colonel Daviess had all risen and joined the Governor, who was on the point of issuing his orders for raising the army, when the treacherous Indians had crept so near the sentries as to hear them challenge when relieved.

"They intended to rush upon the sentries and kill them before they could fire; but one of the sentries discovered an Indian creeping toward

him in the grass, and fired. This was immediately followed by the Indian yell, and a desperate charge upon the left flank. The guard in that quarter gave way, and abandoned their officer without making any resistance. Captain Barton's company of regulars, and Captain Keiger's company of mounted riflemen, forming the left angle of the rear line, received the first onset. The fire there was excessive; but the troops, who had lain on their arms, were immediately prepared to receive, and gallantly resist the furious savage assailants. The manner of the attack was calculated to discourage and terrify the men; yet as soon as they could be formed and posted, they maintained their ground with desperate valor, though but very few of them had ever before been in battle. The fires in the camp were extinguished immediately, as the light they afforded was more serviceable to the Indians than to our men. As soon as the Governor could mount his horse, he proceeded toward the point of attack; and finding the line much weakened there, he ordered two companies from the center of the rear line to march up and form across the angle in the rear of Barton's and Keiger's companies. Gen. Wells immediately proceeded to the right of his command, and Colonel Owen, who was with him, was proceeding directly toward the point of attack, when he was shot on his horse near the line, and thus bravely fell among the first victims of savage perfidy. A heavy fire now commenced all along the left flank, upon the whole of the front flank, and on a part of the rear line.

"In passing through the camp toward the left of the front line, the Governor met with Colonel Daviess and the dragoons. The Colonel informed him that the Indians, concealed behind some trees near the line, were annoying the troops very severely in that quarter; and he requested permission to dislodge them, which was granted. He immediately called upon the first division of his cavalry to follow him, but the order was not distinctly heard, and but a few charged with him. Among those who charged, were two young gentlemen who had gone with him from Kentucky, Messrs. Mead and Sanders, who were afterward distinguished as captains in the U. S. service. They had not proceeded far out of the lines, when Daviess was mortally wounded by several balls, and fell. His men stood by him and repulsed the savages several times, till they succeeded in carrying him into camp.

"In the mean time, the attack on Spencer's and Warwick's companies on the right became very severe. Captain Spencer and his lieutenants were all killed, and Captain Warwick was mortally wounded.

"The Governor, passing toward that flank, found Captain Robb's company near the center of the camp. They had been driven from this post, or, rather, had fallen back without orders. He sent them to the aid of Captain Spencer, when they fought very bravely, having seventeen men killed during the battle. Captain Prescott's company of United States infantry had filled up the vacancy caused by the retreat of Robb's company.

"Soon after Colonel Daviess was wounded, Captain Snelling, at the head of his company, charged on the same Indians, and dislodged them, with considerable loss. The battle was now maintained, on all sides, with desperate valor. The Indians advanced and retreated by a rattling noise, made with deer hoofs. They fought with enthusiasm, and seemed determined on victory or death.

"As soon as daylight appeared, Captain Snelling's company, Captain Posey's, under Lieutenant Albright, and Captain Scott's, were drawn from the front line, and Wilson's from the rear, and formed on the left flank; while Cook's and Baen's companies were ordered to the right. General Wells took command of the corps formed on the left, and with the aid

of some dragoons, who were now mounted and commanded by Captain Parke, made a successful charge on the enemy in that direction, driving them into an adjoining swamp, through which the cavalry could not pursue them.

"At the same time, Cook's and Lieutenant Larabie's companies, with the aid of the riflemen and militia on the right flank, charged on the Indians, and put them to flight in that quarter, which terminated the battle. During the time of this contest, the Prophet kept himself secure on an adjacent eminence, singing a war song. He had told his followers that the great Spirit would render the army of the Americans unavailing, and that their bullets would not hurt the Indians, who would have light, while their enemies were involved in thick darkness. Soon after the battle commenced, he was informed that his men were falling. He told them to fight on, it would soon be as he had predicted, and then began to sing louder.

"Colonel Boyd commanded as a Brigadier-general in this engagement; and the Governor, in his letter to the War Department, speaks highly of him and his brigade, and of Clark and Croghan, who were his aids. Colonel Decker is also commended for the good order in which he kept his command; and of General Wells, it is said that he sustained the fame which he had acquired in almost every campaign since the first settlement of Kentucky.

"The officers and soldiers generally performed their duties well. They acted with a degree of coolness, bravery, and good order, which was not to be expected from men unused to carnage, and in a situation so well calculated to produce terror and confusion. The fortune of war necessarily put it in the power of some officers and their men, at the expense of their danger, wounds, and death, to render more service and acquire more honor than others; but to speak of their particular merits, would be to detail again the operations of the conflict. Of Colonels Owen and Daviess the Governor speaks in the highest terms. Owen joined him as a private in Keiger's company, at Fort Harrison, and accepted the place of volunteer aid. He had been a representative in the Legislature of Kentucky. His character was that of a good citizen and a brave soldier. He left a wife and a large family of children to add the poignancy of domestic grief to the public regret for his loss. Captain Baen, who fell early in the action, had the character of an able officer and a brave soldier. Captain Spencer was wounded in the head. He exhorted his men to fight on. He was then shot through both thighs, and fell; still he continued to encourage his men. He was then raised up, and received a ball through his body, which immediately killed him.

"His lieutenants, McMahan and Berg fell, bravely encouraging their men. Warwick was shot through the body, and was taken to the surgery to be dressed; as soon as it was over, being a man of much bodily strength, and still able to walk, he insisted on going back to his post, though it was evident that he had but a few hours to live. Col. White, formerly United States Agent at the Saline, was also killed in this action. The whole number killed, with those who died soon of their wounds, was upward of fifty; the wounded were about double that number.

"Gov. Harrison himself narrowly escaped, the hair on his head being cut by a ball."

We also quote from an address of Judge Naylor, who was one of the survivors of that engagement.

"Major Daviess came to Vincennes after Governor Harrison had selected all his officers, except the officer to command a squadron of dragoons, consisting of three companies. Captain Parke, being the oldest captain, was entitled to the command. He waived his right to this office, and Major Daviess was appointed. He commenced and continued

to discharge the duties of his office with great zeal and energy. Major Daviess was a man about six feet high, well formed in proportion to his hight, a little corpulent, with a florid complexion. His appearance indicated a strong physical and intellectual development; his countenance indicated firmness and self-esteem in a high degree. Patriotic ambition was his ruling passion in death. The dragoons whom he commanded, were placed inside of the encampment, and the battle commencing at four o'clock in the morning, it was too dark for them to charge on horseback; he, therefore, requested Governor Harrison to permit him to charge the Indians on foot, with a portion of the dragoons. This request was made through Gen. W. Johnson, the quarter-master of the squadron. To this request the Governor replied: 'Tell Major Daviess to be patient; he shall have an honorable station before the battle is over.'

On receiving this message, he sent Johnson back to Governor Harrison to make the same request as before; the Governor made the same reply. On receiving this message, he made the same request, through Johnson, the third time. To this Governor Harrison replied: 'Tell Major Daviess he has had my opinion twice; he can now use his own discretion.' Upon receiving this last message from Governor Harrison, he made the charge, with a part of his dragoons, on the Indians down the side of the hill, near the angle formed by the front line and the left flank of the encampment. He was mortally wounded, and Colonel White (a private in this service) was killed.

Such was the mournful fate of one of Kentucky's bravest and most distinguished sons. He died a hero, he died a patriot; he died calmly, and was consigned to the hero's grave by his weeping and admiring friends. His grave was dug at a distance from the graves of the residue of the soldiers who fell in the battle—between two oak trees, one of which is dead and broken off near the ground, and the other is standing, exhibiting the letter D, cut on the side next the grave. I was told the day after he was buried, that his friends took the precaution of making a level surface over the grave, and of burning a brush heap over it, and then covering it over with oak leaves, so as to conceal it from the Indians. The probability is, therefore, that, while the other persons, who were buried together, were all disinterred and scalped by the Indians, the body of Major Daviess was not found.

Colonel Randolph, a volunteer in Captain Parke's company of dragoons, fell in this battle. He was a Virginian; a gentleman of learning and honorable standing in society."

Again we quote from history:

"The Indians left thirty-eight warriors dead on the field, and buried several others in the town, which, with those who must have died with their wounds, would make their loss at least as great as that of the Americans. The troops under the command of Governor Harrison, of every description, amounted, on the day before the battle, to something more than eight hundred; the ordinary force that had been at the Prophet's town, through the preceding summer, was about four hundred and fifty, but they were joined, a few days before the action, by all the Kickapoos of the prairie, and by bands of Pottawatamies from the Illinois river, and the St. Joseph's of Lake Michigan.

They estimated their number, after the battle, to have been eight hundred; but the traders, who had a good opportunity of knowing, made them at least fourteen hundred.

However, it is certain that no victory was ever before obtained over the northern Indians where the numbers were any thing like equal.

The number killed, too, was greater than ever was before known. It is their custom always to avoid a close action; and from their dexterity

in hiding themselves, but few of them can be killed, even when they are pouring destruction into the ranks of their enemy. It is believed that there were not ten of them killed at St. Clair's defeat, although one thousand Americans were massacred, and still fewer at Braddock's. At Tippecanoe they rushed up to the bayonets of our men, and in one instance, related by Capt. Snelling, an Indian adroitly put the bayonet of the soldier aside and clave his head with his war-club, an instrument on which there is fixed a triangular piece of iron broad enough to project several inches from the wood. Their conduct on this occasion, so different from what it usually is, was attributed to the confidence of success with which their Prophet had inspired them, and to the distinguished bravery of the Winnebago warriors. The Indians did not determine to attack the American camp until late at night.

The plan that was formed the evening before was, to meet the Governor in council the next day and agree to the terms proposed. At the close of the council the chiefs were to retire to their warriors, who were to be placed at a convenient distance.

The Governor was then to be killed by two Winnebagoes, who had devoted themselves to certain death to accomplish this object. They were to loiter about the camp after the council had broken up, and their killing the Governor and raising the warwhoop, were to be the signal for a general attack. The Indians were commanded by White Loon, Stone-Eater, and Winnemac, a Pottawatamie chief, who had been with the Governor on his march, and at Fort Harrison, making great profession of friendship. The fourth regiment was about 250 strong, and there were about 60 volunteers from Kentucky in the army. The rest of the troops were volunteers from the Indiana militia.

The army remained in the camp on the 7th and 8th of November to bury the dead and dress the wounded, and to make preparations for returning. During this time Gen. Wells was permitted, with mounted riflemen, to visit the town, which he found evacuated by all except a chief, whose leg was broken. The town was well prepared for an attack, and no doubt the Indians expected it, for they had determined to agree to no terms which could be offered. The wounds of the chief being dressed, and provisions made for him, he was left, with instructions to tell his companions that if they would abandon the Prophet and return to their respective tribes they should be forgiven. The victory of Tippecanoe was one of the most important conflicts which ever occurred between the Indians and the whites. The Indian forces far exceeded the American army in number; yet notwithstanding this, and their attempted surprise, they were totally routed by the gallantry, courage, and consummate skill of Harrison and his small army.

The high sense entertained by the Government of the importance of this victory is emphatically expressed in a message from the President to Congress, dated December 18th, 1811. "While it is deeply to be lamented," says Mr. Madison, "that so many valuable lives have been lost in the action which took place on the ninth, Congress will see, with satisfaction, the dauntless spirit and fortitude victoriously displayed by every description of troops engaged, as well as the collected firmness which their commander, on an occasion requiring the utmost exertions of valor and discipline." The victory of Tippecanoe was hailed throughout the country with joy and every demonstration of gratitude to the invincible Harrison. The hardy yeomen of the West permitted no limits to be imposed on their rejoicing. It was celebrated in every town, village, bar-room and hamlet in the valley of the Ohio. There were few firesides but burnt brighter and more cheerfully, as the honest housewife congratulated herself and children on their escape from

the fagot, the vengeful scalping-knife, or reeking tomahawk of the grim monsters of the woods. The effect of the victory of Tippecanoe was the immediate dispersion of the hostile bands of barbarians who had heretofore hung on the western frontier. The various tribes denounced Tecumseh and disclaimed all connection with him, and shortly afterward sent eighty deputies to Gov. Harrison to treat for peace on the terms of total submission.

Far different would have been the scene had the Prophet triumphed: towns would have been sacked, hamlets burned, and the peaceful tenement of the settler offered up a sacrifice to savage fury.

In addition to the above, the subject demands that the following correspondence and editorial from the Masonic Mirror, (Maysville, Kentucky, Feb. 1845,) should be inserted to complete the record:

"It will doubtless be a source of gratification to those who honor the memory of Col. Joseph Hamilton Daviess, to learn that the Freemasons in this city, of which Order he was a bright and shining ornament, have secured from the pencil of that eminent artist, John Neagle, Esq., of Philadelphia, a beautifully executed portrait, of the distinguished Kentuckian, whose history sheds a brilliant luster upon our State, and whose untimely fate will never cease to be deplored, so long as a generous recollection of his public services, and private character, shall warm the breast of Kentucky freemen.

It is said by those who remembered Colonel Daviess, to be a faithful and correct likeness, and the deservedly high reputation of the distinguished artist, is a sufficient guarantee of the style in which it is executed. This portrait deserves additional value and importance, from the fact that it is the only one in the western country, and one of two only, in the Union, the other, from which this is a copy, being preserved in the Philadelphia Museum.

It now decorates the walls of the lodge in this city, (Daviess Lodge, No. 22,) which bears the name of that gallant soldier and good Mason, whose memory is doubly endeared to the Brothers of the Mystic Tie.

"Respectfully yours, WM. R. HERVEY."

While we congratulate Daviess Lodge on having their walls ornamented with a portrait of this gallant soldier, and good Mason, we feel constrained to correct an error into which our worthy Brother Hervey has unintentionally fallen, in stating this to be the only one in the western country, and one of two only in the Union.

In February, 1839, the late Maj. James Byers, of Mason County, Kentucky, presented through Brother Carrell, to Confidence Lodge, No, 52, Maysville, a portrait of Col. Daviess, copied by a very promising young artist of Kentucky, from the original held by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and which we believe was destroyed in the last Grand Hall by fire, and of which the one held by the Philadelphia Museum is also a copy. This portrait now decorates the Hall of Confidence Lodge, No. 52.

The following letter, which accompanied the portrait, we commend to the careful attention of our readers. In its burning

and impassioned eloquence, many will doubtless recognize the author of the Dark and Bloody Ground:

THE GROVE, MASON CO., KY., FEB. 13, 1839.

*To the Master, Wardens, and Members of Confidence Lodge, No. 52:*

*Gentlemen:*—With feelings of respect for the living, and veneration for the dead, I present to you the portrait of the illustrious and lamented Col. Joseph Hamilton Daviess, who fell at the battle of Tippecanoe, covered with wounds and glory.

Although not a Mason myself, I rejoice that I have it in my power to place at the head of your Hall, the portrait of him, who once stood at the head of the Craft; and while you gaze upon the breathless canvas, may you remember the worth of the great original—a distinguished citizen, a brave soldier, and a devoted patriot; that those eyes now fixed in death, once shot forth a light of sparkling wit and genius, that illuminated your Hall; that those lips now cold and mute, were once touched with fire and warm from the altar, and spoke a language always eloquent.

When our frontiers were threatened, our domiciles invaded, and our lives endangered, when the drum beat, the trumpet sounded the first echo of their warlike notes found Daviess in the van.

*He rushed into the field, and foremost fighting fell!*

The arm now so weak and nerveless, was then strong in his country's defense; that sword that now hangs so quietly by his side, once quick leaped from its scabbard, and in proud defiance pointed toward the enemy. *On! onward*, was the *word! Death the result, immortality the reward*, his country's history his monument, one of its brightest pages his epitaph. Although the head of Daviess rests upon the prairie sod, and the branches of the forest tree wave over his grave, yet the blood-stained chaplet that adorns his brow, will be as unfading as the crimson wreath which bedecks the temple of a Warren, resting beneath a marble monument, or the undying laurels which encircle the head of a Pike, pillowed upon the flag of a vanquished enemy.

With sentiments of respect, I am your fellow citizen,

JAMES BYERS.

## Masonic Literature of 1811.*

*Addresses.*—Israel D. Maulsey, Hartford county, Md., June 11; James Milnor to G. L. of Pa., June 24; John Lathrop to King Solomon's Lodge, Charlestown, Mass., June 24.

"A Narrative of the Persecutions of Hippolyto Joseph Da Costa Pereira Furtardo De Mendonça, a native of Colonia de Sacramento on the River La Plata: imprisoned and tried in Lisbon by the Inquisition for the pretended crime of Freemasonry. To which are added the By-Laws of the Inquisition of Lisbon, both ancient and modern, never before published, taken from the original in one of the royal libraries in London. *London.* 1811. 2 vols., portrait." pp. 338—344.†

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* Up to this period, we have thought proper to give the titles of Addresses, etc., in full, as the number of Masonic publications was comparatively limited; but our space will not justify such diffuseness hereafter. It will, of course, be understood that we name only such Masonic works as being generally disseminated, were calculated to have an effect upon the practical operations of the Craft. As we approach to more recent times, our list of works will be less diffuse, as all that is valuable in Masonic literature is now available to every seeker.

† In the possession of Cornelius Moore.

*Masonic Casket.* By Ebenezer Chase. Enfield, N. H., 1824.

*Freemasons' Magazine* and General Miscellany, vol. i. Philadelphia, (Pa.) Published by Lewis & Weaver, 1811. (*Cat.* No. 166.) I have also vol. ii, 1811. (*Cat.* No. 167.) Mr. E. T. Carson, whose authority in such matters is undoubted, considers this the first Masonic periodical published in the United States; an opinion confirmed by the preface to the work itself. Since 1811, the following Masonic Journals have been published in this country.

1818.—New England Galaxy and Masonic Magazine. Joseph T. Buckingham. Boston, Mass. Folio. (*Cat.* 555.)

1820.—American Masonic Register and Ladies' and Gentlemen's Magazine. Luther Pratt. New York. 8vo. (*Cat.* 177-8.)

1821.—Masonic Miscellany. William Gibbes Hunt. Lexington, Ky. 8vo. (*Cat.* 125.)

1825.—Masonic Register. William C. Kean. Vevay, Ind. 4to. (*Cat.* 531.)

Masonic Mirror and Mechanics' Intelligencer. Moore & Prowse. Boston, Mass. 4to. (*Cat.* 470.)

1826.—Escritoir, or Masonic and Miscellaneous Album. E. B Child. Albany, N. Y. 4to. (*Cat.* 199.)

1827.—American Masonic Record. E. B. Child. Albany, N. Y. 4to. (*Cat.* 112, etc.)

Masonic Intelligencer. R. Martin. Batavia, N. Y. 4to. (*Cat.* 473.)

1828.—The Amaranth, or Masonic Garland. Charles W. Moore. Boston, Mass. 8vo. (*Cat.* 223.)

Masonic Souvenir and Pittsburgh Literary Gazette. L. F. W. Andrews. Pittsburgh, Pa.

1829.—The Craftsman. E. J. Roberts. Rochester, N. Y. 4to. (*Cat.* 199, etc.)

Boston Masonic Mirror. Moore & Seavey. Boston, Mass. 4to. (*Cat.* 436.)

1837.—Masonic Olive Branch and Literary Port Folio. James D. McCabe & John M. Ball. Fredericksburgh, Va.

1839.—American Masonic Register. L. G. Hoffman. Albany, N. Y. 4to. (*Cat.* 467, etc.)

1841.—Masonic Journal. Davis & Thompson. Augusta, Ga. 8vo. (*Cat.* 97, etc.)

1842.—Freemason's Monthly Magazine. Charles W. Moore. Boston, Mass. 8vo. (*Cat.* 41, etc.)

1843.—Masonic Mirror. Charles A. Fuller. Columbia, Tenn. (Only 13 Nos. Published—1st Number February 18, last, September 2.)

1844—The Freemason. T. P. Shaffner. Louisville, Ky.

1845.—Masonic Mirror. George Crookshanks. Covington, Ky. (*Cat.* 98.)

Masonic Review. Cornelius Moore. Cincinnati, Ohio. 8vo. (*Cat.* 448, etc.)

1847.—Port Folio. Wilkins Tannehill. Nashville, Tenn. (*Cat.* 440, etc.)

1848.—Masonic Signet. J. W. S. Mitchell. St. Louis, Mo. (*Cat.* 275, etc.)

1849.—Southern and Western Masonic Miscellany. Albert G. Mackey. Charleston, S. C. (*Cat.* 464, etc.)

1850.—Masonic Union. Finley M. King. Auburn, N. Y. (*Cat.* 27, etc.)

1851.—Temple. B. Parke & C. E. Blumenthal. Carlisle, Pa. (*Cat.* 30, etc.)

Ancient Landmark. A. C. Smith. Mt. Clemens, Michigan. (*Cat.* 468, etc.)

Masonic Sentinel. H. C. Atwood. New York. (*Cat.* 111.)

American Keystone. Callicot & Webster. New York. (*Cat.* 531.)

1852.—Masonic Mirror and Keystone. Leon Hyneman. Philadelphia, Pa. (*Cat.* 469.)

1853.—Kentucky Freemason, afterward American Freemason. Rob. Morris. Louisville, Ky. (*Cat.* 472, etc.)

1854.—Masonic Journal. Geo. W. Chase. Haverhill, Mass. (*Cat.* 471, etc.)

Masonic Record. Charles T. Wilson. San Francisco, Cal. (*Cat.* 436.)

Masonic Register and Gazette of News. J. Flavius Adams. New York. 8vo. (*Cat.* 111.)

1855.—Triangle. Edward Rohr. Brooklyn, N. Y. (*Cat.* 436, etc.)

Masonic Messenger. M. J. Drummond. New York. (*Cat.* 436, etc.)

Acacia. Wm. P. Mellen. Natchez, Miss. 8vo. (*Cat.* 635.)

Universal Masonic Library Advocate. Rob. Morris. Louisville Ky (*Cat.* 263.)

Adopted Mason. New York. 8vo. (*Cat.* 263.)

1856.—Canadian Masonic Pioneer. J. H. Isaacson. Montreal, C. E. (*Cat.* 436.)

Ashlar. Allyn Weston. Detroit, Mich. 8vo. (*Cat.* 523.)

1857.—Masonic Delta. J. Lamarre. New Orleans, La. 4to. (*Cat* 612, etc.)

Western Freemason. J. R. Hartstock. Iowa City, Iowa. 8vo. (*Cat.* 501.)

Masonic Trestle-Board. J. J. Clarkson. Chicago, Ill. 4to.

American Quarterly Review of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences Albert G. Mackey. New York. (*Cat.* 591.)

Freemasons' Monthly Monitor and Acadian Craftsman. Edward Willis. New Brunswick. 8vo. (*Cat.* 597.)

1858.—Freemasons' Monthly Magazine. Mirichsville, C. W. 8vo. (*Cat.* 596.)

## THE TWENTIETH GRAND COMMUNICATION.

*August* 25 *to* 29, 1812.

Eleven lodges were represented. The principal labor of the Session was the performance of an appropriate and imposing ceremonial in honor of the deceased Grand Master, Joseph Hamilton Daviess, killed, Nov. 7, 1811, at Tippecanoe. This was attended to on the 27th August; being postponed from the 25th in consequence of the absence of the Grand Orator (Henry Clay), also of Jesse Bledsoe, his alternate, and the indisposition of Brother Elliott, who seems to have been looked to in that contingency. A committee had, in fact, waited upon Mr. Elliott, "who returned for answer, that he was still in a very low state of health." Dr. C. W. Cloud was finally designated in his stead. The entrance fee of one dollar per day for visitors, adopted at the last Session, was temporarily dispensed with.

The record of the funeral obsequies is very interesting and worthy an extended space.

"The Craft were called from labor to refreshment. The grand funeral procession was formed, joined by a number of visiting Brethren, as follows:

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Two Grand Tylers, with drawn swords.
Band of Music.
Lexington Lodge, No. 1, being the private lodge to which our M. W. Grand Master belonged, in the following order:
Entered Apprentices, two and two.
Fellow Crafts, two and two.
Master Masons, two and two.
Deacons, with wands.
Secretary, with scroll, and Treasurer.
Master.

Eight Master Masons, Pall Bearers. — Coffin. — Members of Lodge, No. 1.

Lodge, No. 19, in the same order.
" " 18 " " "
" " 17 " " "
" " 16 " " "
" " 11 " " "
" " 8 " " "
" " 4 " " "

The Grand Lodge in the following order:
Twelve Past Masters, two and two bearing white wands.
Past Grand Officers.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Grand Secretary, with a scroll, and Grand Treasurer.
Grand Wardens, with their columns.

Three Lights, *extinguished*, borne by three Past Masters.
Holy Bible, Square, and Compass, borne by a Past Master, and supported by two Past Masters.
Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Pursuivant.
Four Grand Deacons, with wands.

The procession was formed at the Hall, proceded down Walnut street to Main; down Main to Mill; up Mill to Second street, and with Second street to the Presbyterian Church. There it halted and attended a funeral sermon by Dr. Caleb W. Cloud. The procession then proceeded, in the same order, down Cross street to Main street, and down Main street to the place of interment, where the funeral service was performed according to Masonic usage. The Grand Lodge then returned to the Hall and were called to labor."

The funeral usage of the day may be found in the *Masonic Constitutions* of Kentucky, (first edition, 1808,) pages 106, etc. It differs little from the present. The order of procession, as above given, however, was by no means in accordance with it. The Masonic Constitution above cited, places the coffin *in the rear* of the procession, and allows none but Master Masons to enter it. Deviations, equally curious, from the established standard of the Grand Lodge, may be seen in the programme of the obsequies, performed seven years later, in honor of Thomas Smith Webb. The expenses of this funeral occasion, $104.35, were paid by the Grand Lodge.

When the Grand Lodge resumed labor, Communications were read from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusetts and Ohio. Letters of condolence, upon the death of Grand Master Daviess, were read, from Richmond Lodge, No. 10, Virginia; from Port Royal Kilwinning Lodge; and from John Crawford, Grand Master of Maryland. These interesting papers are none of them extant.

Charters were ordered to Winchester Lodge, No. 20, at Winchester, Ky.; Madison Lodge, No. 21, at Huntsville, Mississippi Territory; and Daviess Lodge, No. 22, at Lexington, Ky. Dispensations were ordered to Montgomery Lodge, at Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Richmond Lodge, at Richmond, Ky.—(See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

Complaints being made against Lodge No. 9, for not being represented for three successive years, and against Lodge No. 10, for two successive years, they were ordered to show cause, at the next Session, why they should not be suspended.

The Grand Secretary's account, for stationery, printing, postages, and for his personal services, since 1806, amounting, in all, to $713.95, was allowed, and ordered to be paid.

The premature death of the Grand Master having prevented an adjustment of the long-pending difficulty, relating to Philanthropic Lodge, No. 12, the Grand Lodge passed the following

order: "*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge are now, from information to them produced, sensible they have encroached upon the Masonic geographic limits of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee; that they are willing to make such atonement as in their power, by revoking the Charter granted to said lodge. But as it must necessarily require some time for the said lodge to close their accounts;

"*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to correspond with the said Grand Lodge, and endeavor to obtain from them permission to work until the 24th of June next, after which day this Grand Lodge declares the said Charter to be revoked." Thus a position, sound and proper in itself, was abandoned, and claims founded upon the merest assumption admitted.

Upon closing the Grand Lodge, it is recorded "that the Grand Master delivered to the Brethren an appropriate and impressive Charge."

From this Session commences the custom of this Grand Lodge publishing a statistical table annually.

(*Imprint*: Lexington, Ky. Printed, at the office of the Kentucky Gazette, by Thomas Smith, 1812.) 8vo., pp. 59.

### Cotemporary Events of 1812.

*Nov.* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(4to., pp. 3.)—None recognized as Past Masters save those who had presided over some lodge in the State. Lodges forbidden to initiate any person unless he had satisfied them that he had not been rejected in other lodges; the Grand Lodges of Pa., N. Y. and Del. requested to pass a corresponding order. The Fraternity declared to be in a most flourishing condition.

*May*, (*first Monday.*)—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 2.) George Richards was appointed Lecturer. The Grand Master (George Crawford) made an Address, which was published; the Legislature had granted a Lottery for building the Masonic Hall, as prayed for. This was probably the precedent which set the Grand Lodge of Kentucky upon establishing a Lottery to build a Grand Hall. The price of a Charter was set at $40; for a Dispensation for a Lodge, U. D., $10.

*November*, (*first Monday.*)—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 2.) The organization of the G. L. of Louisiana is noticed with commendation, and a friendly interchange of sentiment ordered. Semi-annual Dues of subordinate lodges were raised from $1, for each Initiation, to $2; from 25 cents, for each member, to 50 cents. A petition was made to the Legislature to raise the amount specified in their Lottery Act to $35,000.

*April* 2.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(Folio, pp. 2.)—The recent organization of the G. L. of District of Columbia was appro-

bated, and an interchange of Fraternal Correspondence ordered. The request of Brooke Lodge, No. 47, now under the Grand Lodge of District Columbia, to retain its old Charter, was refused, and the document recalled.

*January* 11.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Eleven lodges represented. An Oration from the G. M. (Lewis Cass); 200 copies were ordered to be printed. No Seal having yet been prepared, the G. Secretary was ordered to prepare one like that of the G. L. of Pennsylvania, substituting the Gavel and Trowel for the Level and the Plumb. The G. L., for itself and subordinates, resolved to assume badges of mourning in honor of *Joseph Hamilton Daviess*, G. M. of Ky., who fell, November 7th last, fighting gallantly, on the banks of the Wabash. A Convention was ordered to assemble at Chillicothe on the first Monday in August following, to adopt a uniform and correct system of Lectures. The G. M. was empowered to appoint a Delegate to the contemplated Convention to establish a Grand Lodge for the American Union.

*July* 11.—The Grand Lodge of Louisiana was organized.*

*October* 6.—**Proc. of G. L. of Vt.**—(12mo., pp. 11.)—Discourse by Bro. Hewett. By unanimous vote the G. L. donated $75 to the Vermont Bible Society. "After regulating the internal concerns of the Lodge, the G. L. was closed in due and ample form."

*July* 11.—**Proc. of G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 4.)—Lodge La Parfaite Union, No. 29, had issued a circular, May 15, to the several lodges, inviting them to assemble and deliberate on the necessity of establishing the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. June 13th the Convention assembled, five lodges being represented, viz.: *La Parfaité Union*, (South Carolina, Register No. 29,) *La Charité*, (Penn. Reg. No. 93,) *La Concorde*, (ibid, No. 117,) *La Persévérance*, (ibid, No. 118,) and *L'Etoile Polaire*, (ibid, No. 129.)

June 20th, the G. L. of La. was embryotic, P. T. Dubourg being elected G. M., J. B. Veron, G. Sec'y, etc., and July 11th they were installed.

This, however, does not agree with statistical data latterly furnished me by Grand Master Amos Adams, of that jurisdiction, who makes the Convention assemble June 20th, and the G. L. organize the same day.

January —.—The disastrous affair of the river Raisin occurred, in which, among many good Masons and Patriots who fell by the hand of unrestrained violence, are found the names of Bros. John Simpson, of Lodge No. 5; John Allen and

* The date of the *establishment* of every G. L. is properly set at *the day its first G. Officers were installed.* But records are often so scanty and authorities so confused that it has not always been possible to obtain dates with desired precision.

Paschal Hickman, of No. 4; and Jno. P. Sydner, of No. 20, with others not so readily identified in their Masonic relations.

### Cotemporary Events of 1812.

*May.*—The United States Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, and the Appendant Orders, assembled in Stated Convocation at Boston, Mass.

This Body, however, was not yet national only in name. In 1816 it assumed its present character.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1812.

Thomas Smith Webb, G. G. M.
Henry Fowle, G. Glo.
Jonathan Gage, G. C. G.
Ezra Ames, G. S. W.
Andrew Sigourney, G. J. W.
Wm. Wilkinson, G. Tr.
John M. Eddy, G. Rec.
Henry Purkitt, G. Marshal.
Nath'l Knapp, G. St. B.
Stephen Foster, G. Sen. B.

The Subordinate Encampments, as stated in the Free Mason's Monitor, [Ed. 1816,] are as follows:

NEW YORK.

The *Old Encampment*, New York; *Jerusalem Encampment*, New York; *Montgomery Encampment*, Stillwater; *Temple Encampment*, Albany.

MARYLAND.

No. 3, Baltimore; No. 13, Baltimore; No. 24, Havre-de-Grace.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Encampment K. T., Boston; Encampment K. T., Newburyport; Council R. C. K., Portland.

RHODE ISLAND.

*St. John's*, Providence; *Newport*, Newport.

The effects of the severe earthquakes of this year upon Masonic Meetings in the West may be inferred from the following extract:

"*Western Star Lodge, No.* 107, Kaskaskia, Illinois, Friday, March 6th, 1812.

PRESENT.

*Worshipful* Wm. C. Greenup, Master.*
Jas. Edgar, Senior Warden.
M. Jones, Jr. Warden, *pro tem.*, and Treas.
Wm. Arundel, Sec'y.

* This Brother is reported as Demitted from *Hiram Lodge*, No. 4, at Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 17, 1808. Lodge No. 107, at Kaskaskia, met in Greenup's house for a considerable period.

The lodge was opened in the first degree. The Minutes of last stated lodge being called for, it was found that no lodge was held; that the earthquakes, so frequent and alarming at the time, rendered an assemblage of the members almost impossible, and indeed unsafe. The store-house in which the lodge was kept was considerably shattered by the frequent concussions, and was on that evening abandoned by its proprietors. Bro. Greenup, from the hurry of the moment in moving of his family, forgot to make his arrangements; the books and furniture then became inaccessible to those who had met, and consequently the delinquency on the part of the lodge in not meeting, was inconsiderable, and the lodge closed in harmony, etc."

### Masonic Literature of 1812.

*Addresses.*—John Crawford, to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, May; Nathanial Kendrick, Middlebury, Vt., June 24.

"The Antichristian and Antisocial Conspiracy, an extract from the French of the Abbe Barruel; to which is prefixed Jachin and Boaz, or an Authentic Key to the Door of Freemasonry (Ancient and Modern). *Lancaster, Penn.* Printed by Joseph Ehrenfried, 1812." 8vo., pp. 438. (*Cat.* 140.)

I copy the title of this infamous book, as it was, unquestionably, the original from which Morgan drew his mendacious exposition fourteen years later.

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## THE TWENTY-FIRST GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*August* 25 *to* 28, 1813.

Fifteen lodges were represented. Charters were granted to Montgomery Lodge, No. 23, at Mount Sterling, Ky.; Allen Lodge, No. 24, at Glasgow, Ky.; Richmond Lodge, No. 25, at Richmond, Ky. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

The Returns of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, were received, and that lodge restored to the favor of the Grand Lodge. The same action was had in relation to Vincennes Lodge, No. 15, which had neglected Returns and Representation for three successive years, thus forfeiting its Masonic position, had the Grand Lodge chosen to inflict the constitutional penalty.

Washington Lodge, No. 19, was officially notified, that "it is improper to appoint any Brother to tyle who is not a Master Mason; and that it is improper to ballot for a candidate, unless his petition has laid over for one month at least."

A second lodge, at Louisville, (name not mentioned,) recommended by *Abraham Lodge*, No. 8, was refused to be established by the Grand Lodge at this Session. No reasons for the refusal are stated.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana, organized July 11, 1812, was officially recognized by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and its "proceedings sanctioned."

The correspondence between the Grand Master (Butler) and the United Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, in relation to Philanthropic Lodge, No. 12, was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, as follows:

RUSSELVILLE, KY., Nov. 26, 1813.

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—At the last Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the subject of difference between themselves and the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, was once again before them, when the following Preamble and Resolutions were passed: *Whereas*, a Resolution was adopted at the last Grand Annual Communication, requesting the Most Worshipful Grand Master to open a Correspondence with the M. W. the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, on the subject of the differences existing between the said M. W. Grand Lodge and this Grand Lodge, relative to the Charter granted to Philanthropic Lodge, No. 12; but, in consequence of the premature death of our M. W. Grand Master, the said Correspondence was never opened; therefore, *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge are now sensible, from information to them produced, that they have encroached upon the Masonic geographic limits of the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee; that they are willing to make such reparations as it is in their power to do, by revoking the Charter granted to said lodge: but, as it must, necessarily, require some time for the said lodge to close their account, *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to correspond with the aforesaid Grand Lodge, and endeavor to obtain from them permission for Philanthropic Lodge to work until the 24th of June next; after which day this Grand Lodge declares the said Charter to be revoked: thus it will appear, M. W. Sir, by the foregoing Resolutions; and I confide that yourself, as well as the M. W. Body over whom you preside, will be convinced, that, so soon as the Grand Lodge of Kentucky detected that error by which they had been misled, they, with the promptitude becoming honorable men and Masons, proceeded to repair, as far as circumstances would permit, all the evils resulting from the mistake they had fallen into: and the Preamble evinces to you, that the delay which has intervened in making their decision upon the subject officially known to you, was the consequence of a calamity by which the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was deprived of their Chief, to whose especial care the Communications relative to this matter were confided. I am aware of the great delicacy and interest involved in questions of jurisdiction, and how much sensibility would, therefore, be ex-

cited in your M. W. Grand Lodge, at what was considered by them an unjustifiable invasion of their rights by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky: and as it will avail but little to know how the mistake originated, I shall abstain from an exposition of that ground upon which we, heretofore, supposed our proceedings might be justified. It is enough that we have discovered our error, that it is declared, and that we are desirous to repair it: all this is disclosed through the medium of the preceding Resolutions of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky: and I must believe that the spirit of amity and candor displayed by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the frank avowal of their error and the tender of reparation, will be received with a corresponding spirit by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, and, thereby, that harmony and paternal affection for which the Order of Masons are conspicuous, be restored to those Grand Lodges over which we, each of us, have the honor to preside. In fine, I must request you, M. W. Sir, to obtain the permission of your M. W. Grand Lodge, for the continuance of Philanthropic Lodge in their labors, under the Charter now held, until the period alluded to in the foregoing Resolution shall arrive. I am, Most Worshipful Sir and Brother, with sentiment of high respect and fraternal regard, your most obedient,

A. BUTLER,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

To the M. W. Robert Williams, Grand Master of North Carolina and Tennessee.

*M. W. Sir and Brethren:*—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of November, also the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, held in August, 1812. That friendly spirit which becomes Masons contained in your letter, I beg to reciprocate on my part. Such principles strengthen the pillars of our Order, and grapple the hearts of votaries in one band of Brothers. The Resolutions adopted by your Grand Lodge of the 29th of August last, I laid before our Grand Lodge at our last Grand Annual Communication, and Brother I have the pleasure to announce to you and to your Grand Lodge, that the Resolution is entirely and unanimously approbated on our part, that the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 12, is permitted to work until the 24th of June next, under the jurisdiction of your M. W. Grand Lodge, after which time it is expected that the Charter of this subordinate lodge will be revoked by your Grand Lodge. I am, Most Worshipful Sir, with sentiments of high respect, your obedient servant,

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

Grand Master of the G. Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee.

The loss of two Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, by the course of war, called forth the following action:

"*Resolved*, That in testimony of the deep regret which is felt by this M. W. Grand Lodge for the loss of the M. W. P. G. M. John Allen, (of No. 4,) and P. D. G. M. John Simpson, (of No. 5,) and other Brethren, who fell fighting in the cause of their country at the battle of the river Raisin, on the 22d January last, or subsequent thereto, the officers and members of this M. W. Grand Lodge will wear the usual badges of mourning for the term of three months."

Among other distinguished lights quenched in that disastrous route, may be mentioned Paschal Hichman, of No. 4, and John P. Sydner, of No. 20.

In reply to a query from Daviess Lodge, No. 22, after a long and attentive consideration of the same, it was decided that the admission of members into the Order is to be sanctioned by entire unanimity "and so sacred and fundamental does the Grand Lodge conceive the rule to be that it is competent to a minority or any member of the lodge, prior to the performance of the final ceremony of initiation to prevent the admission of the candidate." This principle is perpetuated in the present Constitution.

On motion of Grand Treasurer, (Robert Crockett,) seconded by the Jun. Grand Warden, (W. H. Richardson,) a Committee consisting of Robert Crockett, Daniel Bradford, and Henry Clay, was appointed "to correspond with the several subordinate lodges on the subject of raising a fund for the purpose of erecting a Grand Masonic Hall in the town of Lexington; and that they opon a subscription for the attainment of that object, and report progress at the next Grand Annual Communication." This is the first recorded movement upon the subject of an edifice for the Grand Lodge Sessions. For the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge, a detailed report is given of the state of its finances. We copy a few items:

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| Receipts since the last Session | $561.50 |
| " at the last Session | 193.50 |
| | 755.00 |
| Appropriations at last Session | 976.90 |
| Grand Secretary's account | 116.65 |
| Steward and Tyler's " | 118.25 |
| Appropriation for Charity | 10.00 |
| | $1221.80 |

The balance of $466.80 *against* the Grand Lodge would be made up, it was thought, by the sale of Books of Constitutions, the property of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master delivered, previous to closing, "a short but impressive Charge to the Brethren," of which he was requested to furnish the Grand Secretary a copy, to be published with the Minutes. Unfortunately for the purposes of the historian, this was not done.

The proceedings of this Session cover 69 pages.

(IMPRINT.—Lexington, Ky., printed at the Office of the Kentucky Gazette, by Thomas Smith, 1813.) 8vo., pp. 69.

## Cotemporary Events of 1813.

*November* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(4to., pp. 2.)—Discourse delivered at Morristown by the Grand Chaplain of New York, highly commended by the Grand Master. Resources, $220.

*November* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 2.)—The Grand Lodge refused to recommend a prisoner, J. A. P. Poutingon, whose friends had presented a petition to that effect, to executive clemency. A monument, ordered last Session, to the memory of Thomas Crawford, deceased was directed to be placed in the New Masonic Hall, when completed.*

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* In Baltimore, in May and July, 1858, I made diligent inquiry for this monument, but in vain. The circumstances connected with the death of this amiable man and great Mason, detailed in Cole's Masonic Library, (with a portrait,) are pathetic in the extreme At the May Session of 1813, having been Grand Master for many years, he delivered, as was his custom, a lengthy charge, conceived in the most parental and loving spirit, which embraced the highest injunctions appropriate to Masonry. Then intimating to the Grand Lodge his earnest desire and request to be permitted to retire to private life, he resigned the gavel to his Deputy, and, with an affectionate adieu, retired from the hall. At the door, he took the aged Tyler fraternally by the hand, and observed that he should not live to pass him by again. The Grand Lodge unanimously reëlected him; but his words were prophetic. He died ere the Sessions of the week were closed, and was buried, with funeral honors, by the Grand Lodge.

The following lines have been composed recently, and dedicated to his memory, fragrant with all the honor and usefulness of a long Masonic life:

His voice was low, his utterance choked,
  He seemed like one in sorrow bound,
As from the Orient he invoked
  God's blessings on the Brethren round.

'T is sad to see the strong man weep—
  Tears are for sorrows yet untried;
But who his sympathy can keep
  When age unseals emotion's tide!

Reverently stood the Craftsmen round
  While their Grand Master breathed farewell,
And strove to catch the faintest sound
  Of accents known and treasured well.

He told them of the zealous care
  Of their forefathers of "the Art;"
How "valley-gloom" and "mountain-air"
  Bore witness of the "zealous heart."

He conned those precepts line by line—
  Oh! that the Craft may ne'er despise
Precepts so precious, so divine,
  That shape to highest mysteries.

He warned them of a world unkind—
  Harsh to the good, to evil mild;
Whose surest messengers are blind—
  Whose purest fountains are defiled.

*November* 9.—Circular of the G. L. of Md. warns the Fraternity against a man calling himself *Charles de Cueta Maligni*, who professes to be a Mason in the higher degrees, but whose immoral and dishonest practices render him unworthy of a seat in any lodge.

*March* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(Folio, pp. 2.)—A Committee was appointed to devise a plan for raising a *Masonic Literary Fund*, the interest to be expended in educating orphan children, whose fathers were Masons.

*January* 8.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Twelve lodges represented. Robert Safford was elected Grand Lecturer. The death of Bro. Captain Benoni Pierce, who fell in the late engagement on the Mississinewa river, is appropriately noticed.

*December* 27.—The Grand Lodge of Tennessee was organized by a Convention of eight lodges, previously working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina—viz.: Tennessee Lodge, No. 2; Greenville, No. 3; Newport, No. 4; Overton, No. 5; King Solomon, No. 6; Hiram, No. 7; Cumberland, No. 8; and Western Star, No. 9. Assembled at Knoxville, by direction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, a Charter or Deed of Relinquishment from that Grand Lodge was read, dated September 30, 1813, in which all authority and jurisdiction were ceded, and an assent given to the erection of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.*

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He told them of a world *to come*,
Of which this life a portal is;
Where "tired laborers" go home
And bask in waves of endless bliss.

Then of himself he humbly spoke,
So modestly, so tenderly!
While from the listening group there broke
An answering sigh of sympathy.

"Now give me rest: my years demand
A holiday, companions dear:
My days are drawing to an end,
And I would for the end prepare.

"Now give me rest; but when ye meet,
Brothers, on this beloved spot,
My name from loving lips repeat,
And never let it be forgot.

"Now unto God, the Mason's friend—
That God yon emblems brightly tell—
Your dearest interests I commend:
Brothers, dear Brothers, oh farewell!"

Down from the Orient, slowly down,
Weeping, through that sad group he passed;
Turned once and gazed, and then was gone—
It was his tenderest and his last.

*His last!* For ere the week had sped,
That group, with sorrow unrepressed,
Gathered around their honored head—
Bore their Grand Master to his rest!

* *Tannehill's Manual*, 1824, p. 401. (*Cat.*, No. 80.)

*October* 12.—**Proc. of G. L. of Vt.**—(12mo., pp. 11–27.)—Discourse by Jonathan Nye, a copy of which was requested for the press.

*June* 24.—**Proc. of G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 3.)—Nothing of general interest.

*December* 11.—**Proc. of G. L. of N. C.**—(12mo., pp. 32.)—Its old title, *The Grand Lodge of North Carolina*, is resumed. The Grand Master announced "that he had made and signed a Great Charter, constituting a Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee." He had called a Convention to assemble at Knoxville, December 27, to organize the Grand Lodge, and appointed Deputies to install the Grand Officers who might be elected. A Grand Masonic Hall had been commenced at Raleigh.

*December* 27.—**Proc. of G. L. of Tenn.**—(8vo., pp. 23.)—The full proceedings of the Organizing Conventions are given from December 2, 1811, to this date. A letter to the Deputy Grand Master of North Carolina, and another to the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, appear on record. Felix Grundy, formerly of Lodge No. 1, Kentucky, was appointed one of the Committee to install the officers elect. Thomas Claiborne was elected first Grand Master.

*July* 13.—**Proc. of G. L., D. C.**—(12mo., pp 6.)—Alexander M'Cormick, G. M.; 6 lodges represented; nothing of general interest.

*December* 27.—The union of the antagonistic Grand Lodges of England took place at London.

This event, which has had so vast and healthful an influence upon the Masonic Institution throughout the world, resulting in the establishment of uniform laws and regulations throughout the English lodges, and removing all cause for future schisms and difficulties, is thus condensed from Preston's Illustrations.* It was seventy-five years since, by an act of insubordination on the part of some, and an imprudent change of Masonic technicalities on behalf of the governing powers, the Fraternity of England began to suffer the evils of discord and confusion. The attempt to build *two* Mystic Temples at one and the same time, produced the most unfraternal altercations in quarry, hill, and Temple. Every act, since the first breach was opened, seemed but to enlarge it. Other Grand Lodges took sides, some with the one party and some with the other; Writers, (Dermott, Preston, Calcott, Hutchinson, etc.,) harmonious upon every real principle of Freemasonry, separated upon this question; Schools of Instruction were opened, whose teachings were partisan in their character. The evil extended to the Western Continent, where a Warren and a Franklin were forbidden to meet in the

* Universal Masonic Library, vol. ii.

same Mystic Chamber. In brief, Masonry, perverted from its original intention, had become a school of polemics, whose topics of debate few understood, whose conclusions were bitterness and strife. The result is, the legislation and precedents of the two Grand Lodges of England, from 1738 to 1813, are of less weight to the American student, than those of Scotland, Ireland, or even France.

But at a Grand Masonic Banquet given at London, January 27th, 1813, to Bro. the Earl of Moira, preparatory to his departure to theEast Indies, each of the Dukes of Sussex and Kent were present, (the latter made Grand Master of the "Ancients" in December following, the former at the time Grand Master of the "Moderns.") The simultaneous patronage bestowed by these dignitaries upon the Masonic Craft, divided as they were upon antagonistic questions, was purposely arranged with a view to a speedy settlement of difficulties, and a union of both Grand Lodges into one. Articles of Union were drafted, in which, "in the name of God," it was determined: 1. That there should be a full, perfect, and perpetual union of, and between the two Fraternities of Free and Accepted Masons of England. 2. That pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees only. 3. That there should be the most perfect unity of obligation, of discipline, of working the lodges; of making, passing, and raising and instructing Brothers. 4. That the obligations and forms used, from time immemorial, should be continued unchanged. 5. That nine expert Master Masons should form a "Lodge of Reconciliation," for the purpose of teaching the forms admitted by the Union Grand Lodge to be ancient and obligatory. The other details of the "Articles of Union" are interesting, but too lengthy to quote here. The Articles were signed by the Dukes of Kent and Sussex, severally, on the 1st December, 1813.

At a Grand Assembly at London, December 27, 1813, the Reunion, after seventy-five years of separation, occurred with great solemnity at Freemasons' Hall; and, since that period, there has been nothing but an obedient, dignified, and undivided Fraternity in that ancient jurisdiction.

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## THE TWENTY-SECOND GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*August* 31 *to September* 3, 1814.

Fourteen Lodges were represented.

An entry is made of this sort: "The Most Reverend Grand Chaplain offered an appropriate prayer to the Throne of Grace."

Charters were ordered to Maysville Lodge, No. 26, at Maysville, Kentucky; Columbia Lodge, No. 27, in Adair County,

Kentucky; and it is noted that "these Charters were signed in open lodge." (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

The 8th Article of By-Laws, which gave "to the Past Grand Officers and Past Masters, collectively, one vote," was changed, and in future "the Past Grand Officers, collectively, shall be entitled to one vote, and the Past Masters, collectively, to one vote," which agrees with Art. XVII of the present Constitution. (See Constitutional Regulations.)

The proposition to change the time and place of meeting of the Grand Lodge was again rejected. A pleasant rivalry in this respect, seems to have long existed between Frankfort and Lexington.

Harmony Lodge, No. 7, at Natchez, Miss., surrendered its Charter, Archives, and other property, to the Grand Lodge; reasons not given. The lodge resumed labor as No. 33, the next year, and so continued until the organization of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in 1818.

Unity Lodge, No. 10, failing to comply with the order made last Session, "and having treated with disrespect the citation issued to them," was declared suspended, and a Committee appointed to take charge of "the Property, Jewels and Regalia which necessarily became the property of the Grand Lodge on such forfeiture." In 1816, Amity Lodge, No. 40, was established in its place.

It being stated that many of the subordinate lodges are without Seals, and it being deemed expedient that every lodge should have one, it was ordered that such provision should be made, if possible, by the next Session. Legislation upon this subject has been reiterated, even down to the present time, but thus far without effecting the purpose; but few lodges being yet supplied.

The Grand Master, (James Moore,) is reported as having delivered a most impressive Charge to the Brethren, upon his installation, and then returned, "in the name and behalf of the Grand Lodge, and, in a most impressive manner, the thanks of the Grand Lodge to Brother Past Grand Master Anthony Butler, for the ability and zeal which he had displayed in the discharge of the important duties of the office of M. W. Grand Master." These courtesies, so appropriate to the Masonic System, have, probably, rarely been so well bestowed, as in the case before us.

A singular case is cited here, which as a part of the Masonic history of the period we give. In 1812, when a Dispensation was ordered for Montgomery Lodge, at Mount Sterling, Kentucky, the name of Nathaniel Patton, which at first was ordered to be inserted as *Master*, was, on a subsequent day, withdrawn, and, for no reasons stated, that of John Mills substituted.

This fact being displayed in the printed proceedings, "caused injury, it was said, to the said Patton, both in his Civil and Masonic character, in consequence of false reasons having been assigned for the recision of said first resolution." Whereupon the Grand Lodge ordered the fact published that "such recision and substitution were done solely at the instance and suggestion of Brother Patton himself.

A case came up from Daviess Lodge, No. 22, at Lexington, which, for obvious reasons, omitting names, we give as follows: A challenge to fight a duel had passed between two Master Masons, and the bearer thereof had taken no measures to adjust the difficulty. He was, therefore, tried by his lodge and suspended for one year, for a violation of the Masonic Covenant. From this sentence he appealed. An elaborate Report on the subject was presented to the Grand Lodge and adopted, in which, while the Committee confess, that they shudder at the disastrous consequences which might have grown out of the challenge, "yet, the course pursued by Masons, heretofore, in similar cases, without incurring censure or animadversion, goes far to extenuate the offense. The frequency and multiplicity of such occurrences, unprohibited and uninvestigated, might be construed as almost tantamount to a permission." The Committee admitted that it was highly improper for a Master Mason to challenge, or convey a challenge to a Master Mason, knowing him to be such, and quoted the fundamental principle of the Ancient and sublime Institution of Masonry, that Brothers shall live in peace and harmony with each other; but they believe the Brother thought he was acting correctly, feeling himself bound and imperiously commanded to take the step he did. The Grand Lodge, therefore, set aside the sentence of suspension, and commanded him to appear before the Grand Lodge, and receive from the Grand Master a lecture on the impropriety of his conduct. The Committee consisted of B. F. Dupuy, Samuel A. Bowen and John Speed Smith. The results of such time-serving legislation were evident four years later, when the Grand Master, himself, emboldened, it may be presumed, by the merely nominal punishment with which such a tremendous violation of Masonic obligations had been visited, fought a duel with a Past Master of a lodge in his own town.

The Committee appointed last Session, to consider the subject of raising a fund for the erection of a Grand Masonic Hall, reported through Daniel Bradford, that $2,500 only had been subscribed. From the two lodges in Lexington, it was thought that about $10,000 might be realized in cash or property. A further Committee was appointed, consisting of Gabriel Tandy, of Lodge No. 22, Samuel A. Bowen, of No. 9, B. F. Dupuy, of No. 5, William R. Ashby, of No. 24, John Brown, of No. 26,

David M. Hickman, of No. 16, Benjamin Watfield, of No. 18, and John Mills, of No. 20, to raise funds for this purpose, and report proceedings to the next Session.

The effort, as will be seen, failed.

The financial report shows receipts $1061.50. Expenditures $246.09. The debt announced last Session of $466.80 had been readily paid, as was anticipated, by the sale of books, and the Grand Treasurer acknowledged a balance in his hands of $348.61. There had been realized from the sales of books $340.00.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet the third Monday in the following November, much important business being necessarily postponed.

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## EMERGENT MEETING.

*November* 21 *to* 25, 1814.

Fifteen lodges were represented.

A Charter was ordered to Franklin Lodge, No. 28. (See Historical Roll.)

The following important action, was recommended at this Session, by the Grand Committee, and adopted by the G. L.:

*Whereas*, It appears that some differences exist in minor points, as to the forms and method of working in the different lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, therefore, be it *Resolved*, that for the purpose of having a uniform and settled method of working in the different subordinate lodges, the Grand Committee recommend to the Grand Lodge the propriety of dividing the State into five Masonic Districts, and establishing from among the experienced members of the Grand Lodge, a Board of Inspectors to consist of five members, one of which to be attached to each District, whose duty it shall be to superintend and instruct the lodge or lodges within his district in the plan of working as adopted by the Board of Inspectors. And it shall further be the duty of the Board of Inspectors to report their plan of working, and the state and condition of the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge at the Grand Annual Communication in August, 1815; and to accomplish this object, it will be expected that, as far as practicable, each member of the Board of Inspectors, will in person, give in his report as above required.

In pursuance of this action, the Grand Master made the following appointments:

*District No.* 1.—Lodges Nos. 1, 20, 21, 25, 28, and 29, Daniel Bradford.

*District No.* 2.—Lodges Nos. 9, 17, 21, 24, and 27, Christopher Tompkins.

*District No.* 3.—Lodges Nos. 4, 14, 16, and 18, Carey L. Clarke.

*District No.* 4.—Nos. 11, 19, and 26, Maurice Langhorn.

*District No.* 5.—Nos. 5, 8, and 15, John Sutton.

We add that no reports from these Grand Inspectors were published, if any were made, and that the system was abolished very soon afterward.

To secure harmony and efficiency in instruction, each of the Inspectors was authorized to cause to be convened at the most central and convenient points within their Masonic District, the officers of as many of the lodges under their jurisdiction as they may think proper, for the purpose of giving them the proper Masonic instruction. This was the method adopted in the last attempt of this sort made by the Grand Lodge more than thirty years later. As a remuneration for the aforesaid service, the Inspectors were directed to present at each Session a statement of their traveling, and other necessary expenses, which may have been incurred by them in the discharge of their duties, and the same, together with a reasonable compensation for their labor, should be allowed them by the Grand Lodge.

The following petition, upon the subject of Royal Arch Masonry, was then considered. This is the first time that branch of Masonry appears by name on the record of the Grand Lodge, but the fact of its adopting *crimson* for its livery, as early as 1800, indicates the Royal Arch *tendency* of the leading spirits in the Grand Lodge.

"*To the M. W. the Grand Master, and to the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky:*

"The humble petition of the undersigned showeth that they are members of the Craft in that degree denominated Royal Arch Masons; and having the good of the Fraternity and the advancement of the principles of Masonry at heart, are desirous of establishing a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Lexington.

"Recognizing the authority of this M. W. G. L. over all congregations of Masons assembled within the State, we pray the sanction of this M. W. Grand Lodge to our proceedings, and that a Warrant may issue to us authorizing us to open and hold a Royal Arch Chapter, under Warrant No. 1; and that under the authority of that Warrant we may be enabled, in addition to the ordinary workings under Warrants granted by this M. W. G. L., to confer the degrees of a Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason,

and to do all other matters and things appertaining to a Royal Arch Chapter.

(Signed,) James Moore,
Daniel Bradford,
Ant. Butler,
John Tilford,
A. Dumesnil,
Willis A. Lee,
R. Brenham,
J. Brown,
Carey L. Clark,
J. A. Mitchell,
Mich. Ryan.*

Lexington, Nov. 22, 1814.

Which being read, it was *Resolved*, by the G. L., that the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted."

The Committee to raise funds for a Grand Hall were allowed further time for their report, and C. Tompkins was added to their number. They were directed to transmit, from time to time, to the Building Committee, whatever funds they might procure.

A Committee, consisting of Gabriel Tandy, John J. Marshall and James B. January were appointed "to draft a respectful petition to the Legislature of Kentucky, praying them to authorize a Lottery or Lotteries for raising a sum not exceeding $30,000, to be applied to the erection and furnishing the said Grand Masonic Hall in the town of Lexington." This was the first step taken, in imitation, probably, of the G. L. of Maryland, in a speculation, which, for many years embarrassed the workings of the G. L., drained its resources, and finally deprived it of the very Hall built by the proceeds of the scheme.

A Committee, consisting of the Grand Master, (Moore,) Daniel Bradford, W. H. Richardson, James Overton, Rev. C. W. Cloud, Thomas Bodley and Barnett Gaines, were appointed to superintend and contract for the Grand Masonic Hall. They were authorized to put matters into operation so soon as $20,000 should be obtained.

No reports from subordinate lodges were made to this Emergent Communication.

(*Imprint*:—Lexington, Ky. Printed at the office of the Kentucky Gazette, 1814. 8vo., pp. 46. Also, Lexington, Ky. Printed at the office of the Kentucky Gazette. By F. Bradford, Jr., 1814. 8vo., pp. 24.)

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* A glance at these names will show that they constituted much of the *working* strength, as well as the intellect, of the G. L. Moore and Clarke were confessedly the *writers* of the day in Masonic lore in Kentucky.

## Cotemporary Events of 1814.

*December* 13.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(4to., pp. 8.)—Decided that when any lodge was unable to meet the Constitutional demands upon its Treasury, instead of asking a remission of dues, it should surrender its Charter. 95 lodges were reported. (This copy of Proc. is endorsed by the G. Secretary of Massachusetts as forwarded to Kentucky, by "Brother *Edward Holden*, a worthy, much respected, and intelligent Mason.")

*March* 24.—**Circular from G. L. of Vt.**, asking and offering exchanges of proceedings, etc. Declared that the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and the "Secular" lodges under its jurisdiction, are strictly adhering to Ancient Masonry.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**—(4to., pp. 3.)—An Act of Incorporation had been procured of the Legislature, containing, however, the proviso, added by its opponents, that nothing therein contained should interfere with the rights and privileges of the *Grand Lodge of South Carolina Ancient York Masons.* Thus it appears that the strife in that jurisdiction was by no means quieted.

*March* 7.—**Proc. of G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 10.)—A Jewel was presented to James Milnor, on his declining reëlection as Grand Master, the Institution, under his auspices, having arisen to a degree of prosperity and splendor heretofore unknown. Decided, that after a favorable ballot, a candidate may withdraw his petition; and that a vote of rejection, regularly taken, is final.

*April* 7.—William Hutchinson, author of the "Spirit of Masonry," died at The Grove, Barnard Castle, England, aged 82 years.

*May* 24.—**The G. L. of N. H.**, issues a Circular, giving the number of its lodges as 17.

*November* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(4to., pp. 3.)—The establishment of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, approved and noticed. The State ordered to be districted, and District Grand Lecturers appointed.

*May*, (*first Monday.*)—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 3.)—A Committee was appointed to consider and report a plan for creating a Permanent Charity Fund. 17 lodges are reported, with names of Masters and Secretaries, localities, etc.

*April* 20.—**Circular G. L. of Va.**—(Folio, pp. 2.)—The establishment of a spurious Association, styled "The Free and Independent Masonic Institution, No. 1, of the United States of America," is noticed for the purpose of warning the Craft. Many persons claiming to be captives from Tunis or Algiers, and provided with Civic and Masonic Diplomas, had traversed the State, whom the Craft were directed cautiously to inspect, before dispensing charity to them.

*January* 4.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.) 24 lodges represented. The mode of work, etc., to be adopted by the lodges, was left to the Grand Lecturer, who was empowered to appoint Deputy Grand Lecturers at discretion. Full lists of officers and members of the lodges are given.

*July* 12.—**Proc. of G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 7-17.) Revenue, $132. An Oration was delivered by John Wiley, at the request of the Grand Lodge, to the memory of the gallant Brothers, Capt. James Lawrence and Lieut. Ludlow, killed at the capture of the Chesapeake. A copy was ordered to be placed in the Archives.

*December* 27.—**Proc. of G. L. of Mass.**—(From *Masonic Signet*, August, 1857, pp. 356.) An interesting statement relative to the Prisoners of War at Salem, Mass., among whom were many Masons, "who have not the means to render themselves comfortable, without soliciting the exercise of those charities, which it is the peculiar province of the Masonic Institution to bestow." The Grand Lodge appropriated $500 to their relief, and a Board of *Commissioners of the Prisoners' Fund*, was appointed to disburse it. Eighteen distressed Brethren had been thus relieved, when the news of peace arrived, and the unhappy victims of war set at liberty.

## Masonic Literature of 1814.

*Addresses:*—Brown, Westmoreland, N. H., June 24; Henry B. Tooley, Natchez, Miss., January 3.

"Jachin and Boaz, or an Authentic Key to the Door of Freemasonry, ancient and modern; calculated not only for the instruction of every new made Mason, but also for the information of all who intend to become Brethren. Illustrated with a beautiful frontispiece of the regular jewels and emblematical ornaments belonging to Masonry, and an accurate plan of the drawing on the floor of a lodge; interspersed with a variety of notes and remarks necessary to explain, and render the whole clear to the meanest capacity. By a gentleman belonging to the Jerusalem Lodge, a frequent visitor at the Queen Ann's, St. Paul's Church Yard, the How in Fleet street, Cram & Archer, Strand, and the Salutation, Newgate. 'Try me, prove me.' *New York;* published by E. Duyckinch, 102 Pearl street, Nicholas Van Riper, Printer, 1814."*

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* In the possession of James Evans.

I have inserted the title of this mendacious catch-penny affair in full, together with that of the *Lancaster* edition, 1812, because they were made the basis of the infamous Morgan publications of 1827 and subsequently.

Cornelius Moore has an edition of Jachin and Boaz, published at London, (England,) in 1814, 8vo., pp. 56, which seems to be a counterpart of the Lancaster, (Penn.) edition of 1812.

## THE TWENTY-THIRD GRAND COMMUNICATION.

*August* 30 *to Sept.* 2, 1813.

Sixteen lodges were represented.

Charters were ordered to Union Lodge No. 29, at Madison, Indiana; Burksville Lodge, No. 30, at Burksville, Kentucky; and Simpson Lodge, No. 31, at Newcastle, Kentucky, and the Grand Lodge granted Dispensations to organize the following: Harmony Lodge, U. D., at Natchez, Miss.; by petition from members of Harmony Lodge, late No. 8, at that place; Independence Lodge, U. D., at Middletown, Kentucky, by petition from members of Abraham Lodge, No. 8; Lawrence Lodge, U. D., at Shawneetown, Illinois. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

A lengthy statement from Montgomery Lodge, No. 23, was entered on the records, wherein that lodge acknowledges to have acted upon petitions with unconstitutional haste, giving, as an apology, that "the candidates so dealt with, were men of the first respectability and standing in our country." The Grand Lodge finding that No. 23 was fully sensible of the impropriety of its conduct in this particular, forgave the error, and received the erring daughter into former confidence.

Visitors from Cincinnati Lodge, No. 17, New Jersey, Harmony Lodge, No. 92, Rockfish, Va., Nova Cesarea Lodge, No. 2, Cincinnati, Ohio, Lodge No. 14, Upper Canada, and Center Lodge, Vermont, were admitted.

Charges having been preferred against certain Brethren for unmasonic conduct, (specifications not given,) a Special Committee of which Carey L. Clarke was Chairman, reported that the subject "does not come properly within the original jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and therefore ought not to be acted upon." The report was accepted.

The resolution of 1811, taxing visitors one dollar per day, also that of Nov. 1814, dividing the jurisdiction into five Masonic Districts, and appointing an Inspector in each, were severally repealed.

The time of meeting of the Grand Lodge was changed from the last *Wednesday* in August to the last *Monday*.

The revenue for the present year was $617.00. Bill of refreshments furnished the Special Committee and the Grand Lodge in November last, $192.50. A large press was bought for the Grand Lodge at the expense of $100. The bill of printing and advertising for the past two years, $161.40.

The Committee appointed last year to contract for building the Grand Lodge Hall, was, at the present Session, discharged, and a second Committee, consisting of the Deputy G. Master, (Richardson,) John Tilford, and Barnet Gains, appointed, who were empowered to superintend and contract therefor, "to re-

ceive subscriptions; confer with the managers of the lottery authorized by an Act of the last Session of the Legislature of Kentucky; to aid in carrying said Act into effect; to receive and apply the funds which may be raised by said lottery, and to procure ground and erect said building." This Committee was authorized to draft a petition to the State Legislature to amend the Act authorizing said lottery as they might deem necessary. The building was ordered by the Grand Lodge to be so constructed that the lower story, or a part of it, may be appropriated to the use of a Charity School.

The following is a copy of the act alluded to.*

CHAPTER CCIII.

An Act for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Approved, January 27, 1815.

Managers of lottery appointed.

Sum to be raised, and how appropriated.

Managers to give bond.

Condition.

Managers to pay prizes.

Lottery, when and where drawn.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky*, That it shall and may be lawful for Gabriel Tandy, Thomas Bodley, Daniel Bradford, John Tilford, and Doctor Wm. H. Richardson, or a majority of them, to raise by way of lottery, in one or more classes, as to them may seem most convenient and necessary, any sum not exceeding the sum of thirty thousand dollars, to be appropriated in the erecting and finishing a Grand Masonic Hall, for the use and benefit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the town of Lexington. And the said Gabriel Tandy, Thomas Bodley, Daniel Bradford, John Tilford, and Wm. H. Richardson, or such of them as may choose to act, shall, before they enter upon the duties of their office, in the County Court of Fayette, enter into bond with security to be approved of by said Court, to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in the penal sum of sixty thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the several duties imposed upon them by this act; which bond may, from time to time, be put in suit in the name of the said Commonwealth of Kentucky, by any person injured by a breach thereof: And it shall be the duty of the said Managers, within 90 days from the completion of the drawing of the said lottery, to pay to the fortunate person, or persons, or to his or their order, all such prizes as may be due agreeable to the scheme which they may have determined upon, and published by them. The said lottery may be drawn in the town of Lexington, or at such other place as may be most expedient, giving

* From "Acts passed at the First Session of the Twenty-Third General Assembly for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, begun and held in the town of Frankfort, on Monday the Fifth day of December, 1814, and of the Commonwealth the 23d." Copied by favor of John C. Beman.

due notice of the time and place of such drawing. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky may appoint two or more persons to superintend, in conjunction with two or more of the trustees, for the time being, of the town in which said lottery may be drawn, the drawing of said lottery, whose duty it shall be to see the same fairly and impartially conducted: Each of said examiners and managers, and each clerk that may be employed, shall, before the drawing commences, take an oath to act fairly and impartially in the discharge of his several duties; which oath may be administered by any justice of the peace. If the said lottery or any class thereof, be not drawn within three years after the scheme of the same may have been published, the same shall cease, and the purchasers of tickets may demand and receive of the managers any money disbursed for tickets in said lottery.

Persons to superintend drawing.

Examiners, managers, etc. to take oath.

In what time to be drawn.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the aforesaid managers shall report to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at the next Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge in August, 1815, and at such time thereafter as may be ordered by said Grand Lodge, the progress made in the sale of tickets, or in the drawing said lottery: And it shall be their duty to pay over all and any money which may be raised in the manner heretofore authorized, to the order of said lodge, or to such person or persons as may be authorized by said lodge to receive the same, for the purpose of erecting and furnishing said Masonic Hall.

Managers to report progress.

And pay over all money.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Grand Master of Kentucky is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the other officers of the Grand Lodge, to acquire, by purchase, or accept as a donation, an eligible lot or parcel of ground not exceeding four acres, on which to erect the said Masonic Hall: And the title in and to said lot or parcel of land, with all and singular its appurtenances so obtained as aforesaid, shall vest, and is hereby vested, in the Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and their successors in office, to the sole use, benefit, and behoof of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Lot of ground to be procured on which to erect a Masonic Hall.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if the said Managers should sell or dispose of the whole scheme of the lottery hereby authorized, or any class thereof, to any person or persons beyond the limits of this commonwealth, which they are hereby authorized to

Managers may dispose of said Lottery, and on what terms.

do, so as to raise the proposed sum, the said Managers or such as may act, are hereby made responsible to the Grand Master of Kentucky for the amount of said sale; which amount shall be at least ten per cent. on the sum of the scheme so disposed of: And the Grand Master, for the time being, is hereby authorized to demand, sue for, and recover the same, in behalf and for the use of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the purposes aforesaid.

To secure uniformity of work, it was ordered, "that, at every Grand Annual Communication, it shall be the duty of the M. W. G. M., to examine, before the Grand Lodge, the attending officers of the subordinate lodges, as to the mode of working in their respective lodges, and to give them proper instruction: and the third and fourth days of the Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be set apart, by the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of giving those instructions new sanctions."

(*Imprint:* Lexington, Ky. Printed at the office of the Kentucky Gazette. By F. Bradford, Jr., 1815.) 12mo., pp. 69.

It is particularly worthy of note, that Bro. Henry Wingate was initiated into Masonry in Hiram Lodge, No. 4, Nov. 22 of this year. In the same lodge he has remained with unwavering firmness up to the present time, ready in the performance of every Masonic duty, and bestowing grace and dignity upon the Institution, within and without, in a degree seldom equaled and never surpassed.

## Cotemporary Events of 1815.

*January* 26.—**The G. L. of N. H.** issues a Circular, giving its number of lodges at 20. A rule had been passed, that if an Entered Apprentice, or Fellow Craft, will make himself thoroughly acquainted with all the information belonging to his degree, the constitutional period of delay might be relaxed in his favor.

*July* 20.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(4to., pp. 2.)—Thomas Smith Webb, Grand Master. No proceedings of a general nature.

*November* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 3.)—Resources, $664.42. A Committee was appointed to superintend the publication of Cole's *Freemason's Library*, and to give to it the sanction of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Treasurer was ordered to purchase 20 tickets in the Masonic Hall Lottery, for the use of the Grand Lodge; and the subordinate lodges and Brethren were earnestly recommended to aid the contractors in the sale of their tickets.

*January* 5.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—20 lodges represented. A controversy in relation to the Scottish

Rite, between De la Motta and Cerneau, having been brought, by circular, to the attention of the Grand Lodge, it was decided that the Grand Lodge feels no interest in it. Both parties being strangers, as well as their abettors, their jarrings are too sublimated for the Grand Lodge.

American Union Lodge, No. 1, at Marietta, O., having refused to come into the circle of Ohio lodges, was declared an unwarranted lodge: all visitations were denied from or to it; and its future initiates were denounced as clandestine. The Grand Lodge expressed its gratification, that the divisions so long existing among the lodges of South Carolina and England had happily terminated, and union effected.

*July* 4.—The corner-stone of the Washington Monument at Baltimore, Md., was laid with great eclat.*

*October* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of Tenn.**—(8vo., pp. 26.)—The first Session following the organization was April 4, 1814. New Charters having not yet been prepared, the lodges were authorized to work under those formerly granted them by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Wilkins Tannehill was elected Grand Secretary.

*October* 29.—**Proc. of the Incorporated G. L. of S. C.**—(8vo., pp. 42.)—This is the new or Schismatic Grand Lodge formed of those who refused to submit to the United Grand Lodge. The Governor of the State (D. R. Williams) was its Grand Master; W. E. Hayne, Grand Secretary. The State Courts had pronounced a Decree in its favor. Committees of the two Grand Lodges had met August 23 last, and afterward, but failed to reconcile the breach. The Decree of the Court of Equity in the case, "The Grand Lodge of South Carolina *vs.* The Grand Lodge of South Carolina Ancient York Masons," as pronounced Nov. 18, 1813, by Henry William Desaussure, Judge of the Court of Equity, is appended. (8vo., pp. 95.) The injunction heretofore established was ordered to be dissolved, and the complainant's bill dismissed, without cost of suit.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 17–31.)—A Committee, consisting of the Masters of seven lodges, was appointed to hear *the Prestonian Lectures*, and report the expediency of adopting the same at the next Session. The corner-stone of the Protestant Episcopal Church was laid Sept. 14.

## Masonic Literature of 1815.

Daniel Burham's Address, Litchfield, Conn., Dec. 27.

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* *Vinton's Masonic Minstrel*, 1816, pp. 429, etc. (*Cat.*, No. 226.)

## THE TWENTY-FOURTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*August* 26 *to* 31, 1816.

Twenty-two lodges were represented.

The Record declares that the Grand Chaplain, (Rev. Caleb W. Cloud,) at opening the Grand Lodge, "breathed a fervent prayer to the Grand Architect, in behalf of all mankind, and all Masons in particular."

An Appeal from Maysville Lodge, No. 26, (subject not stated,) called out the following indignant protest from the Committee on Grievances: "Your Committee can but express their astonishment, that a man, who pretends to be versed in the principles of the Order, should have appealed to this Grand Lodge, thus spreading far and wide, the particulars of a case, it is hoped, *rare* in the annals of Masonry. The violation of principle is such, and the infraction of obligation so flagrant, that no matter how atonement may have been made to the injured feelings of those immediately aggrieved, yet the wound inflicted on the purity and confidence this order inculcates, can not be healed." This is finely said.

Charters were ordered to St. Paul's Lodge, No. 32, at Middletown, Ky.; Harmony Lodge, No. 33, at Natchez. Miss.; Murray Lodge, No. 35, at Lexington, Ky.; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 36, at Charlestown, Indiana; Hopkinsville Lodge, No. 37, at Hopkinsville, Ky.; Potosi Lodge, No. 38, at Potosi, Mo.; Lawrence Lodge, No. 34, at Shawnee Town, Illinois Territory; and Bardstown Lodge, No. 33, at Bardstown, Ky. A Dispensation was granted to organize Amity Lodge, U. D., at Millersburg, Ky. (See Historical Roll.)

An application from Natchez, Miss., having been made to this Grand Lodge, praying for the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter at that place, the Grand Lodge decided, "that the permission to work in the degree mentioned, ought to be granted with the greatest caution; that the individuals, or some of them who seek for such permission, must be *personally known* to be competent to work in that Degree. This not being the case in the instance now before us, but the application being by letter only, renders a concurrence therein dangerous and inadmissible. If a competent number, skilled in the Degree, were properly made known as such to the Grand Lodge, it would be advisable to establish a Chapter there." It will be observed by this, and it may be proved by concurrent testimony that the Degrees of *Mark* and Most *Excellent Master* were not alluded to in this petition.

The Managers of the Lottery, William H. Richardson, John Tilford, Gabriel Tandy and Thomas Bodley, made a lengthy

Report, of which the following is a synopsis: Doubts had existed in the minds of experienced Lawyers and Citizens, as to the powers delegated by Law to the Managers, but they had feared to apply to the Legislature for an explanatory Act, lest the entire Law authorizing a Grand Lodge Lottery, might be repealed. They had, therefore, given bond to the County Court of Fayette, in the penal sum of $60,000, and were about to advertise a Scheme, when doubts arose as to what source they were to look for a return of their expenses, in case of failure. These reasons, with the unsettled state of the monied institutions of the United States, and the probable depreciation of a considerable portion of the present medium of the country, in case of the Banks resuming specie payments, the Managers had declined proceeding further in the matter.

The Report was adopted, the Committee was ordered to proceed to publish a Scheme, sell tickets and draw the Lottery, as soon as practicable, the Grand Lodge agreeing to pay the expenses in case of failure.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, relative to the conflict raging in that jurisdiction, between the rival Grand Lodges, called for resolutions of regret, that any Ancient York Mason should so far forget the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and the boundaries prescribed by immemorial usage, as to hold communion with men not professing to be, nor being, in fact, Ancient York Masons;—of thanks to St. John Lodge, No. 31, in Charleston, South Carolina, and the other Ancient York Lodges in that State, for their firm, virtuous and determined opposition to the proposed plan of uniting with the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, not Ancient York Masons. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky enjoined non-communication with all such, and directed that communications sent to South Carolina, should be endorsed with the special addition of "Ancient York Masons." This Report was drafted by G. M. Bibb.

The Grand Master, during the present Session, lectured on the 1st and 2d Degrees of Masonry.

The sum of $204.26 was appropriated to purchase a Portrait of Joseph Hamilton Daviess, which was offered them. Brother Willis A. Lee was ordered a vote of thanks, for permitting the Grand Lodge to have in charge the Portrait. The balance in the Treasury was $1,272.98.

Ordered that the Royal Arch Chapters working under Warrants Nos. 1, 4 and 5, be permitted to establish a Grand Royal Arch Chapter; and that hereafter no Chapter be opened under any Warrant, without the permission of this Grand Lodge, and then only upon the recommendation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

A Committee, consisting of William H. Richardson, Daniel Bradford and James G. Trotter, was appointed to cause a new Edition of the Book of Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, to be printed, to include all additions and amendments adopted since the last. The Committee was directed to open subscriptions in the subordinate lodges, by which a guide to the proper number of copies might be established. This work was published in 1818.

A Committee was appointed to inquire whether portraits of John Allen and John Simpson could be procured, but no intelligence upon the subject appears on record.

The proceedings this year are printed in a volume of 87 pages, of much larger measure than heretofore.

Thomas Douglas, afterward Grand Master of Florida, and a Mason of high and distinguished fame, represented Union Lodge, No. 29, Indiana, as Junior Warden. He is entered on the Rolls of that lodge as having affiliated February 5, 1816, "late of Harmony Lodge, No. 20, Connecticut."*

(*Imprint*: Lexington, Ky. Printed by Worsley & Smith, at the office of the Reporter. 1816. 8vo., pp. 87.)

## Cotemporary Events of 1816.

*December* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(4to., pp. 8.)—The G. Master (Francis J. Oliver) delivered an Address, showing the rise, progress, and present state of Masonry, with a view of those ancient orders, rites and ceremonies which bear a similitude to it. Lodges forbidden to give credit for Degrees. One hundred and two lodges were reported.

*July* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(4to., pp. 3.)—Corner stone St. Paul's Church, at Providence, laid June 24. Oration by Barnabas Bates. *Ordered*, that no more Honorary Members be elected by this G. L.

*July* 1.—**Circular G. L. of Pa.**, advising of the existence of a clandestine lodge in Philadelphia, styled "The Philadelphia Lodge, No. 2," of which William G. Oliver was Master. He was said to be inviting expelled Masons to his standard.

*May* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(Folio, pp. 3.)—A Grand Stewards' Lodge was established. The majority of the members of Temple Lodge, No. 26, having been employed in the war, the lodge was allowed further time to pay its dues.

*January* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Thirty-five lodges reported.

*June* 3.—The Third Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States was held at New York.

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* See, also, his Autobiography. New York: 1856. 12mo., pp. 132. (*Cat.* No. 492.) He deceased Sept. 11, 1855.

As this (1816) was the period in which the General Grand Chapter began to assume its highest dignity and efficiency, and as its historians thus far say but little of the causes which led to so extensive an organization, I offer here a curious document from the Archives of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, which, with others in my possession, afford a clue to this involved scheme.

At a Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, held in the city of New York, North America, on the third day of September, A. L. 3793. *Whereas*, our Brother, Daniel Stilwell, in behalf of himself and sundry other Brethren, now residing at Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, did, on this day, present a Memorial to this Chapter, praying that they might be invested with sufficient power to form and hold a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Providence aforesaid, and the prayer of said Memorial having been granted, *Now, be it known*, that, by virtue of the power to us regularly committed, we have, in ample form, constituted these our beloved Brethren into a regular Chapter, by the name and style of Providence Chapter, No. 2, of Royal Arch Masons, held in Providence, in Rhode Island, and installed the several officers into their respective stations in the manner we have received it, to wit.

The Most Worshipful Brother, Daniel Stilwell, H. P.; the Right Worshipful Brother, Thomas William Moore, K——g; the Right Worshipful, Jonathan Donnason, S——e; the Worshipful Brethren, John Warner, R. A. C., and Jacob Smith, Z——l,—the last four, severally, by proxy: and our said beloved Brethren, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized and directed, by and with the assistance and concurrence of a majority of the members of the said Providence Chapter, duly, to be summoned and present upon such occasions, to elect and install the officers of the said Chapter, as often as vacancies happen in manner and form, as is, or may be, prescribed and directed by the Constitution and General Laws of this the Mother Chapter; but in no wise to have power to grant any Dispensation, to hold any Chapter under them, or to install any other than the officers of the said Providence Chapter, to be elected in manner and form aforesaid.

And, further, we do hereby enjoin upon the said Providence Chapter, at least once in every year, immediately, or as soon after the election and installment of the several new officers, to communicate to us the state and condition of the said Chapter, that we may know what Brethren have attained to this exalted degree, and who, by their virtue and zeal for the prosperity and welfare of this Order, have been promoted to office.

In witness, whereof, we, the presiding officers of Washington Chapter aforesaid, have hereunto set our hands, and caused the seal of our said Chapter to be affixed. (Here follows a passage in cipher.)

JOHN ABRAMS, H. P. G. C. R. A. M.
JNO. LUDLOW, K. G. C. R. A. M.
WM. RICHARDSON, S. G. C. R. A. M.

Attest, E. HICKS, Secretary.

*June* 20.—The first General Convention of Knights Templars in the United States was held at New York, lasting two days. Heretofore this organization, though bearing a national

name, was local. The following Encampments were represented in 1816, viz.:

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| *Boston* | *Encampment*, | at Boston, Mass. |
| *St. John's* | *Encampment*, | Providence, R. I. |
| *Ancient* | *Encampment*, | New York, N. Y. |
| *Temple* | *Encampment*, | Albany, N. Y. |
| *Montgomery* | *Encampment*, | Stillwater, N. Y. |
| *St. Paul's* | *Encampment*, | Newburyport, Mass. |
| *Newport* | *Encampment*, | Newport, R. I. |
| *Daviess* | *Council*, | Portland, Me. |

DeWitt Clinton was elected G. G. Master; John J. Loring, G. G. Rec.

The following complete list of its subsequent Convocations is given here for convenience of reference:

*September* 16, 1819.—New York.—It was then agreed that the future Convocations should be Septennial. Clinton and Loring were reëlected.

*September* 18, 1826.—New York.—Clinton was reëlected; Oliver McLowndes was G. G. Recorder.

The Constitution was again amended, and future Convocations Triennial.

*September* 14, 1829.—New York.—Jonathan Nye, G. G. M.; James Herring, G. G. Recorder.

*November* 29, 1832.—Baltimore.—Officers reëlected.

*December* 7, 1835.—Washington, D. C.—James M. Allen, G. G. M.; Charles Gilman, G. G. Recorder. The latter was reëlected G. G. Recorder until 1850.

*September* 12, 1838.—Boston.—Officers reëlected.

*September* 14, 1841.—New York.—Officers reëlected.

*September* 10, 1844.—New Haven.—Arch. Bull, G. G. M.

*September* 11, 1847.—Columbus, Ohio.—Wm. B. Hubbard, G. G. M. He has been regularly reëlected G. G. M. ever since.

*September* 10, 1850.—Boston.—B. B. French, G. G. Recorder, who has been reëlected G. G. Recorder ever since.

*September* 13, 1853.—Lexington, Ky.

*September* 9, 1856.—Hartford.*

*January* 20.—The General Grand Encampment of the nited States was organized at New York.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 31–52.)—6 lodges were represented. A letter from the Grand Lodge of

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* These data are derived from "Reminiscences of the Triennial Convocations of the General Grand Encampment and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Hartford, Conn., Sept. 9 to 16, A. D. 1856, A. L. 1856, A. I. 2386, A. O. 738, with Biographical and Historical Notes copiously interspersed, and an Annotated Copy of the Revised Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States. 'It shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called HOLY, even every one that is written among the LIVING in Jerusalem.'—Isaiah iv: 3. By Rob. Morris. For private distribution only. Lodgeton, Ky. Printed by Narine & Co., 7 Broad street, New York, 1857." 8vo., pp. 104. (*Cat.*, 623.)

This is the first attempt at a biographical collection in Masonry.

Pennsylvania was read, dated Sept. 4, 1815, stating, that as they had received no official notification of the organization of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, they could not notice any communications from the Grand Lodge, until that duty was performed. In reply to this the Grand Lodge gives the history of its organization in 1810, by five lodges, with the approbation and sanction of the Grand Lodges of Virginia and Maryland. The Grand Lodge had been recognized by the Grand Lodges of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee, and perhaps others.

*October* 16.—Warrants were granted by Thomas Smith Webb to establish Royal Arch Chapters at Lexington, Frankfort, and Shelbyville, respectively. These were the first regular Chapters working four degrees in Kentucky. The Grand Chapter of Kentucky was formed December 4, 1817.

*August* 30.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(4to., pp. 3.)—Oration by Barnabas Bates ordered to be published.

*October* 24.—*Statistics of Masonry* this year from *Vinton's* Masonic Minstrel, pp. 455, etc., (*Cat.*, No. 224,) are thus given: Grand Lodge of New Hampshire has 21 lodges; Massachusetts, 99; Rhode Island, 13; Connecticut, 53; Vermont, 34; New York, 158; New Jersey, 27; Pennsylvania, 69; Delaware, 9; Maryland, 19; Virginia, 93; Kentucky 28; North Carolina, 29; South Carolina, 13; Tennessee, 8; Ohio 29; Georgia, 14; Louisiana 5; Nova Scotia, 22; Upper Canada, 8; Lower Canada, 15.

*July* 25.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 12.)—Each lodge was declared to be in possession of a competent degree of Masonic knowledge, to be correct in its working and lecturing.

*January* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 14.)—The death of Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, P. D. G. M., is appropriately noticed. A Jewel was ordered for P. G. M. Samuel F. Bradford.

## Masonic Literature of 1816

Other publications:

"*The Masonic Minstrel*, a Selection of Masonic, Sentimental, and Humorous Songs, Duets, Glees, Canons, Rounds, and Canzonets, respectfully dedicated to the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

"Orpheus' lute was strung with poet's sinews;
Whose golden touch could soften steel and stones,
Make tigers tame and huge leviathans
Forsake unsounded deeps to dance on sands."

With an Appendix containing a short Historical Account of Masonry; and, likewise, a List of all the lodges in the United States. *Dedham*, (Mass.) Printed by H. Mann & Co., for the Author, 1816. 8vo., pp. vi, 469.*

*(*Cat.*, No. 224.) This work was by David Vinton, author of the popular Masonic dirge, "Solemn strikes the funeral chime." 12,000 copies were sold by subscription.

"*Some of the Beauties of Freemasonry;* being Extracts from publications which have received the approbation of the wise and virtuous of the Fraternity, with Introductory Remarks, designed to remove the various objections made against the Order. By Joshua Bradley, A. M., Member of Newport Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, Kt. R. C., K. M., K. T., and Grand Chaplain of Washington Encampment, No. 2, of Newport, R. I. *Rutland*, (Vt.) Printed by Fay and Davison, 1816. 12mo., pp. xviii, 318.*

*Addresses.*—Luke Eastman, Lexington, Mass., June 24;† Joseph E. Hughes, Columbus, Ohio, December 27.

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## THE TWENTY-FIFTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 25 to 29, 1817.*

Thirty lodges were represented; the largest delegation ever had up to that period. Brother Henry Wingate represented No. 4, in conjunction with Mann Butler.

Charters were granted to Landmark Lodge, No. 41, at Versailles, Ky.; Pisgah Lodge, No. 45, at Corydon, Indiana; Industry Lodge, No. 42, at Frankfort, Ky.; Lawrenceburgh Lodge, No. 44, at Lawrenceburg, Indiana; Amity Lodge, No. 40, at Millersburg, Ky.; Feliciana Lodge, No. 46, at St. Francisville, Louisiana; Melchesideck Lodge of Salem, No. 43, at Salem, Indiana. A Dispensation was issued to Fortitude Lodge, U. D., at Westport, Kentucky. (See Historical Roll.)

William Gibbes Hunt delivered Lectures on the three degrees by invitation of the Grand Master; whereupon George M. Bibb offered the following Resolution, which was adopted: "That the Lectures delivered did vary in many parts from the ancient mode of working heretofore practiced in this State; that to produce a uniformity of working, a Committee of five members be appointed to confer with each other, and communicate the result of their conference by delivering Lectures on the three first degrees of Masonry, for the examination and decision of the Grand Lodge." The Committee consisted of William H. Richardson, James Moore, George M. Bibb, Wm. G. Hunt and Wm. Sutton, but we have no report from them on the subject, while the establishment of the Webb Lectures in Kentucky from that period became an incontrovertible fact.

The office of Assistant Grand Secretary was established under the following provisions: the Assistant to be appointed by the Grand Secretary, with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge, or should the Grand Secretary waive the privilege, the appointment should rest in the Grand Lodge; his

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* *Cat.*, No. 217. † In the possession of E. T. Carson.

duties to consist in attending upon the Grand Secretary, and in his absence to perform his duties; to receive no monies due the Grand Lodge; his compensation to be such as might be agreed upon between him and the Grand Secretary.

After many years disuse the office was reëstablished in 1857, and is now a part of the Constitutional Requisitions. (See that department.)

The Law of 1810, that Subordinate Lodges should make Annual Returns of *Visiters*, was repealed.

The Master elect of Fortitude Lodge, U. D., was introduced and installed Master of said lodge, in Ancient form. This was in accordance with the Kentucky usage; the Masters of Lodges *not chartered*, are regularly installed, as the others.

The Lottery Managers reported:

"That agreeably to the power vested in them, they have advertised a Scheme, which, so far as they learn, has been universally approved. That they have commenced the sale of tickets for cash, and have made some progress in the disposition of them; that no time, however, has yet been fixed for the drawing of the Lottery, and as Brother John L. Martin, who has been employed by the Managers to sign the tickets, has been engaged in public business requiring his necessary absence from town, and has not been able to complete the signing of them, it has been out of the power of the Managers to cause a general distribution of them through this and the neighboring States, as it is their intention, as soon as possible, to make. The tickets are, however, nearly all ready, now, for sale and will immediately be distributed, and the Managers feel confident that they will be enabled, with safety and propriety, to commence drawing in the course of a very few months. The Managers beg leave, respectfully, to suggest, that it would be in their power to make a much more rapid sale of tickets, had they consented to dispose of them for good negotiable paper, instead of requiring the immediate payment of cash. They, therefore, solicit the advice of the M. W. Grand Lodge, as to the expediency of consenting to receive from any individual or company, who will purchase ten or more tickets, good, negotiable notes, payable in bank, thirty days after the drawing shall be completed.

The Managers beg leave, further, to suggest the propriety of a recommendation from the M. W. Grand Lodge, to the several subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction, to purchase, on account of said lodges, so many tickets as their funds will respectively permit, and, also, to the members of the Fraternity throughout the State, to contribute, as far as possible, to the success of the undertaking, by purchasing tickets themselves, and affording their aid toward effecting a general disposition thereof.

GABRIEL TANDY,
WILLIAM BODLEY,
WM. H. RICHARDSON,
JOHN TILFORD,
} Managers.

LEXINGTON, August 30, 1817."

In response to this, it was

"*Resolved*, That said Managers proceed agreeably to the Report aforesaid, in the disposition of the tickets, and management of said Lottery."

The revenue was $1057.00; the amount in the Treasury, $1526.27.

Brother F. Bradford submitted the following Order and the resolution attached thereto, which was read and adopted, viz.: "Lexington Lodge, No. 1, August 22d, A. L. 5816, A. D. 1816. Whereas, it is contemplated to erect a Masonic Temple in the town of Lexington, for the G. L. of Ky., and there being as yet no lot procured for that purpose, *Resolved*, that the Representatives of the Lexington Lodge, No. 1, at the next G. A. Communication be, and are hereby authorized to present to the G. L. the lot of the Lexington Lodge, No. 1, for the purpose of building thereon said Temple, reserving to Lexington Lodge, No. 1, the privilege of holding its meetings in said Temple." The record declares that the above resolution was laid before the Grand Lodge at the last Session, and the offer of No. 1 accepted, but no notice was taken of it in the published proceedings of the G. Lodge. The proposition was now acceded to, and the thanks of the G. Lodge presented to Lodge, No. 1, for the liberal donation.

The Grand Master (Bibb) delivered a Lecture on the First Degree of Masonry.

(*Imprint.*—Lexington, Ky.; printed by Worsley & Smith, at the office of the Reporter, 1817.) 8vo., pp. 49.

## Cotemporary Events of 1817.

*January* 8.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Thirty-eight lodges reported. The time of the Annual Sessions was changed to August. A Circular to the subordinate lodges inculcates in forcible terms the necessity of an increased degree of *caution* in admissions to the Order, and a more energetic discipline among the Craft. Complaints against the old American Union Lodge, No. 1, at Marietta, Ohio, continued to be made, that they put to defiance the edict of the G. Lodge and continued their Masonic work.*

*August* 6.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Address by Rev. Philander Chase. A correspondence was opened with the G. L. of Mass., in relation to American Union Lodge, No. 1, at Marietta, Ohio. The G. A. Communications were set for the second Monday of December.

*December* 27.—The antagonistic Grand Lodges of South Carolina became finally blended in one, under the title of the *Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina.* This was the end of the long struggle between the Ancients and Moderns in America.

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* I have in my keeping, the *original Minute Book* of this lodge, commenced in the Revolutionary Army, Feb. 20, 1776, and continued until 1779.

*June* 12.—**Proc. of G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 10.) A Committee was appointed to confer with the Grand Lodges of Vermont and Massachusetts, on the subject of uniformity of fees.

*December* 4.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky was established.

A Convention of the Delegates of *Lexington Chapter*, at Lexington, *Frankfort* Chapter, at Frankfort, and *Shelbyville* Chapter, at Shelbyville, was held December 4, 1817, at Frankfort, and the following Minutes made:

STATE OF KENTUCKY, FRANKFORT, Dec. 4, A. D. 1817; A. L. 5817.

"*Whereas*, Three Chapters of Ancient Royal Arch Masons have existed in this State for more than one year, now last past, to wit.: One at Lexington, one at Frankfort, and one at Shelbyville, each held by and under the authority of a Warrant or Charter from the M. E. Thomas Smith Webb, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the G. G. R. A. Chapter of the United States of America, bearing date the 16th day of October, A. D. 1816, A. L. 5816, and in the Year of the Discovery, 2347:

*And, whereas*, By the 11th Section of the 2d Article of the G. G. R. A. Constitution for the United States of America, it is provided, "That whenever there shall have been three, or more, Royal Arch Chapters instituted in any State, by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter may be formed in such State, (with the approbation of one or more of the G. G. Officers,) by the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of the said Chapters, who shall be authorized to elect the Grand Officers: *Provided, always*, That no new State Grand Chapter shall be formed, until after the expiration of one year from the establishment of the Junior Chapter in such State."

"*And, whereas*, It is deemed expedient by the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, of the aforesaid Royal Arch Chapter, to form a Grand Chapter for the State of Kentucky, agreeably to the provisions of the above-quoted Section of the G. G. R. A. Constitution.

*Now, therefore*, Be it remembered, that on this 4th day of December, A. D. 1817, A. L. 5817, and in the Year of the Discovery, 2348, the following Companions, Officers, and Representatives of their respective Chapters, duly assembled, agreeably to previous appointment, at Frankfort, to wit.:

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| William G. Hunt, High Priest,<br>Samuel H. Woodson, King,<br>John S. Patterson, Scribe, | Lexington Chapter. |
| George M. Bibb, High Priest,<br>Willis A. Lee, King,<br>John A. Mitchell, Scribe. | Frankfort Chapter. |
| James Moore, High Priest,<br>Wingfield Bullock, King,<br>Benjamin F. Dupuy, Scribe, | Shelbyville Chapter. |

Present, also, Comp. John Willet, Past High Priest, and Comp. Isaac Watkins, of Shelbyville, R. A. Chapter; David G. Cowan, of Lexington Chapter, and Charles S. Todd, of Frankfort Chapter.

John Willett was appointed Chairman, D. G. Cowan, Secretary of the Convention.

"*Resolved*, Unanimously, as the sense of this Convention, that it is expedient to proceed forthwith to form a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Kentucky."

The following Companions were forthwith elected:

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| James Moore, G. H. P., | C. S. Todd, G. Sec., |
| John Willett, D. G. H. P., | Wingfield Bullock, G. Tr., |
| George M. Bibb, G. K., | Caleb W. Cloud, G. Chap. |
| Wm. G. Hunt, G. S., | Saml. H. Woodson, G. Mar. |

The Grand Chapter of the State of Kentucky was then opened.

Benj. F. Dupuy was made Grand C. of the Host.

David G. Cowan, G. R. A. C.

John S. Patterson, G. S. and Tyler.

The Officers were duly installed, but the Record does not state by whom. "All of them received a charge in relation to the duties of their respective stations." Wm. G. Hunt, Geo. M. Bibb, C. S. Todd, Samuel H. Woodson, and Tilford, were made a Committee to report a System of By-Laws.

On the next day, a Dispensation was granted for a Chapter at Danville, Kentucky.

A Circular Letter was then addressed to the General Grand Secretary, announcing the formation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and giving its list of officers. In this Circular was "an humble request, that the G. G. Secretary would inform the Council, (or any of them,) of the General G. R. A. C. of the U. S., of the same, and the sincere wish and desire of the Council of the three Chapters of Kentucky, to receive the approbation of the G. G. R. A. Chapter, for the measures they had pursued."

A letter was also directed to Thomas Smith Webb, conveying the same information as above, and stating that the measure had been pursued according to the instruction he (Webb) had been pleased to give upon that subject.

The next meeting was held at Frankfort, January 23, 1818, which see.

*June* 24.—**Proc. of G. L. of N. Y.**—(8vo., pp. 27.)—DeWitt Clinton, G. M. *Ordered*, that no Funeral Dispensation should issue in favor of any person who had not paid up his dues to a period within six months of his decease. No public obsequies were permitted to the lodges without a Dispensation.

*November* 11.—**Proc. of G. L. of N. J.**—(8vo., pp. 33.)—The death of Aaron D. Woodruff is eloquently alluded to: "The G. L. derived consolation from their belief, that, having terminated his labors on earth and *entered* into the world of spirits, he was *passed*, and received the approbatory welcome of 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant,' from his Divine Master, and has been *raised* by Him to a seat in the holy Temple above."

*March* 3.—**Proc. of G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 19.)—George A.

Baker, G. Sec'y, died December 8, 1816, between the period of his election, December 2, and that of his Installation; he was 60 years of age, and had been G. Sec'y for twenty years. More than eight hundred Brethren united with the G. L. in his funeral. Funeral Oration in German, by Rev. Dr. Helmuth. An Eulogium, of exceeding sweetness, was entered upon the Record. William Adcock, P. G. Master, deceased March 3, 1817.

*December* 27.—**Proc. of G. L. of Del.**—(12mo., pp. 52–59.) Six lodges represented. Discourse by Andrew T. McCormick. The death of Valentine Reintzel, first G. M., was properly noticed.

## Masonic Literature of 1817.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

*The Freemasons' Library* and General *Ahiman Rezon:* containing a delineation of the true principles of Freemasonry, Speculative and Operative, Religious and Moral. Compiled from the writings of the Most Approved Authors, with Notes and occasional Remarks. By Samuel Cole, P. M., of Concordia and Cassia Lodges, P. G. S., of the G. L. of Md., K. T., K. M., etc.

"In principio erat Sermo ille, et Sermo ille erat apud Deum, eratque ille Sermo Deus."—*Evangelium Secundum Ioannem.* "At first she will walk with him by crooked ways, and bring fear and dread upon him, and prove him, by her discipline, until she may trust his soul and try him by her laws. Then she will return the straight way unto him, and comfort him, and show him her secrets."—*Ecclesiasticus. Baltimore,* (Md.) Printed and published by Benjamin Edes. 1817. 8vo., pp. xii, 332, 93.*

This appears to be the first attempt to imitate Webb's *Freemasons' Monitor,* first published in 1797. The second in order, according to my catalogue, is the *Freemasons' Monitor,* by James Hardie. Second Edition. New York: 1819. (*Cat.* 79.)

Then others in the following order:—

*True Masonic Chart.* Jeremy L. Cross, New Haven, 1820. Second Edition. (*Cat.* 187.)

*Masonic Manual.* Wilkins Tannehill, Nashville, 1824. (*Cat.* 80.)

*Key to the First Chart of the Masonic Mirror.* Henry Parmele, New Haven, 1825. (*Cat.* No. 191.)

*Masonic Trestle-Board.* By Charles W. Moore. Second Ed. Boston: 1846. (*Cat.* 190.)

*Craftsman.* Cornelius Moore, Cincinnati, 1846. (*Cat.* 229.)

*Masonic Text Book.* John Dove, Richmond, 1847. (*Cat.* 88.)

*Freemasons' Monitor.* Z. A. Davis, Philadelphia, 1849. (*Cat.* 212.)

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* In possession of John Sherer.

*Freemasons' Manual.* K. J. Stewart, Philadelphia, 1851. (Cat. 85.)

*Ahiman Rezon.* A. G. Mackey, 1852, Charleston. (*Cat.* 87.)

*True Masonic Guide.* Robert Macoy, New York, 1853. (*Cat.* 142.)

*Masonic Manual.* Robert Macoy, New York, 15th Edition, 1856. (*Cat.* 646.)

Each of these has had a large and deserved celebrity.

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## THE TWENTY-SIXTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 31 *to September* 5, 1818.

Thirty-seven lodges were represented.

The Grand Master (Richardson) and Benjamin W. Dudley were cited to appear on the second day of the Session, and answer before the Grand Lodge for having *engaged in a duel.* The resolution, bringing the matter before the Grand Lodge, was offered by Samuel H. Woodson, afterward (in 1819) Grand Master, in the following form: "*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is entirely improper and entirely repugnant to the principles of Masonry, for any of its members to engage in personal conflicts, with each other, with deadly weapons, or otherwise: and, whereas, it has been signified and made known to this Grand Lodge, that a duel hath lately taken place between Grand Master William H. Richardson and Past Master Benjamin W. Dudley; *Resolved*, That they be cited to appear before this Grand Lodge at 10 o'clock on Thursday next, to answer for the above departure from the principles of the Craft."

On Thursday the parties appeared in obedience to the citation, whereupon, after due consideration, the Grand Lodge passed the following order: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge have jurisdiction, and ought to inquire into the charge exhibited against Bro.'s Richardson and Dudley for having fought a duel—they being both members of the Grand Lodge."

The next day, (Friday,) on motion of Brother Henry Clay, "*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to confer with Brothers Richardson and Dudley, for the purpose of endeavoring to produce a reconciliation between them." The Committee consisted of Henry Clay, William T. Barry, Samuel H. Woodson, and David G. Cowan, who speedily reported, "that they had discharged the duties delegated to them, and were happy to inform the Grand Lodge, that they had been successful in their efforts."

John A. Gordon, of Harrodsburgh, Ky., then moved, "This

Grand Lodge deeply deplores the unfortunate difference between M. W. G. M. Wm. H. Richardson and P. M. B. W. Dudley, in which they were so far unmindful of their Masonic principles and duties as mutually and deliberately to engage in a duel, thereby prostrating and sacrificing one of the great fundamental principles of our Order to the false notions of honor, by which a deluded world have been too long influenced. *Resolved*, therefore, that it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that the said M. W. Wm. H. Richardson, and the said P. M. B. W. Dudley, be, and they are hereby *expelled* from all the immunities and privileges of the Order of Masonry." This resolution was ordered to lie upon the table.

The next morning (Saturday) Henry Clay offered a resolution, which, being amended, was adopted as follows:

"This Grand Lodge deeply deplores the unfortunate difference between Bro. G. M. Wm. H. Richardson and Bro. P. M. Benj. W. Dudley, and the unhappy combat to which it has led. This Grand Lodge can not but condemn, in the strongest terms, that those Brethren should have so far forgotten their obligations and duties as Masons, as to have engaged in such a combat: but in consideration that the said Brothers have, by the intervention of this Grand Lodge, become perfectly reconciled the one to the other, and of their correct and uniformly good deportment, and that a mitigation of the punishment, which might otherwise be due, is thereby rendered expedient, therefore, *Resolved*, That the said Brothers William H. Richardson and Benjamin W. Dudley, be suspended from the privileges of Masonry during the pleasure of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana, which had been organized at Madison, Ind., January 12, 1818, by the delegates of six chartered lodges, (all of which were on the Kentucky Register,) was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, "with all those courtesies of intercourse and correspondence which are the delight of our Order." The Committee (Mann Butler, John M'Kinney, jr., and Charles A. Wickliffe,) beautifully declare, "that they only see in the creation of this additional Grand Lodge, an accession to the securities of Masonic superintendence, and a new constellation in the firmament of Masonry."

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of New York, through Elias Hicks, Grand Secretary, deprecating the practice of subordinate lodges publishing the suspension or expulsion of their members in newspapers; whereupon a resolution was offered to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, (the spirit of which is now incorporated into its Constitutional Rules—Art. lxviii,) "that it is improper in the subordinate lodges to publish the suspensions of their members in the public newspapers, or to publish expulsions until after the expiration of the

next Grand Annual Communication; and, in case of appeal, until the same shall have been decided upon by the Grand Lodge." This was adopted in 1823.

A Committee, consisting of Jesse Bledsoe, George M. Bibb, Thomas T. Barr, William T. Barry, and William G. Hunt, were appointed to draw up a set of Rules regulating the manner of proceedings in the Grand Lodge,—to report next Session.

A Charter was ordered to Clark Lodge, No. 51, at Louisville, Kentucky.

The Grand Lodge closed to meet in Emergent Meeting on the last Monday in November following: purpose not stated.

(*Imprint:* Lexington, Ky. Printed by Worsley & Smith, at the Reporter Office, 1818.) 8vo., pp. 96.

### Cotemporary Events of 1818.

*May* 4.—**Proc. of G. L. of Md.**—(4to., pp. 3.)—The Legislature had rejected the Bill to increase the Lottery Stock to $35,000. A Jewel was ordered to P. G. Master, Tobias Watkins.

*December* 28.—**Proc. of G. L. of Lower Canada.**—(Folio, pp. 3.)—Seventeen lodges are reported. *The Masons' Manual* was directed to be disseminated, and the rules laid down therein declared to be the sole and only laws for the government of the Craft. I am unable to discover or identify a copy of this work. W. H. Parys, London, England, was made the Agent of the G. L., near the G. L. of England. The style of this G. L. is "The G. L. of the Most Honorable Fraternity of United Ancient Freemasons of England, held in Lower Canada."

*December* 17.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Fifteen lodges were made a Constitutional quorum for business. Twelve new lodges were chartered. Perfect unanimity on ballot for Candidates was required. In installing officers proxies were permitted for absent Brethren.

*January* 12.—The Grand Lodge of Indiana was organized.

*July* 27.—The Grand Lodge of Mississippi was organized.

*October* 7.—**Proc. of G. L. of Vt.**—(18mo, pp. 16.)—Thirty-five lodges were represented. The representative system to the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, adopted last year, was repealed. Discourse by Rev. Robinson Smiley.

*June* 11.—**Proc. of G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 12.) The Kentucky Rule, subjecting sojourning Brethren to penalties for unmasonic conduct, was approved and adopted. The custom of publishing the names of rejected applicants was disapproved. Delegates were appointed to visit the Grand Lodges

of Vermont and Massachusetts, for the purpose of promoting harmony and good understanding, to establish a regular system of labor and discipline, and to strengthen the cords of friendship. Horace Chase was made G. Lecturer, now (1858) Grand Secretary, in the highest state of vigor and intelligence.

*November* 10.—**Proc. of G. L. of N. J.**—(8vo., pp. 10.)—Thirty lodges on the Rolls.

*January* 15.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ia.**—(8vo., pp. 16.)—This was the first meeting since the Convention at Corydon, Dec. 3, last. Five lodges were represented. Alexander Buckner was elected G. M.; Henry P. Thornton, G. Secretary. An Address from Nathaniel Jenkins. A G. L. Seal was ordered—two engraved Masonic pillars, Ionic, on a platform of three steps, with Corinthian capitals, surmounted by an Arch; from the center of the Arch the Square, Level and Plumb; a rising Sun in the background, and between the pedestals a Foul Anchor. The illustrations of Masonry, (*Freemasons' Monitor*,) by Thos. Smith Webb, was adopted.

*September* 17.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ia.**—(18mo., pp. 24.)—The lodges were forbidden to make public any suspensions or expulsions, unless by order of the G. L., and were required to take cognizance of improper conduct on the part of sojourners. John Sheets was elected first Grand Lecturer.

*December* 26.—**Proc. of G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 6.)—M. Lefebvre, G. M. Thirteen lodges on the Rolls.

*August* 25.—**Proc. of G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 20.)—This is the record of the organizing Convention. At the suggestion of *Harmony Lodge*, (*Kentucky Register*, No. 33,) *Andrew Jackson Lodge*, No. 15, and *Washington Lodge*, No. 17, a Convention was called at Natchez, July 27, last. E. Smith, as oldest Past Master, took the Chair. *Unanimously Resolved*, That it is expedient and highly necessary, at this time, to form and organize a G. L. for the State of Mississippi. Henry Tooley was elected first G. M.; Chilion F. Styles, G. Secretary. August 25th, the Constitution, etc., were adopted, and a well-prepared Circular to the other G. Lodges, in which it is well said, "that the principle of self-government, in every situation, is delightful to the human mind, where the least spark of liberty exists or hope continues to gild the future prospect."

*April* 21.—**Proc. of G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 59–62.)

*October* 20.—**Proc. of G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 1–12.)—The corner stone of an edifice, to be erected by the Mechanics' Relief Society, was laid at Alexandria, July 8. Oration by Rev. Mr. Harrison. The G. M. reported that he had officially visited the subordinate lodges and found their mode of working very dissimilar, scarcely any two lodges working alike.

*August* 27.—The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Upper Canada was organized.*

*January* 23.—Grand Chapter of Kentucky met at Frankfort.

A letter from Thomas Smith Webb, Deputy General Grand High Priest was read, "freely and fully approving and sanctioning" the formation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and declaring the same to be the Grand R. A. Chapter for the State of Kentucky, under the authority of, and in subordination to, the G. G. R. A. Constitution. This is dated at Worthington, Ohio, Dec. 12, 1817. In a postscript he presents his compliments to the newly-formed body, and expresses his best wishes for the prosperity of the Institution and happiness of its members. This is dated at Albany, (N. Y.,) December 30, 1817.

A letter from DeWitt Clinton was read as follows:

"By DeWitt Clinton, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America.

*Whereas*, Three Chapters of Royal Arch Masons were regularly constituted in the State of Kentucky, on the 16th day of October, 1816, and,

*Whereas*, The said Chapters have formed a G. R. A. Chapter for the said State: Now, therefore, in pursuance of the power in me vested, I do approve of the same, and do sanction the said establishment.

Given under my hand and seal at the city of Albany, the 30th day of December, 1817.

(Signed,) DEWITT CLINTON."

A Charter was issued to Danville Chapter, afterward No. 5.

The following code of Rules was adopted:

"By-Laws for the Government of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky.

*Article first—Officers and Members.*

*Sec.* 1.—This Grand Chapter shall consist of a Grand High Priest, a Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Marshal, and likewise of the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, for the times being of the several Chapters over which they shall respectively preside; and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of the said Grand Chapter, who shall be the only members and voters of the said Grand Chapter.

*Sec.* 2.—No Grand Chapter shall be opened or holden unless there shall be present a representation of at least three subordinate Chapters either in person or by proxy.

*Sec.* 3.—The officers of this Grand Chapter shall be chosen at the stated meetings by ballot.

*Sec.* 4.—The stated meetings of the Grand Chapter shall be as follows: The first meeting to be held on the third

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* *American Masonic Register*, May, 1821. (*Cal.*, No. 125.)

Tuesday in May next, at the Shelbyville Masonic Hall; afterward on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in January in every year, at Frankfort, until the several subordinate Chapters shall be notified that the Grand Masonic Hall at Lexington is in sufficient readiness to receive the Grand Chapter; after which the meeting shall be held at said Grand Hall on the first Monday in September in every year, and this section shall not be altered but by the concurrence of a majority of all the subordinate Chapters, voting for that purpose by Chapters.

*Sec.* 5.—All questions which may arise shall be determined by a majority of votes, except as is herein provided, and when they are equally divided, the Grand High Priest presiding shall give the casting vote.

*Article Second—Of Fees and Contributions.*

*Sec.* 1.—The fee for a warrant to constitute a new Chapter shall be ninety dollars, which shall be paid in advance.

*Sec.* 2.—The fee for a warrant to hold a lodge of Mark Master Masons shall be paid before the warrant is issued.

*Sec.* 3.—Each subordinate Chapter shall pay to the Grand Treasurer at each stated meeting the following sums, *i. e.*, three dollars for every exaltation in the Chapter, one dollar for every companion admitted into the Chapter since the preceding stated meeting, and one dollar for every member belonging to the Chapter commencing the said payments at the next stated meeting.

*Sec.* 4.—Every subordinate Chapter shall report to the Grand Chapter, at each stated meeting, the names of the officers and members thereof, noting the number and date of admissions, exaltations, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, demissions, and deaths since the last return, and such other matter as they may think proper.

*Sec.* 5.—All applications for exaltations or advancement of candidates in any Chapter or lodge, shall lie over at least one stated meeting for consideration.

*Sec.* 6.—Every independent Mark Master's Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall make a return to each stated meeting, addressed to the Grand Secretary, containing a list of the officers, admissions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, demissions and deaths, and such other matter as they may think proper, and shall not confer the degree of a Mark Master for a less sum than five dollars, and for every one they may advance to this degree they shall pay one dollar to the Grand Treasurer.

*Sec.* 7.—No monies shall be paid by the Grand Treasurers, except by order of the Grand High Priest, or officer presiding.

*Sec.* 8.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to re-

ceive all monies, and at the stated meetings, to exhibit his accounts of receipts and disbursements, to a Committee to be appointed for that purpose, which Committee shall report the state of the same to the Grand Chapter.

*Sec.* 9.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to cause to be printed the Returns from the several subordinate Chapters and Lodges, an abstract of the proceedings of each Communication of the Grand Chapter, and shall forward copies of the same to the Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters of the United States, to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, and of the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

*Sec.* 10.—The Grand Secretary shall be allowed the following sums for his services. For every Charter written on parchment, Five Dollars, for every Dispensation, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents, to be paid by the applicants. He shall receive for his other services, such sums as the Grand Chapter may deem reasonable.

*Sec.* 11.—A Steward and Tyler shall be appointed at each stated meeting, who shall receive such compensation as the Grand Chapter may deem reasonable.

*Sec.* 12.—Any Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, that shall fail to assemble and work, for the space of twelve months, or shall fail to be represented at the stated meetings of the Grand Chapter, either by their own immediate Representatives, or their proxies, for two stated meetings in succession, or shall fail, for the same length of time, to discharge all dues to the Grand Chapter, such Chapter shall forfeit its Charter, together with all its Jewels, Furniture, and Effects of every description, to the disposal of the Grand Chapter.

*Sec.* 13.—Whenever it shall so happen, that at a regular meeting of this Grand Chapter, there shall not be present the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, the oldest High Priest shall take the Chair, and preside as the High Priest at such meeting.

*Sec.* 14.—Alterations, amendments, or additions may be made to these By-Laws, at any stated meeting of the Grand Chapter, a majority of all the Chapters under this jurisdiction concurring therein, voting for this purpose by Chapters; and in case of equal division, the Grand Council, collectively, shall give the casting vote, except on a proposition to remove the place of meeting of this Grand Chapter.

A second Communication was held this year, viz.: May 19, at Shelbyville.

Louisville Chapter, U. D., had been established, and a Charter was granted, Richard Ferguson to be First *G. H. P.*, Richard C. Anderson, *King*, G. R. C. Floyd, *Scribe.*

A lodge of Mark Masters was Warranted at Newcastle. It was required that the Master of a Mark Master's Lodge should be a Past Master. Each subordinate Chapter was required to furnish the G. C. with ten copies of its By-Laws, and to notify the G. Secretary, from time to time, of such alteration as shall take place therein.

Chapters were forbidden to receive petitions from persons living within the jurisdiction of other Chapters, save by the permission of the latter. Ten tickets were purchased by the G. Chapter, in the Grand Masonic Hall Lottery. The following were elected Officers:

James Moore, G. H. P.,
John Willett, D. G. H. P.,
David G. Cowan, G. K.,
William G. Hunt, G. S.,
David Blackwell, G. Sec'y,
Wingfield Bullock, G. Tr.,
Caleb W. Cloud, G. Chap.,
Isaac Thom, G. Mar.,
Jesse Olds, G. St. and Tyler.

The numbering of Chapters was settled as follows:

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| Lexington, | No. 1, | at | Lexington. |
| Shelbyville, | " 2, | at | Shelbyville. |
| Frankfort, | " 3, | at | Frankfort. |
| Danville, | " 4, | at | Danville. |
| Louisville, | " 5, | at | Louisville. |

The following is a synopsis of the Returns of Subordinate Chapters:

| | MEMBERS. | EXALTED. |
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| No. 1, | 51 | 2 |
| " 2, | 36 | 32 |
| " 4, | 25 | 17 |
| " 5, | 11 | — |

## Masonic Literature of 1818.

*The Constitution and Regulations* of the Society of Ancient Freemasons in Virginia, containing, *First.* The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, published in *The New Ahiman Rezon*, in 1791. *Second.* Such regulations, of a general and permanent nature, as have been passed by the Grand Lodge, since the publication in *The New Ahiman Rezon*, up to 11th December, 1817. *Third.* A Methodical Digest of the Constitution and Regulations now in force, drawn from the foregoing sources. With Notes of Reference and a Copious Index. By James Henderson, Master of Manchester Lodge, No. xiv. Richmond: Printed by John Warrock, 1818. 8vo., pp. viii, 203. With an Appendix. Richmond: 1821; pp. 24. (*Cat.* No. 436.)

"*Masonic Constitutions:* or, Illustrations of Masonry. Compiled by

the direction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and adopted by them for the Regulation and Government of the Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction. With an Appendix, containing Remarks on the Degrees of Master Mark Masons, Super-Excellent Master and Royal Arch Masons. By James Moore and Carey L. Clarke, members of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

*Second Edition.* With Amendments. *Lexington, Ky.* Printed by Worsley & Smith, 1818." 8vo., pp. xviii, 214.*

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## THE TWENTY-SEVENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 30 *to Sept.* 4, 1819.

Twenty lodges were represented at the opening. Henry Clay was in his seat as Grand Orator. Brother Levi L. Todd was present as representative of Lodge No. 23. Thirty-nine years subsequent to this meeting he visited and addressed the Grand Lodge. The Most Reverend Grand Chaplain addressed the Grand Architect of the Universe in a solemn prayer. The Grand Master (Thomas Bodley) sent a written communication, regretting that he could not attend in person, and declining a reëlection.

Lexington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, notified the Grand Lodge that, on the 1st September following, they would pay a tribute of respect to the memory of Thomas Smith Webb, who had died July preceding, and invited the Grand Lodge to participate in the obsequies. Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted: *Whereas*, P. M. Thos. Smith Webb, author of the *Freemasons' Monitor*, and one of the most able and most zealous friends of Masonry, has recently and suddenly departed this life; *and, whereas*, the Lexington R. A. Chapter, No. 1, have resolved to pay a tribute of respect to his memory, and have invited the coöperation of other Grand Lodges; therefore, *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge sincerely sympathize with the Masonic Fraternity throughout our country in lamenting the loss which our Order hath sustained in the death of so valuable and useful a member, and will most cheerfully coöperate with the said Chapter in paying tribute to his memory.

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* This is the third Manual of Masonic Work, which at different periods was adopted by the G. L. of Kentucky, as an authoritative instructor to the lodges. The first was *The New Ahiman Rezon*. By John K. Read, Richmond, Va., 1791. The second was the *Book of Constitutions*, similar to this, and published in 1808. The book of Read's, and this of Moore & Clark's, are much the same. Subsequently to this, Tannehill's *Manual* was authorized, and still later, Moore's *Craftsman*, and Gray's *Mystic Circle*, respectively.

It is proper to say, in relation to this Edition of 1818, that, although the title page promises something on the Degrees of "Master Mark Mason," and "Super-Excellent Master," yet there is nothing upon those topics in the volume itself; nor were those Degrees ever worked in Kentucky as legitimate Degrees, unless by those titles are meant the *Mark Master* and *Most Excellent*, of which I am not certain.

A Dispensation was ordered to *Bloomfield Lodge*, at Bloomfield, Ky.,—Edmund Guthrie to be first Master.

The following *Rules of the Order* were adopted for the government of the Grand Lodges. It will be observed with what forcible language the power of the Grand Master is affirmed in the third Rule.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. This Grand Lodge shall meet at the hour, on each day, on which it shall have been previously called or adjourned to; and after it shall have been opened, the Register of its Proceedings on the preceding day shall be read.

2. After the Register of Proceedings is read, Petitions shall be called for by the M. W. Grand Master; next, Reports of Standing Committees; and, lastly, the Reports of Select Committees.

3. The M. W. Grand Master may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, unless he shall deem it proper to submit the same to the decision of the Grand Lodge.

4. The M. W. Grand Master shall appoint all Committees.

5. The Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, and Representatives of subordinate lodges, shall each have seats assigned to them by the M. W. Grand Master, according to rank and seniority.

6. When the Grand Lodge adjourns, all the officers and members shall seat themselves in their respective places, until the M. W. Grand Master shall go forth, and then they may follow.

7. When a Brother rises to speak, he shall, respectfully, address himself to the Most Worshipful; and if he transgresses the Rules of the Grand Lodge in speaking, or otherwise, the M. W. Grand Master shall call him to order, when he shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain.

8. No Brother shall speak more than twice to any question without leave, nor more than once, until every other Brother choosing to speak has spoken: and when two or more rise at the same time to speak, the M. W. Grand Master shall name the Brother who shall first speak.

9. While the M. W. Grand Master is addressing the Grand Lodge, or putting a question, or a Brother is speaking, no Brother shall entertain any private discourse, nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

10. No Brother shall vote on any question where he is particularly and personally interested, nor when he is not present when the question is first put; nor shall there be any debate after the question is put by the M. W. Grand Master.

11. Every Brother having a right to vote, who is present

when a question is put, shall vote, unless, for special reasons, he shall be excused.

12. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Grand Master; or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair and read aloud by the Secretary.

13. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Grand Master or any other Brother desire it.

14. After a motion is stated by the Grand Master, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Grand Lodge, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to amend it, to commit it, to postpone it for the previous question, or to adjourn.

16. The previous question being moved and seconded, the question shall be: Shall the main question now be put? and if the nays prevail, the main question shall not be put.

17. On the previous question, no member shall speak more than once without leave.

18. A motion for adjournment to a time not longer than one day, shall always be in order, and be decided without debate; but all other motions for adjournment may be debated as in other cases.

19. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it.

20. Motions and Reports may be committed at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

21. A motion for amendment, until decided, shall preclude all other amendments of the main question.

22. No new motion, which totally changes the subject matter on which the original motion was intended to operate, shall be admitted under color of amendment as a substitute of the motion under debate.

23. No member, except one of the majority which decided a question, shall be permitted to move for a reconsideration of such question.

The following query, propounded by Lodge, No. 38, being referred to the Grand Lodge for an opinion, was decided in the affirmative: "After a Brother has been properly vouched for, and initiated according to ancient form into the first degree of Masonry, ought the votes upon his advancement to be unanimous?" Three cases that are on the record this Session involving the power of the Grand Lodge to reinstate a Brother *into membership*, are of considerable interest. The first from Hiram Lodge, No. 4, came upon appeal from a Brother who had been expelled by that lodge. The Grand Lodge "had reviewed it, and restored to him all the rights and privileges

of Freemasonry." Hiram Lodge did not recognize the authority of this Grand Lodge to restore a member once expelled from its membership, however unjustly forfeited or suspended." So runs the record. The Commitee consisting of Bros. Chas. A. Wickliffe, Daniel Breck, and W. Tompkins, reported, and the Grand Lodge decided that Hiram Lodge had erred, and the restored Brother was entitled to membership in that lodge. The second case came up by appeal from a member of Clark Lodge, No. 51, which lodge had suspended a member of Abraham's Lodge, No. 8, for refusal to obey its summons. The Grand Lodge ordered the suspended Brother to apologize to No. 51 for an insulting letter he had written them, and directed said lodge, upon the receipt of such apology to rescind their order of suspension. The third case came up from St. Paul's Lodge, No. 32, and was similar to the one first cited. In this case the Committee, Jesse Bledsoe, Irvine, and Trotter, reported, and the Grand Lodge decided "that the decision of the Grand Lodge is definitive and compulsory upon the subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction; that St. Paul's Lodge, No. 32, be required and enjoined to admit Brother ——— as a member of the said lodge, and to enjoy all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and upon their refusal to do so, that the M. W. Grand Master suspend said lodge from working until the next G. A. Communication." Likewise ordered that the lodge appear at the next Session and show cause why their Charter should not be taken from them.

On the 1st September, (Wednesday,) the third day of the Session, a funeral procession was formed in the following order, viz.:

ORDER OF PROCESSION:

Two Tylers with drawn swords.
Nine Stewards with rods.
Entered Apprentices.
Fellow Crafts.
MASTER MASONS.
Six Deacons with rods.
Secretaries and Treasurers.

A Deputy Marshal, *Brother Thomas Anderson.*
A Mason's Son, *with the Banner of Wisdom.*
Three Masons' Sons, *with baskets of flowers.*
A Mason's Son, *bearing the Banner of Strength.*
Three Masons' Sons, *with baskets of flowers.*
A Mason's Son, *bearing the Banner of Beauty.*

GRAND TYLER, WITH A DRAWN SWORD.*

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* This novel style of funeral procession is copied from Richard Preston's edition, 1804, (*Ont.* 123,) of which the Grand Lodge of Kentucky had subscribed for twenty copies, at the period of its publication. The original was the funeral obsequies of George Washington by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. As the whole order of procession was unique and imposing, we give it entire.

"Funeral obsequies of the Illustrious Brother Washington, as solemnized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, February 11, 1800. Agreeably to previous notice, the Grand

Band of Music.
Two Stewards, with rods.
Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Deacons, with rods.

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Lodge of Massachusetts this day performed Masonic funeral services, in honor of the illustrious deceased, Brother George Washington.

The tolling of the bells, at eight o'clock, commenced the ceremonies. At eleven, a grand procession, composed of upwards of sixteen hundred Brethren, was formed at the old State House, and moved from thence in the following order:

Two Grand Pursuivants,

Clad in sable robes and weeds, mounted on elegant white horses, properly caparisoned, bearing an elliptical mourning arch (fourteen feet in the clear), with the sacred text, in silver characters—"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they do rest from their labors." The Pursuivants were supported by two Continental veterans, in uniform, with the badges of merit.

A Deputy Marshal.
Nine Stewards of Lodges, with wands suitably shrouded.
Two Tylers.
Entered Apprentices of all lodges.
Fellow Crafts.
Master Masons.
A Deputy Marshal.
Stewards of Lodges, with mourning staves.
Deacons of Lodges, with mourning wands.
Secretaries and Treasurers.
Junior and Past Junior Wardens.
Senior and Past Senior Wardens.
Past Masters.
The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, as Past Masters.
Masters of Lodges.
An elderly Mason bearing an elegant figure of Minerva on a banner, emblem of *Wisdom*.
Three sons of Masons, about eleven years of age, bearing sprigs of Cassia; the center supporting the Banner of Strength.
A Mason's son, bearing a banner emblematical of *Beauty*.
Nine daughters of Masons, each bearing a basket of flowers.
(The sons and daughters were clad in funeral uniforms.)
A Deputy Marshal.
A full Band of Music.
The Masters of the three eldest Lodges, bearing three candlesticks with candles, the right one extinguished.
The Reverend Clergy of the Fraternity.
A Master Mason, bearing a black cushion with the Holy Writings and a Grand Master's Jewel.
Eight relieving Tylers.

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| Pall Supporters. | The | Pall Supporters. |
| Rt. W. Bro. Scollay. | | Rt. W. Bro. Morton. |
| Rt. W. Bro. Bartlett. | Urn. | Rt. W. Bro. Revere. |
| Rt. W. Bro. Cutler. | | Rt. W. Bro. Warren. |

The Funeral Insignia.

Pedestal, covered with a Pall, the escutcheons of which were characteristic drawings, on satin, of Faith, Hope, Charity, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The Pedestal beside the Urn, which was upward of three feet in length, and which contained a relic of the illustrious deceased, bore also a representation of the Genius of Masonry, weeping over the Urn; and other suitable emblems. The whole of white marble composition. On the Urn was this inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Brother George Washington, raised to the all-perfect Lodge, Dec. 14, 5799, ripe in years and full of glory."

A Charger,
properly and superbly caparisoned, led by two Brethren.
Grand Marshal.
The Most Worshipful Brother Dunn, as Chief Mourner, attended by the
Grand Deacons, and
Grand Sword Bearer.
The Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Wardens.
Grand Chaplain and Orator.
Past Grand Officers.
Grand Treasurer and Secretary.
Three Grand Stewards bearing an arch with the inscription:
"And their works they do follow them."

The Grand Master, Pall Bearers, and Grand Officers were dressed in full mourning, with white scarfs and weeds.

Each Brother bore a sprig of Cassia, and every one, wore appropriate badges of mourning.

Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
Grand Orator and Grand Marshal.
Grand Wardens.
Deputy Marshal, *Brother James E. Pierson.*
Past Grand Officers.
Holy Bible, borne by an elderly Past Master.
GRAND MASTER.
A Car, bearing two crossed Swords, a High Priest's Ensign, Dress, and Jewels, the Grand Royal Arch Constitution and Freemasons' Monitor, borne by nine Royal Arch Masons with white scarfs and weeds.
Tyler of the Chapter, with a sword.
The Grand Masters of the Vails, with swords.
Three Royal Arch Masons, with extinguished candles.
Royal Arch Masons, by threes.
Secretary and Treasurer
CAPTAIN OF THE HOST.
Principal Sojourner and Royal Arch Captain.
Past High Priest.
Mourning Arch with Holy Bible borne under it.
Orator and Grand Chaplain,
HIGH PRIEST, KING AND SCRIBE.

Some of the regulations under which this novel and imposing *scena* was presented are given as follows: The Grand Lodge and subordinates met at 9, A. M., at the Grand Hall. There the first two divisions of the procession formed and marched to the Chapter Room, when the companies closed up in the rear. Individuals entitled to appear in two characters made their own election as to their positions respectively.

The procession being complete as above, moved in solemn order, under direction of Brother Daniel Bradford, Marshal of the day, to the Episcopal Church. There appropriate hymns were sung, and other divine service performed, by the Grand Chaplain, (Bro. Caleb W. Cloud,) and an Eulogy on the merits and character of *Thomas Smith Webb*, pronounced by Bro. *William Gibbs Hunt.* The procession returned to the place whence it came, and was dismissed. The Oration by order of the Grand Lodge, was published at the joint expense of the Grand Lodge and Lexington Chapter. It was ordered that the members of the Grand Lodge wear crape upon the left arm, and the livery of the Grand Lodge for thirty days.

Charters were ordered to Webb Lodge, No. 55, Bath Co., Kentucky; Burlington Lodge, No. 56, at Burlington, Kentucky, but refused to Benevolent Lodge, U. D., at Blue Spring, Kentucky.

The Masters of various lodges were installed by the Grand Lodge, "all but Past Masters having retired."

The recent organization of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi (July 27, 1818,) was hailed with approbation, and a reciprocation of fraternal correspondence acceded to.

Abraham Lodge, No. 8, for admitting a visitor while in a

state of suspension, after being masonically informed thereof, had been cited, last year, to come forward and show cause why their Charter should not be arrested. They obeyed the citation, frankly acknowledged their error, and by unanimous vote were pardoned by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge finances, this year, showed a fund of $1530.93½ in the treasury.

The Committee on Returns reprehend various lodges for conferring two degrees on the same person the same day, "which they deem improper, unless in case of extreme urgency." The Charter of Potosi Lodge, No. 39, was returned to the Grand Lodge and accepted.

The Managers of the Grand Masonic Hall Lottery were notified that it was the wish of the Grand Lodge to close up the lottery business soon as possible.

Past Grand Master Wm. H. Richardson and Bro. Benj. W. Dudley were reinstated to Masonry from their suspension last year, by the Grand Lodge. This was done in view of all the circumstances of the case, "and particularly," as the record states, "on account of the reconciliation which has happily taken place between said Brothers."

Bro. Nath. S. Porter was made Assistant Grand Secretary.

A notice of the union of the two Grand Lodges of England, six years previously, appears, for the first time, in the following record:

"*Whereas*, It is communicated to this Grand Lodge by the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York, that a union was formed, on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1813, between the Ancient and Modern Masons of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, but from the want of oral communication of the terms and conditions, and the form and manner by which the individuals of either are admitted to a participation of that Union, this Grand Lodge does not possess the means of giving to the lodges within its jurisdiction the information and instruction necessary for their guidance, and for the admission of visitors and the relief of members in distress.

"*Resolved*, That the W. Grand Officers be requested forthwith to take such measures as may seem to be best adapted, to obtain from the said United Grand Lodge direct, or from one of its Provincial branches, such information on the subject aforesaid as may be necessary to be known and promulgated as aforesaid."

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in Emergent Session the 29th November ensuing.

Bro. Henry Clay was in his seat, as Grand Orator, each day of this Session.

The following highly important conclusions of a Committee were made the Masonic Laws of the State:

"*Resolved*, That lodges under this jurisdiction be permitted to receive petitions from persons who do not reside in the county in which the lodge is situated; *Provided*, The candidate resides nearer said lodge than he does to the lodge in his county; and *provided* further, that if he does not reside nearer the said first-mentioned lodge, he obtain the unanimous recommendation of the lodge within his county.

"*Resolved*, That it does not appear to this Grand Lodge that the bare removal of a member into another jurisdiction is a sufficient cause to forfeit his seat in the lodge of which he was a member, nor does it authorize them to strike his name from their roll.

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no Past Master is entitled to a seat in this body, under the Constitution of the same, unless he has actually served the office of Master in some regular lodge under this jurisdiction, and remains a member of some lodge under the same."

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## EMERGENT MEETING,

*At Lexington, November* 29 *to December* 2, 1819.

Twelve lodges were represented at the opening.

A Charter was ordered to Bloomfield Lodge, No. 57, at Bloomfield, Kentucky.

The Charter of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 32, for refusing to obey the order and requisition of the Grand Lodge, made in September preceding, and acting in a manner highly insubordinate and refractory, was arrested, but upon the day following, by special, written request of the Brother who had made the complaint and suffered the injury, it was restored to them. The letter itself is worthy of preservation.

### WILLIAM CHAMBERS,

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Wardens, of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:*

William Chambers, a Master Mason, of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 32, at Middletown, and State of Kentucky, begs leave to represent, that it was not to persecute to destruction, a Brother, or his Brethren, that he has occupied the time and attention of this lodge. That he has, most reluctantly, been dragged from his retirement in defense of his reputation; that when he laid his statement before the very able and intelligent Committee of Grievances, appointed by this lodge, in August last, he most earnestly solicited them not to go further in this case, than to reprimand the offending members of St. Paul's Lodge, aforesaid, for persevering in a course of conduct which he thought struck at the root of all order and subordination, and was calculated to destroy that uniformity and har-

mony, so necessary to the existence of the Society, that your Committee, (entire strangers to him,) felt themselves in justice bound to go further, and demand of them to show cause, why their Charter should not be arrested and taken away from them. He is now advised, that on a full and deliberate investigation of the subject, and in his absence you have arrested and taken away from them the Charter under which they acted.

He trusts you will here permit him to acknowledge, with feelings more easily imagined than expressed, the high sense he entertained of the ample justice done him by this very numerous and respectable body.

He has but one more request to make; it is most respectfully and earnestly to solicit this M. W. G. Lodge will restore to them their Charter, with the wish, that, for the future, they will so conduct themselves, as to do credit to themselves, and the Craft in general.

Should their Charter be restored to them, he has no wish to associate with them, and hereby expresses his determination to demit from them.

WILLIAM CHAMBERS.

A new Dispensation was granted to Benevolent Lodge, Blue Spring, Kentucky, and to Arkansas Lodge, U. D., at Arkansas, in Arkansas Territory. Brother Robert Johnson was installed as first Master of the latter.

Upon the petition of various Masons of Maysville, Ky., the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars was donated to the relief and support of the family of a deceased Brother at that place. The sum of Five Hundred Dollars was loaned to Grand Chaplain, Caleb W. Cloud.

Brother Charles Bradford was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

The following Report upon the Grand Lodge Lottery, is of sufficient interest to copy entire.

"*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky:*

The Managers of the Grand Masonic Hall Lottery, respectfully report: That since the last meeting of your honorable body, they have been endeavoring, as rapidly as possible, to bring the said Lottery to a close. Messengers have been dispatched in every direction, to bring home the scattered tickets, collect the funds, and settle the accounts of distant venders. Toward the accomplishment of this object, much has been done, but it is not yet finally completed. From some of the most distant venders in Ohio, Missouri, Indiana, and Mississippi, they have not received returns, which, however, are daily expected, and from others in this State, they have the promise of a settlement during the approaching Session of the Legislature. Of the amount of tickets mentioned in their last Report as remaining unaccounted for in the hands of venders, they have been enabled to collect, in cash, tickets and notes, to the amount of $8,057.75, and of the remainder, a great part is in prize tickets, which the proceeds of sales, in their respective places, will be about sufficient to pay, and which the venders are desirous

of settling in that manner. The arrangements which have been made, will speedily bring in other sums due from venders, and it is the intention of the Managers, in the course of the ensuing Winter, to bring the drawing to a close, which the peculiar circumstances of the times have so long delayed. There are now only five hundred remaining undrawn, and of these, there are one hundred and sixty-five remaining on hand unsold.

GABRIEL TANDY,
W. H. RICHARDSON,
JOHN TILFORD,
} Managers.

A subsequent Report was presented and placed on record, which gives minute specifications. The Lottery is debited $202,799.00, viz.: 20,000 tickets at $10 each; and advance of premiums on 776 tickets sold, equal to $2,799. The credits are for 1,200 tickets reserved to pay prizes, tickets unsold, cash deposited to pay prizes, expense account, and tickets, etc., yet in the hands of venders. They had employed an agent, giving him $5,000, he to transact the whole business of selling, drawing, paying prizes, and defraying all expenses.

The whole amount of prizes drawn, was $178,250, of which the Lottery, itself, had drawn $103,740; the amount still in the wheel, $21,750. 15 per cent. on $96,260, equal to $14,439, was, of course, to the credit of the Scheme. The Balances in favor of the Lottery, making no allowance for bad debts or advance on tickets unsold, was $11,778.05.

After hearing this Report, the Grand Lodge, on application of the Managers, appointed the Senior Grand Warden, (John McKinney, Jr.,) Stephen D. Lewis, Thomas W. Hawkins, Robert R. Barr, and Barnett Metcalfe, a Committee to examine and state the accounts of the Lottery, and report the same to the Grand Master.

The Grand Chaplain (Cloud) was requested to deliver a Masonic Sermon at the opening of the next Session.

The Reports of subordinate lodges indicated great prosperity. No. 1, reports 33 members; No. 4, 44; No. 5, 54; No. 8, 42; No. 11, 19; No. 14, 42; No. 16, 33; No. 17, 69; No. 18, 31; No. 19, 41; No. 20, 73; No. 22, 36; No. 23, 30; No. 24, 68; No. 25, 59; No. 26, 27; No. 27, 60; No. 28, 57; No. 30, 25; No. 31, 38; No. 32, 23; No. 35, 38; No. 37, 39; No. 38, 44; No. 40, 37; No. 41, 41; No. 42, 29; No. 47, 30; No. 45, 36; No. 50, 34; No. 51, 40; No. 52, 20; No. 53, 38; No. 54, 31; —aggregate, 1451 members. Forty-five lodges were on the Rolls, one of which was at Shawneetown, Illinois, and one at Arkansas, Ark. Ter.

## Cotemporary Events of 1818.

*March* 27.—**Proc. of G. L. of R. I.**—(4to., pp. 4.)—Protest had been entered against the election of G. Officers in 1817, and a new one ordered to be held at Newport, July 15, 1818. A detailed account of the organization of this G. L. in 1791, is given, in connection with a recent attempt by Benj. W. Case, and seven others, to establish another Grand Lodge. The schismatics had been expelled.

*December* 28.—**Proc. of G. L. of Lower Canada.**—(Folio, pp. 5.)—The Grand Lodge of New York, by letter of July 16, 1819, had requested that the "Union" might be conveyed to them, and the method of receiving *Modern* Masons into *Ancient* Lodges be taught them; the D. G. Master (Snelling) proposed to communicate the whole, free of expense, to the N. Y. Brethren who would visit him at his Lodge, No. 77. Nineteen lodges are reported.

*November* 1.—**Proc. of G. L. of Md.**—(Folio, pp. 3.)—Nothing of general interest; the affairs of the Masonic Hall Building occupying the attention of the G. L.

*December* 30.—**Proc. of G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Ordered, that no Mason be permitted to visit this or any subordinate lodge while he is under suspension in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Fifty-seven lodges reported.

*March* 9.—Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., was burned.

*September* 16.—The 2nd Convocation of the General Grand Encampment; and the 4th of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, held at New York.

*October* 13.—**Proc. of G. L. of Vt.**—(18mo., pp. 17–41.)—Jonathan Nye delivered an Address upon the Masonic Life and Services of *Thomas Smith Webb*. The G. L. paid a handsome tribute to the Masonic virtues, and unremitted and successful exertions of the deceased. The G. L. adopted a resolution to the effect that they considered the translating, printing and distributing of the Holy Scriptures to be an object of great importance. The Grand Stewards were forbidden in future to furnish ardent spirits or wine at the expense of the G. L. Declined to recommend the *Masonic Chart* of Jeremy L. Cross. Neither his book or his work has ever had favor in Vermont.

*June* 24.—**Proc. of G. L. of N. Y.**—(8vo., pp. 71.)—A notice from the daily papers was presented to the attention of the G. L., in which "the Members of the African Lodge" were requested to assemble, etc. A Committee reported upon the matter that they could obtain no reliable information concerning the authority upon which that so-called lodge operated. The G. M. of Ohio (Chester Griswold) was received as a guest with accustomed honor.

The Grand Lodge declined to coöperate with the Bible Society, on the ground of setting a dangerous precedent in diverting its funds from constitutional objects.

*January* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 17.)—Bayse Newcomb, G. M. Ordered that Visitors to the subordinate lodges be admitted only upon regular motion made, seconded and adopted.

*June* 25.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—Benjamin W. Case had threatened the clergy with prosecution, in case they united with the Grand Lodge in the celebration of June 24; whereupon the Grand Lodge voted to indemnify and save, harmless, the clergy thus prosecuted either by Case or his adherents. Address by Barnabas Bates. The corner-stone of an Asylum on Coasters' Harbor Island was laid by the Grand Lodge, June 25, and a Discourse delivered by Barnabas Bates. 15 lodges on the Rolls; 12 were represented.

*September* 16.—**Proc. G. L. of Ind.**—(18mo., pp. 48.)—Complaints are made that Masons are Initiated, Passed, and Raised in the short space of a week; that lodges of Entered Apprentices are opened by four Masons, etc. Thomas Douglas was elected Assistant Grand Lecturer. The decease of Thomas Smith Webb was noticed. 14 lodges were on the Rolls.

*February* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 1–9.)—The Legislature had incorporated a Grand Lodge Lottery, for the purpose of erecting a Grand Masonic Hall. The system was not abandoned until 1850.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 12–24.) 7 lodges represented. Daniel Kurtz, Grand Master.

*January* 5.—Grand Chapter of Kentucky met at Frankfort.

"*Resolved*, That whenever a Mason is suspended or expelled by any lodge of Master Masons, he is, to all intents and purposes, expelled or suspended from all the privileges of Masonry, and can not remain or be acknowledged as a member of any Chapter, until he shall have been, masonically, reinstated."

A Dispensation for Maysville Mark Lodge was granted.

Comp. Henry Wingate first appeared in Grand Chapter, and was made G. C. of the Host. He was exalted, Dec. 15, 1818.

The following officers were appointed:

John Willett, G. H. P.
James Burnie, D. G. H. P.
David G. Cowan, G. K.
Wm. G. Hunt, G. S.
William Bell, G. Secretary.
W. Bullock, G. Treasurer.
C. W. Cloud, G. Chaplain.
P. W. Brown, G. Marshal.

## Masonic Literature of 1819.

"*The New Freemason's Monitor* or Masonic Guide: for the direction of Members of that Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, as well as for the information of those who may be desirous of becoming acquainted with its principles. By James Hardie, A. M. *Second Edition*, Revised, Enlarged, and Corrected by the Author. *New York.* Printed and Published by George Long, No. 71 Pearl street, 1819." 12mo., pp. xii: 347.*

An edition of *Harris' Discourses* was published. *Philadelphia*, 1819. By George Haworth, and M'Carty & Davis. 12mo., pp. 376.

*Addresses.*—Joseph S. Hughes, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 27; George Howard, to Columbian Encampment of New York, August 26.

Funeral Oration in honor of Thomas Smith Webb, Sept. 30, before Center Star Lodge, No. 11, at Granville, Ohio, by Rev. Joseph Hughes, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

*July.*—Thomas Smith Webb died at Cleveland, Ohio. The following particulars relative to the death of this distinguished Ritualist, Musician, and gentleman, are derived from Brother, the Hon. Henry S. Baird, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, G. M. of Wisconsin, in 1857, who communicated them to us in person in June, 1858. "In the month of May, 1819, I entered upon the study of the Law, in the office of Hon. Reuben Wood, at Cleveland, Ohio. In July of that year a gentleman visited the place and stopped at the Old Brick Tavern, then kept by N. H. Erwin, on Superior street. On the morning of his arrival he ordered a conveyance, intending, as I afterward learned, to visit his daughter in some distant part of the State.† The conveyance was brought to the door and remained for some time. A servant was then dispatched to his room, and on entering found him extended on the bed senseless; medical aid was promptly secured, and every effort made to revive him and restore consciousness, but in vain. He died of Apoplexy, about 9, P. M., without ever manifesting any knowledge of what was passing around him. Every attention was paid him by the landlord and citizens while living, and he was buried, I think, with Masonic honors, at Cleveland."

His body a few months afterward was conveyed, at the joint expense of the Grand Lodge and private lodges of Rhode Island, to Providence in that State, where he had a family tomb, and laid therein. In June 1857, we found the spot by the

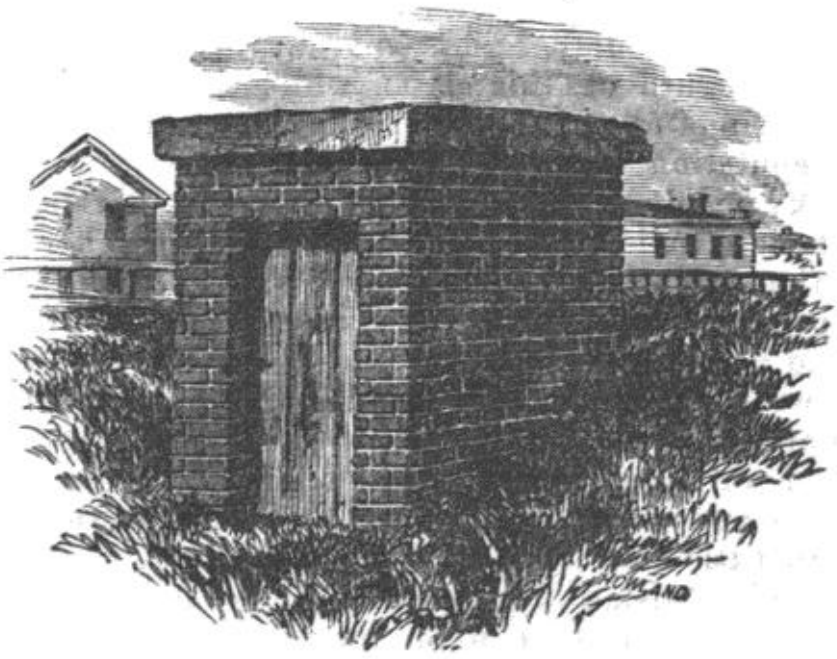
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* *Cat.*, No. 79. a work of very great merit. *The First Edition* is in possession of E. T. Carson. *New York*, 1818. 12mo., pp. xv: 360.

† From Brother, the Hon. W. B. Thrall, of Columbus, Ohio, I learn that this lady lived near that town, and that for many years he was well acquainted with her. A son of T. S. Webb yet lives in Boston, Mass.

aid of Mr. James Salisbury, who saw him interred in 1819, and grieving at the dilapidated condition of the vault, suggested a more appropriate monument. The idea has been adopted and recently a Committee, composed of the most influential Masons in Rhode Island, has been constituted to devise means for the erection of a column worthy of so good and great a man.

The following cut of Webb's Tomb, as it appeared in 1857, is from the frontispiece of my edition of Webb's Monitor, published by John Sherer.



Mr. Webb was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, from 1804 to 1814 inclusive. In the G. G. Chapter he was D. G. G. High Priest at the period of his death. In his own Grand Lodge he had been Grand Master; in brief, the Fraternity in all departments of the Temple had vied to do him honor.

The first R. A. Chapter in Kentucky was named after him.

The following among other Masonic bodies were named in his honor, viz.: Lodges, No. 252, at Stockport, Ohio; No. 166, at Augusta, Georgia; etc.

Among the few personal details of Mr. Webb, that have been communicated to us, are these, that he was born in Boston and initiated into Masonry at Keene, N. H. A good portrait from life hangs in the Grand Lodge room at Providence, R. I., where his regalia as a Knight Templar may also be seen.

Addresses in his honor were delivered in Ohio, Kentucky, and elsewhere, and in the G. G. R. A. Chapter of the United States. None of them, however, are in the least biographical.

We are thus brought to the close of the Second Decennial

of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. The memberships being 1450, and the census of 1820 exhibiting the population of Kentucky as 434,000, the ratio of Masons was as one to 300, nearly—a great increase since 1809. The Register of Lodges had advanced from 14 to 63—the actual number of working lodges having gone up from 10 to 45. The formation of the Grand Lodges of Ind. and Miss. is likewise to be considered in this relation. Masonry, in Kentucky, was never in a more healthful state than at the close of its 20th year. The list of its Grand Masters since 1809—John Allen, Joseph H. Daviess, Anthony Butler, James Moore, Daniel Bradford, Wm. H. Richardson, Thomas Bodley, and Sam'l H. Woodson—would alone establish the truth of this claim, while the traditions of masonic gatherings of that period, its influence in society, and its exalted reputation, render it absolute truth.

Kentucky had done a worthy part in honoring her distinguished dead—Daviess, Allen, Simpson—and had united her tears with those of the nation who mourned the loss of Thomas Smith Webb.

The preliminary steps for the erection of a Grand Lodge edifice had been taken, financial obstacles mostly overcome; and three years later (1822) the Grand Lodge authorized its erection. Various attempts to establish uniformity of work had led to the general adoption of Webb's Ritual ("The Prestonian Lectures,") and views, which have remained as the Kentucky work, with little alteration, to the present day.

In Masonic legislation the Grand Lodge had gone gradually on, laying stone to stone upon its columns of Masonic jurisprudence, each in general selected, shaped, and laid with profoundest sikll and accuracy, under the inspection of Masons whose legal fame was national, until a system of Constitutional regulations had been adopted, which only need to be codified to be admitted as the best in use in any jurisdiction. It is a beautiful illustration of the unerring truth and logic of Masonic philosophy, that here in the western wilds, with but few of those aids so abundant in older countries, the Masonic legislators at that early day shaped a form of Constitution universally admitted to be sound and true.

The establishment of the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Indiana, constituted an era in the Masonic history of the West, and foreshadowed those of Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, and Alabama soon to follow. The nationalizing of the Order of Knights Templars, etc., under the General Grand Encampment, with such men as DeWitt Clinton, Th. S. Webb, etc., as its guides, had given an impetus to the Chivalric System never before felt on this continent, and despite the objections and cavils of a few, had received the approbation of the Fraternity, upon the principle that "whatever

is worth doing at all is worth doing well." The General Grand Chapter had been, after much effort and some discouragement, acknowledged as the national head, governing the four degrees upon its register.

Yet the historian can perceive, in the record of 1819 and preceding years, premonitory symptoms of that fury of anti-masonry, which burst forth but eight years later. The too rapid increase of the Order, especially in Western New York and Pennsylvania, was ominous of a reaction, whose evils would far outweigh any temporary advantages that could result from the introduction of any number of hastily-fashioned blocks into the Temple. The increase of clandestine and lying books, which, while they professed to expose the secrets of Masonry, exposed but one secret clearly, *that their authors, even by their own confessions, were shameless liars*, was a sign of evil import. Threats were plainly heard, from men whose only principle of honor was to fulfill a threat honorably, that the old Institution, ere long, should have a trial never before experienced. Men whose defects of morals, of mind, or of body, forbade their admission into Masonry, by the infallible remedy of the black-ball,* became, from that moment, its sworn foes, and only waited their time.

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*Section Third.—From* 1820 *to* 1829.

## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, Aug.* 28 *to Sept.* 2, 1820.

Twenty lodges were represented at the opening.

These Sessions, which continued through six entire days, were marked by circumstances peculiarly interesting. Philip and Jacob Swigert and Henry Wingate appeared for the first time as representatives; the illustrious Clay was elected Grand Master, while a long catalogue of the most distinguished citizens of Kentucky graced the Grand Lodge Hall, both as members and visitors. In a certain sense, it was the *acme* of the dignity and strength of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which thenceforth began to decline, only to be renewed again in increased honor and respectability, some thirty years later.

From an Address delivered October, 1858, by the then retiring Grand Master Philip Swigert, the following appropriate passages are selected as affording the real *status* of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1820.

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* Two of the bitterest enemies of Masonry—Thaddeus Stevens, and Sadd, of New York—were black-balled upon their application to the Masonic lodge. Hence their wrath. Other cases of this sort may be cited in abundance.

There is much to arouse the feelings of the Masonic veteran, who looks around the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1858, and recall the images of the past. When I remember the scenes of 1820, and draw my conclusions, however ill-timed and even superfluous they may seem to others, they are to me pleasant, as making up the most interesting pages of my life.

It was thirty-eight years, in August last, that I first witnessed the assemblage of this Grand Body. It was on this very site. The ceremonies of opening the Grand Lodge were performed then as now: the invocation to Deity; the division of labor among the various Committees; the very topics discussed, and the dignified and serious manner of discussing them, were then even as now. None of the essentials of Masonry have undergone any change in thirty-eight years, but the generation of Masons, whose wisdom I so highly revered, and whose guidance I implicitly followed with obedience and respect, have all gone down to the silent chambers of the grave, and I—then one of the youngest of the Craft in the Grand Lodge—I alone am left here to address you. Thus "the last has become first." Is it strange, then, that unwonted emotions swell my breast as I attempt to exhibit, in poor language, but with earnestness and sincerity, the Masonic contrast between 1820 and 1858?

Henry Clay was elected that year Grand Master. This remarkable man was, at that period, I think, in the vigor and prime of his powers—those powers which have stamped indelible traces upon the statesmanship of this century, and given to history another name that can never die. In 1822 he was instrumental in calling together a Convention of Masons at Washington City, to devise a National Union of the Fraternity. After that he became so profoundly immersed in political matters, and was so much absent from Kentucky, that until 1827 or 1828 he did not afterward attend the Grand Lodge.

David Graham Cowan, of Danville, was Deputy Grand Master. This man, for many years, was almost exclusively devoted to Masonic pursuits. In imitation of Thomas Smith Webb, whose pupil he had been, he devoted himself for a considerable period to the study of Masonic history and jurisprudence, and made singular attainments therein. He died as he lived, a profound admirer of the Masonic system, and has left a fragrant memory for an inheritance.

John McKinney, Jr., was the Senior, and Asa K. Lewis, the Junior Grand Warden. The former was my own instructor in Masonic science, (having initiated, passed, and raised me.) To him I am indebted for the implanting of those seeds which, however imperfectly I have cultivated them, have given me a taste and a love for Masonry, which two score years of Masonic experience has not abated. I was a member of his family, and

under his professional guidance for seven years, and had, I believe, his implicit confidence. He was a Mason in whom there was no guile. Lewis was his equal in love and zeal for the Institution. A true hearted Kentucky gentleman, an agriculturist, popular with all his acquaintances, hospitable as the day. They both presided as Grand Master; their labors in Grand Lodge were thoroughly appreciated; and their deaths, though at ripe old ages, were sincerely regretted.

The Hon. John Rowan, of Louisville, was elected Grand Orator. Judge Rowan was one of the luminaries of his day. Possessing great talents and profound learning, he had the confidence as well of the Craft as the community, and his name lives in history.

Daniel Bradford, one of the early members of the Grand Lodge, was at this time, as he continued to be until 1830, Grand Secretary. He was succeeded in this position, in the latter year, by H. I. Bodley, then of Lexington, who performed the duties for two years after, when the office was placed in my charge, and so continued until my resignation in 1854. He was a faithful Mason, and brought to the discharge of his duties great experience and inflexible fidelity to his trust; he too had been Grand Master.

The appointment of Junior Grand Deacon, this year, was conferred on one who afterward became Grand Master, and an eminent light in the Masonic firmament, John Speed Smith.

From these few types of the Masonic generation then living, it may readily be conceived what was the character for moral worth and the social standing of the rest. I am free to affirm that nowhere has the world ever beheld a band of Masonic Brethren more homogeneous in their mental, moral and physical structure, more keenly alive to social duties, or more closely cemented in an honorable covenant, than was the assembly who filled these seats and performed these duties thirty-eight years ago.

It is a poor but honest tribute to the dead, this, which I thus place upon record.

While the Order held such an honorable position in our own State, it was fast assuming abroad a standard of eminence, both in numerical and social strength. There was no other affiliated society in the United States to draw public attention from the Masonic. A Convention of twenty-four lodges had met at Portland, Maine, a few weeks previous, (June 1,) and organized the Grand Lodge of that State. The various Lodges of New Orleans had recently arranged the preliminaries for the establishment of a Masonic Hospital of Charity, involving an annual expenditure exceeding $3,000. The Grand Lodge of Ohio had just laid down the doctrine, which they have ever since main-

tained, at the cost of some popularity, "that a belief in God and the Holy Scriptures is an essential prerequisite to Masonic initiation." The Vice President of the United States, Daniel D. Tompkins, was Grand Master of New York. A Grand Lodge was established in the Island of Cuba a few weeks later; and about the same time the then new and splendid Masonic Hall, at Philadelphia, was dedicated. Wilkins Tannehill, who afterward removed to this State, and became a member of this Grand Lodge, eminent for his literary ability and knowledge in Masonry, was then Grand Master of Tennessee. He deceased but a few weeks since, as also did John A. Quitman, famous in 1820 for his Masonic labors in Mississippi. The body of Thos. Smith Webb, who had died in July, 1819, had just been removed, at the expense of the Masons of Rhode Island, from Cleveland, Ohio, where he died, to Providence, Rhode Island. It is a singular coincidence that our Deputy Grand Master, a few months since, first suggested the idea, which will probably be carried out, of erecting a suitable monument over the ashes of one to whom all Masons are so much indebted. The corner stone of the City Hall, at Washington City, was laid this very week of our meeting, in the presence of a large assemblage of Masons and citizens.

In the literary way the Freemasons of 1820 were not idle. Jeremy L. Cross, who was well known in this State, published his Masonic Chart in that year. The work has, since then, passed through many editions, and exercised great influence in shaping the Masonic work. Hon. Simeon Greenleaf published his celebrated production that year, styled "A Brief Enquiry into the Origin and Principles of Freemasonry." Other Masonic works were also then first presented to the public.

Such is a succinct sketch of the position and the pursuits of our Brethren in the year when I first bore a part in labors whose wages of good fellowship have encouraged me to continue thus far, and will, I believe and trust, even to the end of my life. I could not lay down the symbol of my office, and retire to the ranks of those whom you have previously honored, without first displaying before you the merits of men whom I knew in person, with whom I labored for many years, and whose labors in a higher sphere I shall soon join."

The Standing Committees on accounts, Visiting Brethren, and Grievances, were appointed, as follows: 1. Andrew M. January, John H. Crane, and Daniel Breck. 2. John Maxwell and Edmund Guthrie. 3. Samuel Daviess, David G. Cowan, and Jacob Swigert. Likewise Special Committees on Lodges U. D. and Foreign Communications.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63,

64, 65, 66. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.) The officers of the Arkansas Lodge, No. 59, at Arkansas, Ark. Ter., were Robt. Johnson, W. M.; Andrew Scott, S. W,; Robt. Crittenden, J. W. The minute books of the lodges, U. D., just chartered, were ordered to be returned, and their officers admitted to the Grand Lodge as representatives.

Thirty-five lodges were represented on the second day.

Dispensations were granted to *Owen Lodge*, at Pt. William, Gallatin county, Ky. Of this lodge Dr. J. W. S. Mitchell, since P. G. M. of Mo., and an editor and author of much intelligence, was a member and representative in 1821.

Among the errors pointed out in the returns of subordinate lodges, an officer of one of them is recorded as a member of two lodges, and two Fellow Crafts are returned as officers of lodges. The latter mistake, however, was, doubtless, merely clerical.

In the election which occurred on the 29th, the Grand Master, (Woodson,) and Deputy Grand Master, (Bradford,) each declined reëlection. It is recorded that "the M. W. Henry Clay was installed a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in ample form, and received the salutations and congratulations of the Brethren." Upon the next morning, "Bro. Clay was compelled to set out at an early hour for the State of Ohio."

"The Grand Chaplain (Cloud) delivered an impressive sermon to the Brethren," which was ordered to be published, and three copies forwarded to each lodge under this jurisdiction. We have not been able to procure a copy.

In reference to an appeal from the decision of Lodge No. 40, the Committee on Grievances recommend that the G. L. affirm the action of the lodge, "rather upon that confidence which must necessarily be reposed in the doings of subordinate lodges, than upon any clear conviction felt by the Committee of its correctness." They *recommend* to Lodge No. 40, to rescind the order for suspension, or restore him to his former standing.

The following nucleus of a Code of Discipline on Trials, was adopted at this Session.

"*Resolved*, That hereafter every Mason who may be guilty of any unmasonic conduct, such conduct shall be inquired into and decided by the lodge of which said Brother may be a member; and if he should be a member of no subordinate lodge, he shall be tried by the nearest lodge to where the charges are cited."

The Committee on Foreign Communications report the reception of documents from the Grand Lodges of Va., Md., Pa., N. J., R. I., La., Ohio, and Lower Canada, but nothing is

extracted therefrom of general interest. The impositions of one Henry Retter, who was traveling as a Masonic beggar in S. C. and Ga., and abusing the charities of the Craft, were ordered to be communicated to the subordinate lodges. The Grand Secretary was instructed to assure the corresponding Grand Lodges "of our fraternal regard, and willingness to coöperate in measures to extend the principles of Masonry."

A resolution requiring that the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer give security, was rejected, but a Committtee was appointed to obtain information as to the usages of other Grand Lodges upon this subject, and report next year.

A joint petition from Abraham and Clarke Lodges set forth "that from the local situation of their lodges, the drafts on them for charity are much greater than in any other part of the State," that the lodge funds were thereby drained and heavy burdens imposed upon individual members. The Grand Lodge voted to appropriate three hundred dollars, to be placed in the hands of a Joint Committee of Abraham and Clarke Lodges, "to be applied to the relief of distressed transient Brethren, their widows and orphans." Charitable feelings predominated at this Session, for the further sum of one hundred dollars was appropriated to relieve the widow of a deceased Brother, James Dunlap, should her necessities demand it; and one hundred and fifty dollars to a Joint Committee of Lodges 26 and 52, for Masonic charity.

The Grand Treasurer, (Fishell,) was ordered to deposit the funds of the Grand Lodge in bank, subject to his own check, made payable to the order of the Grand Master, for the time being, or to the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

The Acting Managers of the Masonic Hall Lottery, report that:

"Your Committee have considerable hesitancy in determining, with precision, the specific object of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in their creation, as nothing was referred to them but the report of the Acting Managers of the Grand Masonic Hall Lottery. To examine, with scrutiny, all the documents and vouchers upon which that report is based, (would require the labor of weeks to investigate the conduct of the Managers in a transaction of some two or three years' standing, and, in its nature, intricate,) with a view to a full development, would be altogether unexpected, however desirable it might be, both to them and the lodge. Committees heretofore raised have exhibited, in detail, the progress of the scheme at various periods; and the Committee appointed at the last Session of the Grand Lodge having, after a laborious, minute, and thorough investigation into the situation of the Lottery, given a full *expose* in a report made during the present Grand Annual Communication, (your Committee confiding in the intelligence, capacity, and zeal of the Brothers who made that report,) and finding the report of the Acting Managers substantially the same, do not hesitate in saying, that they entertain no doubt that all further inquiry would produce the same result.

If it was expected that your Committee should express an opinion relative to the course and conduct of the Acting Managers, they do not hesitate to say, that in the discharge of a difficult, troublesome, and responsible duty, imposed by the Grand Lodge, the Managers (Brothers Tilford and Richardson) who, alone, have reported and appeared before your Committee, have evinced an ardent zeal and devotedness of exertion, which deserves not only the approbation, but the thanks of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and the Fraternity at large.

True it is the scheme has failed to eventuate as profitable as was fondly anticipated by those for whose benefit it was projected; but the cause of this failure is to be found in the sudden and unforseen vicissitude of sublunary affairs, rather than any mismanagement on the part of the Acting Managers.

Your Committee do not feel authorized, under existing circumstances and at this particular juncture, to descend to, and embody in their report, facts growing out of the subordinate agency of the scheme, which has been disclosed to them during their sitting; nor do they feel at liberty to use those terms of disapprobation and apprehension which they might, if placed in a different attitude; but, for a full explanation of their allusions, they beg leave, most respectfully, to refer the Grand Lodge to Brothers Tilford and Richardson, Acting Managers.

Your Committee feel unwilling to hazard an opinion as to the probable gain, to the Grand Lodge, by the first class of their Lottery; but would fain hope it will not be less than from five to ten thousand dollars.

In relation to the second class of your Lottery, your Committee would respectfully submit the following scheme:

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| 5000 Tickets, at $10 each, is | $50,000 |
| Subject to a Discount of 20 per cent., | 10,000 |
| Expenses off (say $2500) leaves | 7,500 |
| Gain to the Grand Lodge, | 7,500 |

Prizes to be paid in the same kind of funds that may be received for tickets.

All prizes not presented for payment in six months after a completion of the drawing, to be considered as donations to the Grand Lodge.

With an active and expert Agent, we have but little hesitation in saying, that a class of this kind could be drawn in six months, and another in four or six months thereafter, by advertising that prizes in the other classes would be received in payment for tickets.

It is believed by your Committee, that the M. W. Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges would take at least one-half of the tickets.

The great misfortune of the first class was its magnitude; but the Committee feel well assured, that the scheme now proposed will realize the expectations above expressed, and produce a fund amply sufficient for the erection of suitable buildings for the purposes contemplated.

Your Committee advise the appointment of a Special Committee, for a final adjustment and settlement of the account of the Managers; and, likewise, the nomination and appointment of other Managers for the class proposed; as another imposition of the like difficult and responsible duties upon the same Brothers, would be onerous in the extreme. All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SPEED SMITH,<br>
THOS. TRIPLET,<br>
T. R. BRADFORD, } Committee.

In the Returns of Lodges this year, Henry Clay is reported as Master of No. 1, while Jesse Bledsoe, William T. Barry,

Thomas Bodley, and Robert Wickliffe, are on its roll as members. In No. 4, are Henry Wingate, Geo. M. Bibb, and Mann Butler. Many others of the golden value appear.

The funds in the Treasury were $2,509.10.

In the Communication from corresponding Grand Lodges, are two that display the stern and unrelenting spirit with which Masonic vagrancy and imposition, were pursued by the Masonic authorities. The G. L. of Virginia, certified:

"*Whereas*, C. R. Beaty, or Dr. C. R. Beaty, as he styled himself, while in Virginia, has conducted himself in a manner so unmasonic and disgracefully immoral, as to deserve, in the opinion of the G. L. the severest course of measures, which the G. L. of New York, from which he hailed, can adopt, or any other G. L., to whose jurisdiction he may probably belong, to vindicate the wounded reputation of the Masonic Fraternity, therefore, *Resolved*, etc., etc."

The G. L. of South Carolina, certified:

"*Resolved*, That Henry Retter having been guilty of a gross imposition upon the Committee of Charity of this G. L., and having been detected as a notorious impostor and vagrant, etc., etc. Henry Retter is a German, of low stature, well formed, dark complexion, plausible manners, and speaks deliberately, etc. He has a Masonic Diploma from England, which he exhibits to all from whom he solicits aid."

(*Imprint.*—"Lexington, Ky., printed by D. Bradford, at the Advertiser Office, 1820." 8vo., pp. 108. A new Vignette appears, viz.: the radiant Sun enclosing the various emblems of Plumb, Square, Level, Rule, Line, and Sprig.)

## Cotemporary Events of 1820

*June* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Me.**—(Folio, pp. 7.)—Details the preliminary steps taken in the organization of the G. L. A Memorial had been made to the G. L. of Mass., praying its consent to the organization of an Independent G. L., of Me., and for a just division of the Charity and other Funds; the G. L. of Mass. had granted the request, and a Convention, consisting of delegates from twenty-four lodges, met at Portland, June 1, 1820, and organized the G. L. Decided that lodges of Past Masters, holden under the jurisdiction of Royal Arch Chapters, were regular lodges, and entitled, as such, to take part, by their delegates, in the organization. The G. M., (William King,) appointed all the G. Officers, save the G. Wardens, the G. Tr., and the G. Sec'y. The State was districted into six districts, and Dist. Dep. G. Masters appointed over them respectively. On the 24th of June, the G. M. was installed by the G. M. of N. H., and thus the organization of the G. L. was perfected.

In the Circular of the G. Sec'y, the corresponding G. Lodges are greeted as fellow-laborers in the cause of truth, virtue and humanity.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(Folio, pp. 10.)—Decided that the Door of Masonry must be opened at the knock of every one who has been duly initiated into its mysteries, till he is expelled by a competent power. This decision is contrary to later, better, and more general usage. The establishment of the G. L. of Me. was recognized.

*April* 3.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(Folio, pp. 2.)—Nothing of general interest.

*June* 19.—Circulars from six lodges in New Orleans, La., assembled in Convention, to devise the means of establishing a Masonic Hospital. There were lodges *La Parfaite Union*, No. 1, *La Concorde*, No. 3, *L'Etoile Polaire*, No. 5, *La Perseverance*, No. 4, and *Harmony*. It was estimated that a Hospital could be established and maintained four months-in each year, having a capacity of twenty beds, for an annual expenditure of $3,290. There were about three hundred Masons in New Orleans. Committees of the several lodges were named to perfect the scheme.

*December* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—It was declared that a belief in God and His Holy Word, was a prerequisite to Masonic Initiation; other than this, no religious tenets were to be considered a bar to the reception of Masonic light. A new code of By-Laws was adopted. The annual dues of the lodges, respectively, were returned to them, to be appropriated to Masonic purposes. John Snow was elected G. Lecturer.

*June* 24.—The Grand Lodge of Maine was organized, by the installation of its G. Officers, elected June 1.

*June* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of N. Y.**—(8vo., pp. 52.)—Daniel D. Tompkins, Vice President of the U. S., was elected G. M. The mystery of the "Union," communicated by the G. L. of Lower Canada, was referred to the G. Officers, with power to disseminate it at their discretion. An address from the G. M., (Tompkins,) delivered July 5, following, appears on the record.

*Nov.* 30.—The Grand Lodge *Espanola* at Havana, in the Island of Cuba, was organized.

*Dec.* 28.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 31.)—A detailed account of the Dedication of the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, Nov. 1, is given; the formation and movements of the procession; and copies of four Original Odes. About 1000 Masons were in the procession. Oration by Bayse Newcomb.

*Nov.* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(12mo., pp. 12.)—Thirty-two lodges on the rolls.

*Sept.* 15.—**Proc. G. L. of Ind.**—(12mo., pp. 44 and 37.)—A

proposed publication by G. W. Johnson, called "The Secrets of Masonry," was examined by a Committee and pronounced innocuous. John Sheets was G. Lecturer. Seventeen lodges on the Rolls.

*Dec.* 5.—**Proc. G. L. of Geo.**—(8vo., pp. 16.)—A funeral lodge was held Dec. 2, in honor of Ulric Tobler, P. Dept. G. M. A Funeral Oration by Thomas U. P. Charlton, G. M. Decided that it was not competent for a lodge to suspend a member for a period exceeding one year. Twenty lodges on the Rolls.

*Oct.* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of Tenn.**—(12mo., pp. 20.)—Wilkins Tannehill elected G. M. $500 was appropriated to Cumberland Lodge, No. 8, to aid in building a Masonic Hall at Nashville. A lodge was established U. D. at Russellville, Ala.

*Dec.* 22.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 16.)—The report of a Committee on Grievances beautifully declares "that the lodge is the asylum of feeble man, not only against the shafts of adversity and the perils of strife, but what is most to be dreaded, against the conflicts of his own passions." A funeral lodge was held Dec. 22, in honor of Alexander Lucas, G. Secretary.

*May* 16.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(8vo., pp. 19.)—The lodges were allowed, without asking for special Dispensations, to make public arrangements for the burial of their dead. This is now the usage in most jurisdictions.

*June* 15.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 20.)—Public announcements of expulsions were forbidden. Oration by Thomas Beede, a copy ordered for publication. The minimum price of $15 for the three degrees was established.

An interesting report was made in relation to the G. L. appropriating funds in aid of Bible distributions.

*June* 19.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—A Committee had been appointed at the Quarterly Session in August last to remove the body of Thomas Smith Webb, P. G. M., from Ohio to Providence, R. I. They reported the duty performed at an expense of $418, which was made up by contributions as follows: The G. L. gave $100; G. Chapter, $100; Providence Encampment, $50; Providence R. A. Chapter, $93; Mt. Vernon Lodge, $50; St. John's Lodge, at Providence, $25. Oration by Brother Blake. No copy in our possession.

*Oct.* 10. **Proc G. L. of Vt.** (18mo., pp. 18.) Thirty-eight lodges represented. The resolutions prohibiting the G. Stewards from furnishing wine and spirits at the expense of the G. L., passed last year, was repealed. A continuance of the interchange of friendly communications with sister G. Lodges was advised, as tending to harmonize the Craft, and extend the usefulness of the Order. Masonic Sermon by Joel Clapp.

The G. L. presented $30 to the American Bible Society to constitute its G. Chaplain, Joel Clapp, a member for life.

*Jan.* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 10.)—Nothing of general interest.

*Jan.* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 9-20.)—Nothing of general interest. The printed form of Charters for subordinate lodges adopted by this G. L., was ordered to be spread on the record.

*Dec.* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 24-53.)—The corner-stone of the 2d Presbyterian Church was laid July 29; the petition requesting this, asked "that the G. L. should square the corner-stone of the said building, and apply the line to the sides thereof, that standing plumb upon its foundation and the arch thereof resting equally upon the walls, the whole building may appear not only ornamented but manifest also the utility of that Order, which having its origin in the Temple at Jerusalem, will last until the great Architect himself shall assemble around him in the Temple above all his faithful workmen." The corner-stone of the City Hall at Washington, was laid Aug. 22d, in the presence of a most brilliant assemblage. The Oration of the G. M. William Hewitt was published in the record. Ordered that the Masters and subordinate lodges bear the title of *Right Worshipful*, the Wardens that of *Worshipful*.

*June* 5.—Masonic Hall at Newcastle, Kentucky, was dedicated.*

*Jan.* 4.—Grand Chapter of Kentucky met at Frankfort. Three Chapters represented.

*Officers Elected:*

David G. Cowan, G. H. P.
Wm. G. Hunt, D. G. H. P.
Geo. M. Bibb, G. K.
Caleb W. Cloud, G. S.
Wm. Bell, G. Sec'y.
Wingfield Bullock, G. Treas.
Charles Crawford, } G. Chaplains.
Nathan H. Hale, }
Benj. F. Dupuy, G. Marshal.
Edward S. Coleman, G. S. and Tyler.

A Charter was issued to Maysville Mark Lodge, No. 2. A Dispensation granted some time previously for a Chapter at Columbia was continued. Resources $350.58.

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* In our private cabinet are the plates that were deposited in the crypt at the time, and brought to light at the burning of the Hall in 1827.

### Masonic Literature of 1820.

*The True Masonic Chart or Hierolypghic Monitor*, containing all the Emblems explained in the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch, Royal Master, and Select Master. Designed and duly Arranged, agreeably to the Lectures, by R. W. Jeremy L. Cross, G. L. To which are added Illustrations, Charges, Songs, etc. *Second Edition.* Engraved and Printed for the Author by Comp. A. Doolittle. *New Haven*, 1820. 12mo., pp. 196.*

*A Brief Enquiry* into the Origin and Principles of Freemasonry. By Simon Greenleaf. *Portland*, (Me.) Printed by Arthur Shirley, 1820. 8vo., pp. vii: 117.†

*Addresses.*—Cowles Mead, Natchez, Miss., Dec. 27; Wm. B. Rochester, Bath, New York, June 24; Lewis Deffebach, Doylstown, Pa., July 24; Jacob De La Motta to Grand Lodge of Georgia, Dec. 27; Felix Brunot, jr., Pittsburg, Penn., June 24; Daniel D. Tompkins to Grand Lodge of New York, July 5.

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## THE TWENTY-NINTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 27 to 31, 1821.*

26 lodges were represented at the opening. Six Standing Committees were appointed. The Grand Lodge was opened by the Grand Master, Henry Clay. Charters were granted to Lodges Nos. 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72.

To acquire a perfect acquaintance with the signatures of the Grand Officers of the various Grand Lodges, respectively, the Grand Secretary was ordered to communicate to each Grand Lodge, with which this Grand Lodge is in correspondence, the autographs of the various Grand Officers, and to request a reciprocity in kind.

The Regalia, Jewels, Funds, Furniture, and Credits of Lodge

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* *Cat.*, No. 187. I have given the title, in full, of this work, as its popularity has immensely exceeded all other Hand Books and Monitors since Webb's. I have not got a copy of the *First Edition*. The *Sixth* Edition is 1846, (*Cat.*, No. 81); the *Twelfth*, 1850 (*Cat.*, No. 285.) and 1856 (*Cat.*, No. 237.)—These are stereotyped, "with additions and emendations:" also, "A History of Freemasonry. By a Brother,"—the latter being from an anonymous English publication. In 1855, Cross published a work substantially the same, in pocket size, but containing "the Orders of Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta."—*New York.*—18mo., pp. 285. Cross has also published *The Templar's Chart*, (*Cat.*, No. 203.)—*Fourth Edition.*—*New York*, 1854.—12mo., pp. 163, in which he styles himself Sov. Gr. Ins. Gen'l of the 33d Degree;" also, a *Supplement* to the Templar's Chart, containing, what he terms, *The Thirty Ineffable Degrees.*—*Second Edition.*—*New York*, 1853.—12mo., pp. 48.

The requirements of history compel us to say, that *Cross' Chart* is but an arrangement from *Webb's Freemason's Monitor*—of which, the First Edition was published in 1797, (*Cat.*, No. 188.) Mr. Cross has added Masonic emblems and illustrations. The whole merit of the volume, whatever that may be, is due to Webb, who, in turn, was largely indebted to *Preston's Illustrations of Masonry* for the hints upon which he wrought.

† (*Cat.*, No. 474.) The title page in my copy is imperfect, so that I can not give it verbatim.

No. 42, were transferred to No. 4, on condition of their liquidating the debts due by No. 42, at its dissolution.

A Committee to purchase a set of Gold Jewels for the Grand Lodge was appointed with special instruction—to include appropriate ones for the D. G. M., the G. Chaplain, G. O., G. Marshal, and G. Sec.,—the whole expense not to exceed $300.

The following Supplemental Act, for the benefit of the Grand Lodge, was reported by the proper Committee:

"CHAPTER XLVI.

An Act Supplemental to an Act, entitled, an Act for the Benefit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

APPROVED, November 27, 1820.

WHEREAS, it is represented that Gabriel Tandy, Thomas Bodley, Daniel Bradford, John Tilford, and William H. Richardson, were appointed Managers, and authorized to raise, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, to be appropriated in erecting and finishing a Grand Masonic Hall for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and that the said Managers have declined serving any longer, and the objects contemplated by the above recited Act are only in part attained; Therefore, Recital.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at its next Annual Convention, be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint five other suitable persons as Managers, in lieu of the said Gabriel Tandy, Thomas Bodley, Daniel Bradford, John Tilford, and William H. Richardson, who shall possess the same powers, and be liable to the same duties and penalties, that were vested in, and imposed upon the former Managers, by the above recited Act." The G. Lodge authorized to appoint other Managers to conduct the drawing of the remaining classes of their lottery.

## Cotemporary Events of 1821.

*Dec.* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Lower Canada.**—(Folio, pp. 2.)—The G. Master, C. Denechau, made an Address which is spread upon the Minutes. He charges the Brethren in a spirit of great earnestness to fulfill with honesty and cheerfulness their several stations as citizens, husbands, fathers, and brothers.

*Dec.* 27.—Circular from Provincial G. L. of Nova Scotia. Twenty-eight lodges reported.

*Dec.* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(Folio, pp. 10.)—Samuel Parkman of Boston had presented a full length portrait of Washington to the G. L. Eighty-seven lodges are reported, including *L'Huereux Reveil* at Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

*May* 16.—Circular from Washington Lodge, No. 15, D. C., deprecates the publications made by the G. L. of N. C., affecting the standing and character of *David Vinton*; protests against the unauthorized course pursued by that G. L. against a Mason not under its jurisdiction, declares that Vinton was a deeply learned Mason, and that his instructions had been

sensibly felt by them; that his deportment was that of a gentleman and a Mason; and finally that his method of communicating the Lectures to the officers of lodges and Chapters does not in the least infringe upon the principles of Masonry.

*Dec.* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—The Annual Sessions were changed to the first Monday in January. The duties of the Grand Lecturer were declared to be twofold; 1. To establish a uniformity of work; 2. To reconcile difficulties and animosities that might exist in the lodges. The lodges were reprehended for the practice of indulging too much in excessive and sumptuous refreshments.

*April* 21.—The Grand Lodge of Missouri was organized.

*June* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of. N. Y.**—(8vo., pp. 52.)—The system of the "Union" introduced last year from Canada was approved by the G. Officers, and accepted by the G. L. It could only be given in a Master Mason's Lodge, in the presence of five or more, and it was obligatory on the Master of a lodge to communicate it to all Master Masons asking it.

*Jan.* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of La.**—(12mo., pp. 10.)—Nineteen lodges on the Rolls; nothing of general interest.

*May* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—A Masonic carpet, painted for the G. L., was declared to be defective in not having the emblems of Right Angle, Horizontal and Perpendicular, Shoe, Apron and Towline and Winding Stairs. It was furthermore ordered, that the letters be obliterated from the Pillars. A third Pillar painted behind the S. Warden's chair, and the Chisel and Mallet obliterated. The conduct of David Vinton, a Lecturer from Providence, R. I., was severely reprehended; his character stamped as base and unprincipled; his actions as tending to the prostration of our sacred Order; and the lodges were interdicted from holding any intercourse with him. The following resolution was adopted as a sequel to the above: *Resolved*, That this G. L. view with disapprobation the use of written lectures by lodges and individuals belonging to the Masonic Fraternity, and do hereby require of all Masters of lodges, subordinate to this G. L., that they forthwith cause all such lectures within their possession, or that may come within their knowledge, to be committed to the flames. A Committee was appointed to inquire into the existence of manuscript copies of Masonic Lectures in the State.

*May* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Conn.**—(8vo., pp. 20.)—Jeremy L. Cross was appointed G. Lecturer. The G. L. had been recently incorporated.

*June* 13.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 21.)—Thirty-one lodges represented. A letter from the G. Sec'y of the G. L. of Mass., advises that a lodge be not established at Winchester, N. H., it being adjacent to Northfield, Mass., as a new

lodge there "would not maintain that respectability which is desirable for the honor of the Craft, and the dignity of the Institution." The G. Committee of Charity were forbidden to exceed $100 in one donation. A delegation from this G. L. had visited the G. L. of Maine by invitation, and assisted in the consecration of that new G. L. Thirty-five lodges were on the Rolls.

*June* 25.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—Masonic Oration by Samuel G. Atwell; a copy requested for the press. 13 lodges represented.

*October* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(18mo., pp. 19-51,)—Ordered, that henceforth, some portion of the time of each day be spent in lecturing. Masonic Sermon, by Joel Clapp. $10 was donated to the American Education Society, to constitute Joel Clapp a member for life. A new G. L. Seal was ordered. Resources, $305.

*November* 13.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(8vo., pp. 15.)—An Address, of rare merit, from the G. M., (Jeptha B. Munn.) G. L. Certificates were presented to two G. Masters, Giles and McKissack, as evidences of grateful appreciation of their services. The death of John N. Cumming, P. G. M., is appropriately noticed. Recognition of, and fraternal correspondence with, the G. L. of Me., ordered. 32 lodges on the Rolls.

*December* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 10.)—17 lodges were represented. The visit of James Cushman, G. Lecturer, from Va., is noted; he delivered a lecture before the G. L., which was pronounced able, eloquent, and truly Masonic, and he was recommended to the subordinate lodges, as a suitable and competent person to instruct them. The G. L. expressed its impression of the importance and necessity of an uniform mode of working, which would be induced by Mr. Cushman's aid. Oration by G. T. Bedell. 39 lodges were on the Rolls.

*December* 29.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**—(8vo., pp. 23.)—The G. L. in Havana, Cuba, recently organized, was fraternally recognized and a correspondence solicited. Resources, $2,564. C. S. Tucker delivered a Course of Lectures. Frederick Dalcho, G. Chaplain, was requested to prepare a new edition of the Ahiman Rezon. A Masonic Sermon was delivered by Frederick Dalcho, and a Charge, of uncommon beauty, by the G. M., John S. Cogdell. 48 lodges are on the Rolls, including one in Alabama, and one at Pensacola, Fla.

*October* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of Tenn.**—(8vo., pp. 16.)—Wilkins Tannehill was elected G. M. Returns from 17 lodges. No business of general importance.

*September* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of Ind.**—(8vo., pp. 72.)—In confirming the expulsion of an offender, the G. L. forcibly declares "that when any individual, possessed of a knowledge of his

duty as a Mason, can deliberately disregard the obligations, which the moral and social duties of life so strongly impose, it becomes indispensably necessary to the welfare of the Craft, and to the adorning the sublime principles we profess, to close against him, forever, the door of Masonry." Decided, that when the lodge nearest the locality of a proposed new lodge, refuses to recommend, the petitioners may apply for a recommendation to some other lodge. Lodges were forbidden to initiate applicants living beyond their respective jurisdictions. The suspensions, expulsions, and re-instatements reported to the G. L., were ordered to be published in the *Independent Examiner*. 20 lodges on the Rolls, including one at Jackson, Mo.

*February* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 20–32.)—4 lodges were represented. Nothing of general interest.

*May* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Mo.**—(8vo., pp. 16.)—This is the record of the organizing Conventions. Invitations had been sent by Missouri Lodge, No. 12, to the various lodges in the State, inviting a Convention at St. Louis, Feb. 22, 1821. Two lodges attended by delegates, viz.: *St. Charles*, No. 28, and *Joachim*, No. 25, and the Convention was organized. April 23, the same lodges appeared, and the G. L. was organized. T. E. Reddick was elected G. M., William Renshaw, G. Sec'y. May 4, the Officers of the G. L. were publicly installed. May 6, a Seal was ordered.

*October* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Mo.**—(8vo., pp. 12.)—4 lodges were represented. Nothing of general interest.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 1-6.)—Wm. W. Seaton, G. M. 7 lodges represented.

*November* 26.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 53-84.)—The corner stone of the First Presbyterian Church was laid, at Alexandria. April, Oration by Stephen B. Balch.

*May* 5.—Napoleon Bonaparte died at St. Helena.

*June* 14.—The Grand Lodge of Alabama was organized.

*January* 2.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky met at Frankfort. 5 Chapters were represented.

In the case of a Companion, whose expulsion by the Blue Lodge, (No. 4,) had been confirmed by Chapter, (No. 3,) it was decided that his restoration, by the G. L., to Symbolical Masonry, restores him to his former standing in the Chapter.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

David G. Cowan, G. H. P.
William G. Hunt, D. G. H. P.
James Birney, G. K.
William Bell, G. S.
John H. Crane, G. Sec'y.
Wingfield Bullock, G. Treas.

Charles Crawford, } G. Chaplains.
Nathan H. Hall, }
Henry Wingate, G. Marshal.
John C. Wenzel, G. C. G.
Francis Reynolds, G. S.
Edward S. Coleman, G. T.

A Dispensation was granted for Webb Chapter, at Versailles. The G. H. P. was authorized to appoint G. Visitors and Lecturers at discretion, the expenses of such to be incurred by the Chapters and Mark Lodges receiving such instruction, respectively.

A Resolution was adopted, approving "the Masonic Chart, published by Comp. Jeremy L. Cross, G. Visitor of the G. C. of Ct."

The Officers were publicly installed, an Oration being delivered by the D. G. H. P., and afterward published.

The subordinate bodies were advised to charge:

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| For Membership, | $5.00. |
| For the Degree of Mark Master, | 5.00. |
| " " " of Past Master, | 5.00. |
| " " " of M. E. Master, | 5.00. |
| " " " of Royal Arch, | 20.00. |

Newcastle Mark Lodge, No. 1, had surrendered its Charter.

The time of meetings was changed to the third Monday in December.

*December* 3.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky met at Frankfort. Four Standing Committees were appointed.

The death of Wingfield Bullock, having occurred October 13, 1821, was appropriately noticed at the present Session by the G. C., by a procession, and a Sermon from the G. Chaplain, Rev. N. H. Hall. The Order was:

"The Members of the G. C., as far as practicable, will wear Crowns, and the Grand Officers will be clothed in their respective Robes and Jewels, and after being so formed, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the procession will proceed to the church; on entering the door of which, the ranks will open, and those on the left will proceed down the left aisle, and those on the right proceed down the right aisle, and take their seats respectively, fronting the pulpit. After divine service is over, the procession will again be formed, as they repair to the door of the church, and proceed to the Hall, in the order in which they left it.

"*It is further Resolved*, That the Members of the G. C., and all the R. A. Masons who may join the procession, shall carry with them, wheresoever dispersed, as a further memorial of respect and regard, a piece of crimson ribbon in their coat button-hole, surmounted by crape, to be worn by them for thirty days."

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were required to

execute bonds to the H. P., K. and Scribe for the faithful discharge of their respective duties, in the sum of $2,000 each.

Charters were granted to *Webb Chapter*, No. 6, Versailles; *Columbia*, No. 7, Columbia; *Russelville Chapter*, No. 8; *Warren Mark Lodge*, No. 3, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; *Clark Mark Lodge*, No. 4, Louisville; *Cynthiana Mark Lodge*, No. 5; and a Dispensation to *Winchester Chapter*, at Winchester.

A Report from the Committee on Foreign Communications appears, noticing the proceedings of the G. Chapters of Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut and Virginia. A question from the G. C. of Connecticut, relative to the true era of R. A. Masonry, as established by the G. C. of Ky., having been presented, it was *Resolved*, that a Committee, consisting of Comp. Hunt and Crane, be appointed to communicate to the G. C. of Connecticut the facts on the subject. It is a matter of some interest to know what the facts, which justify us in adding 530 years to the year of Christ, are. The Kentucky usage was changed the subsequent year by adding 534 years, as aforesaid.

OFFICERS ELECT.

David G. Cowan, G. H. P.
Wm. G. Hunt, D. G. H. P.
Wm. Bell, G. K.
Edward Tyler, Jr., G. S.
Jno. W. Kinney, Jr., G. Tr.
Oliver G. Waggoner, G. Sec'y.
Charles Crawford, } G. Chaplains.
Nathan H. Hall, }
Henry Wingate, G. Marshal.
James M. Pike, G. C. G.
Francis Reynolds, G. Steward.
Edward S. Coleman, G. Tyler.

The office of Deputy Grand Secretary was established, and the G. Secretary, with the approbation of the Council, authorized to appoint the same. Philip Swigert was the first appointee.

The plan inaugurated at the present Session, in the election of G. Officers, was given as a model to the subordinates, and they required to conform their elections thereto.

*Ordered*, That in cases where a controversy may arise between a member of the G. Chapter and a subordinate body, the G. C. shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the subordinate.

We observe that during the present year the following persons, afterward famed in the Masonic Annals of Ky., had been exalted: In No. 1, Edward Coleman, Daniel Breck, Robert J. Breckenridge. No. 5, James Guthrie, Isaac Stewart.

### Masonic Literature of 1821.

*Addresses.*—John F. Jenkins, Lexington, Ky., June 25; Caleb W. Cloud, Lexington, Ky., December 27; Giles F. Yates, Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 27; James Carter, Groton, Mass., June 25.

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## THE THIRTIETH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 27 to 31, 1822.*

Forty-two lodges were represented. A Motion offered last year, to the effect that no person should be deemed eligible to the office of Grand Master, D. G. Master, S. G. Warden, or J. G. Warden, for a longer period than one year, was decided, unanimously, in the negative.

The proceedings of a lodge which had suspended one of its members, were pronounced "irregular and erroneous, and ought to be reversed and set aside, and held for nought."

The Procession to attend the Address of the Grand Orator (William F. Barry,) is thus described: "The Fellow Crafts, and Apprentices in attendance, were permitted to enter, and a Procession was formed in the following order, which marched to the Episcopal Church, where the Grand Master of the Universe was invoked in a solemn prayer by the M. R. Caleb W. Cloud, Grand Chaplain, and an Oration was delivered by Bro. William S. Barry, Grand Orator. The Procession then returned to Masons' Hall in the same order.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Two Tylers, with drawn Swords.
Entered Apprentices.
Fellow Crafts.
Master Masons.
Junior Deacons.
Senior Deacons.
Treasurers.
Secretaries.
Past Wardens.
Junior Wardens.
Senior Wardens.
Mark Masters.
Past Masters.
Most Excellent Masters.
Royal Arch Masons.
Royal Masters.
Select Masters.
Knight Templars.

Masters of Lodges.
Grand Tyler, with drawn Sword.
Grand Stewards, with white Rods.
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.
Holy Writings by a Master of a Lodge.
Grand Chaplain and Grand Orator.
Past Grand Wardens.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
Past Grand Masters.
Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.
Deputy Grand Master.
Master of Oldest Lodge, bearing Book of Constitutions.
Junior Grand Deacon, with black Rod. } Grand Sword Bearer. { Senior Grand Deacon, with black Rod.
GRAND MASTER.
Two Stewards, with white Rods.

In reply to an application from a subordinate lodge, and an individual to borrow the funds of the Grand Lodge, it was decided, "that the Grand Lodge conceived it improper to loan its funds, and, if pursued, would be attended with the most injurious consequences." All subsequent experience has confirmed this opinion.

Charters were ordered to Bowling Green Lodge, No. 73, at Bowling Green, Ky.; Mayslick Lodge, No. 74, at Mayslick, Ky.; and Trotter Lodge, No. 75, at Lexington, Ky.

On motion of Bro. Henry Wingate, the practice of publishing the full Annual Returns of subordinate lodges, which had prevailed since the organization in 1800, was discontinued, and the G. Secretary ordered only to publish the names of officers and Past Masters, an abstract of rejections, suspensions and expulsions, the names and numbers of the lodges, and the time and place of meeting. The old practice was resumed in 1839, at the motion of Alvan Stephens, after an interval of seventeen years, during which the published records are deficient of much valuable detail.

A Report from the Committee on Foreign Communications, prepared with deliberate and intelligent care, and signed by W. G. Hunt and Thomas Bradford, reviews the proceedings of a Convention of Masons assembled at Washington, D. C., March 9, 1822. The record of that Convention, and the unwritten traditions of that period, are conclusive to the mind of the Author of this Volume, that the master spirit of that movement was *Henry Clay*. The Appeal adopted by the Convention is clearly from his pen, and is indeed signed by him as Chairman of the Committee that drafted it. The cold reception which the movement generally met with,—but few G. Lodges giving it any favor,—must be attributed to foregone conclusions against a

government so monarchical as the proposed General Grand Lodge threatened to be. Had the Convention recommended an Annual or Triennial Association of Delegates for Consultation upon Masonic questions merely, it would clearly have gained more general, perhaps universal, favor.

The Committee of the G. L. of Kentucky doubtless felt impelled to devote considerable attention to this subject, as their Grand Master, Henry Clay, was so deeply committed to its success. They set out by republishing the entire report of the proceedings of the Convention with the Circular Letter adopted by its Committee. Then they go on to say: "Your Committee find, upon examination, that the proposition for establishing a National Grand Lodge has been taken into consideration by the Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania, and has been rejected by them as inexpedient and impracticable. It appears, however, to your Committee, that the nature and extent of the proposition have been misunderstood by those respectable bodies. The Report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, upon the reasoning of which the decision in both States seems to have been founded, contains sentiments deemed by your Committee perfectly correct; but, in their opinion, totally inapplicable as objections against the Institution proposed to be established. In order to furnish a full view of the subject, which the Committee can not but regard as important and interesting, they beg leave to present that Report to the Grand Lodge entire." The Report from the G. L. of Pennsylvania is given at length, and the Committee proceed: "The objections contained in this Report against an Institution such as is therein described, your Committee consider substantial and conclusive. An attempt on the part of any National Institution exercising jurisdiction coëxtensive with the Union, to embrace complete and universal control over the fiscal and purely Masonic concerns of every G. L., subordinate lodge, and individual member in the United States, would, in the opinion of your Committee, be absurd and impracticable. But such does not appear to be the design of the Convocation at Washington; such is not the proposition submitted to the consideration of the several State Grand Lodges. The details of the plan, if adopted, are hereafter to be agreed upon; and it is not for a moment to be presumed that such a minute and embarrassing interference with the concerns of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and individual Masons, as is objected to in the above Report, would be seriously attempted. The objects suggested by the Convocation at Washington City, as likely to be attained by the establishment of a National Grand Lodge, are these two: *First.* To acquire, in a correspondence with foreign nations, an elevated stand for the Masonry of this country; and to unite

with them in maintaining its general principles in their purity. *Second.* To preserve between our own States that uniformity in work and that active interchange of good offices, which would be difficult, if not impossible, by other means. These are the objects which all must regard as of vital importance; and if attainable by the adoption of the measure suggested, as furnishing ample and powerful arguments in its behalf. A National Grand Lodge, composed, as it undoubtedly would be, of the most distinguished Masons in the Union, would constitute a central point of the Masonic Intelligence, from which the most luminous rays of useful light and knowledge would be from time to time emitted. The character of the Order in our country would be elevated in the estimation of the enlightened in other countries, and many facilities would be afforded for mutual illumination and improvement. Harmony, uniformity and increased mutual affection between the Brethren of the different parts of our widely extended Republic, might be calculated on as natural and almost necessary results of the measure, if judiciously arranged and properly conducted. Much, it is true, must depend on the details of the plan, and the utmost caution should undoubtedly be exercised to guard against the abuse of an Institution capable of such an extensive influence as that now proposed.

Uniformity in the exercise of our mystic rites, and a settled adherence to the same general principles and rules of conduct, are obviously of the greatest importance to the interests of the Craft. An occasional Convocation of the most enlightened Masons, from every quarter of the Union, and a free mutual interchange of views, sentiments and feelings, would tend much to the removal of little local jealousies; to the amalgamation of various and apparently discordant materials; to the settlement of certain great leading principles upon the basis of mutual conciliations and agreement; and to the establishment of an acknowledged standard as to the mode of conducting the mystic rites and ceremonies of the Order. Indeed, the happy tendency of a free interchange of sentiment between Brethren from every part of the Union, meeting upon the *level* and under all the pleasing associations of the mystic tie, appears to your Committee too obvious to require further illustration. Objections are made to the seat of the National Government as the site of a General Grand Lodge, and perhaps these objections are sufficiently weighty to render it an essential condition to the coöperation of this General Lodge, that some other more appropriate and less objectionable place should be determined on. Nothing surely more imperiously demands the cautious vigilance of the Fraternity than the preservation of Masonry from all connection with the political institution and political

intrigues of the country; and, though it is utterly impossible to avoid the danger of abuse in any human concerns, no exertions should be spared to protect our Masonic establishments from being made the theaters of political maneuvering, and being converted into the engines of personal or party aggrandizement. The establishment of a National Grand Lodge at Washington, might have the dangerous tendency of connecting our Order with the political institutions of our country; and, as is justly remarked by the Pennsylvania Report, it is to be apprehended that persons would be selected, as delegates, rather from the circumstance of their attendance upon the seat of government, upon duty or private business, than from the knowledge of the priciples of the Order, and its forms and ceremonies.

This objection, however, will be sufficiently obviated by the establishment of the General Grand Lodge in some other city. Either Philadelphia, New York or Baltimore would be a convenient place for the meeting of such an institution, and would be free from the dangerous tendency justly attributable to the City of Washington.

The expenses necessarily attending the establishment of a National Grand Lodge, may perhaps be urged as an objection against it. If, however, the meetings be held—as, in the opinion of your Committee, they ought to be—not oftener than once in every five or seven years, the expense, it is presumed, would be hardly felt by the Fraternity. The attendance of one or two delegates from each Grand Lodge would be amply sufficient; and such attendance afforded only once in the periods just suggested, could not produce any expense worthy of serious consideration or apprehension by the Craft. It ought, however, to be an indispensable condition, that the meetings of the proposed institution should not be held more frequently than the interests of the Fraternity, and the attainment of the great ends of the establishment, might seem to require. Annual or Biennial Meetings would be seriously objectionable, as they would not only create an unnecessary expense, but by being more frequent than the business would demand, they would be the more likely to be employed for purposes foreign to the objects of their institution.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it will be seen, has expressed its approbation of an occasional Convention of Delegates from the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States, and such appears to your Committee to be substantially the character of the institution proposed to the several Grand Lodges.

The regular organization of such a body, the appointment of officers, and the adoption of a General Grand Constitution,

for the establishment of certain leading principles, and the promotion of uniformity in certain important particulars, could not, it is presumed, be productive of injury.

And your Committee can not avoid remarking, that experience has already demonstrated the practicability and utility of such an institution in the success and prosperity which have attended the operations of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The happy results which have flowed from that institution, in the promotion of order, harmony and uniformity in the higher degrees of Masonry, warrant the conclusion that effects equally desirable would result to the Craft from the establishment now proposed; nor are your Committee aware that any objections can, with propriety, be urged against a National Grand Lodge which would not equally apply to the General Grand Chapter.

At any rate, it appears to your Committee that whatever opposition might be deemed proper to the institution proposed, when all its details were determined on, no evil can result from a compliance with the suggestion of the very respectable Convocation, whose communication is under consideration; so far, at least, as to appoint one or more Delegates, on the part of this Grand Lodge, to meet other Delegates in the City of Washington, on the second Monday of February next, to consult with them on the subject, and to endeavor, if possible, so to organize a General Grand Lodge, as to obviate the objections which are now anticipated against it. The plan, when devised, will be submitted to the inspection and consideration of this Grand Lodge, and it will be time enough then, if the details shall be found to be objectionable, to refuse our coöperation in the proposed establishment.

With these views, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

*Resolved*, That ————, ————, ————, be appointed Delegates, on the part of this Grand Lodge, to attend the proposed Meetings of Delegates in the City of Washington, on the second Monday in February next, to deliberate on the organization of such General Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That it be an indispensable condition of the cooperation of this Grand Lodge, that the superintending power of the proposed National Institution be limited and general, not extending to minute local or fiscal concerns of the several State Grand Lodges, nor claiming jurisdiction over the cases of individual Brethren, who may appeal from the decisions of subordinate lodges.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the City of Washington ought not to be the site of a National

Grand Lodge, and that the Regular Meetings ought not to be held oftener than once in every —— years.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. HUNT,
THOS. H. BRADFORD, } Committee.

Which Report, being read, was agreed to, except that part which goes to sanction the establishment of a General Grand Lodge at Washington. A motion was made by Bro. Barry, and concurred in, that that part of the Report be recommitted to a Select Committee, with instructions to report against the proposition to establish such General Grand Lodge; and a Committee was appointed of Bros. Barry, Mann Butler, and John Speed Smith.

The next day the Select Committee made the following Report, which was read and adopted by the Grand Lodge, to wit:

"The Select Committee, to whom was recommitted the Report of the Committee upon Foreign Communications, have, agreeable to order, had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, That they have taken into their deliberations, the proceedings of a number of members of the Society of Freemasons, in various parts of the United States, composed of Members of Congress and strangers, assembled at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, March 9th, 1822, recommending the adoption of a General Grand Lodge of the United States. They have viewed this Communication with all the deference so eminently due to its distinguished sources, yet, at the same time, with the freedom and frankness characteristic of our Order, and solicited by the respectable assemblage at Washington. In contemplating this project for superadding another story to the civil fabric of Masonry, it may not be improper to view the cause and necessity which led to the creation of Grand Lodges.

It is a fact familiar to every Mason, that the essence of the Order, its noble precepts of benevolence and charity, at once the protection and glory of the Brothers of the Mystic Tie, are to be found in *the lodge*, emphatically so called, untrammeled by any other governmental connection or municipal machinery whatever, independent of the existence of Grand Lodges, and before they were ever thought of by the Fraternity. It is here that Masonry first displays itself in a palpable external shape. It is in this social form that the excellencies of Masonry are practically inculcated upon its votaries, and all the virtues of the heart are cherished and nourished into the full bloom and perfect fruit.

What, then, is the necessity of a Grand Lodge? Principally, we answer, as a convenient appellate from the decisions

of the subordinate lodges affecting personal feelings and character.

It has, no doubt, other valuable effects in congregating Masonic character to a considerable extent, as all social assemblies have; but this is the essential feature which endears it to the Craft. It is our City of Refuge in distress; it is our Asylum from oppression or mistake.

But does any necessity of this kind extend to the General Grand Lodge? The operation of Masonry is, essentially, domestic and private; it delights in the offices of private friendship and charity; to reconcile its members suffering under erroneous impressions of each other—of the victims of momentary passion.

The widow and the orphan—in fine, the removal of distress in every possible shape,—are the darling objects and essential elements of Masonic activity: all else is subordinate, or matter of pure, unmixed expediency. Does this expediency exist in favor of the present proposition? We think, most decidedly, not. Innovation in practical institutions, is, at all times, *prima facie*, improper.

The lamentable lessons which are read to us in the commotions and calamitous revolutions of empires, conclusively establish this truth.

On every occasion of essential alterations in matter affecting the actual concerns and feelings of men, the *necessity* should be imperative, the *remedy* clear and unequivocal.

But if these maxims are consecrated by experience in the affairs of political government, how infinitely more obligatory are they in a moral institution vitally depending upon unanimity and harmony upon its members, and beheld through the long vista of "an hundred ages." Innovation in Masonry, properly and essentially so called, we all know, is a solecism: the thing has not been,—can not be. But yet we think the most scrupulous caution should extend to the changes of its great leading, municipal regulations.

We should not proceed one step beyond the evident dictates of imperious necessity. Let us now, for a moment, contrast the imperfect sketch which has been given of the lodge and the Grand Lodge, with the operations of a *General Grand Lodge.*

The latter is a distant and national institution: it could scarcely touch us in a solitary point of affection: it could afford no remedy in distress: it could hardly cultivate any social sympathies beyond the present system of Masonic intercourse; and, so far from coming home to the domestic circle with its charities and good offices, it soars almost at a sightless and heartless distance from us all.

Its moral superintendence is, therefore, an impossibility.

What, then, is it to do? Is it to superintend the Grand Lodges of the United States? What are its peculiar capacities and aptitudes for this extensive office? But while we distinctly state that no domestic necessity is known under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or from its correspondence requiring the creation of a *General Grand Lodge*, yet, in courtesy to the eminent Brethren who have addressed this communication to us, we will attend to the reasons which they have assigned for this measure.

They observe that there are two points which at once present themselves in connection with the idea of establishing a General Grand Lodge of the United States.

The *first* is to acquire, in a correspondence with foreign nations, an elevated stand for the Masonry of this country to unite with them in maintaining its general principles in their purity; and, *secondly*, to preserve between our own States that uniformity in work, and that active interchange of good offices, which would be difficult, if not impossible, by other means.

The Committee can not resist the expression of the most painful regret, that an object so purely political, so foreign and extraneous to the lowly and benevolent principles of the Masonic Institution, should have allured these worthy Brethren, at the metropolis of the Union, into its splendid snares.

How is the Masonry of the United States to acquire an elevated stand with foreign nations, but by living up to its sublime precepts; by meeting upon the *Level* and parting upon the *Square;* by continuing the same good old course which has raised the Institution to its present high and dignified stand! If there is any other mode of accomplishing this object, we know it not.

But how is a General Grand Lodge to increase the active virtues of Masons, or restrain their ill propensities? Certainly not by edicts from Washington, nor by any magic of Masonic decrees. How then is it to aid the subordinates, or as we would rather say, the *original* lodges in the cultivation of Masonic virtues? But our distinguished correspondents at Washington say we might unite with foreign nations in maintaining the general principles of Masonry in their purity.

If we do not now so unite it is a novelty to us; it is more, it is a *novelty in Masonry*. What diversity or difficulty now exists in this maintainance of the pure principles of the Order, we are utterly at a loss to know.

Again, we are told that a General Grand Lodge would preserve between our own States that uniformity in work, and that active interchange of good officers, which would be difficult if not impossible by other means. We have always been taught, and are still firmly in the belief, that Masonic work

was substantially uniform all over the earth. It has ever been the pride and is still the great excellence of the Society, that its *language is universal and uniform.*

How otherwise do the Brethren of the different climes and various languages, whether in the turmoil of battle, or of the dark silence of the night, mutually recognize each other?

The deformity or discrepancies then impliedly complained of, must be of the more trivial description, more worthy the attention of a Martinet than a solid soldier.

May we not urge the principle of uniformity in Masonic minutia, (and no other diversities can exist,) to as injudicious a degree as it has vainly been attempted in religion?

If a celebrated Emperor was astonished when no two watches would exactly agree in denoting time, that he should have so pertinaciously attempted to make the human mind agree in religion, ought we not to avail ourselves of this lesson, and carefully guard against losing the good we so preëminently possess, in pursuit of an imaginary, perhaps an impracticable addition? The present uniformity of Masonry, its tongue the only universal one on the surface of the globe, so long the desideratum of scholars, protects and cherishes, endears and identifies its members with one another, all over the globe.

And what more ought we to want? Is it unfortunately true, as we might infer from our Washington correspondents, that the active interchange of good offices between the Freemasons of our own States, is difficult, if not impossible, from the present means of communication? On the contrary, does it not flourish with unparalleled harmony, and to an unequaled extent? What speck of discontent is there visible on the Masonic horizon? and if there were, how portentous must it be, to justify this momentous change in the external government of Freemasons. Let us not, in quest of precise uniformity in non-essentials, degrade our sublime and moral Institution into a ritual of forms and ceremonies, a manual of mechanical movements, to the neglect of its high-souled virtues which recommend it to the generous and noble heart. Let us not in the fullness of Masonic prosperity ungratefully requite the beneficence of heaven, by aiming at a perfection denied to mortals.

But independent of these objections we are opposed to this project from our dread of its perversion to political purposes.

Not that for one moment, or in any way, we would ascribe such views to our excellent and distinguished correspondents; they are utterly incapable of supporting such schemes.

But this circumstance does not exempt the proposed Institution from its capacity of political alliance.

We dread the slightest approximation, the remotest prospect of so unhallowed a perversion of the Order.

We should ever deplore the destruction of a Society, famed through such a lapse of centuries for its undeviating cultivation of the human heart. Its subservience to the malignant passions and the cruel animosities of political strife would be a sad blight in the moral world. The very thought is distressing to every friend of man. The social charities of Masonic life are too dear to risk upon this trackless ocean of experiment.

We want no more government than that we have so long enjoyed with increasing felicity and prosperity. What would compensate this Grand Lodge, or the Society at large, if this new project should excite so large a schism as a third of the Grand Lodges of the United States? Yet the proposed General Grand Lodge may go into existence upon the very face of its proposal with a minority so fearful to every good Mason. What then would become of our boasted harmony and uniformity, thus eagerly sought? All lost in this wanton change and innovation; new barriers of division raised up; sects of modern and ancient Masons created, as of late unhappily existed in England. These reasons apply in a remote degree to the project of a Convention with advisory powers as proposed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

This Grand Lodge ought to see *the necessity* of this step before it sanctions a meeting with such undefined objects. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Ky., it is inexpedient to form a *General Grand Lodge* of the United States, and further, that it is unnecessary to adopt any measures for an occasional convocation of delegates from the different G. Lodges of the respective States, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing report and resolutions to the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States, and one copy of the same to Wm. W. Seaton, Esq., of Washington, agreeable to the request contained in the communication referred to your Committee.

WM. T. BARRY,
J. SPEED SMITH,
MANN BUTLER,
} Committee.

(*Imprint:*—Lexington; Joseph Ficklin, printer. Gazette Office, 1822.) 8vo., pp. 112.

## Cotemporary Events of 1822.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Lower Canada.**—(Folio, pp. 3.) The G. M., (Denechau,) made an Address, which was spread on the Minutes. The state of the Craft was improving under the admonitions he had given them for culpable neglect of duty. He alludes to that class of citizens, (the French Catholics?) among whom the prejudices against Masonry are industriously kept alive, under the pretext of religion, but believes the deception is gradually dispelling.

*September* 23.—Circular from Provincial G. L., of Upper Canada, details the organization of the G. L., at York, U. C., at this date, under Patent from the Duke of Sussex, G. M. of England, Simon McGillivray being the first Grand Master.

*December* 27.—Circular from Provincial G. L., of Nova Scotia. 29 lodges reported.

*April* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of Me.**—(Folio, pp. 10.)—Revenue, $1,466. Decided, that the ballot, upon petition, must be unanimous; and that the reasons influencing members in voting, must not be demanded, or even asked. 40 lodges are reported.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(Folio, pp. 11.)—A Report on the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary of a subordinate lodge is given; he is the servant of the lodge, and his duty is well defined, in the Charge given him by the Master, on his being inducted into office. Decided, that a candidate must propose at a stated meeting, and can not be balloted for, except at a regular, succeeding, stated meeting. 88 lodges are reported.

*November* 12.—Circular from G. L. of N. J., disapproves the project of a General G. Lodge, proposed in a Convention at Washington, D. C., March 9th last, reiterating the expression of its opinion, made in 1807-8. Would unite with as many as seven G. Lodges, in a Convention of Grand Lodges, for the promotion and benefit of Masonry.

*June* 8.—Circular of G. L., of Penn., reaffirms its opinions expressed in 1790, 1803, and 1809, disapprobating the idea of a Superintending G. L. of the U. S., and declares the Scheme proposed in the Convention at Washington, D. C., March 9th last, inexpedient and impracticable. Recommends a General Convention of Delegates of G. Lodges.

*March* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(Folio, pp. 2.)—The recent organization of the G. L., of Me., is hailed with great cordiality.

*December* 23.—Circular from G. L. of Ancient Freemasons, of S. C., reviews the plan of a General G. Lodge of the U. S. as proposed in the Convention at Washington, D. C., March 9, 1822, and declares such an institution unnecessary and inadvisable.

*September* 27.—Circular from G. L. of Ancient Freemasons, of S. C., forbids unauthorized Lecturers from pursuing their vocation in any of its subordinate lodges, threatening a withdrawal of the Charter of any lodge offending against this edict.

*March* 6.—Circular from the G. L. of N. Y., (8vo., pp. 53,) gives a List of Expulsions and Suspensions, as communicated to that G. L., by other lodges, Grand and Subordinate. It also gives a Catalogue of subordinate lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges, respectively. The latter presents the following summary: Alabama had 14 lodges; Lower Canada, 25; Upper Canada, 17; N. C., 77; S. C., 51; D. C., 7; Conn., 61; Island of Cuba, 5; Del., 5; Geo., 20; Ill., 21; Ky., 73; La., 22; Me., 40; Mass., 87; Md., 26; N. H., 37; N. J., 31; N. Y., 310; Nova Scotia, 28; Ohio, 44; Pa., 98; R. I., 14; Tenn., 34; Vt., 51; Va., 67; total, 1,265 lodges. 22 of these are American G. Lodges.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**—(8vo., pp. 30.)—Resources, $3,358. A new edition of Dalcho's Ahiman Rezon, was approved. Brother Barker, of Lodge No. 9, Connecticut, delivered a Lecture before the G. L., in a luminous and satisfactory manner. The establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the U. S., was declared to be unnecessary and inadvisable. An Address was delivered by Frederick Dalcho, a copy of which was ordered to be placed in the Archives.

*March* 27.—**Proc G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 22.)—The death of Richard Tybout, P. G. M., is noticed. A. P. G. Master's Jewel of Gold, was ordered to Bayse Newcomb, P. G. M., who had declined reëlection. The death of Israel Israel, P. G. M., March 17, aged 77 years, is most appropriately noticed. He was interred with Masonic honors, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge.

*Jan'y* 13.—**Proc. G. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 10.)—20 lodges on the Rolls. Nothing of general interest.

*January* 17.—The Hall of Lexington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, Lexington, Ky., situated on the northwest side of the Public Square, was dedicated.

*March* 9.—Circular by Henry Clay, Wm. H. Winder, Wm. S. Cardell, Joel Abbott, John Holmes, Henry Baldwin, John H. Eaton, William W. Seaton, Christopher Rankin, Thomas R. Ross, H. G. Burton and Thaddeus Mason Harris, dated Washington, D. C., March 9, 1822, (12mo., pp. 7,) detailing the proceedings of a Convention held that day, in which the following Resolutions, offered by Henry Clay, were adopted unanimously:

"*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this meeting, *it is expedient*, for the general interests of Freemasonry, to constitute a General Grand Lodge of the United States.

"*Resolved*, That it be proposed to the several Grand Lodges

in the United States to take the subject into their serious consideration at their next Annual Communication; and if they approve of the formation of a General Grand Lodge, it be recommended to them to appoint one or more Delegates to assemble in the City of Washington on the second Monday of February next, to agree on the organization of such Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That if two-thirds of the Grand Lodges in the United States concur in the propriety of establishing a General Grand Lodge, it be recommended to them to instruct their representatives to proceed to the formation of a Constitution of a General Grand Lodge, to be subsequently submitted to the several Grand Lodges in the Union for their ratification, and which, being ratified by a majority of them, shall be considered as thenceforth binding on all the Grand Lodges assenting thereunto.

"*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful John Marshall, of Virginia; Henry Clay, of Kentucky; Wm. H. Winder, of Maryland; Wm. S. Cardell, of New York; Joel Abbot, of Georgia; John Holmes, of Maine; Henry Baldwin, of Pennsylvania; John H. Eaton, of Tennessee; Wm. W. Seaton, of Washington; Christopher Rankin, of Mississippi; Thos. R. Ross, of Ohio; H. G. Burton, of N. Carolina, and Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D. D., of Massachusetts, be, and they hereby are, appointed a Committee to open a Correspondence with the respective Grand Lodges within the United States, and to take such measures therein as they may deem expedient to carry the aforesaid Resolutions into effect."

The Committee, with eloquent and forcible words, give the various arguments in behalf of a Superintending G. L., and invite a Correspondence upon the subject from the various G. Lodges, and suggest a second Convention at the same place, the second Monday in February next. This Report states the number of Masons in the United States to be about 80,000.

*April* 3.—**Proc. of G. L. of Mo.**—(8vo., pp. 12.)—It is declared by the G. L., "that young Masons and new lodges are too apt to suppose they confer a benefit on the Order by swelling the number of members, without paying due attention to the qualifications of individuals." Resources, $94.

*February* 9.—**Proc. of G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 32–51.)—*Resolved*, That it is not expedient for the general interest of Freemasonry to constitute a G. G. L. of the United States.

*November* 10.—**Proc. of G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 10.)—Nothing of general interest.

*October* 10.—**Proc. of G. L. of Tenn.**—(8vo., pp. 31.)—Andrew Jackson was present as a Past Master. A lengthy and comprehensive Address from the G. M., (Wilkins Tannehill.) He declines to give an opinion on the subject of a G. G. Lodge

of the United States; but suggests a permanent Charity Fund for the education of children of indigent Masons. Andrew Jackson was elected G. M. The G. L. declined, for the present, the expression of opinion in relation to a G. G. Lodge of the United States, and declined to set a minimum price for the subordinates in conferring the Degrees. *Ordered*, That none but Master Masons should have voice or vote in the subordinate lodges.

*December* 18.—**Proc. G. L. of Ala.**—(8vo., pp. 31.—Eleven lodges were represented. Decided that it is expedient that there be established a G. G. Lodge, under proper restrictions, limitations and regulations. William Kelly was appointed Delegate to attend the proposed Convention at Washington, D. C., on the second Monday in February next. Twelve lodges made Reports of membership, etc.

*October* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Ind.**—(8vo., pp. 108.)—Twelve lodges represented at the opening. The recent establishment of the G. Lodges of Alabama and Missouri were hailed with pleasure; fifteen Grand Lodges were now in communication with the G. L. of Indiana. The decease of Alexander A. Meek, P. G. M., and of John N. Dunbar, P. S. G. Warden, was properly noticed. The publication of the names of rejected applicants was discontinued. Twenty-one lodges on the Rolls.

*December* 5.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 14.)—Twenty-one lodges represented. Decided that it was inexpedient to form a G. G. Lodge of the United States, and that a General Convention of Delegates was equally unnecessary. Thirty-eight lodges on the Rolls.

*November* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(8vo., pp. 13.)—Twenty-four lodges represented. The principles of Illustrative Masonry laid down by Jeremy L. Cross in his Lectures, were approved and recommended. Agreed to unite with as many as seven G. Lodges in a Convention of G. Lodges whenever called. Thirty-two lodges on the Rolls.

*December* 3.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(8vo., pp. 24.)—The Lodge *Protectora de las Vertudes* was chartered at Barcelona, South America; and the Lodge *Perfecta Armonia*, at Cumana. The Grand Masonic Hall was Dedicated November 29; Oration by Wm. H. Winder, G. M. Decided unanimously, that it is inexpedient to establish a G. G. Lodge of the United States.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 7–34.)—The Office of G. Visitor or Lecturer was established. Decided, that the interests of Masonry would be promoted by the establishment of a G. G. L. for the United States, to hold its meetings annually, at the seat of the General Government. Full returns of membership, etc., of seven lodges are on record.

*October* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(16mo., pp. 1–26.)—John

Bowèrs was approved as Lecturer. Forty-one lodges were represented.

*June* 28.—The corner stone of the Hospital at Louisville, Ky., was masonically laid.

*December* 2.—Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Frankfort. Five Chapters represented. A set of Jewels for the Grand Chapter had been purchased, at the cost of $300. Charters were issued to Maysville Chapter, No. 9; Newcastle Chapter, No. 10; Washington Chapter, No. 11; Rural Mark Lodge, No. 6.

The use of refreshments in the Grand Chapter, or room adjoining, was henceforth prohibited, and "it was earnestly recommended to the subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges to adopt a similar resolution." The Committee appointed last year to search out the true era of Royal Arch Masonry, was allowed another year to report; but the Grand Secretary changed the date on the title page, by adding four years to that previously assumed.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED:

Wm. G. Hunt, G. H. P.
John M'Kinney, jr., D. G. H. P.
William Bell, G. K.
James M. Pike, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Secretary.
Oliver G. Waggoner, G. Treasurer.
Rev. John Ward, G. Chaplain.
Henry Wingate, G. Marshal.
Charles Scott Bibb, G. C. G.
Edward S. Coleman, G. Steward and Tyler.

The election of Comp. Swigert has been annually repeated, from 1822 to the present year (1858), a period of thirty-six years.

The deaths of John H. Crane, P. G. Secretary, and Alex J. Mitchell, late King of Frankfort Chapter, No. 3, were appropriately noticed. A procession was formed, which proceeded to "the Frankfort Church," where a suitable Masonic eulogy was pronounced by the G. H. P. Wm. Gibbes Hunt, a copy of which was ordered to be printed.

A Committee was appointed to procure suitable crowns and aprons for the officers and members of the Grand Chapter. Resources of the Grand Chapter, $1400.

## Masonic Literature of 1822.

"*The Mystic Beauties of Freemasonry Developed.* By an Ancient Brother. First American Edition. Salem, (Mass.) Published and sold

by Henry Whipple; sold also by C. Whipple, Newburyport. Burrell & Hersey, printers, Haverhill, Mass., 1822." 18mo., pp. 108. (*Cat.*, No. 108.)

"Discourse, delivered at St. Johnsbury, (Vt.,) before Harmony Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, June 24, A. L. 5822. By the Rev. Solomon Sias, P. M. E. G. Commander of the Maine Encampment of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders. *Danville*, (Vt.) E. Eaton, printer, 1822." 8vo., pp. 15.*

"A System of Speculative Masonry, in its Origin, Patronage, Dissemination, Principles, Duties and Ultimate Designs, laid open for the examination of the serious and candid; being a Course of Lectures delivered before the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, at their Annual Meetings, held in Temple Chapter Room, in the city of Albany. By Salem Town, A. M., Grand Chaplain, Principal of Greenville Academy. *To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*—ST. JOHN. *According to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began.*—ST. PAUL.

Second Edition. *Salem*, N. Y. Printed by H. Dodd & Co., 1822." 12mo., pp. 288.†

*Addresses.*—John Ward, Lexington, Ky., June 24.
Job Johnson, Newberry, S. C., June 24.
Samuel Clark, Princeton, December 25.‡
Henry Miller, Glasgow, Scotland, June 30.

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## EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

*January* 2, 1823.

An Emergent Meeting, called in consequence of the death of two of the Managers of the Grand Masonic Hall Lottery, and the removal of another from the State. The Grand Master (David G. Cowan) presided. Representatives of five lodges were present, viz.:—Lodges No. 1, 22, 35, 58, and 75.

A Committee to superintend the future drawings of the Lottery was appointed,—consisting of James Harper, Robert R. Barr, Robert S. Todd, William T. Barry, and Thomas Nelson,—any two of whom were authorized to superintend the drawing of future classes of Lotteries.

Bro. Isaac Thom reported that the Lottery Managers had received ten per cent. on the second class, new series, $2030, drawn January 1, 1823.

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* In the possession of B. B. French.
† Republished in Universal Masonic Library, vol. xxx.
‡ In the possession of E. T. Carson.

## THE THIRTY-FIRST GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 25 to 30, 1823.*

Forty-one lodges were represented at the opening. Three P. G. Masters—Bradford, Richardson, and Woodson,—were present.

The deaths of James Morrison, Past Grand Master, and Edward Tyler, jr., J. G. Warden, were appropriately noticed.

The following Resolution was adopted, and made a part of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge: "It shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master, or presiding officer, upon the second day of each Grand Annual Communication, to deliver a lecture touching the three first degrees of Masonry."

Charters were ordered to Morrison Lodge, No. 76, at Elizabethtown, Ky.; and Golden Square Lodge, No. 77, at Cynthiana, Ky. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

The following amendment to the By-Laws was adopted: "No Grand Lodge shall be opened for the dispatch of business, unless there be present a representation from a majority of all the lodges subordinate to the said Grand Lodge, except in cases of emergency, when a representation of one-third will be sufficient."

William G. Hunt, by invitation of the Grand Lodge, delivered lectures on the three degrees of Masonry.

The Grand Lodge, for reasons not stated, adjourned its sittings, on the fourth day, from the Grand Masonic Hall to a chapel in Transylvania University.

The subject of a General Grand Lodge of the United States being proposed by a Committee of Correspondence from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, this Grand Lodge decided, that it was unnecessary and inexpedient, at the present moment, again to agitate that question, as the sentiment of this Grand Lodge had been decidedly expressed last year in opposition to the measure. The Grand Lodge declined to appoint delegates to attend the proposed Convention.

The following Resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*, as the opinions of this Grand Lodge, That it is improper in subordinate lodges to publish in newspapers the expulsion or suspension of their members."

In the case of Bro. Louis Marshal, whose Prize Ticket was yet, in part, unpaid; the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay him whatever balance of money was in hand; and Bros. Barry and Combs were requested to endeavor to make arrangements with him to wait for the remainder until the Grand Lodge could pay it.

An applicant from Freeland Lodge, No. 33, North Carolina,

having solicited the Grand Lodge for charity, was rejected, and a description of his person forwarded to the subordinate lodges, to guard them against his impositions. The description is unique: "He is about 50 years of age, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, black hair and good countenance, has been crippled—having his feet frozen!"

Hart Lodge, No. 16, was ordered to restore *to membership* a Brother whom they had indefinitely suspended therein.

Funds and property of the Grand Lodge reported at $6037.17.

(*Imprint:* Lexington, Ky. Printed by Joseph Ficklin, at the office of the Gazette, 1823.) 8vo., pp. 87. The same vignette is used as in 1821.

## Cotemporary Events of 1823.

*December* 27.—Circular from Provincial G. L. of Nova Scotia. 31 lodges reported.

*January* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Me.**—(4to., pp. 13.)—The Convention at Washington, March 9, 1822, proposing to form a General Grand Lodge of the U. S., was disapprobated; no substantial benefits could be derived from it; the pecuniary burdens of the Craft would be increased; the advantages of the existing G. Lodges curtailed, and the organization be made subservient to other than the legitimate use of Masonry; the plan was, therefore, pronounced unnecessary and inexpedient. A Committee was appointed to institute inquiries, in order to ascertain whether any vestiges of Ancient Masonry can be discovered in Palestine and the countries adjoining, and what is the present state of Masonry in those countries. A form for the Reception of a District Deputy Grand Master, by subordinate lodges, was adopted. 43 lodges are reported. Statistics of other G. Lodges were given, as follows: The G. L. of N. H., had 40 subordinate lodges; Mass., 87; Va., 55; N. G., 344; N. J., 45; N. C., 39; Ky., 55; Ala., 12; Ind., 21.

*March* 12.—**Circular from G. L. of Mass.**—The G. L. decided that the plan of a General Grand Lodge, proposed by the Convention at Washington, D. C., March 9, 1822, was neither necessary nor expedient; no reason could be found, why this G. L. should relinquish any part of its Ancient powers and prerogatives; the measure would have a tendency to weaken the bonds of Masonic Union.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(Folio, pp. 11.)—John Dixwell, G. M., made an Address, which was ordered to be printed. 91 lodges were reported.

*January* 6.—**Circular from G. L. of D. C.**—(Manuscript.)—States that the G. L. coincided with the G. L. of Kentucky, as to the inexpediency of a General G. Lodge, and the propriety

of a General Convention, to be held at Philadelphia, June 24, 1824.

*March* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(Folio, pp. 3.)—The proposition of the Convention at Washington, D. C., of March 9, 1822, recommending a National or Supreme G. L., for the U. S., is declared inexpedient.

*October* 10.—**Circular from G. L. of Ind.**—Information was communicated, that the late Past G. Master of Ind., John Sheets, having, in a renconter unfortunately killed his opponent, had absented himself from the meetings of the G. L. His conduct, in so doing, met the decided approbation of his G. L.

*January* 15.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—The proceedings of the Convention at Washington, D. C., March 9, 1822, were not approbated; the proposition to establish a General G. L., was pronounced, "at this time inexpedient;" the project of a General Convention of Delegates of G. Lodges, to meet at Philadelphia, June 24, 1823, was approved, and John Snow appointed Delegate from the G. L. of Ohio. Voting in lodges was confined to Master Masons only. Rules of discipline in subordinate lodges, were adopted. The principle was settled, that the G. L. can not restore a suspended or expelled member to his membership in a subordinate lodge. The State was divided, for convenience of Lecturing, into nine Visitorial Districts.

*June* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 13.)—Declined to appoint delegates to a proposed Convention at Washington, D. C., on the third Wednesday in February next. Address by John L. Blake, ordered to be printed.

*May* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of Ct.**—(8vo., pp. 22.)—60 lodges made returns.

*September* 3.—**A Circular Letter from the G. L. of N. Y.**—(8vo., pp. 66.)—Details the causes, at much length, which had led to the recent establishment of two G. Lodges in that State. The date of the organization of the G. L. of N. Y. is set down at December 2, 1782. Masonic Conventions had been held at Batavia, N. Y., October 23, 1820, and at Canandaigua, N. Y., January 20, 1821; serious attempts are made to justify the establishment of two Grand Lodges in one and the same State.

*November* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(8vo., pp. 15.)—The Grand Master, (Jephtha B. Munn,) made a detailed Address.

*May* 6.—**Circular from the G. L. of D. C.**—(18mo., pp. 12.) Inviting renewed attention to the subject of a General Grand Lodge of the U. S., and requesting the various Grand Lodges to appoint delegates to represent them, in a proposed Convention, at Washington, D. C., on the third Wednesday of February, 1824. The arguments for, and the objections against this scheme, are advanced and combated with great ability.

*December* 25.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 12.)—Ordered, that all Masons attending funeral solemnities, should be dressed in the badges appropriate to their Masonic rank. 40 lodges were on the Rolls.

*October* 31.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**—(8vo., pp. 14.)—Called in Special Session by the G. Master to communicate the mediation effected by Frederick Dalcho between the G. M., (John S. Cogdell,) and P. G. M., (Thomas W. Bacot,) on the one part, and Bros. McCosh, Sebring, and Holbrook on the other, in relation to serious matters at variance between them. The G. L. unanimously pronounced the settlement highly satisfactory.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**—(8vo., pp. 48.)—The access of David Vinton as a Lecturer to the lodges of S. C. was forbidden until his character as a Mason should be vindicated, and acquitted before the G. L. of N. C., which body had recently denounced him in severe terms. John Barker of Conn. was elected Grand Lecturer, and the letter of David Vinton rejected. On further application by Vinton, accompanied by documents proving his good standing, and requesting that an inquiry be made into the justice of his expulsion by the G. L. of N. C., he was referred to that G. L., and his application dismissed. Frederick Dalcho resigned his office as G. Chaplain, having been twenty-four years a member of the G. L. Ordered that an engraved likeness of him be made at the expense of the G. L.*

An Oration was delivered by Robert S. Symes.

*October* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Mo.**—(8vo., pp. 20.)—An intelligent Report was offered upon the subject of physical qualifications, and the G. L. declared it would not grant a Dispensation to initiate the maimed or disabled. Decided that the establishment of a G. G. Lodge was impolitic, but approbated the idea of a Convention, as conceived by the G. L. of Penn.

The foundation of the Presbyterian Church was laid at St. Louis, August 31.

*June* 19.—**Proc. G. L. of Geo.**—(8vo., pp. 32.)—Funeral Oration by Rev. Mr. Meredith, on the Masonic services of Walter Cranston, P. G. Chaplain; a copy was ordered for publication. An affecting Valedictory from Thomas U. P. Charlton, G. M., who declined reëlection; he declares that the proposition for a G. G. Lodge of the U. S. "was initiated by this G. L. in 1790, but was not adopted by other G. Lodges." An Honorarium in the form of a jewel was ordered to be presented him. The denunciatory measures adopted by the G. Lodges of N. C. and S. C., against David Vinton had called out an indignant protest from Washington Lodge, No. 15, Georgia, to whom he had given lectures. Thirty-one lodges on the Rolls.

* A copy of this was published in the *American Freemason*, vol. 5.

*May* 5.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(8vo., pp. 57.)—A new Constitution was adopted, and much business done relative to the financial affairs of the G. L.

*May* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 35–43.)—The renewed attention of sister G. Lodges was invited to the subject of a G. G. L. of the U. S.

*May* 6—**Circular from the G. L. of D. C.**—(16mo., pp. 12.)—Inviting the renewed attention of sister G. Lodges to the establishment of a G. G. L. of the U. S.

*January* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 13.)

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(8vo., pp. 33.)—A highly interesting document, affording a summary of the action of sister G. Lodges relative to the G. G. L., and the settlement of an uncommonly large number of grievances among the lodges of Pa. Declared that the G. L. is, in itself, the legitimate source whence the Masonic authority emanates; that the City of Philadelphia was the proper site for the location of the G. L.; that all Past Masters being contributing members of lodges, ought to continue to possess the privilege of voting in G. L.; that a G. G. L. ought not to be established; that the G. L. is the only proper authority to settle differences between subordinate lodges; that the G. L. itself has neglected its duty of instructing and enlightening the Craft; that the strictest adherence to the ancient mode of work should be maintained; and that a complete exhibit of the Finances of the G. L. should be made statedly to the subordinates. It was stated as a matter of history, that, prior to 1795, there was no Grand R. A. Chapter in the U. S., and that the first was established about that time under the authority of the G. L. of Pa.

*October* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(16mo., pp. 26–69.)—A lodge had acted in suspending a Brother "precipitately and without that decorum which becomes a Band of Brothers." Address by Joel Clapp, G. Chaplain. The Constitution adopted in 1794 was republished; the organizing Convention consisted of five lodges, viz.: Vermont, North Star, Dorchester, Temple and Union.

*December* 1.—Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Frankfort. Eight Chapters represented. An Address from the G. H. Priest (Hunt) was ordered to be spread on the Records, the first Official Address thus honored since the establishment of a Masonic Grand Body in this State. In relation to the death of Edward Tyler, Jr., he beautifully declaims: "He has gone but a little way before us to the Grand Chapter on high, where we trust we shall once more enjoy his useful and interesting society, without the apprehension of interruption forever." The labors of the G. Scribe (James M. Pike) are extolled as having done much to diffuse the knowledge of the

mysteries and inculcate the sublime principles of R. A. Masonry. He expresses his intention of shortly removing from the State, but that he hopes to carry with him the fraternal regard and cordial affection so freely manifested to him by the members of the G. C., which would constitute a source of the purest gratification, and rank among the most delightful recollections of his life.

The Committee to purchase Crowns, etc., had but partly performed that duty. Two copies of Cross' Masonic Chart were purchased for the G. C., on the motion of Henry Wingate.

Rules of Orders, based on sound and general parliamentary and Masonic usage, were adopted. These are so analogous to those in use by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky as to render it unnecessary to publish them here. An appeal from the decision of the G. H. P. to the G. C. was admitted.

A system of Rules governing Appeals to the G. C., from subordinates, was adopted in eight Sections. *First.* That a companion feeling aggrieved, may appeal. *Second.* He shall give due notice to the Body from whose decision the appeal is preferred, and shall be entitled to an attested copy of the charges and testimony; but no appeal can be taken after twelve months shall have elapsed after such decision. *Third.* Due notice shall be given of the appeal to the Grand Secretary, and the attested copies as aforesaid forwarded to him. *Fourth.* The Grand Secretary shall deliver the same to the Committee on Appeals. *Fifth.* They shall faithfully examine them, listen to the arguments, *pro* and *con*; and *Sixth.* Report their conclusions to the Grand Chapter. *Seventh.* The appellant may enter the Grand Chapter and plead in support of his appeal. *Eighth.* If the trial of the subordinate Chapter be reversed, the appellant "shall be thereupon entitled to all the rights and privileges before belonging to him," as a R. A. Mason, "and shall become, *ipso facto*, a member of the Chapter to which he had previously belonged."

A Charter was issued to Oriental Chapter, No. 14, at Hopkinsville, Ky., and Dispensations for Chapters, U. D., at Paris and Nicholasville.

Suitable Resolutions were adopted relative to the death of Edward Tyler, Jr., P. G. Scribe, and Joseph Crockett, Jr., Scribe of Webb Chapter, No. 6.

OFFICERS ELECT.

John M'Kinney, Jr., G. H. P.
Thos. M'Clanahan, D. G. H. P.
Robert Johnston, G. K.
James M. Pike, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Sec'y.

Oliver G. Waggoner, G. Treas.
Rev. Wm. Holman, G. Chaplain.
Henry Wingate, G. Marshal.
Chas. S. Bibb, G. C. G.
Edward S. Coleman, G. S. and Tyler.

Two hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the present Session were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Philip Swigert, it was decided that the restoration of a companion from a condition of expulsion or suspension can only be by unanimous vote.

The Committee upon the true era of R. A. Masonry was finally discharged without making a report. Among the Companions exalted the preceding year were Thomas J. Helm, Amos Kendall, (Feb. 28,) Benj. Hickman, Thomas S. Page, Jesse Bledsoe, (July 25,) Levi Tyler, (April 29,) Felix Huston, Levi Lusk, (April 4,) Thos. Ware, (Oct. 9.)

A Form of Returns of subordinate Chapters, the same still in use, was appended to the proceedings this year, and it was voted "that none others will be received by the G. Chapter."

A Synopsis of all the By-Laws, Orders and Resolutions then in force was appended, covering six pages.

## Masonic Literature of 1823.

*Addresses.*—John Lauris Blake, Concord, N. H., June 12; Amos Kendall, Frankfort, Ky., June 24.

"A Masonic Address, delivered at Col. Wm. Steele's, Woodford Co., Ky., Aug. 15, 1823, at the request of the Brothers of Landmark Lodge, No. 41, and the Companions of Webb R. A. Chapter, No. 6, Versailles, Ky., in memory of the deceased Brother and Companion, Wm. Steele, Jr. By Comp. Percival Butler, *Lexington*, Ky. Printed by Wm. Tanner, Monitor office, 1823." 8vo., pp. 6.

"An Address on the Principles of Masonry, delivered in Versailles, (Ky.,) on the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, December 27, 1823, at the request of Landmark Lodge, No. 41, and Webb Chapter, No. 6, by Comp. Charles S. Bibb, of Frankfort Chapter, No. 3, *Frankfort*, (Ky.) Printed by Amos Kendall & Co., Printers for the State," 1824." 8vo., pp. 8.

"An Oration delivered in the Church at Madison, (Ind.,) before the G. L. of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana. By Isaac Naylor, Grand Orator: *Vevay*, Ind. Printed by Bro. Wm. C. Keen, at the Indiana Register office, 1823." 8vo., pp. 16.

"An Address on the Principles of Masonry, delivered in the church at Frankfort, Ky., on the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1823, at the request of Hiram Lodge, No. 4. By Amos Kendall. *Frankfort*, Ky. Printed by Amos Kendall & Co., Printers for the State, 1823." 8vo., pp. 14.

## THE THIRTY-SECOND GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, Aug. 30 to Sept. 3, 1824.*

Forty-one lodges were represented at the opening. Among the representatives were Levi Lusk, since a Grand Master of Illinois; Daniel Breck, Levi Tyler, etc. Henry Clay was in attendance.

The Building Committee made interesting reports, which we give entire:

Report of the Building Committee, to the Worshipful Grand Lodge, at the Annual Convocation, in August, A. L. 5824, A. D. 1824.

Since the last Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, your Building Committee has contracted for the erection of a Grand Hall, and are proceeding to complete it with all possible dispatch. The plan which has been adopted, it is hoped, will be satisfactory to the Grand Lodge. The first story of the edifice is divided into two front rooms, and one counting-room, with commodious cellars for business purposes, and for rent; together with a large room for a free school.

The second story is designed to accommodate the Grand Lodge. Beside a suitable hall in this story, 60 by 32 feet in dimensions, and a room attached to it, 24 by 21 feet, there is a Banquet Hall in front, 60 by 24. The third story will consist of five departments; one of them the same dimensions as the Grand Hall, for the accommodation of the Royal Arch Chapter and Encampment of Knights, and four rooms for the use of the local subordinate lodges, committees, etc.

The lot on which the building is erected fronts on two principal streets, and is large enough to contain other necessary buildings. Your Committee has not, however, deemed it advisable to provide, in their plan, for the accommodation of a family. A temple to be dedicated to such holy purposes, nor the lot on which it stands, it was thought, ought not to become the residence of families.

The funds at present under the control of your Committee, are too limited to justify any expenditure in ornamental workmanship; yet a temple which will stand for ages, should, in some degree, indicate to posterity the state of the arts at the period of its erection. The materials, therefore, have been carefully selected; skillful and experienced workmen only employed; and the plan so arranged as to admit of ornamental additions after the essential parts of the edifice are completed. The pediment marble column, for example, and the cupola and spire, represented here in the drawing, may be contracted for hereafter.

Your Committee, in a Report laid before the Worshipful Grand Master, at the laying of the corner-stone, and hereto annexed, as a part of this Communication, estimated the resources available the present year at $11,119. It is still believed that that amount may be realized, though a deficiency in several items of the estimate has since been discovered. With a view, however, to have the building covered this season, your Committee is, by contracts already entered into, personally responsible for that sum, and for about $3000 more, which will be due the workmen next August, being the estimated balance for the present year's work. The available sum for the next year is estimated, in the Report above referred to, at $5,750, which will also, it is hoped, be realized from the resources enumerated, with the addition of an appropriation by the Grand Chapter, which is confidently believed will be made, and of $350, being the three first semi-annual installments of $1000, appropriated by the Encampment, payable semi-annually.

It is the determination of the Committee to apply the resources of next year on the inside work of the apartments intended for the use of the Grand Lodge, and, if practicable, to have them ready by the next annual Session.

But it is so desirable to finish the hall for the Chapter, and the rooms for the subordinate lodges, likewise, in the course of next season, that it is earnestly hoped the necessary arrangements will be made, or authority granted, by your Worshipful Body, to enable the Committee to raise the necessary funds.

There is another subject to which the Committee beg leave, particularly, to call the attention of the Grand Lodge. It is well known the first Lottery involved the Institution in debt. Notwithstanding the obvious necessity of a Grand Hall to the convenience of the Craft, it was thought advisable by your Committee first to discharge this debt; but the gentleman who held a prize ticket (on which a balance, owing to a want of funds, remained unpaid,) having refused to receive the currency in the hands of the Treasurer, and, at the same time, demanding good funds, which your Committee had not, no alternative was left but to wait the issue of a suit, which he commenced to coerce payment in good money. Bros. Tilford, Richardson and Bodley, are the defendants in this suit, as Commissioners of the unfortunate Lottery.

Should a judgment be obtained against them, they must, inevitably, sustain great injury in their property, unless the Grand Lodge interpose in their behalf. Inasmuch as the resources in hand, and those likely to be acquired for a year or two, were all devoted to the building, it was expected that some satisfactory arrangement would be made, during the present Session, to protect those Brothers, in the event of the legal de-

fense which belongs to the case being found insufficient. Your Committee will not prescribe a particular course in this matter for the Grand Lodge, but it is felt to be a duty to call attention to the subject. Indeed, it was under a confident belief, that some arrangement would be made by the Grand Lodge either to satisfy the claim or secure the Brethren who are held responsible for the debt, that the Committee has proceeded to apply the funds of the Institution; and it was not until suit was commenced that they were so applied.

The active members of the Committee have been reduced, from various causes, to *three* individuals: two of these have already come under considerable personal responsibility; but, fortified with the approbation of your Worshipful Body, they will cheerfully continue to discharge, faithfully, all the duties that may devolve on them; and, as most of the difficulties are now surmounted, they trust that they will be able to do so in a satisfactory manner.

The aid received from the citizens of that part of the town in which the hall is located, from their liberal subscriptions for the purchase of a lot, and the very great assistance obtained from the prompt, efficient, and indefatigable exertions of the Agent and Acting Managers of the Lotteries, call for the most particular and grateful acknowledgments of the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

August 30, 1824. THOS. SMITH, LESLIE COMBS, } Committee.

The following is the report of the Building Committee, which was communicated to the several lodges by order of the M. W. Grand Master, and referred to in the preceding report:

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to superintend the erection of a Grand Hall in the town of Lexington, beg leave to lay before the M. W. G. Master, for the information of himself and the Brethren assembled, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the building, the following communication:

In accordance with the object of their appointment, and to carry into effect the views of the Grand Lodge, the Committee, immediately after the late Convocation, met for the purpose of making the preliminary arrangements to begin the building. The first inquiry was to the means placed at their disposal, and their first step was to close the accounts of the former lottery agent, Brother W. G. Hunt. This agent exhibited a satisfactory statement of his transactions; but it was perceived with regret, that from causes not pertinent to be here specified, a very serious embarrassment had been brought upon

the Institution, an embarrassment indeed of such magnitude, as to be deemed by a part an inseparable barrier to the undertaking. A majority of the Committee, however, thought differently, and deemed it their duty to proceed, confidently relying on the ability of the Grand Lodge to place at their disposal, hereafter, adequate funds in addition to those now in hands, to complete the building in a reasonable time, and on a scale worthy of the Craft. A beginning has accordingly been made, and the foundation prepared on a lot, eligibly situated, which has been accepted as a donation from the citizens of the town. In selecting this site for the building, your Committee have been influenced by the following considerations:

1st, *Convenience*, as well to the Grand Lodge in their Convocations as to local Brethren, who contribute liberal subscriptions toward the building. 2d, *Safety*, by placing the building immediately under the eyes of those whose duty it is to protect it from the injuries from neglect and abuse. 3d, *Revenue from rents* by appropriating the cellars, and ground floors to business purposes. And 4th, the donation of the lot, which cost $2000, generously purchased for the purpose by a few citizens, most of them not of the Craft. The Committee, to render the lot still more eligible, and with a view to diminish considerably the expense of the building, have appropriated about six hundred dollars to the purchase of additional ground adjoining. They have also engaged the service of an experienced architect, who has furnished a plan, which they approve of, and who will likewise furnish working plans, and closely superintend the construction of the edifice in every department of workmanship.

Brothers Tilford, Richardson, and Bodley, Commissioners of the old Lottery, having consented to the appropriating of all the funds now in hand and hereafter to be received, from first class of G. M. H. Lottery, toward the building, the Committee think, in justice, that they ought to be indemnified against any contingency which may arise from the suit instituted by the holder of a prize ticket, and for this purpose, as no better pledge can be given by the Grand Lodge than the building, (with which pledge they will be perfectly satisfied,) the Committee earnestly hope that such arrangements will be adopted, and the guarantee afforded.

The funds in hand and available, in the course of the present year, are estimated as follows:

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| In the hands of Bro. Grand Treasurer, say | $2.980 |
| Proceeds of 3d Class of Lottery, New Series | 1.500 |
| In the hands of Bro. Combs, proceeds of 1st Class Lottery, Old Series | 964 |

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| 1st Installment of Subscription by Trotter Lodge..... | 125 |
| 1st " " " " Murray " ..... | 125 |
| 1st " " " " Daviess " ..... | 125 |
| Subscription of R. A. Chapter, Lexington..... | 1.000 |
| From 4th Class Lottery, to be drawn this summer or fall..... | 2.300 |
| From the Treasury after next Convocation, say..... | 2.000 |
| | $11.119 |

The Committee have, as yet, no authority to add to this estimate a contribution from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which, there is every reason to believe, will be a liberal one, and which they trust, will be readily granted on application. Nor have they included the value of the present Hall and lot, granted by Lexington Lodge, No. 1, which they propose to dispose of, before the building is completed.

The building, on the plan proposed, will require between $10,000 and $12,000 to roof it, and this ought to be done in the course of the present year. To complete it, the whole cost is estimated at $21,000.

In the course of next year, there will be available, of existing means:

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| The Second and Third Installment of Trotter, Daviess, and Murray Lodges, say..... | $750 |
| From Lotteries, say..... | 3.000 |
| From Grand Treasury, say..... | 2,000 |
| Total..... | $5,750 |

It is not doubted but that the Grand Lodge, at its approaching Convocation, will adopt the plan of a loan, if necessary, to protect the Commissioners of the old Lottery, or to insure the completion of the building, so far as to make it eligible for the Convocation of 1825. The Committee, being fully sensible of the difficulties they have to encounter, will not relax their efforts, but will faithfully do their duty, and endeavor to surmount them.

The absolute necessity of a commodious edifice, such as is now begun, is so obvious to them, that they can not anticipate any want of correspondent zeal on the part of others, who are regardful of the interest and honor of the Craft. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS SMITH,
LESLIE COMBS,
JOHN TILFORD,
JOHN BRAND,
} Committee.

June 1, 1824

*Note*—The expenditure already made, has been drawn from the Agent of the Lottery, in appreciation of the completion, of the Third Class, Sixty days after which, the amount against him would be due.

Lodge No. 16, having violated the Constitutional Rules, by publishing the fact of an expulsion, in a newspaper, was summoned to show cause.

Ordered, that, henceforth, a lodge, having worked U. D., shall have its officers installed before going to work under a Charter.

The death of William Warren, P. J. G. W., is appropriately noticed.

The G. M. lectured the G. L. on the first three degrees of Masonry, "when some important elucidations were given, for the benefit of the subordinate lodges."

Dr. Louis Marshal, having entered suit against the Managers of the G. L. Lottery, Brothers Tilford and Richardson, a Committee was appointed to inquire into the expediency of indemnifying those Brethren. It was found that he had received on account of his prize, ($20,000,) the sum of $10,768.80, leaving $9,231.20, yet unpaid. The Committee reported, advising, that Messrs. January, Logue, Todd, and Henry Clay be authorized to secure payment to Marshal of his claim, by giving lien on real estate of G. L., etc. This was adopted.

The subordinate lodges were released from the necessity of reporting visitors, in future.

It was decided, "that in no instance, has a subordinate lodge the right to receive members from any other State, where a regular G. L. is established in such State."

The Charter of No. 19 was annulled, from failure to make Reports.

Charter was granted to Lodge No. 79.

The G. L. marched in procession to the Episcopal Church, and heard a sermon from Rev. Bro. Francis R. Palmer, and an Oration by Bro. Dabney C. Cosby. A copy of the latter was asked for publication.

A Resolution, pointing out the duties of Masters, and other Officers of lodges, offered by T. M. Smith, was laid on the table. It is to be regretted that no copy was preserved.

A Committee was appointed to inquire into the propriety of procuring an Act of Incorporation from the Legislature, authorizing the G. L. to hold real estate, and do other acts. Brothers Pinkham, Leslie Combs, Smith, and Simpson, were appointed.

The Grand Lodge ordered the purchase of two hundred tickets, at Three Dollars (in specie) each, in the Fourth Class, New Series, and one hundred tickets in the Fifth Class.

An invitation was extended to subordinate lodges and individuals, to loan funds to the G. L., to relieve the present embarrassment.

A Digest of the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the G. L., made by Bros. Bradford and Combs, was adopted, and three hundred copies ordered to be printed. The title is, "Digest of the

Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, for the Lodges subordinate thereto. Approved in Grand Communication, Sept. 2, A. L. 5824, A. D. 1824. *Lexington.* Printed by J. M. McCalla, at the office of the Kentucky Gazette, 1824." 8vo., pp. 11.

A Report upon "the date of the Grand Lodge Seal," declares that the characters representing the date thereon, were either misapplied, or injudiciously chosen. "No authority has been discovered to justify the use of VDCCC, to express "5800."

It was decided that the only P. G. Officers entitled to a vote in the G. L. as such, are P. G. Masters. This rule holds good to the present day.

The Report on Foreign Communications, from Bro. Jas. Logue,* is more lengthy and elaborate than any preceding document of the sort on our records. The Committee notice Communications from the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Harmony in general, prevailed throughout the great Masonic family. Discrepancies in the titles of G. Lodges are commented upon, some styling themselves "Ancient York Masons," others, "Ancient Freemasons," while a majority use the term, "Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons." A Resolution, proposed by the Committee, was adopted by the G. L., viz.: That no subordinate lodge should permit the delivery of Masonic Lectures without authority from the G. L. or G. M., under penalty of the forfeiture of its Charter. But it was explained, that the instruction by officers and members in communion with the lodges, was not forbidden by this prohibition. The Preamble to this Resolution, asserts that the G. L. being the Supreme Masonic authority in Kentucky, has the power to prescribe what *is* and what is *not* correct Masonic instruction, and declares that it is the duty of the G. L. to disseminate Masonic light to the Craft. It has, unfortunately, been too much a subject of legislation in all the American G. Lodges, how best *to prevent* instruction being given.

Article 59, Sec. 2, of the present Constitutional Regulations, (1858,) was adopted on motion of Bro. Cowan. Also decided, that expulsion from a Royal Arch Chapter, does not involve expulsion from the Blue Lodge.

Resources of the G. L., $2,100.

"The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, *sine die*, and closed in ample form and harmony, at five o'clock."

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* These Reports are usually accredited to the Chairmen, respectively.

Among the Visitors this Session, are the names of Mann Butler, William T. Barry, Green Clay, Felix Huston, Elijah Smith, Deputy Grand Master of Mississippi, etc.

A Circular Letter from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, certifies the expulsion of Henry Beebe, a member of that body, for murder.*

Fifty-six lodges are reported this year on the Grand Lodge Rolls.

(*Imprint:* Title page defective.) 8vo., pp. 68.

## Cotemporary Events of 1824.

*January* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Maine.**—(4to., pp. 16.)—The opinions of last year, disapprobating the project of a General Grand Lodge, are reäffirmed with great force, and the arguments, eleven in number, offered by its advocates, powerfully combated.† Decided that to substitute an *affirmation* for an *oath*, in conferring the degrees, would not violate any Masonic principle. A Valedictory Address by the Grand Master (Simon Greenleaf) was made, and spread upon the Minutes. Forty-four lodges are reported.

*October* 2.—Lafayette visited the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and was made an Honorary Member thereof.

*January* 15.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Lodges were instructed to report lists of demitted Masons, living within their jurisdiction respectively. The propositions from the Grand Lodge of D. C., favorable to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, were disapproved. Nine Deputy Grand Lecturers were appointed.

*May* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 43.)—The exertions of Bro. William Lambert, in behalf of the establishment of a Geographical First Meridian at Washington, were warmly approbated by the Grand Lodge. William W. Seaton was Grand Master.

*February* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of La.**—(12mo., pp. 11.)—Nineteen lodges on the Rolls, including two in Alabama, and three in the Spanish Dominions. The proposal for a General Grand Lodge, offered at Washington, D. C., March 9, 1822, was approved. All differences heretofore existing between any of the lodges in Louisiana, were declared to be happily terminated.

*April* 7.—**Proc. G. L. of Mo.**—(8vo., pp. 9.)—George H. C. Melody, D. G. M., presided; nothing of general interest.

*January* 7.—**Proc. G. L. of Miss.**—(12mo., pp. 22.)—John A. Quitman, J. G. W.; nothing of general interest.

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* In our library is a lengthy report of the trial and conviction of Beebe.

† The Report is by Simon Greenleaf—a most elaborate and able document.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**—(8vo., pp. 52.)—Address from the Grand Master, John S. Cogdell. John Barker was present as Grand Lecturer. The minimum fees for the three degrees, for lodges out of Charleston, were fixed at $16. Decided that no Brother has the right to reveal, as testimony, any fact which transpired within the lodge, or in Masonic confidence. An Address, delivered by A. W. Leland, was ordered to be placed in the Archives. An Address from John Geddes, G. M., is in the record.

*June* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 31.)—Samuel Cushman, one of the District Deputy Grand Masters, reports, in relation to one of the lodges, "that there is evidently a small schism there, which, however, by proper care and attention, may be repaired." Thirty-five lodges represented. $200 was appropriated toward the erection of a proposed Monument to Washington, at Mt. Vernon, to be paid whenever the sum of $10,000 is secured in other quarters. Decided that the Grand Lodge has the power to remove subordinate lodges whenever the good of the Craft requires it.

*December* 30.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 16.)—Resources, $603. An attempt made, Dec. 24, to elect a Grand Master, failed, "as no person had the requisite number of votes;" the election was, therefore, postponed. $500 was appropriated toward the Mount Vernon Washington Monument. Forty-five lodges on the Rolls.

*October* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Tenn.**—(8vo., pp. 40.)—The lodges were required to examine Brethren in open lodge before advancing them to higher degrees. The proposition for the Mount Vernon Washington Monument was highly approved. Tannehill's *Masonic Manual* was endorsed and recommended. A Grand Charity Fund was established. Decided that votes for degrees be by ballot, and a single negative to exclude. Thirty-seven lodges on the Rolls.

*December* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Ill.**—(8vo., pp. 12.)—The Grand Officers were installed by George H. C. Melody, Deputy Grand Master of Missouri. Decided that all petitions for degrees or membership be acted upon in Master Masons' Lodge only; "but the ordinary business of the lodge in Entered Apprentices' Lodges." Returns of eight lodges were made. The lodges at Kaskaskia, Shawneetown, Edwardsville and Springfield had not yet united with this Grand Lodge.

*July* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 30.)—The officers are said to be in their respective places, "and the members supporting the columns." The pamphlet is entirely filled with the trial of Henry Beebe, for murder, on appeal from Concord Lodge, No. 3. Auguste Davesac was appointed by the Grand

Lodge counsel for the accused, and was required, upon his knees, to take an oath "to employ all his faculties honorably to fulfill, in behalf of the accused, the duties with which he was charged." The twenty-nine voting members of the Grand Lodge took oath before God, and on the honor of Masons, to pronounce with impartiality on the accusation before them. The evidence, speeches of counsel, etc., are given at great length, and the G. Lodge confirmed the sentence of expulsion.

*November* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 14.)—Directed that all Masons taking the prison bounds as debtors, be suspended from their Masonic functions during such period.

*November* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(8vo., pp. 15–31.)—23 lodges were represented. The G. M. reported that he had waited upon Lafayette, Sept. 23, at Elizabethtown, addressed him in an appropriate discourse, and received his reply,—"a transaction distinguished by the fellowship of good feeling, gratitude, of deep-felt intellectual enjoyment, and of sincere and ardent fraternal affection." The publication of suspensions, expulsions and rejections, was discontinued. Recommended to sister Grand Lodges to publish all documents in uniform size.

*October* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(16mo., pp. 1–22.)—Discourse by Joel Clapp. In consideration that Robert Hastings had been excluded from his desk, by his congregation, for no other reason than that he was a Mason, the Grand Lodge made him a donation. Resources, $122.

*October* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of Ind.**—(8vo., pp. 68.)—19 lodges represented. A minimum fee of $15 was established for the three degrees. Thomas Douglas, afterward G. M. of Florida, was an active member of this Grand Lodge this year.

*December* 1.—**Circular from G. L. of N. Y.**—Heartily coinciding with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire as to the propriety of erecting a Monument, at Mount Vernon, to Washington, $1000 was appropriated in its aid.

*October* 15.—Willis A. Lee, an old Mason, Clerk of the Senate and General Court, was Masonically interred.

*December* 6.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Frankfort. 12 Chapters represented.

Charters were ordered for Paris Chapter, No. 15, and Clay Mark Lodge, No. 7.

The Committee on Foreign Communications report their examination of various documents laid before them; and among important facts deduced therefrom, they give the formation of the Grand Chapters of Georgia (1822,) North Carolina (1822,) and Alabama (1823.) Ordered that the Grand Chapter should not hereafter be opened, unless there were present a representation of a majority of the subordinate Chapters.

James M. Pike was requested to give lectures before the Grand Chapter upon R. A. Masonry.

OFFICERS ELECT.

Thomas McClanahan, G. H. P.
James M. Pike, D. G. H. P.
Robert Johnston, G. K.
Thomas H. Bradford, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Secretary.
Oliver G. Waggoner, G. Treasurer.
William Holman, G. Chaplain.
Henry Wingate, G. M.
Edward S. Coleman, G. C. G.
Allen F. Macurdy, G. S. and T.

Resources of the Grand Chapter, $1976. Proxies were to be selected from the same subordinate Chapters to which their Principals belong, respectively. Decided that the object of forming new Chapters was "expressly for the purpose of diffusing and disseminating the sublime principles of the Order, and extending, widely, a correct knowledge of its important mysteries."

A Committee was appointed, empowered to loan the Grand Lodge of Kentucky $1000 toward the erection of the Grand Hall.

1824.—Much having been said in after years concerning Henry Clay's severance of Masonic affiliation this year, we give the Grand Secretary's certificate on the subject, as published in Niles' Register, (vol. 41, p. 346,) January, 1832, from the New York Commercial Advertiser, edited by Col. Stone. It is prefaced by an editorial, which it is unnecessary here to give.

"I do hereby certify that the Hon. Henry Clay did, legally and honorably, demit from Lexington Lodge, No. 1, on the 18th day of Nov., A. D. 1824. The foregoing is truly extracted from the records of said lodge. Given under my hand, and the seal of the lodge annexed thereto, this 25th day of November, A. D. 1831.

JOHN HENRY, Secretary Lexington Lodge, No. 1."

"I, Harry I. Bodley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, do certify, that it appears from the Returns of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, which is subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, that John Henry, whose name is attached to the foregoing certificate, is Secretary of Lexington Lodge, No. 1; and that it further appears from the Proceedings of said Grand Lodge, that Henry Clay demitted from said lodge between August, 1824, and August, 1825. In testimony where-

of, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Grand Lodge, this 26th November, 1831.

HARRY I. BODLEY, Grand Secretary."

To this, the editor of the Advertiser appends the remark :— "In justice to Mr. Clay, we may as well mention the fact, that he was, in no wise, accessory to the obtaining the foregoing certificates by us; nor did he know that they were in our possession until we had had them upward of two weeks, nor until the above article was prepared for the press."

The editor also explained, "that to *demit*, according to Webster, is to let fall, to depress, to submit; but is not used, except as a Masonic term. Its meaning in Freemasonry is to let fall, to relinquish, give up, or withdraw from."

The conclusions the antimasons draw from the above demit were all false. Mr. Clay visited the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and New York long after the period of his withdrawing from the membership of his lodge.

## Masonic Literature of 1824.

*The Masonic Manual*, by Wilkins Tannehill, P. G. M. *Nashville*, Tennessee, 1824. 8vo., pp. viii : 412.*

*Addresses.*—Simon Greenleaf to Grand Lodge of Maine, Jan. 8; Joseph S. Benham, Milford, Ohio, June 24; A. B. Shackelford, Georgetown, S. C., Dec. 27; George Howard, Hudson, N. Y., Oct. 25; Simeon DeWitt Drown to Chester Lodge, Meigs county, Ohio, Feb. 12.

"A Discourse, delivered before Abraham and Clarke Lodges, on the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1824. By Rev. Bro. H. M. Shaw. *Louisville*, Ky. A. G. Hodges & Co., Printers, 1826." 8vo., pp. 16.

"A Masonic Oration, delivered on the 24th June, 1824, at Milford. By Joseph S. Benham, Esq., U. S. Attorney. *Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.* Published by request of the Committee. *Cincinnati.* Printed by Samuel J. Browne, at the Emporium office, 1824." 8vo., pp. 22.

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* *Cat.*, No. 80. There are two subsequent editions of this,—the second at Louisville, Ky. 1840.

## THE THIRTY-THIRD GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, Aug. 29 to Sept. 25, 1825.*

Forty-seven lodges were represented at opening. Six Past Grand Masters were present, viz.: Bodley, Bradford, Richardson, Woodson, Cowan and Lewis.

Dispensations were ordered for Augusta Lodge, U. D., at Augusta, Ky.; Tyler Lodge, U. D., at Jeffersontown, Ky.; Lafayette Lodge, U. D., in Clarke Co., Ky.

(See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

The decease of James Moore, P. G. Master, and Thomas M'Clanahan, late J. G. Deacon, was appropriately noticed.

A public notification had been given that the Grand Masonic Hall would be dedicated at this time, but the Committee reporting that it was not in a proper state of advancement for such solemnization, the dedication was postponed.

The terms "adjourned," and "closed in ample form and harmony," are used in the record this year.

A procession was formed and marched to the Episcopal Church to hear a Masonic Oration from the Grand Orator, Daniel Breck. A copy was ordered for publication.

The Deputy G. Master delivered a Lecture on the Second Degree in Masonry.

The organization of the Grand Lodge of Illinois being officially communicated, the G. L. of Kentucky recognized the same, and ordered that the G. Secretary open a correspondence. Likewise, that any arrearages due to this G. Lodge from any lodge located in Illinois, be remitted.

A duel between Jonathan Stout and Edmund Irvine, both Master Masons, having occurred several years before, the Grand Lodge, in view of the decease of the latter, and the protracted suspension of the former by his lodge, ordered the said Stout restored to the privileges of Masonry—first, however, requiring that he be reprimanded in open lodge.

Eleven lodges are reported as having no Seals; they are recommended to procure them soon as possible that they may authenticate their acts in a more solemn manner. The same counsel has been almost annually reiterated ever since.

It was represented to the Grand Lodge that a certain religious society had expressed dissatisfaction at the burial of a Mason in ground appertaining to their church, and had requested that the G. L. interdict the subordinate lodges from such interments in future. Whereupon the G. L. "recommended to the subordinate lodges to abstain from such interments, with Masonic honors, in the grounds of any religious

society, or doing any other act deemed by them an intrusion or trespass, whose wishes are known upon the subject."

The Building Committee was authorized to procure for the Grand Hall a copy of Jewitt's portrait of Lafayette, if not beyond the financial means of the G. Lodge.

The powers of the Building Committee to borrow the residue of $3000 authorized last year, were continued, and the subordinate lodges were recommended to subscribe to the loan as a convenient mode of paying their dues, by the interest accumulating on the sums respectively subscribed by them.

All dues from subordinate lodges, from this period, were required to be paid in lawful money of the United States, or its equivalent. This was in view of the great depreciation that existed in the currency of that period.

The Building Committee was authorized to contract with the Grand Chapter as to the permanent occupation of the apartments intended for their use.

A Communication having been made to the Grand Lodge by John Craig, respecting some supposed defects in the architecture of the Grand Hall, a Committee was appointed to make examination into the matter, who reported that they had never seen a building of the same magnitude in which the whole work was better executed. The Architect who superintended the work had intended originally to erect a very large steeple, but a cupola of one story, with a spire, was all that was now contemplated.

Ordered, That the Seal of the Grand Lodge be corrected by putting a bar over the letter V.

Many Visitors are reported at this Session; among others, Samuel Houston, of Overton Lodge, No. 8, Tenn., and Winfield Scott, of Dinwiddie Lodge, Va.

The catalogue of Rejections, Suspensions and Expulsions from this and other Grand Lodges this year occupies twelve pages.

The G. Master was requested to open a correspondence with the G. M. of the G. L. of Indiana, relative to some discontent that prevailed there as to the Initiation of a candidate in Abraham's Lodge, No. 8.

(*Imprint.*—Title page defective.) 8vo., pp. 53.

### Cotemporary Events, 1825.

*January* 13.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Resources, $1,065. Seventeen lodges had reported 385 demitted Masons residing within their respective jurisdictions. The scheme of erecting a Monument at Mount Vernon in memory of Washington, was approved, and the sum of $200 appropriated in aid of the same, to be paid whenever $10,000 was

appropriated by Grand Lodges elsewhere. Decided, that subordinate lodges have the power to demand of their members such dues as they conceive just and expedient, and in failure of payment, to suspend or expel delinquents.

*June* 17.—The corner stone of the Monument on Bunker Hill was laid; Lafayette was present.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**—(8vo., pp. 56.)—The corner stone of a Monument to the memory of Jona. Maxcy, the first President of South Carolina College, was laid at Columbia, December 17. The following letter was directed, by order of the G. L., to Lafayette:

"CHARLESTON, 28 Feb., 1825.

"RESPECTED BROTHER:

"The Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina have devolved upon me the very pleasing duty of welcoming you to our State, and in the name of the Masonic Fraternity, of inviting you to partake of a Masonic Festival during your stay in this city."

When men illustrious for their virtues unite in the labors and refreshments of the Craft, it redounds to the permanent honor and prosperity of Masonry, and be assured your Brethren in South Carolina will rejoice to reciprocate with you those benevolent and fraternal sentiments which are the support and ornaments of our Order. Permit me to avail myself of this opportunity of expressing my sentiments of veneration for you as a Mason and a worthy Brother. I have the honor to be most fraternally, Yours, JOHN GEDDES,

Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of South Carolina.

Brother GEN. LAFAYETTE,

Fayetteville, N. C.

*June* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 63.)—The Act of Incorporation of this G. L., passed in 1805, expired this year.

*Resolved*, That General Lafayette be admitted a member of the G. L., of the State of N. H., and that he be entitled to all the privileges, rights and immunities as a Past G. Master. Decided to unite with the G. L. of Mass., in laying the corner stone of the Bunker Hill Monument. Trustees were chosen to attend at Washington, D. C., the third Wednesday of Feb., 1827, to organize an Association for erecting the Mount Vernon Monument to Washington. 40 lodges on the Rolls.

*June* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Del.**—(8vo., pp. 12.)—11 lodges were represented. A special Session was ordered, and Lafayette invited to be present to receive those attentions and civilities which the G. L. desired to show him. He was made a Life Member of the G. L. Full returns of membership, etc., of 12 lodges are given.

*May* 3.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(8vo., pp. 50.)—Full returns of membership, etc., of 8 lodges were made. Address by Jeremiah Elkins ordered to be published. Decided to unite in the erection of the Washington Monument at Mount Vernon. A General Grand Convention was suggested, for the purpose of adopting an uniform mode of Masonic work, to assemble at Washington, D. C., the third Monday of June next.

*April* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of Ga.**—(8vo., pp. 7.)—At the request of John Stevens, of Savannah, the G. L. drafted a Circular Letter recommending the subordinate lodges to aid in the erection of proposed Monuments at that place to Nathaniel Greene and Count Pulaski. The circulars, etc., which are very stirring and patriotic, are in the record.

*July* 16.—**Proc. G. L. of Ga.**—(8vo., pp. 64.)—Oration by A. Carter ordered to be deposited in the Archives. A Committee of Arrangements was appointed to wait on Lafayette and tender him the affectionate salutations of the whole Fraternity. March 21 the G. L. united with Lafayette in laying the corner stones of Monuments to Greene and Pulaski, William Sibley, D. G. M., presiding. Address by Jeremiah Cuyler, G. M. The following test oath was ordered to be given to every applicant before Initiation. "I, A B, do solemnly swear (or affirm as the case may be) that I have never applied to any Lodge of Masons and been refused any degree in Masonry. So help me God." The conclusions of the G. L. of Maine, in relation to maimed persons, were disapprobated. St. Mary's Lodge, No. 7, was forbidden to reckon by *lunar* months in their calendar, and required to adopt *calendar* months. 36 lodges on the Rolls.

*Jan.* 3.—**Proc. G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 19.)—6 lodges represented. Resources $286. The Mount Vernon Washington Monument was approbated. Lists of membership, etc., of 8 lodges are given. William B. Mellen is Secretary of Hiram Lodge, No. 9.

*Jan.* 13.—**Proc. G. L. of Me.**—(8vo., pp. 25.)—Three Trustees were appointed to proceed to Washington and aid to organize the Association for the erection of a Mount Vernon Washington Monument. Samuel Kidder was made G. Lecturer. The former conclusions of this G. L., relative to maimed applicants, were explained to apply to a leg only, the loss of which it was said "does not unfit a person for any Masonic labor whatever." A copy of Address to Lafayette and his reply, were ordered on file.

*June* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(8vo., pp. 7.)—17 lodges represented. Address by Rev. Bro. Alden.

*Nov.* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(8vo., pp. 1–14.)—$200 were appropriated in aid of the proposed Mount Vernon Washington

Monument. The death of James Giles, P. G. M., is noted. Initiating clergymen without fee was recommended.

*Oct.* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(16mo., pp. 22-61.)—Decided that lodges should receive petitions only at stated meetings, and should not initiate applicants at the same meetings in which their petitions were presented. The appropriation of Masonic funds to the building of the Mount Vernon Washington Monument, was disapproved of. Decided that blind persons are ineligible to Masonic honors.

*Nov.* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(8vo., pp. 28.)—The erection of the Mount Vernon Washington Monument was warmly approbated. A Masonic Convention was held Oct. 12, in relation to establishing uniform system of work, but arrived at no practical conclusions, the subject being referred to the Masters and Wardens of the respective lodges.

*December* 31.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 15.)—Fifty lodges on the Rolls.

*October* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Tenn.**—(12mo., pp. 89.)—Lafayette was elected an honorary member of the G. L. May 4 he was received by the G. L., being introduced by Andrew Jackson, and G. W. Campbell. The G. M. (Wilkins Tannehill,) made him an Address of welcome, to which he made a feeling and appropriate reply, stating his attachment to the Order into which he was initiated before he entered the American Service. An Oration was delivered by Wm. G. Hunt. Copies of all the Addresses were published. October 3, a Funeral Address was delivered by Rev. W. B. Peck, in honor of Rev. Richard Dabbs, P. G. Chaplain. A synopsis of all the regulations adopted since 1818 is entered on record. A lengthy communication from Sam. Houston, complaining of the manner in which he had been treated by Lodges, Nos. 8, and 37, was spread on the record. The office of Grand Lecturer was established. The G. L. decided that no censure had appeared against Sam. Houston, either as a man or Mason. The conclusions of the G. L. of Maine, relative to maimed men were disapproved. The Grand Master was installed by proxy.

*December* 26.—**Proc. G. L. of Ala.**—(8vo., pp. 36.)—Twenty lodges represented. Jackson Lodge at Tallahassee, Florida, was chartered. Two lodges in Alabama were still working under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of Tenn.

*November* 15.—**Proc. G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 14.)—April 24, Lafayette had been received, "the columns being filled with more than three hundred Brethren," and received the most Fraternal proofs of the respect which his virtues had inspired. Agreed to coöperate with sister G. Lodges, in the erection of the Mount Vernon Washington Monument.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Nova Scotia.**—(4to., pp. 3.)—

Thirty-two lodges on the Rolls. Address from the Deputy G. Master, (Edmund Ward,) in which he advises that during those hours in which the Lodge is assembled, a course of Lectures should be undertaken and persevered in. He announces his determination to visit all the subordinate lodges the coming year.

*March* 9.—James Moore, P. G. M. of Kentucky in 1814, buried at Shelbyville, Kentucky, with Masonic rites.

*September* 5.—The G. C. of Ky. assembled at Lexington.

The change of time from December to September was made upon the summons of the G. H. Priest, in accordance with a regulation adopted January 24, 1818, which enjoined that when the subordinate Chapters should be notified that the Grand Masonic Hall at Lexington was in readiness, the G. C. should be removed and made permanent there, and the annual meetings opened the 1st Monday in September.

An Address from the Deputy G. H. Priest, (Pike,) appears on record, announcing the demise of the G. H. P., Thomas McClanahan, (July 27, 1825,) after the announcement he had issued, that the Hall was in readiness. Suitable testimonials of regret were adopted by the Grand Chapter, A. W. Parker delivering a Funeral Eulogy upon the deceased, and upon James Moore, P. G. H. P., who deceased March 7, 1825.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT:

James M. Pike, G. H. P.
Robert Johnston, D. G. H. P.
Thomas H. Bradford, G. K.
Dabney C. Cosby, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Sec'y.
Oliver G. Waggoner, G. Treas.
Caleb W. Cloud, G. Chaplain.
Henry Wingate, G. Marshal.
Warham P. Loomis, G. C. G.
Robert McNitt, G. Steward and Tyler.

A Committee consisting of McKinney, Johnson, and Cosby, were appointed to petition the G. G. Chapter, likewise to correspond with the several G. Chapters, relative to dissolving the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the U. S. A memorial was also made to the G. G. C. on motion of Levi Tyler, asking a change in the Constitution of that body, so that P. G. H. P's, P. D. G. H. P's, P. G. K's, and P. G. S's, collectively, should have but one vote in the State Grand Chapters, and when those officers demit from the respective subordinate Chapters, they should forfeit their titles to seats as above.

$500 had been advanced the Building Committee of the G. Lodge, and it was directed to loan that body $1300 more.

## Masonic Literature of 1825.

"An *Ahiman Rezon*, containing a View of the History and Polity of Freemasonry, together with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. Compiled for the Grand Lodge.

——————"Procul, ô! procul este profani;
"Tuque invade viam."

*Philadelphia.* Printed for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1825." 8vo., pp. vii, 274.

"*Masonic Melodies*, being a Choice Selection of the most approved Masonic Songs, Duets, Glees, Catches, Canons, Hymns, Odes, Dirges and Choruses, appropriate to all Masonic Occasions: the whole set to Music, and respectfully dedicated to the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. By Bro. Luke Eastman.

"Music we have, too,
Yet no *loose* strains excite unchaste desire;
No *wanton* sounds profane Urania's lyre—
There concord and decorum bear the sway,
And *moral* music tunes th' instructive lay—
For *thee* shall Music strike the harmonious lyre,
And while she charms the ear *Morality* inspire."

*Boston*, Mass. Published by William Parker, 1825." 8vo., pp. vi, 206. (*Cat.* No. 108.)

I have also an Edition of this: *Boston*, 1818. 8vo., pp. vi, 208. (*Cat.* No. 225.)

"*Key* to the First Chart of the Masonic Mirror: being a complete Pocket Companion for the use of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons on the First Seven Degrees. *New Haven*, (Ct.) Printed and published by S. Converse, 1825." 12mo., pp. 108.*

*Addresses.*—William Barlow to Manchester Lodge, No. 52, S. C., Dec. 27; William F. Brainard, New London, Ct., June 24;† William F. Brainard, New Haven, Ct., June 24; David Pickering, Providence, R. I., Feb. 22.

"An Oration in Honor of General Lafayette, delivered in his presence at Nashville, Tenn., May 4, 1825, at the request of the G. L. of Tennessee. By William Gibbs Hunt, *Nashville.* Printed by Joseph Norvell, 1825." 8vo., pp. 12.

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* (*Cat.* No. 191.) This work is by Henry Parmele.

† In the possession of E. T. Carson.

## THE THIRTY-FOURTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, Aug. 28 to Sept. 1, 1826.*

Fifty lodges were represented at the opening.

Bro. Leslie Combs presented the following Communication:

"LEXINGTON, Aug. 28, 1826.

*M. W. G. M. of the G. Lodge of Kentucky:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Having lately become the proprietor of a valuable full size Painting of our late most beloved and venerated deceased Brother General George Washington, copied from the original, executed by the celebrated American artist *Stewart*, I beg leave to present it to the M. W. G. L. of Kentucky, as a small testimonial of my regard for the Order.

That the influence of his exemplary virtues may be felt, acknowledged and acted upon by all of us, is the ardent prayer of Your Friend and Brother,

LESLIE COMBS."

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were presented for the valuable donation of the full length Portrait of our ever-to-be-revered Brother Gen. George Washington, and the Grand Marshal was directed to letter upon the picture these words:—"Presented to the M. W. G. L. of Kentucky on the first day of this G. Convocation in 1826, by Bro. P. M. Leslie Combs."

An abortive attempt was made to abolish the system of representation by proxies.

Charters were ordered to Augusta Lodge, No. 8, at Augusta, Ky.; Livingston Lodge, No. 81, Salem, Ky.; Clinton Lodge, No. 82, at Princeton, Ky.; Jefferson Lodge, No. 83, at Middletown, Ky.; and Tyler Lodge, No. 84, at Jeffersontown, Ky. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

Lodges were ordered, in their future Annual Returns, to state both the date of the reception of each petition and the date of its being acted upon, in order that it may be seen by the Grand Lodge that petitions lie over at least one month, according to the Constitution.

The Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund report that in consequence of the state of the funds of the Grand Lodge, they have foreborne to answer the usual calls for charitable purposes during the past year.

A procession was formed and marched to the Episcopal church, where an Oration was delivered by Grand Orator W. W. Southgate. A copy was requested for publication.

The Grand Master and others delivered Lectures on the First and Second Degrees of Masonry.

The question being raised whether Grand Wardens, *pro tem.*, have the right to vote for their principals, it was decided in the negative.

A letter from Daniel M'Carty Paine being read, (subject not stated,) the Grand Lodge refused to take order on the subject, because, from the nature of the application, it might have some bearing on the politics of the country, in which the Masonic Fraternity as a Body will never interfere.

J. M. Pike, Agent of the Grand Lodge Lottery, submitted a statement, of which the following is a synopsis. He had long since announced that the final drawing of the Tenth Class would *positively* take place during the present Session of the G. L. As this might result in a personal loss, he asks the G. L. to join him in the profit and loss of the unsold tickets. He believes, without arrogance, that he has been mainly instrumental in building up the Grand Masonic Hall, and while doing so has not himself profited a dollar by his labors, but on the contrary is a loser. His request was acceded to by unanimous vote.

The Grand Lodge, having, by invitation, visited the Lunatic Asylum, expressed their gratification to find it in handsome order, and conducted with such correctness and elegance. A compliment to John W. Hunt, Chairman of the Board of Managers, was adopted, eulogizing the plan and execution of that philanthropic enterprise.

Lodge No. 79 having complained of No. 40, that the latter passed and raised an individual whom they had rejected on application for advancement, but afterward allowed to demit, the Grand Lodge decided in favor of the latter, declaring that if the applicant had been unworthy *he should not have been allowed to demit.*

The report of the Building Committee presents the following points. The G. L. was indebted to Brother Louis Marshal for the balance on his $20.000 prize ticket. A mortgage had been given on the Grand Hall to secure him in his claim, and this incumbrance prevented the G. L. from borrowing funds to complete the Hall. They, therefore proposed that a private subscription be made among the private members of the Order to raise funds to pay this debt. The report was adopted, and the following Brethren was selected as Agents to receive donations, viz.: *Lodge No.* 1, James M. Pike; No. 4, Robert Johnston; No. 5, William Kinkead; No. 8, William Joyce; No. 9, Edmund H. Hopkins; No. 14, Elijah Craig; No. 16, Robert Trimble; No. 17, John Breathitt; No. 18, Napoleon B. Coleman; No. 20, Asa K. Lewis; No. 22, Caleb W. Cloud; No. 23, Moses Grooms; No. 24, Thomas K. Helm; No. 25, Daniel Breck; No. 26, Andrew M. January; No. 27, John

Montgomery; No. 28, Benjamin H. Perkins; No. 30, Milton King; No. 31, Hugh T. Woolfolk; No. 35, Ashton Garrett; No. 37, James Moore; No. 38, John Kercheval; No. 40, Stephen L. Garralt; No. 41, John McKinney, Jr.; No. 46, Benjamin Collins; No. 47, James S. Crutchfield; No. 50, Dabney C. Cosby; No. 51, James W. Breeden; No. 52, Adney A. Wadsworth; No. 53, Benjamin F. Pleasants; No. 54; Daniel Nolley; No. 55, Andrew Trumbo; No. 56, Samuel E. Hawes; No. 57, Enoch H. McKay; No. 58, Thomas A. Russell; No. 60, James K. Montgomery; No. 61, George I. Brown; No. 63, George Yeiser; No. 64, Thomas Buckner; No. 65, Moses Hopkins; No. 66, William L. Sutton; No. 67, David R. Murray; No. 68, William O. Butler; No. 69, David Irvine; No. 70, William Hodge; No. 71, Richard B. New; No. 72, Joseph G. Chinn; No. 73, Henry Shanks; No. 74, Jasper S. Morris; No. 75, Leslie Combs; No. 76, Benj. L. Helm; No. 77, Thomas Ware; No. 78, John W. Reed; No. 79, Nimrod Lindsey; No. 80, John Payne; No. 81, Dixon Given; No. 82, John H. Phelps; No. 83, John Price; No. 84, Minor White; Lebanon Lodge, U. D., Joseph G. McLelland; Green River Lodge, U. D., Geo. T. Wood; Grant Lodge, U. D., Abram Jonas; DeWitt Clinton Lodge, U. D., Abner Cunningham.

A complaint was preferred by Clark Lodge, No. 51, against Ziff Lodge, No. 8, Indiana, that the latter had made Masons of individuals who reside in Kentucky, and of persons who had been rejected by Kentucky lodges. The Grand Secretary was directed to open a correspondence with the G. L. of Indiana on the subject.

The Building Committee was ordered to have the Grand Hall insured, and to rent portions of it for temporary purposes, in their own discretion.

The Grand Lodge of Maine having proposed to alter the mode in which the Masonic Degrees have been delivered throughout the world, by changing the word *oath* to *affirmation*, the G. L. of Kentucky declared that the views of the G. L. of Maine on this subject, are inconsistent with Masonic principles.

A very full report from the Committee on Returns was made, in which a long series of inaccuracies and irregularities is stated, of the same character with which such Reports in all Grand Lodges are charged to this day. But little improvement is manifest in the southeast of lodges, whatever there may be in other quarters.

A Digest of the Laws, Rules, and Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge, and its subordinates is appended, the topics being neatly arranged in *heads* of subjects instead of forming a merely numerical order as at present.

## EMERGENT COMMUNICATION,

*October* 25, 1826.

An Emergent Meeting, called at Lexington, to dedicate the Grand Hall. The following Grand Officers were present:

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| Samuel Daviess, | G. M. | 021 |
| Thomas Bodley, | D. G. M., | *pro tem.* |
| Levi Tyler, | S. G. W., | " |
| Isaac Stewart, | J. G. W., | " |
| H. M. Shaw, | G. Chaplain, | " |
| John Rowan, | G. Orator, | " |
| Worden Pope, | G. Secretary, | " |
| L. A. McGee, | G. Treasurer, | " |
| O. Wilson, | S. G. D., | " |
| J. W. Breeden, | J. G. D., | " |
| James McDonald, | G. Marshal, | " |
| William Penny, | G. Steward, | " |
| John Sutton, | Ass't G. Steward, | " |
| J. Steelman, | G. Sw. B., | " |
| Willis Stewart, | G. Purs., | " |
| A. D. Ehrich, | G. Tyler, | " |
| James McDaniel, | Ass't G. Tyler, | " |
| Samuel Cawden, | Principal Architect, | " |

But one of the regular Grand Officers was present. No list of the lodges represented is given. Brethren from lodges in Philadelphia, Pa., Dayton, Ohio; Vow, Ireland; Charleston, Indiana; Cincinnati, Ohio; New York, etc., were present.

The Grand Procession was formed, and proceeded to the Episcopal Church, where an Address was delivered by H. M. Shaw, after which the procession returned to the Hall, and joined in appropriate anthems. A copy of the Address was ordered to be published. The solemnities of the Dedication of the Hall were then performed in ancient form and order.

Each degree was separately opened and closed.

(*Imprint.*—"Lexington, Ky., printed by John Bradford; Gazette Press, 1826." Also, 8vo., pp. 1-3. A Vignette of the All-Seeing Eye, large and coarsely executed, graces the title-page.)

### Cotemporary Events of 1826.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(4to., pp. 16.)—One hundred and one lodges reported; aggregate of membership, 4,312; increase the past year, 583; initiations the past year, 918, including 28 clergymen. Proposals to erect a Masonic Temple. A masterly Report (by John Abbot) against the expediency and propriety of subordinate lodges obtaining Acts

of Incorporation; it tends to make the child independent of the parent.

*December* 6.—**Proc. Provincial G. L. of Montreal, and William Henry L. C.**—(Folio, pp. 3.)—Called to install John Molson Grand Master, appointed by the Duke of Sussex, in consequence of the death of William McGillivray. Discourse by Rev. J. Bethune.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Pa.**—(4to., pp. 65–110.)—One hundred and nine lodges reported. A permanent and efficient Charity Fund, in Philadelphia, is recommended, in place of distributions of charity from private lodges. The Grand Lecturer (David Nathan) reports at length. He had occupied nine months in his visitations, and traveled nearly 2,400 miles. This excellent document systematizes the various errors remarked, and points out the true remedies. Reports from four District Deputy Grand Masters prove the Institution in a healthful state.

*January* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Ordered that no Dispensation to organize a lodge, U. D., be granted by the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, unless one of the petitioners be a Past Master. James McAboy being about to visit Europe, the Grand Lodge ordered him a Diploma, recommending him to the favor and affection of the Fraternity throughout the world. Lodges were authorized, at their discretion, to remit the fees for degrees to Ministers of the Gospel.

*June* 28.—The Grand Lodge of Michigan was organized.

*December* 29.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—Fourteen lodges represented. Resources, $400. Decided that the power of restoring suspended or expelled Masons rests with the subordinate lodges.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**—(8vo., pp. 32.)—Six copies of the Ahiman Rezon had been forwarded, through Joel R. Poinsett, as a compliment to the Grand Lodge of Mexico. The efforts of Camden Lodge, No. 29, to erect a Monument in honor of Brother the Baron DeKalb, slain at the battle of Camden, were heartily approbated, and a donation made in aid of the same. August 3, the Grand Lodge attended a Eulogy on Thomas Jefferson, by Hon. William Johnson; and on the 14th September, a Eulogy on John Adams, by Timothy Ford. Joel R. Poinsett, Minister Plenipotentiary to Mexico, was made the Representative of this Grand Lodge to the lodges of Mexico; authorized to visit and inspect their workings; and grant Dispensations for new lodges there if thought expedient. Address, by R. B. Gilchrist, ordered to be published.

*July* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of Ga.**—(8vo., pp. 40.)—Oration by S. A. Mealey; a copy requested. Decided that the subordinate

lodges have the right to publish expulsions. William Schley was elected Grand Master. Lodges were forbidden to confer more than one degree on the same person at one meeting; Entered Apprentices shall serve three months, and Fellow Crafts two, before advancement, unless qualified sooner, or a Dispensation obtained. July 27, the Grand Lodge attended a Eulogy upon Jefferson and Adams, pronounced by T. U. P. Charlton, P. G. M. Thirty-six lodges on the Rolls.

*December* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of Ga.**—(8vo., pp. 31.)—Declared that installations of officers might be public. The conclusions of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in relation to the admission of mutilated persons, were disapprobated. Decided that, although the Grand Lodge has power to *amend* its Constitution, a new one can only be drafted by a Convention of Delegates, called for the purpose.

*October* 5.—**Proc. G. L. of Ind.**—(8vo., pp. 52.)—Masonic Sermon by Job M. Baker, Grand Chaplain. The misunderstanding between Zif Lodge, No. 8, Indiana, and Abraham Lodge, No. 8, Kentucky, was amicably disposed of, the Grand Lodge deciding no further to agitate the subject matter of said difference. Thirty-two lodges on the Rolls.

*October* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Mo.**—(8vo., pp. 20.)—Serious objections were expressed against the innovations upon the obligations of Masonry, proposed by the Grand Lodge of Maine, in relation to mutilated persons. Decided that a Brother charged with unmasonic conduct, is bound to plead guilty or not guilty. Lodges were forbidden to receive applicants resident outside their respective jurisdictions.

*November* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 13.)—John H. Holland, Grand Master. Nineteen lodges on the Rolls. The Grand Lodge had united, July 1, in a Funeral Oration to Jefferson and Adams. Oration, January 14, 1827, by B. A. Peychaud, Grand Chaplain, is inserted in the Record.

*June* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Del.**—(16mo., pp. 12.)—The erection of the proposed Mount Vernon Washington Monument was deemed inexpedient, Congress having, in 1799, resolved to remove the remains of the hero to Washington, D. C. The conclusions of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in relation to maimed men, were disapprobated. Fourteen lodges made full returns of membership, etc.

*September* 18.—The third Convocation of the General Grand Encampment, and the fifth of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, were held at New York.

*September* 12.—Disappearance of William Morgan—the cause of immense troubles to the Masonic Craft.

*June* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 32.)—Forty lodges represented. Reports from five District Deputy Grand

Masters presented, show a healthy condition of the Craft. Forty-six lodges on the Rolls.

*October* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(24mo., pp. 20.)—Discourse by Simeon Parmelee ordered to be published.

*June* 26.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—Discourse by Bro. Pickering ordered to be printed. Eighteen lodges on the Rolls; all made full reports.

*November* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(8vo., pp. 20.)—Large charities were bestowed. Decided to report no rejections, suspensions or expulsions in future, except in flagrant cases. James Cushman was elected Grand Lecturer. Thirty-nine lodges on the Rolls.

*November* 7.—**Proc. G. L. of D. C.**—(12mo., pp. 40.)—The corner-stone of the Masonic Hall at Washington was laid, September 19. Oration by John N. Moulder is spread on the Record; also an Oration by William W. Seaton, P. G. M.

*December* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(8vo., pp. 62.)—Twenty-one District Deputy Grand Masters were elected. Decided that no person shall be elected Grand Master for more than two years successively; that Royal Arch Masons be allowed to wear their own badges in procession; and that none but Master Masons ought to vote in the election of officers, or be eligible to any office.

*January* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 40.)—The Grand Lodge approbated the erection of the Mount Vernon Washington Monument, and appointed Trustees to unite in establishing an Association for that purpose. Edmund M. Eldridge, as Grand Lecturer, had instructed the subordinate lodges. Much of this Session was occupied in arranging the details of the Grand Lodge Lottery.

*January* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Ill.**—(8vo., pp. 22.)—The only Grand Lodge that had acknowledged its organization thus far, was that of Kentucky. The erection of the Mount Vernon Washington Monument was heartily encouraged. Henry H. Snow was appointed to visit the lodges and introduce a uniform system of work.

*October* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Tenn.**—(8vo., pp. 24.)—Oct. 4 the G. L. united in the first commencement of Cumberland College. $180 had been subscribed by the subordinate lodges toward the erection of the Mount Vernon Washington Monument.

*June* 19.—**Proc. G. L. of Penn.**—(4to., pp. 11.)—An elaborate and philosophical discussion of, and consequent dissent from the position of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in relation to admitting an *affirmation* as the Masonic equivalent of an oath. Decided that "this Grand Lodge feel themselves bound to refuse to recognize any person as a Mason, known to be initiated in the mode proposed by the Grand Lodge of Maine.

*Januury* 2.—**Proc G. L. of Penn.**—(4to., pp. 64.)—103 lodges on the Rolls. George M. Dallas represented Lodge No. 21, of Harrisburg. $1000 subscribed to the Mount Vernon Washington Monument. Debts of the Grand Lodge, $65,900; Revenue, $10,051.

*April* 1.—Circular Grand Lodge of Georgia reprehending the publication in a newspaper of a citation by Lodge No. 32, directed to one of its members, charged with an offense.

*September* 30.—See Niles' Register, page 79, for a valuable article relative to Freemasonry in Ireland: Masons, from political reasons merely, had been punished for uniting in Masonic Processions.

*September* 4.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. 9 Chapters represented. An Address, giving official proceedings of the G. H. P. (Pike), appears on the Record. He declares the Order flourishing in Kentucky, and its sublime mysteries constantly gaining ground and extending their influence among the worthy and deserving. He appointed William G. Hunt his proxy to attend the General Grand Chapter at New York.

A Procession was formed, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consecrate the new Hall.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Grand Captain of the Guard.
A High Priest, with a Light.
A Past High Priest, with Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses on a velvet Cushion.
Grand Chaplain.
Two High Priests, each with a Light.
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
Grand Scribe, with a silver vessel containing *Corn.*
Grand King, with a silver vessel containing *Wine.*
Deputy Grand High Priest, with a golden vessel containing *Oil.*
Grand High Priest.
Stewards, with white Rods crossed.

The Committee to draft and forward a Memorial to the several Grand Chapters recommending a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter, reported the performance of the duty, and that the Grand Chapters of Ohio, North Carolina and Virginia, had received the proposal *favorably;* New York, Maryland, Vermont and New Hampshire, *unfavorably.* This Memorial will appear further on. It is a masterly production; nor has any thing been produced in the present antagonism to the General Grand Chapter at all to compare with it in logic, appeal, or statement of facts. Its author, as appears on the Record, was John M'Kinney, jr.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT:

Robert Johnston, G. H. P.
Thomas H. Bradford, D. G. H. P.
Dabney C. Cosby, G. K.
Henry Wingate, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Secretary.
Oliver C. Waggoner, G. Treasurer.
Caleb W. Cloud, G.Chaplain.
Levi Tyler, G. M.
Warham P. Loomis, G. C. G.
Francis Walker, G. S. and T.

**Masonic Literature of 1826.**

*Address.*—L. D. King, Gallatin, Tennessee, December 27.

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## EMERGENT COMMUNICATION,

*July* 22, 1827.

An Emergent Meeting called at the house of David Meade, Esq., in Jessamine county. The Grand Master was present; also, the Grand Orator, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword Bearer, and Grand Tyler. The occasion, as announced by the Grand Master, was the death of Samuel H. Woodson, Past Grand Master. The Grand Lodge proceeded, according to ancient form and usage, to inter the body with Masonic honors. The Grand Lodge was opened in the third degree only.

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## THE THIRTY-FIFTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 27 *to August* 31, 1827.

Forty-seven lodges were represented at the opening. Resolutions, offered by J. W. S. Mitchell, were adopted, in relation to the death of Samuel H. Woodson, P. G. M.

Charters were granted to Grant Lodge, No. 85, at Williamstown, Ky.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge, No. 86, at Stepp's Cross Roads, Ky.; Lebanon Lodge, No. 87, at Lebanon, Ky.; Green River Lodge, No. 88, at Munfordsville, Ky., and Greenup Lodge, No. 89, at Greenupsburg, Ky. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

The Grand Oration was delivered by Leslie Combs; a copy was ordered to be published.

The loans to the Building Fund amounted to a mere trifle.

The following important amendments were made to the Rules of the Grand Lodge: "Whenever this G. L. shall reverse or

abrogate the decision of a subordinate lodge expelling a Brother, and shall restore said Brother to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, nevertheless, he shall not, therefore, be restored to membership within the body from which he has been expelled, *without its own consent.*" An interesting Report from Augusta Lodge, No. 80, drafted by John Payne, was entered upon record, in which this amendment to its Rules is forcibly urged upon the Grand Lodge. They argued, that in a large majority of trial cases, the subordinate lodges are better informed relative to facts, than the Grand Lodge can be; that if the restored member is worthy of fellowship, the lodge will cheerfully reäffiliate him; and if not, his restoration to membership, against the wishes of his fellow-members, would destroy harmony, and tend to the dissolution of the lodge.

The organization of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was recognized, and a correspondence opened. The Grand Lodge of S. C., presented this Grand Lodge with a copy of its Ahiman Rezon, then lately issued.

The question being presented by Lodge No. 80, the Grand Lodge decided, that all persons, who shall have signed the petition, upon which a Dispensation or Charter shall have been granted, are regular members of such lodge.

A Committee, appointed to ascertain what were the debts of the Grand Lodge, reported the aggregate of $21,000, including the balance due Bro. Louis Marshal, for his Lottery Prize. The assets were about $5,000. An Abstract of the Lottery Account, since June 1824, is given; the receipts to the credit of the Grand Lodge, had been about $14,000.

The following amendment, in relation to proxies, was incorporated in the By-Laws: "No subordinate lodge shall hereafter be represented in the Grand Lodge, by any but members of its own body; and the power of appointing proxies, is hereby taken away."

Further, and more extended, efforts were made to secure loans from the Fraternity, to assist in paying off the debts of the Grand Lodge. Each officer of the Grand Lodge was made a Committee, likewise the Master of each lodge, to effect this desired purpose.

The List of Lodges this year, exhibits sixty-six working lodges on the Grand Lodge Roll.

The differences between this Grand Lodge, and that of Indiana, growing out of altercations between subordinates, relative to local jurisdiction, had been honorably and happily terminated.

The concluding entry is peculiar: "The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, *sine die*, and closed, in ample form and harmony, at 6 o'clock."

(*Imprint.*—T. Smith, Printer, Reporter Office, Lexington.) 8vo., pp. 3–56.

## Cotemporary Events of 1827.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Ireland.**—(Folio, pp. 3.)—Resources, £53 6s. 1½d. No petition for charity can be presented to the Grand Lodge, unless vouched and recommended by the Masters and Seals of three regular lodges. No Brother eligible to the office of Master of a lodge, for more than two successive years; Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts not considered members of lodges; fine for initiating a candidate in any manner defective, £2 10s.; each lodge to have a *Charity Box*, in aid of the *Masonic Female Orphan School.*

*February* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Nova Scotia.**—(Folio, pp. 3.)—33 lodges reported. Discourse by Rev. William Gray. Address by Benjamin L. Peters, which is spread upon the Minutes.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Penn.**—(4to., pp. 113–152.)—111 lodges reported. Revenue, $9,645. Reports from six District Deputy Grand Masters.

*November* 30.—**Circular from G. L. of S. C.**—A Conference with the different G. Lodges of the U. S., on the propriety and reason of requiring a new test, for the admission of visiting Brethren, and to ascertain whether the possession of this test is regarded by the said Grand Lodges, as indispensably necessary for such admission. Ordered, that no visitor be allowed to enter a subordinate lodge, without exhibiting a G. L. Certificate.

*January* 1.—**Circular from G. L. of Mich.**—Delegates had met at Detroit, Mich., June 24, 1826; on the 29th they had signed a Constitution; July 31, they had organized the G. L., Lewis Cass, P. G. Master of Ohio being G. M., and Dec. 27, the officers were installed.

*January* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—The dues of the subordinate lodges, respectively, were remitted for the present year, to be expended by them for charitable purposes. Resources, $1021. Decided, that subordinate lodges have the right to demand annual dues of demitted Masons, residing in their vicinities, respectively; and that no Mason has a right to vote in a lodge, unless he is a member thereof. Thomas Corwin was elected Grand Master.

*June.*—227 lodges were represented in the G. L. of New York.*

*Jan.* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 31.)—Decided

*As an illustration of the damaging effect of the *Morgan excitement* in New York, we add here that in 1828 but 130 lodges were represented; in 1829, 87; 1830, 77; 1831, 71; 1832, 52; 1833, 56; 1834, 53; 1835, 49; and the revenue of the G. L. decreased from $5000 in 1828, to $1,500 in 1835.

that there was no objection to lodges initiating sojourners, if satisfied relative to their qualifications. An interesting Report relative to the force and object of *Installations* concludes that in relation to the Master it involves a solemn assent to important principles and regulations, and is absolutely essential, but applied to other officers it is merely ceremonial.—51 lodges on the Rolls.

*Jan.* 3.—**Proc. G. L. of Ill.**—(16mo., pp. 14.)—The state of Masonry, it was said, presented the most flattering and encouraging prospects. The changes proposed by the G. L. of Maine, in admitting mutilated persons was viewed with solicitude; and it was decided that no one thus made should be recognized in Illinois. Reports of suspensions, expulsions and rejections, should no longer be made public. 6 lodges were represented.

*Jan.* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of Ala.**—(8vo., pp. 23.)—On motion of James Penn, now (1858) an active Mason in Tennessee, a Working Committee of five was appointed to exemplify the Work and Lectures before the G. L. James Penn "gave a most splendid and interesting exemplification, which was received with great and deserved applause." 25 lodges on the Rolls.

*Dec.* 21.—**Proc. G. L. of Ala.**—(8vo., 18.)—James Penn G. Lecturer was instructed to visit each lodge the ensuing year. 17 lodges made returns of membership, etc. An amended form of Constitution was published.

*June* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 47.)—The death of James Freeman Dana, P. G. Master, is noticed. The use of ardent spirits at the meetings of lodges discountenanced.

*Oct.* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of Ind.**—(8vo., pp. 57.)—The establishment of the G. L. of Michigan was hailed with pleasure. Oration by H. P. Thornton, and a copy ordered for publication.

*May* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(8vo., pp. 54.)—The opening and concluding prayers read by the G. Chaplain, (Charles S. Williams,) were entered on the record. Thirty-eight lodges on the Rolls. Reports from seven G. Inspectors prove that all is well with the Craft. One hundred dollars was donated to aid Coats Lodge, No. 76, in erecting a monument over the remains of John Coats, first G. M. of Md. A list of seventeen G. Lodges in the United States is given, with the places where held, and the names of G. Secretaries.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(8vo., pp. 16.)—Resources, $1,717. The privilege of holding alternate meetings was forbidden the lodges, as tending to disturb the harmony of the present system, unsettle the location of lodges and encourage an itinerating spirit. One hundred and seven lodges on the Rolls.

*June* 25.—**Proc. G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 63.)—September

30, 1826, the corner-stone of the Methodist Church at Port Gibson was laid; Oration by James Pilmore, and a copy ordered for the press. The G. M. had granted two Dispensations to order lodges, U. D., in La. The use of the word "affirm," instead of "swear," as authorized by the G. L. of Maine, is disapproved, as are the conclusions of that G. L. respecting maimed men. June 25, the corner-stone of a Masonic Hall at Natchez was laid; Oration by D. S. Walker, a copy of which, together with the other Addresses of the day, were ordered for the press.

*December* 28.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 16.)—Twenty-one lodges represented. Fourteen Grand Lecturers were appointed.

*December* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(8vo., pp. 47.)—The decease of Solomon Jacobs, P. G. M. is noticed. The infringement of jurisdiction by G. Lodges is forcibly reprehended. Decided, that Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts may join in funeral processions, but that funeral honors are only due to Master Masons.

*November* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(8vo., pp. 13.)—The commencement of a G. L. Library is marked.

*November* 13.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(8vo., pp. 17.)—James Cushman had visited most of the lodges as G. Lecturer. Twenty-three lodges were represented.

*June* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Del.**—(18mo., pp. 12.)—Fifteen lodges were represented. Visitors not known to a majority of the Brethren present, must submit to an examination. Annual dues for clergymen were remitted by the G. L. The recently organized G. L. of Michigan was recognized.

*May* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Ct.**—(8vo., pp. 20.)—Seventy-four lodges represented.

*June* 26.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—The new Hall at Pawtucket had been dedicated. Oration by W. H. Sturtevant.

*October* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(18mo., pp. 31.)—A lengthy and beautiful Valedictory Address, by Phineas White, G. M., was put on Record. Lodges were advised to dispense on all public occasions with the use of ardent spirits. One hundred dollars appropriated as a donation to the American Colonization Society. Oration by Simeon Parmelee; he was made a Life Member of the American Colonization Society at the expense of the G. L.

*December* 10.—**Proc. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky.**—(8vo., pp. 12.)—This contains the organization. Convention met at Frankfort, December 10, composed of the following Councils, viz.: *Washington*, No. 1, Lexington; *Warren*, No. 21, Hopkinsville; *Centre*, No. 3, Danville; *Louis-*

*ville*, No. 4, Louisville; *Frankfort*, No. 5, Frankfort; *Versailles*, No. 6, Versailles. Robert Johnston was elected G. P.; Philip Swigert, G. Rec. (See paragraph below.)

*September* 3.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. Nine Chapters represented.

A Circular having been received from the Grand Chapter of Maryland, stating a complaint against Jeremy L. Cross, for conferring, in an unauthorized manner, the Degree of Select Master the G. C. of Kentucky, declared they did not permit that Degree conferred in the Chapters in Kentucky.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT.

Thomas H. Bradford, G. H. P.
Oliver G. Waggoner, D. G. H. P.
Henry Wingate, G. K.
Levi Tyler, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Sec'y.
Andrew M. January, G. Treas.
Caleb W. Cloud, G. Chaplain.
John Payne, G. M.
Warham P. Loomis, G. C. G.
Francis Walker, G. S. and T.

Ordered, that the G. H. P., at each Grand Annual Convocation, deliver a Lecture upon the four Degrees of the Chapter.

The action and vote of W. G. Hunt, in the G. G. Chapter at New York, in reference to the Kentucky Memorial to dissolve that Body, were repudiated by the G. C., and it was decided that a representative is bound to vote the known will of the body he represents.

*December* 10.—The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky instituted at Frankfort.

The Convention consisted of James M. Pike, Francis G. West and John M. M'Calla, from *Washington* Council, No. 1, at Lexington; James York, from *Warren* Council, No. 2, at Hopkinsville; Albin G. Smith, from *Centre* Council, No. 3, at Danville; Isaac H. Tyler, from *Louisville* Council, No. 4; Robert Johnston, Philip Swigert and Henry Wingate, from *Frankfort* Council, No. 5; and John F. Busby, from *Versailles* Council, No. 6.

Robert Johnston was made *Chairman*, Philip Swigert *Secretary*.

Unanimously *Resolved*, "That it is expedient to form a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Kentucky." Comp. Pike, Smith, York, Swigert and Busby drafted a Constitution, which was adopted. (See subsequent pages.)

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT.

Robert Johnston, G. P.
James M. Pike, D. G. P.
Albin G. Smith, G. T. I.
Isaac H. Tyler, G. P. C.
John M. M'Calla, G. C. G.
Philip Swigert, G. Rec.
Francis G. West, G. Treas.
William Sterman, G. C.
Francis Walker, G. S.

The officers were duly installed, and a set of By-Laws and General Regulations were adopted.

The G. Treasurer was directed to procure a Seal, viz.: a Triangle with a Trowel in the center, and the words "Grand Council of Kentucky, established A. D. 1827, G. D. 2827."*

### Masonic Literature of 1827.

*Addresses.*—Henry S. Baird, Green Bay, Michigan, December 27; George Hosmer, Batavia, New York, June 25; A. L. Davison, Alleghany, New York, June 25; Amxi Dodd, Orange, New Jersey, August 25; Amxi Dodd, Orange, New Jersey, June 25; Doct. Taylor, Cazenovia, New York, June 25; John A. Clark, Geneva, New York, June 25; Henry B. Curtis, Mansfield, Ohio, June 25; A. Peychaud, to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, January 14; Henry Brown, Batavia, New York, December 27; Samuel M. Hunt, Union Village, New York, December 27; C. Williams, to G. L. of Maryland, July 4; George T. Hearsey, Cheraw, South Carolina, December 27.

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## THE THIRTY-SIXTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 25 to 29, 1828.*

Forty lodges were represented at the opening.

By invitation from the Grand R. A. Chapter, the Sessions were held in the room belonging to that body. Annual dues of lodges were changed to $2 for each Initiate, and $1 for each member, at the instance of Philip Swigert. Oration by R. J. Breckenridge, Grand Orator: a copy was ordered for publication.

A Charter was ordered to Lodge No. 90.

On the election of Philip Swigert, Grand Treasurer, a vote

* I have not been able to trace the origin of the several Grand Councils on this register with sufficient accuracy to make a part of this History.

was passed complimenting Michel Fishell, for many years the Grand Treasurer, for the honorable and correct manner in which he had ever discharged the duties of that office. In response, he presented the Grand Lodge with $112.11, being the amount of Commissions to his credit.

Testimonials of fraternal regret were adopted in honor of Robert Trimble, a Past Master of Lodge No. 16, who died August 25.

The finances of the Grand Lodge having excited the earnest and solicitous attention of members, a Committee of seven experienced Brethren was appointed to make thorough investigation, and report. They did so, and report in seven heads, thus given:

1. The debts due *by* the Grand Lodge, $13,778.38. 2. The debts due *to* the Grand Lodge, $3,156.82 available, and $9,864.59 unavailable. 3. Cash resources of the Grand Lodge, $1,156.60; property not valued. 4. Income for past three years, $3,655.34; Expenditures, $4,079.65. 5. To reduce future outgoes, it was recommended to lessen the Commission of the Grand Treasurer from five to two per cent. 6. A preference in payments was recommended first to the bills of mechanics, and next to the debt due the Bank of the Commonwealth. 7. The Committee decline to propose an eligible permanent system for the reduction of the general indebtedness.

A proposition having come up from sister Grand Lodges, to adopt a new test for the admission of Visitors, in view of the antimasonic excitement fast extending over the land, the Grand Lodge *Resolved*, That the attempt to establish such a test meets the settled disapprobation of this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, that when a Mason is suspended by his lodge, it is the duty of the Secretary to furnish him a written notification to that effect without delay.

Among the Visitors at this Session, we observe Albert G. Hodges (No. 4); Thomas Ware (late of No. 77); Thomas K. Price, of Cumberland Lodge, No. 8, Tenn.; etc.

Sixty-six lodges on the Grand Lodge Rolls.

(*Imprint:* Lexington, Ky. Printed by Thomas Tunstall Bradford, 1828.) 8vo., pp. 60.

### Cotemporary Events of 1828.

*December* 15.—**Proc. G. L. of Penn.**—(4to., pp. 153–184.)—108 lodges reported. Visitors required to be vouched for in open lodge by members who had sat with them in some lodge in this State, or by members of the lodges to which they belonged, respectively,—in failure of such avouchal, an examination should be had, prefaced by the presentation of Grand Lodge certificates. Resources, $9506. Reports from three

District Deputy Grand Masters, and the Grand Lecturer (David Nathans,) prove the Order, generally, flourishing. "In the northern districts, their prosperity and increase had been partially checked by the systematic opposition to the Order which commenced in a neighboring State." *

*December* 27.—**Circular from G. L. of Quebec and Three Rivers, L. C.**—Gives but list of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers.

*January* 16.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—58 lodges were represented.

*February* 11.—DeWitt Clinton, Past Grand Master of New York, died.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**—(8vo., pp. 45.)—The corner-stone of Charleston College was laid January 12. Oration by Charles Fraser. Obsequies of John Geddes, P. G. M., were celebrated March 6. An Address by William Lance, delivered December 27, was spread upon the Record.

*October* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of Mo.**—(8vo., pp. 20.)—The Grand Lodge disapproved of initiating candidates the same evening their petitions were presented, except when the emergency of the case demands it. Resolutions of deep respect for the memory of DeWitt Clinton are spread on the Record.

*June* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 37, Appendix pp. 2.)—The death of DeWitt Clinton was noticed with appropriate testimonials of respect. The so-called *Morgan excitement* is cautiously but finely alluded to in the Address of the G. M. (Henry Hubbard). In reply to the charges against the Order, he denies that of Intemperance especially, in which he is corroborated by the Reports of the Dist. D. G. Masters. Seven G. Lecturers were appointed.

*June* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Del.**—(12vo., pp. 8.)—The form of the G. L. Certificate (Diploma) was spread on the Record. Agreed that the G. L. would unite with the G. L. of Md., in the procession and ceremonial at the commencement of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, July 4, next.

*Nov.* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(8vo., pp. 14.)—The Delegates to the Mount Vernon Washington Monument Association had repaired to Washington, D. C., by appointment, but finding that only four G. Lodges were represented the Convention had adjourned. 43 lodges on the Rolls.

*Dec.* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Ala.**—(8vo., pp. 36.)—14 lodges represented. Resources $2337. A copy of Cross' Masonic Chart was ordered. Reports of membership, etc., from 19 lodges.

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* During the period from 1800 to 1830, no Grand Lodge made such full and interesting Returns as Pennsylvania. The fear of publishing too much upon the subject of Masonry did not then, as now, deter them from letting their Brethren in other jurisdictions know what they were doing.

*Dec.* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(8vo., pp. 42.)—Robert G. Scott elected G. M. Revenue $1016.

*Jan.* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—Declined to recognize the recently-established G. L. of Michigan until a copy of its Constitution be received.

*Nov.* 29.—**Proc. G. L. of Ind.**—(8vo., pp. 58.)—Address by Hiram A. Hunter, Grand Chaplain, now (1858) a resident of Louisville, Ky.; a copy ordered for the press. Decided that each G. L. is, and should be Supreme, within its own State. The lodges were recommended to suppress the use of ardent spirits among the Fraternity.

*March* 28.—**Proc. G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 16.)—Lodges were authorized to receive petitions for affiliation or initiation at called meetings. Visitors shall not be received into the subordinate lodges without exhibiting regular Diplomas. March 23, the corner-stone of the Mariners' Church was laid at New Orleans; Rev. Theodore Clapp, G. Chaplain, James F. Hull, Grand Orator.

*Jan.* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of Me.**—(8vo., pp. 28.)—Letters from Rome, Naples and Florence, in reply to inquiries relative to the condition of foreign countries, were ordered on file. The establishment of uniformity of work had failed, and other means than those heretofore adopted were sought for.

*June* 7.—See Niles' Register, pp. 233, for advertisement of the public sale of DeWitt Clinton's effects. The lodge at Troy, N. Y., rescued a splendid vase and restored it to his family. There is much relative to the Morgan affair in Niles' Register of 1828.

*Sept.* 1.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Lexington; 8 Chapters represented.

The death of DeWitt Clinton, G. G. H. P., was eloquently alluded to by David G. Cowan, and the G. C. declared in testimony of the sense they entertained of his character, talents and service, that they would wear the usual badge of mourning for 60 days.

The Charter of Clay Mark Lodge, No. 7, was revoked.

Ordered that petitions for the degrees or for membership, must be signed by the applicants themselves, or by their direction and in their presence by others.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT.

Henry Wingate, G. H. P.
Oliver G. Waggoner, D. G. H. P.
Levi Tyler, G. K.
John Payne, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Sec'y.
Andrew M. January, G. Tr.

David Nelson, G. C.
W. P. Loomis, G. M.
William B. Warren, G. C. H.
Robt. M'Nitt, G. S. and Tr.

## Masonic Literature of 1828.

"*A Defense of Freemasonry*, in a Series of Letters, addressed to Solomon Southwick, Esq., and others, in which the true principles of the Order are given, and many late misrepresentations corrected. With an Appendix, containing Explanatory Notes, and Masonic Documents. By Luther Pratt; Editor of the American Masonic Register, and Ladies' and Gentlemen's Magazine, recently published in New York. "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."—*St. Paul. Troy*, (N. Y.) Printed for the Author, by Francis Adancourt, and sold by him and various other Booksellers in the United States. Price 50 cents. 1828." 18mo., pp. vi, 216. (Cat. No. 192.)

"The Genius of Masonry, or a Defense of the Order, containing some remarks on the Origin and History, the uses and abuses of the Science, with some notices of other Secret Societies in the United States. In three Lectures. By Samuel L. Knapp. *Lo this, we have searched it; so it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good.* Job v, 27. *Providence.* Cranston & Marshal, Printers. 1828." 12mo., pp. 9-107.*

*Addresses.*—Amos Drury, at Rutland, Vt., June 18.
A. B. Shackleford, at Georgetown, S. C., Dec. 27.
John M. Goodenow, Steubenville, Ohio, Dec. 27.
C. M. Turner, Newfield, N. Y., June 24.

The New England Almanac and Masonic Calendar for 1828. This is the only copy I can find of the entire series. The Calendar embraces a List of the Officers of the G. G. Bodies; the G. Encpt. of Mass. and R. I., the G. Council, G. Chapter, and G. L. of Mass.; the G. Lodges of N. H., Me., R. I., Conn., and Vt., with lists of subordinate lodges in Mass., N. H., Me., R. I., and Conn. A few other Catalogues are given, but no other information on Masonry. According to this Calendar, there were 106 lodges in Mass., 50 in N. H., 54 in Me., 18 in R. I., and 68 in Conn. Among the State Officers, the following, (with, doubtless, as many others,) are Freemasons: *Governors:* New York, DeWitt Clinton; North Carolina, H. G. Burton; Kentucky, Joseph Desha; Tennessee, Sam. Houston; Michigan, Lewis Cass; Florida, W. P. Duval.

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* In the possession of Cornelius Moore.

## THE THIRTY-SEVENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 31 *to September* 4, 1829.

Thirty-five lodges were represented at the opening.

The compensation of the Grand Treasurer was reduced from *five* to *two* per cent., on all monies hereafter to be received by him.

Charters were ordered to Athens Lodge, No. 91, at Athens, Ky., and Woodson Lodge, No. 92, at Owensboro, Ky. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

The office of Assistant Grand Tyler was abolished; the Committee on Accounts was forbidden to make any compensation to the Assistant Grand Secretary, it being contrary to the By-Laws. The Annual Oration was delivered, at the Episcopal Church, by James F. Robinson, Grand Orator, and a copy ordered for publication.

Ordered, that the Grand Lodge will hereafter dispense with the printing of the Annual Orations, delivered by the Grand Orators, respectively.

*Resolved*, That when a ballot is taken on a petition for the initiation of a Candidate, and a single vote should be found against him, it is improper, unmasonic, and can not be tolerated, that the petition should be withdrawn, or reconsidered, without the unanimous consent of the lodge, that consent to be ascertained by spreading and collecting the ballots. Article LXV of the Constitutional Rules, (see edition of 1853,) was adopted at this Session, except the words, "or expelling," which were added in 1852.

The Committee on Foreign Communications, had examined the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Me., N. H., Vt., Mass., N. Y., N. J., Pa., Del., Va., N. C., S. C., La., Ala., Miss., Tenn., Mo., Ind., Ohio, D. C., and Ireland, but found nothing requiring the especial attention of the Grand Lodge. It is difficult to conceive what the Committee would have called interesting, if the Masonic Intelligence of that period was not.

It was decided that there was no regulation of the Grand Lodge which could be construed to forbid a petition from being received in less than twelve months after being rejected, although many of the subordinate lodges had incorporated such a provision in their By-Laws. Such is the Kentucky usage at the present day.

The claim of Louis Marshall for his prize in the Masonic Lottery was found to be at this time, including interest, $12,243.40. A letter from him was spread upon the Minutes, in which, after stating that his debt of $10.630 was secured by mortgage upon the lot and building held by the G. L. in Lexington, he proposes that all payments made him in ad-

vance of interest, shall be applied to the extinguishment of the principal of the debt.

Brother Leslie Combs was appointed a Trustee by the Grand Lodge to receive from the Trustees of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, the title of the Grand Masonic Hall, and its appurtenances, and to hold the same, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. A Committee consisting of the Deputy Grand Master, (McCalla,) Senior Grand Warden, (Breckenridge,) and Grand Secretary, (Bradford,) was appointed to sell the house and lot in Lexington, which the Grand Lodge received from Lexington Lodge, No. 1, for the purpose of paying the debts of the G. L.

One of the subordinate lodges was reprimanded for taking the ballot three several times upon one application; at each balloting the applicant being rejected by one or more black balls.

Among the visitors this Session is reported, "Henry Clay, Past Grand Master, late member of Lexington Lodge, No. 1." He had demitted in 1824.

The Grand Secretary's Address is thus given: "Daniel Bradford, Auctioneer, and Commission Merchant, Lexington, Kentucky."

The reports of Suspensions, etc., from Corresponding Grand Lodges, exhibit some interesting details: *Miss.* reports 7 susp.; *La.* 9 exp.; *Penn.* 50 exp., 70 susp.; *Ala.* 8 exp., 30 susp.; *Me.* 1 exp.; *S. C.* 4 susp., 7 exp.; *Ohio* 7 exp., 44 susp.; *N. Y.* 12 exp., 11 susp.; *Va.* 18 exp., 21 susp.; *Ireland* 2 exp., 21 susp. The expulsions are for all classes of moral obliquity; "gross immorality," "intemperance," "disobeying summons," "perjury," "neglect of family, etc."

The details of the Kentucky lodges are thus summed up:

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| No. | 1 | reports | 24 | members. | No. 28 | reports | 21 members. |
| | 4 | " | 24 | " | 31 | " | 34 " |
| | 5 | " | 49 | " | 37 | " | 15 " |
| | 8 | " | 38 | " | 40 | " | 15 " |
| | 9 | " | 15 | " | 41 | " | 21 " |
| | 14 | " | 42 | " | 50 | " | 26 " |
| | 16 | " | 40 | " | 51 | " | 50 " |
| | 17 | " | 16 | " | 52 | " | 18 " |
| | 18 | " | 18 | " | 54 | " | 19 " |
| | 20 | " | 42 | " | 55 | " | 28 " |
| | 22 | " | 35 | " | 56 | " | 19 " |
| | 23 | " | 24 | " | 58 | " | 32 " |
| | 24 | " | 21 | " | 60 | " | 21 " |
| | 25 | " | 31 | " | 61 | " | 32 " |
| | 26 | " | 8 | " | 63 | " | 14 " |
| | 27 | " | 21 | " | 64 | " | 19 " |

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| No. 65 | reports | 18 | members. | No. 82 | reports | 91 | members. |
| 66 | " | 19 | " | 85 | " | 20 | " |
| 67 | " | 28 | " | 86 | " | 18 | " |
| 69 | " | 31 | " | 87 | " | 17 | " |
| 70 | " | 16 | " | 89 | " | 27 | " |
| 71 | " | 19 | " | 90 | " | 23 | " |
| 72 | " | 24 | " | Pulaski | | 8 | " |
| 73 | " | 31 | " | Athens | | 11 | " |
| 74 | " | 13 | " | Yellow Banks | | 11 | " |
| 78 | " | 13 | " | | | 1248 | |
| 79 | " | 15 | " | | | | |
| 80 | " | 35 | " | | | | |

To these add for 14 working lodges not reported, 850 members, and we have a total of 2600 members in 66 lodges. The population of Kentucky, by the census of 1830, being 517,000, gives a ratio approximating to one lodge to 7835 persons, or one Mason to 323 persons.

(*Imprint:*—Lexington, Ky.; printed by Thomas Tunstall Bradford, 1829.) 8vo., pp. 54.

## Cotemporary Events of 1829.

*February* 16.—**Circular G. L. of Miss.**—Deprecates the attempt to establish any new test or different Rule for the examination and admission of visiting Brethren, than that handed down to us from distant ages, as contrary to the fundamental principles of Masonry.

*May* 6.—**Circular from G. L. of D. C.**—Deprecates the establishment of any new tests for the examination or admission of visiting or other Masons: no authority on earth, except the universal body of Masons, or their representatives especially empowered for that purpose they maintained, has the right or power, in any manner whatever, to alter the Ancient Landmarks of the Order. This is forcibly and justly expressed.

*January* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Resources, $1426. Decided that a Master Mason, dying within the jurisdiction of a lodge, and requesting, either by himself or friends, a Masonic interment, has the right, if not of unworthy character, to such interment, even though he may not be a member of a lodge. A Resolution was adopted allowing compensation to representatives to the Grand Lodge: for each 25 miles going to and returning from the Grand Lodge, $1.25; and $1.25 per diem for attendance during the Sessions.

*July* 3.—The Washington Benevolent Society presented to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Masonic Apron formerly in the possession of Washington.

*September* 4.—The 4th Convocation of the General Grand

Encampment, and the 6th of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, held at New York.

*January* 16.—**Proc. G.L. of Me.**—(8vo., pp. 24.)—Three letters, containing information of Masonry in foreign countries, were ordered to be filed. 58 lodges on the Rolls.

*January* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 15.)—Lafayette is reported an Honorary Member. 23 lodges on the Rolls. The standing Regulations declare, that any member of the Grand Lodge, who does not assist in its work during one successive year, shall cease to be a member; all masons belonging either to the Rite of York, Scotch or French Rite, are true and perfect members of the Art; whenever a Lodge is interested in any discussion before the Grand Lodge, its delegates shall not be allowed to vote upon the question; the establishment of a General Grand Lodge is disapproved; any Mason failing in business shall be suspended from Masonry, until he proves that his failure was occasioned solely by misfortune.

*January* 6.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 18.)—Part of the Sessions were held on the Sabbath. 27 lodges represented. Address by Thomas P. Hunt.

*February* 19.—**Proc. G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 39.)—Differences which had, for some time, existed between this Grand Lodge and that of Louisiana, were reconciled. D. C. Cosby was made Grand Lecturer.

*June* 5.—**Proc. G. L. of N. Y.**—(8vo., pp. 22.)—The history of the Boyer (African) Lodge is given, and the Craft enjoined to shun and discountenance it. Advised that lodges require Visitors to be vouched for as Master Masons by members of the lodges receiving such visitations. James Herring was elected Grand Secretary.

*December* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Geo.**—(8vo., pp. 37.)—Lodges were required to forward to the Grand Secretary impressions of their respective seals. A new Roll of Lodges was formed, and the lodges numbered to correspond. 32 lodges on the Rolls—two of them in Florida. The State was divided into twelve Masonic Districts. An Honorarium, in the form of a Jewel, was ordered to William Schley, G. M.—(Died, 1858.) Resources, $878. A well-prepared Index to the Proceedings is added, the first of the sort on Record.

*June* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of N. H.**—(8vo., pp. 22; Appendix, pp. 2.)—The bitter excitement against Masonry is alluded to as a popular frenzy, which was interrupting the harmony of lodges, societies and families in other States. It had entered New Hampshire at New London.

*December* 28.—**Proc. G. L. of Mass.**—(8vo., pp. 14.)—One hundred and six lodges on the Rolls.

*June* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—Address by

D. Pickering, Grand Chaplain. Eighteen lodges on the Rolls.

*June* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Del.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—Ten lodges were represented. Decided that officers of the Grand Lodge appointed *pro. tem.*, are not entitled to vote as such.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(8vo., pp. 15.)—Twenty-three lodges represented. Masonic Sermon by Thos. P. Hunt. Fifty-two lodges on the Rolls.

*October* 5.—**Proc. G. L. of Mo.**—(8vo., pp. 11.)—The proposition to adopt a new test for Visiting Masons was disapprobated. The rule requiring the publication of expulsions and suspensions was rescinded.

*May* 20.—Eli Bruce was incarcerated in the jail at Canandaigua, New York, for the period of two years and four months, upon charges connected with the Morgan affair.*

*September* 7.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. Seven Chapters represented.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT:

Levi Tyler, G. H. P.
Andrew M. January, D. G. H. P.
Warham P. Loomis, G. K.
Nicholas L. Oliver, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Secretary.
Edmund H. Taylor, G. Treasurer.
Caleb W. Cloud, G. Chaplain.
William B. Warren, G. M.
William Tinker, G. C. H.
Rob. M'Nitt, G. Steward and Tyler.

No business of importance was transacted.

*September* 9.—The Grand Council of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. Four Councils were represented.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT:

Isaac H. Tyler, G. P.
Henry Wingate, D. G. P.
Andrew M. January, G. T. I.
W. P. Loomis, G. P. C.
William Tinker, G. C. G.
Philip Swigert, G. Rec.
Edmund H. Taylor, G. Treasurer.
Caleb W. Cloud, G. C.
Robert M'Nitt, G. S.

One hundred copies of the Proceedings ordered to be printed.

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* Mr. Bruce was a shamefully misused man. He remained in prison during the entire term of his sentence, though powerful efforts were made to secure executive clemency, and died, in 1832, of cholera. We are in possession of the original journals kept by him while in prison. His widow and three children are still living in Illinois.

The list of subordinates was: *Washington* Council, No. 1, at Lexington; *Hopkinsville*, No. 2; *Center*, No. 3; *Louisville*, No. 4; *Frankfort*, No. 5; *Versailles*, No. 6; *Maysville*, No. 7. The funds of the Grand Council were $41.75. The membership in the State was about one hundred and fifty.

## Masonic Literature of 1829.

*Manuel Maçonnique.* A L'Usage des Franc-Maçons Acceptes du Rite Ancien, D'York Residents A'La Louisiane. Par Un Ancien Venerable Membre a la Grand Lodge et du Grand Chapitre de l'Etat de la Louisiane. *Nouvelle Orleans* De L'Imprimerié D'Edwin Lyenem Rue de Chartres N°. 56, 1828. 12mo., pp. 244.*

*Addresses.*—Philip C. Tucker and Jonathan A. Allen, to the inhabitants of Vermont, April 7;† Joseph Jenkins, to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, December 28.

A Letter on Speculative Masonry. By Charles Pinckney Sumner, Sheriff of Suffolk County; being an answer to a letter addressed to him on that subject, by the Suffolk Committee, Boston. John Marsh, Nos. 96 and 98 State street. Dutton & Wentworth, Printers, Exchange street, 1829.

"Letter to the members of the Genessee Consociation, New York. By Joseph Emerson, Principal of the Female Seminary, Weathersfield, Connnecticut, late Pastor of the second Congregational Church in Beverly, Massachusetts. Fourth Edition. Boston: Beals & Holmes, Printers, No. 42 Congress street, 1829.

William Hilliard, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 16; Sumner A. Webber, Royalton, Vermont, June 24;‡ Joseph Prentiss, to G. R. A. Chapter of New York, February 4; Nahum Capen, Dedham, Massachusetts, June 24; Stephens Fenn, Harpersfield, Delaware, June 21.

The close of the Third Decennial of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky affords us a resting-place and a point from which a rich summary of events might, had we sufficient space, be made up. New Grand Lodges, quietly organizing upon principles now generally admitted to be sound and orthodox, had been established in Maine, (1820;) Havana, (1820;) Alabama, (1821;) Missouri, (1821;) Illinois, (1825;)¶ and Michigan, (1826.) A primary Convention, called, doubtless, at the instance of the illustrious Clay, had assembled at the Federal city, at a period when the multitudes of Strangers secured the best intelligence of the Institution to the purposes of the call.

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* In the possession of John Q. A. Fellows, New Orleans.
† Republished in the *Universal Masonic Library*, vol. xxv.
‡ In the possession of J. Q. A. Fellows, New Orleans, La.
¶ After exhausting every effort, I confess myself unable, either from existing documents or tradition, to give the exact date or reliable details of the organization of the First Grand Lodge of Illinois.

But although the embodiment of plans that had been suggested in various Grand Lodges ever since 1790, and although recommended by a Clay, Marshal, Seaton, etc., yet the jealousy of the American Masons, directed against every thing like centralization and undefined accumulation of powers, rendered the whole effort void, and caused the scheme to fall stillborn. From this first Masonic Convention, 1822, to the last, 1854, no important results have accrued to the Order from this class of associations.

The system afterward styled "Cryptic Masonry," or the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, was disseminated by the efforts of Barker, Cross, and others, and a Grand Council established in Kentucky, (1827,) and in other jurisdictions. The love of novelty, which distinguished the Masons of the last generation, even more than the present, and led to the establishment of R. A. Chapters, etc., to the corresponding neglect of symbolical Masonry, found abundant pabulum in the thrilling ceremonial and eloquent Lectures of the "Council Degrees," and the new Order flourished exceedingly. Yet the appetite for novelties of this sort contrasted strangely with the squeamishness which hunted to death a Vinton, while it swallowed with insatiable maw the innovations of a Cross, a Barker, and others of the class.*

Death, during this Decennial, had not been idle. Clinton, Israel, and other illustrious Masons of national fame, Bullock, Moore, and many within our own State, had bowed beneath his spear. The remains of Webb had been borne by his generous and affectionate cotemporaries of Rhode Island, from Cleveland, Ohio, where he died, across a wild, almost impassible region, to his own adopted resting-place at Providence. We have gained new spirit, heart and courage by every visit we have paid to that now almost deserted spot, the grave of Webb.

Lafayette, the Patriot, Statesman, and Masonic Brother, had made his triumphal tour, as the Nation's and the Order's guest. He had laid a corner stone on Bunker Hill; had inaugurated Statues to Pulaski and Greene, had visited the Grand Lodges of almost every jurisdiction in the United States, had received the Degrees and Orders of the Chapter, Encampment, and Consistory, as cherished among American Masons here, and had gone home, to France, to return no more. The writer, then a little boy, remembers to have grasped his hand, as he stood in front of the City Hall, New York, and to have received some

* David Vinton, being denounced by the G. L. of N. C. for making manuscript notes of Masonry, died in great poverty near Russellville, Ky. He was the author of that fine Ode, "Solemn strikes the funeral chime," used in the majority of lodges in this country. He was unquestionably imprudent, and deserved severe rebuke, but not, I think, expulsion.

of those genial words so liberally dispensed by him, to young and old.

A monument had been projected, under Masonic auspices, to Washington. The first Grand Lodge Library had been established—a little block, in what has now become a noble pile.

But the event most eventful, in all the period;—the circumstance, which, above all others, will give it perpetual infamy in Masonic record, is the flitting of William Morgan, on the morning of September 12, 1826, from the village of Batavia, New York. It scarcely comports with the gravity of history, to give the details of the life of a man, who, while living, made no other name in society, than that of a drunkard, a vagabond, and a betrayer of secrets. It will suffice to say,—and even for this we must give credit to those, whose claims to truth are poorly shown, in their various antimasonic publications,—that William Morgan was born in Culpepper County, Va., in 1766; adopted the trade of a stone cutter; opened a store in Richmond, Va., in 1819; removed to York, (now Toronto,) Canada West, shortly after, and commenced the business of brewing, and from thence removed to Rochester, N. Y. The press at Canandaigua, denounced him, Aug. 9, 1826, as a swindler and a dangerous man, which notice the two Batavia papers copied. A few days before, (July 25,) he had been imprisoned for debt, and Sept. 10, was tried for theft, and discharged. Sept. 12, he was released by friends, by the payment of the small amount for which he had been imprisoned, and left the country, in their companionship, the same day. Evidence, sufficiently circumstantial, was obtained by the antimasonic party, of his being escorted, but without resistance, to Fort Niagara, on the St. Lawrence river, some eighty miles from Canandaigua, and there the history closes. It is incredible that he should have been murdered, and yet his after-fate is involved in profound mystery; though a search, stimulated by gold, pursued by the sharpest detectives of the law, encouraged by rewards from the Executive, (Clinton,) and others, Masons and non-masons, was instituted and unremittingly maintained, until every clue was exhausted, and hope faded into despair.

The results of this singular circumstance were more remarkable, more incredible, did such a word admit of comparison, than the incident itself. The whole Temple of Masonry in the United States, which had seemed, to the common eye, impregnable, was shaken to its basis, by the commotion that followed. Two Grand Lodges, (Mich. and Ill.,) went down under it. Several others, (Ind., Vt., etc.,) stood, for a time, on the verge of dissolution, and seriously contemplated Masonic suicide. The true work and progress of the Craft, in all parts of the Union, were arrested, and for several years, no advantage was gained in the cause of Social Ethics, in the United States.

The unpopularity of Masonry gave growth to an association, organized a few years before (1819), upon principles somewhat similar, but wanting the binding tie. This has been the root from which the hundred counterfeit and ephemeral affiliations in this country have sprung—all of which have been parasites to Masonry.

The cause of the antimasonic fury, it is proper to say, was not the love of morality; it was not horror at the mysterious fate of Morgan which stimulated the Ritners, the Stevens, the Grangers, the Sewards, the Spencers, *et id genus omnes*, to flesh their maiden swords in Masonry. No such extravagance of sympathy for the fate of a degraded sot and knave called out a Wirt, a Weed, a Stone, or a Spencer, to give their reputation, made and to be made, to such an attack upon Masons and Masonry as the warfare of 1826 to 1836. The secret of *their* warfare is far less profound than that of Morgan's fate. Their motive of action was simply the thirst for office. They were aspirants in politics; the nation had worn out its old issues; honors and rewards were to be found in a new field, and that field appeared to be antimasonry. It was an error in policy, and so they afterward found it; and, when found, they hastened to abandon it.

That these men, now venerable for years, and most of them for long and meritorious services in their country's cause, have regretted their early mistake, can not be doubted. Were there any question of this, the fact that, for more than twenty years, each of them has been silent, while the revival and immense spread of the Masonic Institution have attracted the attention of every observing mind, would convince the most skeptical. But so great was the damage done to Masonry by their early efforts, so tremendous the ruin that followed upon their attacks, that the Masonic historian is bound, in truth, to couple their names with the evils they effected.

In the political history of Kentucky, the events of this period, which awakened the most interest at the time, and led to permanent results, were the following, extracted from Collins' History of Kentucky:

1819–20.—Right of Replevin extended from three to twelve months. The Relief excitement commenced.

1820–21.—Commonwealth's Bank chartered.

The Legislature controlled the Directors of the old Bank of Kentucky.

1823.—The Court of Appeals decided the Replevin Acts unconstitutional.

1824–25.—New Court of Appeals organized.

*Section Fourth—From* 1830 *to* 1839.

## THE THIRTY-EIGHTH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 30 *to September* 3, 1830.

The following lodges were represented at the opening, viz: 1, 4. 5, 8, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 40, 41, 47, 51, 52, 55, 57, 58, 61, 63, 65, 67, 68, 72, 74, 80, 85, 90, 91, 92, and Pulaski Lodge, U. D.

The death of Worden P. Churchill, S. G. Deacon, was appropriately noticed.

Oration by James O. Harrison, Grand Orator.

Nothing in the Communications from the G. Lodges of Mass., N. Y., N. C., Ind., La., Ohio, Ala., Miss., R. I., Mo., and N. H. was found to require the special notice of the G. L.

The Committee on accounts was authorized to treat with Dr. Louis Marshall, and endeavor to liquidate the balance due him on account of his prize ticket by selling him the house and lot late the property of Lexington Lodge, No. 1.

The Salary of the G. Secretary was reduced to $75.00. The old Masonic Hall was rented for $40 per annum. Article LXIII of the Constitutional Rules (see edition 1855) was adopted at the instance of James Guthrie.

Abraham Lodge, No. 8, having lost its Charter by accident, a new one was ordered.

Decided that it is competent for a suspended Brother to prefer charges against a Lodge. Brother Leslie Combs resigned his position as a member of the Building Committee.

A Brother having conducted himself hastily and imprudently toward his lodge, was admonished "that one of the first duties of a Mason is to learn to govern his passions, the next is to cultivate charity and brotherly feelings toward his fellowmen, and to view their failings with that mercy which he would wish to be shown to his own, always recollecting that soft words turn away wrath, while angry words kindle strife."

The amount of outstanding debts of the G. Lodge is given at $10,144, of which Dr. Marshall's portion is $10,000.

Decided that no emergency justifies a subordinate lodge in receiving, acting upon and initiating an applicant, before his petition has been at least one month before the lodge; and that the lodges must pay dues to the G. L. as well for Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts as for Master Masons.

In relation to financial embarrassments of the G. L., the Committee reports that if the Fraternity in Lexington and other parts of the State will perform their duty and become contributing members of subordinate lodges, the G. L. will

soon reassume her elevated station—so long shaded by pecuniary difficulties. This is the first thrust made by the G. L. against the tremendous evil of non-affiliation—which has been growing and strengthening even to the present time.

Questions were sent down to the subordinate lodges to be answered by the next Session. 1st. Whether it is expedient to remove the G. L. from Lexington? 2d. If yea, shall it be removed to Louisville?

The G. Secretary was ordered to omit returns of the officers, etc., of subordinate lodges in their printed Proceedings, hereafter. They fill this year but 36 pages.

Among the delegates this Session we observe J. W. S. Mitchell, James M. Bullock, A. G. Hodges, Stephen F. Gano, James Guthrie, etc.

(*Imprint:* Lexington, Ky., Printed by Bradford & Herndon, 1830.) 8vo., pp. 36.

## Cotemporary Events of 1830.

*January* 5.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Ninety-one lodges are reported; fifty-five were represented.

*July* 5.—The Grand Lodge of Florida was organized.

*March* 27.—Andrew Jackson wrote a letter to the G. L. of D. C., expressing the highest pleasure at their Masonic devotion.

*October* 10.—Grand Masonic and Patriotic Feast at Paris, (France,) to General Lafayette.*

*June* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of N. Y.**—(8vo., pp. 25.)—Resources $9589. The proceedings of the G. L. of Hayti had been received. Morgan Lewis was elected G. M. Allusions were made to "the apprehension and prejudices recently excited by the misguided conduct of a few obscure and wicked individuals belonging to the Order," and hopes entertained that they would soon be dissipated. The Address of Morgan Lewis is uncommonly beautiful. Thirty-eight lodges were represented.

*June* 7.—**Proc. G. L. of Md.**—(8vo., pp. 30.)—The death of Peter Little, P. G. M. February 5, last is noticed. Reports of membership, etc., in twenty lodges are given. Among the deaths is that of Thomas P. Harrison, lost in the U. S. Sloop of War *Hornet.*

*February* 18.—**Proc. G. L. of Miss.**—(8vo., pp. 34.)—The corner-stone of the Hall at Natchez was laid Feb. 16. Returns of membership, etc., of sixteen lodges are given.

*January* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of La.**—(8vo., pp. 14.)—Addresses from W. B. Ferrand is spread on the record.

*September* 6.—Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. Seven Chapters represented, viz.: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 9,

*See a translation of this, by Albert Pike, in *American Freemason*, vol. 3, pp. 34, etc.

13, and 15. Five Standing Committees were appointed. The Committee on Foreign Communications acknowledges receipt of Proceedings of the G. Chapters of Mass., N. H., Va., N. C., Geo., O., Tenn., and La.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT:

Andrew M. January, G. H. P.
Warham P. Loomis, D. G. H. P.
Nicholas L. Oliver, G. K.
John Payne, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Sec'y.
Edmund H. Taylor, G. Treas.
Caleb W. Cloud, G. Chaplain.
William B. Warren, G. M.
William Tinker, G. C. G.
Robert McNitt, G. S. and T

Officers of the G. Chapters were to be allowed hereafter $2 per diem, when *not* representing their Chapters. The G. Treasurer to have two per cent. on all monies passing through his hands.

*September* 8.—Grand Council of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. Four Councils represented. Four Standing Committees appointed.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT:

Henry Wingate, G. P.
Andrew M. January, D. G. P.
Warham P. Loomis, G. T. I.
William Tinker, G. P. C.
Charles E. Wolf, G. C. G.
Philip Swigert, G. Rec.
Edmund H. Taylor, G. Tr.
Caleb W. Cloud, G. C.
Robert McNitt, G. S.

One hundred copies of Proceedings ordered to be printed "as usual." Resources $57.65. The Charters of Councils Nos. 2, 3, and 6, were declared forfeited. The death of Isaac H. Tyler, G. P., suitably noticed. He died October 25, 1829, at Baton Rouge, La. The concluding entry is significant of this Order; "The Grand Council was then closed at the appointed hour, according to ancient form and usage."

## Cotemporary Events of 1830.

*Septemoer* 11.—The "United States Antimasonic Convention" assembled at Philadelphia. As this was the first and most formidable attempt at a national combination of the elements of opposition to Freemasonry, we bestow more space upon

its Proceedings than it would otherwise deserve.* There were ninety-six members of the Convention, representing the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Rhode Island, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan, Maryland, and Delaware; but few were men of any prominence, though several of them, by attaching themselves to other "isms," and abandoning political antimasonry when it ceased to be profitable, subsequently achieved eminence. Among these may be named Francis Granger, Henry Dana Ward, Frederick Whittlesey, and William H. Seward, *New York;* and Pliny Merrick, *Massachusetts.* The cement that bound such minds, for even so short a time, to men like David Bernard, Moses Thatcher, Thaddeus Stevens, and Joseph Ritner, must have possessed magic virtues; but it had no endurance.

Francis Granger was made President of the Convention, seconded by six Vice Presidents. It is pleasing to see that no State farther west than Ohio, or south than Maryland, had a delegate. Of New England, Maine and New Hampshire refused the part assigned them, and sent no representatives. Fourteen prominent Committees were appointed, among whom were divided all the questions likely to arise relative to Masonic rituals, history, and jurisprudence. Seward's part was to report Resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the Convention. A proposition to inquire into the pecuniary circumstances of the widow and children of Wm. Morgan, was rejected with commendable dispatch: that was not the purpose for which these 96 delegates had assembled. Three gentlemen from North Carolina took their seats as Honorary Members. The Committee "on the effects of Masonic ties and obligations *on the commerce and revenue of the United States*," were discharged without making a Report: this was a real loss of interest to the Proceedings.

In the report of the influence of Masonry upon the public press, it was reported, that, between 1826 to 1830, there had been 124 antimasonic papers established, viz.:—in Pennsylvania, 53; New York, 46; Connecticut, 2; Rhode Island, 1; Mass., 5; Vermont, 4; New Jersey, 2; Ohio, 9; Indiana, 1; Michigan, 1: but their statements are, doubtless, exaggerated. We have not been able to trace up one-third of the number stated.

The conclusions presented by the Convention may be thus briefly expressed: 1. That the various expositions of Masonic secrets are true. 2. That Freemasonry originated early in the

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*"Proceedings of the United States Antimasonic Convention, held at Philadelphia, Sept. 11, 1830. Embracing the Journal of Proceedings, the Reports, the Debates, and the Address to the People. *Philadelphia.* Published, etc." 8vo., pp. 164. This work, we think, was stereotyped and largely circulated.

18th century. 3. That its oaths are not obligatory. 4. That adhering Masons are disqualified for public office. 5. That Masonry and its principles are inconsistent with the genius of American Institutions. 6. That Masonry should be extinguished at the ballot-box. 7. That Masonry is a Political Institution. 8. That its effects upon the public press are evil.

It was agreed to assemble at Baltimore, Sept. 26, 1831, and nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.*

## Masonic Literature of 1830.

*Addresses.*—An Address to the people of the United States on the subject of the Antimasonic Excitement or New Party. *Whether this or that party shall rise or fall in the frenzy of the moment is not the question; but whether reason and truth shall prevail against the cunning of interested hypocrisy and the madness of fanaticism.* By a Citizen of New York. (Anonymous.) Albany. Printed by J. B. Steenberg, 1830. 8vo., pp. 31.

Samuel Clark, to the Grand Chapter of Mass., June 8.

Paul Dean, to the Grand Chapter of Mass., June 8.

Edward Livingston, to G. G. R. A. C., Washington City, D. C., April 3.

Joel R. Poinsett, to G. R. A. C., Washington City, D. C., April 3.

Benjamin C. Howard, to G. R. A. C., Washington City, D. C., April 3.

Elisha W. King, to G. L. of New York, June 24.

Morgan Lewis, to G. L. of New York, June 24.

Charles Shaler, Pittsburg, Penn., July 26.

Wm. B. Thrall, Chillicothe, Ohio, June 24.

Isaac B. Peirce, Norway, N. Y., October 30.

Simeon Colton, Dudley, Mass., June 24.

"*To the Ingenious and Candid.* The Masonic Character and Correspondence of General Washington. By the Editor of the Masonic Mirror. Boston. Moore & Sevey, No. 46 Washington street, 1830." 12mo., pp. 18.

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* As I do not wish to encumber my pages with too many allusions to this contemptible farce in politics, I add here that William Wirt accepted the nomination of the former, and Amos Ellmaker for the latter office, and that the ticket received an electoral vote of *one State*, viz., Vermont.

## THE THIRTY-NINTH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

*August* 29 *to September* 2, 1831.

The following lodges were represented, viz.: Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 31, 40, 41, 51, 52, 58, 61, 78, 80, 86, 90, 91, and Fleming Lodge, U. D. A Charter was ordered to Flemingburg Lodge, No. 93.

The following amendments to the By-Laws were adopted: "*Resolved*, That hereafter this Grand Lodge will not exact dues from subordinate lodges for such Ministers of the Gospel as may be free members thereof." The regulation is yet in force.

The regulation requiring the Grand Master to deliver a Lecture on the Three Degrees, the second day of each Session, was repealed.

The Grand Lodge refused to adopt a resolution for removing the Grand Lodge. This question had been proposed almost every Session since 1800, and thus far uniformly voted down. The question having been referred to the subordinate lodges last July, sixteen of them took action upon it, of whom nine were opposed to and six in favor of removal.

An Oration was delivered by Garrett Davis, Grand Orator.

A Report on the subject of Lotteries, this year, recommends the sale of a Class or Classes, so as to secure the Grand Lodge against pecuniary loss or censure—the sale money to be paid to Louis Marshall, in liquidation of his debt.

For the first time in many years, the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole, to discuss certain resolutions.

The cost of printing this year is estimated at $70.

A correspondence was ordered to be opened with the General Grand Encampment, in relation to the debt due the Grand Lodge by Lexington Encampment, No. 1.

A Digest of the Rules and Regulations, together with the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge, is appended to the Proceedings. The latter are substantially the same as those now in force. The variations may be seen by reference to the caption—"Constitutional Regulations"—in a subsequent part of this volume.

The Committee on Foreign Communications find nothing in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Maine, Alabama, Louisiana, Virginia, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Indiana, Tennessee, Delaware, Georgia, Florida, Ohio, and Mississippi, demanding the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

A Committee was appointed to borrow of the Grand Chapter whatever monies they might be disposed to lend the Grand Lodge.

No returns of subordinate lodges are published.

A proposition from Louis Marshall, to purchase the old Masonic Hall, in liquidation of his debt, was agreed to, and a Committee appointed to convey the same to him on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

(*Imprint:* Lexington. Printed by N. L. Finnell & J. F. Herndon, 1831.) 8vo., pp. 40.

Grand Secretary's Address: "H. I. Bodley, Lexington, Ky."

### Cotemporary Events of 1831.

*January* 5.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—The Brethren of Jerome Lodge, No. 63, who had suffered severely from the prevalent sentiment of the day, (antimasonry,) were advised to practice the virtues of forbearance and circumspection. Twenty-five lodges were reported delinquent. No petitions to be received by lodges except at stated meetings.

*December* 26.—Stephen Girard died; he was buried Dec. 31,—three hundred and ninety-six Masons uniting in the procession.

*October* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(18mo., pp. 16.)—Thirty-nine lodges on the Rolls. The G. M. (Nathan B. Haswell) made an Address, in which he described the various appeals made the Fraternity in Vermont to dissolve the Institution, and the attacks it had met from men who were seeking self-aggrandizement and elevation to political power. He advises the G. L. to *breast the storm*, believing that upon its action that day the permanency of the Institution depended. Upon the test question, *Shall the G. L. abandon its Convocations as a Masonic Body?* there were 19 ayes against 99 nays. A resolution was adopted advising the subordinate lodges to hold but two meetings a year—one for work and discipline, and one for election of officers. Decided, that no Address to the people of Vermont at this time was deemed necessary.

*September* 6.—Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. Seven Chapters represented. Ordered, that henceforth a Committee on Unfinished Business be added to the list of Standing Committees.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT.

Warham P. Loomis, G. H. P.
Nicholas L. Oliver, D. G. H. P.
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Robert M'Nitt, G. S. and T.

Sums of money were intrusted to Levi Tyler and William Tinker to dispense "in such a manner as he may judge best and most compatible with the charity of the Order of Masonry."

The Grand Chapter being more strongly confirmed in its former opinion of the total inutility of the General Grand Chapter, appointed as a Committee Messrs. Daniel Bradford, Levi Tyler and Philip Swigert, to draft another Circular and forward it to the several Grand Chapters representing the Kentucky views, and asking for some opinion on the subject. The following is the Memorial adopted in 1825. The Circular, if ever issued, we can not procure.

MEMORIAL.

The Committee appointed in pursuance of the foregoing resolution of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, would respectfully beg leave to present for the consideration of the General Grand Chapter of the United States and the respective State Grand Chapters, the reasons which induce them to wish for a dissolution of the said General Grand Chapter.

The establishment of a General Grand Chapter may have been useful at first, when the number of Chapters in our country was small, as a legitimate source from whence new Chapters might derive their authority to work; but, as Grand Chapters have since been established in most of the States, the existence of the General Grand Chapter is no longer necessary; and as its authority and jurisdiction are not acknowledged by all the State Grand Chapters, it tends to produce discord among the Fraternity.

The State Grand Chapters are emphatically appellate and legislative bodies, and should possess the power of adapting their laws to the opinions and customs of the Fraternity within their respective jurisdictions. This would not interfere with the general design or tendency of Masonry; but would merely give to each State Grand Chapter the right to modify its written rules, without being subject to the control of a superior power.

The General Grand Chapter must, of necessity, hold its meetings at so great a distance from most of the State Grand Chapters, that they will frequently fail to be all represented; and the expense of sending on representatives is an unnecessary waste of their funds.

By the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, the *Past Officers* are made members for life, of the several State Grand Chapters; and in case they find it inconvenient to attend in person, they are allowed the privilege of appointing proxies. The Past Officers *may* increase in number at the rate of *four*

per annum, and generally *do* increase at the rate of one or two —perhaps they average *two* per annum. They are each entitled to a vote upon every question presented in the Grand Chapter, and in a few years will outnumber, and may completely control the representatives of the subordinate Chapters. If, however, through courtesy, they should still be retained as members of the Grand Chapters, it is conceived they ought not to be allowed the privilege of appointing *proxies* to represent them when absent. It is presumed that they were made members of the Grand Chapters on account of the skill and ability which had procured their elevation to the Grand Council; but, as they can not transfer these qualities to their proxies, the reason ceases, and the privilege should cease with it. The same objection may also be fairly urged against allowing the *Present Officers* the privilege of appointing proxies to represent them when absent in person.

It may be said, that some of these complaints might be removed by amendments to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter. But other evils and inconveniences will be found to exist, and its meetings are so far apart that it is impracticable to provide, from time to time, for all the changes which experience may suggest; and to make its meetings more frequent would increase the burden already complained of.

The true objects of Masonic Institutions are not splendid establishments and pompous exhibitions, but the relief of the distressed, the promotion of brotherly love, and the exercise of private charity. In the annals of ancient Masonry we hear nothing of General Grand Chapters or General Grand Lodges, nor even of Grand Chapters or Lodges. Each lodge constituted a separate and independent body, cultivating within its bosom the most exalted of human virtues, and dispensing its bounty to the needy Brethren and their destitute families within the sphere of its jurisdiction, while its individual members were hailed as Brothers, and, if needy, relieved by all the sister lodges. The affairs of each lodge were settled within itself, in its own way, without appeal or control. The resources of the Order, instead of being devoted to costly entertainments and the support of splendid establishments, were applied to the relief of needy Brethren and their destitute widows and children, in pursuance of the original, pure and simple objects of the Institution. Inconveniences were doubtless experienced, from the occasional prevalence of party spirit, originating from a difference of opinion and unsubdued passions, as well as injustice to individual Brothers. Hence, in process of time, it seemed proper to a majority of the Craft to establish Grand Chapters and Lodges, with a supervising and controlling power over the original Chapters and Lodges.

Even these additions to the Masonic edifice were not necessary to extend the original objects of the Institution; but merely to guard against those errors of opinion and those bursts of passion which are incident to all human institutions. They are are a kind of necessary evil. They are evils, because they consume a portion of the funds of the Order, and thereby lessen its ability to dispense its charities,—and by creating high offices, they encourage ambition in the Craft, which ought to be distinguished only by disinterestedness and humble deportment. But we are not disposed to censure the establishment of Grand Chapters and Lodges; for, with all their evils, they do essential good in correcting the errors of the subordinate Institutions and promoting harmony among Masons.

The idea of a General Grand Chapter, as well as of a General Grand Lodge, seems to have been suggested by the political institutions of our country. But are the cases analogous? The original Chapters and Lodges were formerly independent bodies, like our States. They confederated under Grand Chapters and Lodges, which exercise a controlling and revising power, and fill the place of our national government. Here the analogy between our Masonic and political institutions is at an end. It matters not that the Masonic confederation extends only to the limits of a State, while the political embraces almost half a continent. The analogy exists in principle, not in the extent of surface over which the confederation may spread. There are in many of the States more lodges than there are States in the American Union. In our Masonic Union the Grand Chapters and Lodges, together with the original Chapters and Lodges, exercise their jurisdiction, each in its sphere, over the same territory and the same people, like our National and State Governments. To add to these a General Grand Chapter or Lodge, is like establishing a general grand government over the nations of the earth, which should introduce into the United States a third jurisdiction, controlling both the National and State Governments, as well as each individual citizen. Where is the politician so mad as to think of a project like this? Is not our political machine sufficiently complicated, and does it not operate with sufficient harmony, without resorting to another superintending and controlling power? Would it not, without producing any good, increase the collisions of the machinery and augment the burdens of the people? Yet, what else has been done in Masonry? We have our Chapters, with jurisdictions analogous to those of our States; we have our Grand Chapters, analogous to the Government of the United States; but, not content with these, we must have our General Grand Chapter also, which has not its parallel in our own or any other government, and is really of

little use but to increase our burdens and add an unmasonic pomp and splendor to our humble and lowly Institution.

The same necessity does not exist for a confederation in the Masonic as in the political world. Masonry is pacific in every thing. It fears no invasion or insurrection. Its force is moral, not physical. It defends itself, not by armies, but by the purity of its principles and the benevolence of its acts. It conquers, not by destroying or enslaving the bodies of men, but by winning their hearts. There was no enemy abroad, which required the establishment of a General Grand Chapter for the defense of American Masons; there were no dangerous dissensions between the Grand Chapters of the States, which could only be quelled by the interposition of a superior power. Masonry attempts to make man what he ought to be—to bend the energies of his nature, by gentle precepts, wholly to the promotion of the general happiness. Why, therefore, should she imitate those gorgeous establishments which are formed as well to curb and punish his licentiousness as to minister to his vanity?

Of what use is the General Grand Chapter in promoting the true and legitimate objects of Masonry? Does it increase the resources of our Order? No; it consumes them. Does it search out and present to us worthy and unknown objects of charity? No; this duty is performed by the original Chapters. Is it necessary to correct the errors of the Chapters, and maintain harmony among Masons? No; this is sufficiently done by the Grand Chapters. The only plausible pretext for the establishment and support of this Institution, is, that it will produce uniformity in the work of Masons. Masonry is essentially the same in all ages and all countries. From its Ancient Landmarks there can be no essential deviation without destroying its character and forfeiting its benefits. For many ages before the General Grand Chapter existed, Masons of different nations and languages found no difficulty in making themselves known to each other, and the great objects of the Order were everywhere understood, and its fundamental principles remained unchanged. If, without all this splendid and expensive paraphernalia, Masonry remained uniform through the dark ages of barbarism and superstition, is it necessary, in this day of light and knowledge, to raise up barrier upon barrier, and exhaust the means of the Order, to fence against innovation? The Masons of the different States found no difficulty in making themselves known to each other, and in practicing the great virtues of the Order, before the General Grand Chapter existed. No Chapter could deviate materially from ancient form and usage, without being excluded from the Fraternity, and making themselves strangers among the Masonic Brotherhood. As for ages past,

so for ages to come, this matter will regulate itself, and Masonry would continue to be what it ever has been, were there no General Grand Chapter in existence. Variations in the work and language of Masons will necessarily be so slight as not to affect the general principles or practice of the Order; and if it were otherwise, it would be found impracticable for the General Grand Chapter to correct these errors over so wide a spread of territory; nor is it certain, that the authority to do so will always be placed in the hands of those best qualified for the task. But if this argument prove the necessity of a General Grand Chapter of the United States, much more does it prove the necessity of a still higher story to the Masonic edifice, which shall overlook the whole Masonic world. If a General Grand Chapter only can produce uniformity in America, what shall produce it in Europe, Asia and Africa? Ought not those who introduce this argument, to propose an Universal Grand Chapter, whose decisions shall bind all the Masons of the earth, and introduce among us a fourth jurisdiction, and a fourth grade of Chapters, to be supported by our contributions? That which regulates itself, needs no regulator. In relation to uniformity of work and language, Masonry will ever regulate itself; and for the settlement of disputes and correcting errors, Grand Chapters and Lodges, in addition to the original Chapters and Lodges, are amply sufficient.

It is no defense of a General Grand Chapter, that it is *national*. Why should we have a national thing, when there is no use for it? Who would advocate or support a national government, were it not useful? Could the people be convinced that a President, Congress and National Judiciary did nothing for their good, which might not as well or better be done by their State Governments, would they not abolish them all? Would they keep up the paraphernalia of a national government, at an enormous expense, merely to gratify the vanity and ambition of great men? We think not. Yet we pay the expense and keep up a General Grand Chapter, for no practical good, either to ourselves or the Craft in general. Are we doing our duty by this, or are we more gratified at seeing this splendor, than by witnessing the tear of gratitude flow down the checks of the widow and orphan whom this very money might relieve from urgent distress.

We can look upon the General Grand Chapter only as an Institution calculated to waste the funds of our Order, engender ambition, administer food to vanity, and every way incompatible with the pure and sublime principles of Masonry. We also apprehend that it will be used by political men, as a convenient instrument to further their intrigues and spread their influence; and that elevation will be sought in it, more to obtain an ex-

alted attitude in the eyes of the people, than to promote true charity or the interests of the Craft.

With these facts before us, and entertaining these opinions and apprehensions, we are induced to ask for, and to recommend a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; and we request the early attention of the several State Grand Chapters to this subject, that an expression of their opinions may be laid before the General Grand Chapter at its approaching Septennial Convocation in September, 1826.

JOHN M'KINNEY, JR.,
ROBERT JOHNSTON,
October, A. D. 1825. DABNEY C. COSBY.

*September* 7.—Grand Council of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. Three Councils represented, viz.: Nos. 4, 5 and 7. The Charter of Council No. 1 was declared forfeited. Various sums of money were intrusted to Philip Swigert, Levi Tyler and William Tinker, to be disbursed in charitable ways. Death of William B. Wyman given at December 2, 1830. The time of meeting was changed to the first Monday in September, annually. Two hundred copies of the Proceedings ordered to be published.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT.

Andrew M. January, G. P.
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## Cotemporary Events of 1831.

*June* 13.—Declaration relative to the morality and harmlessness of Freemasonry by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

(This was followed by equally forcible appeals from the Freemasons of Vermont and Massachusetts:)

FELLOW-CITIZENS—In making this Declaration, the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island confidently appeal to the Great Searcher of hearts to test their truth and sincerity. And we will not hesitate, when legally called upon to appear before any constitutional body, clothed with competent authority, to substantiate the facts herein set forth. And for the public decision we are satisfied to cast ourselves on your calm, sober, and deliberate judgment, requesting only to be believed, if in charity we can

be supposed to be honest; and to be disbelieved, if you can make up your minds to think that we have unanimously agreed to become guilty of willful and premeditated perjury. We make this appeal to you in the spirit of candor and frankness, and invoke the same spirit on your part. Deprecating strife and contention, and wishing to promote peace and quietness, we have heretofore remained silent. But finding this spirit of no avail, and ourselves and our motives continually assailed with seeming rancor, we are impelled, by feelings of honor and self-respect, to step forth in our own defense. In doing so, we have been frank and open in our communications, and believe we have held up to the public gaze, as respects ourselves, all that the public require to know; and have sanctioned our expositions by solemn appeals to God himself. Under this awful sanction, we have declared ourselves free from any obligations that require us to act, in any case, in contempt of the civil authority, or in opposition to the demands of common justice to all mankind. And we have further forbidden the observance of any such obligation by all and any under our jurisdiction.

Have we not done all that can be reasonably demanded of us as Masons and as men, to quiet the fears of the community respecting us and our Institution? And if so we would cordially inquire, why we, more than other bodies, should be driven to dissolution in defiance of our rights as freemen? As to political rights as a body, we have none, nor never have had any; and we challenge our opponents to point to a fact that will invalidate what we say. As men have ever, we have political rights, and driven to the necessity, if we find ourselves impelled to act to prevent disfranchisement, we shall claim the same right to do so, as our opponents claim to carry on a cruel and exterminating warfare against us. We call the world to witness that we have sought no quarrel with our foes, we have given no just cause of offense, and if they drive us to desperation, the fault will be theirs, and the sin must rest on their own shoulders. All concessions, consistent with our own feelings as men of honor, we are at all times ready to make for the public good. More than that we deem derogatory to the character of American freemen. And if we must be disfranchised, we will never make a voluntary surrender of our rights; for we value them too highly as the legacy bequeathed us by our fathers, to resign them; and never will part with them till they shall be wrested from us by the strong arm of arbitrary power.

BARNEY MERRY, G. M.

EDWARD R. YOUNG, G. S.

*June* 13, 1831.

"Without alteration or addition, the Grand Lodge received

and adopted this resolution, as fully and fairly expressing the sentiment of the Grand Lodge."

### Masonic Literature of 1831.

*Addresses*:—John H. Sheppard, at Wiscassset, Me., June 24. Alinos Matthews, Mayfield, N. Y., December 27.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

*A Freemason's Pocket Companion;* containing a brief Sketch of the History of Masonry, a Chronology of Interesting Events, etc., etc. By a Brother of the Apollo Lodge, No. 711, Oxford. *London*, Henry Washbourne, Salisbury Square; Cadell, *Edinburgh;* Milliken & Son, *Dublin.* A. L. 5831, A. D. 1831. 18mo., pp. iv, 116.*

## THE FORTIETH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 27 to 30, 1832.*

The following lodges were represented at the opening, viz.: Nos. 1, 4, 8, 22, 23, 28, 51, 52, 54, 58, 61, 63, 73, 78, 80, 85, 90, and 91.

The annual appointment of a Standing Committee of three, to be called *the Committee of Ways and Means*, was made a Constitutional Regulation of the Grand Lodge. Their duty is to take into consideration the state of the funds and estate of the Grand Lodge, and report such measures as they may deem expedient for the benefit of the Institution, and to act on such other matters as may be referred to them.

The following amendment to the Regulation was adopted: "No Grand Lodge shall be opened for the dispatch of business, unless there be present a representation of one-third of all the lodges subordinate thereto, under no constitutional disability, except in cases of emergency, when a representation of one-fourth shall be sufficient," at the instance of Richard Apperson.

The G. Lodge decided that in future their Annual Orations should be delivered in their own Hall.

A regulation in relation to Masonic Funerals was adopted, as in Article lxxii, (edition of 1855,) at the instance of Daniel Bradford.

A Committee was appointed to apply to the Legislature of the State, for power to appoint a new Board of Managers of the Masonic Hall Lottery, D. G. Cowan and Barnet Metcalf, being the only surviving Managers, and the latter, having, for several years past, resided in Alabama.

* *Cat. No. 274.*

A Grand Lodge having been formed in Florida, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky ordered that friendly communications be opened with it. Several active and honored Masons from Kentucky, were among the early members of the G. L. of Florida. The doctrine of appeal from the decision of the Grand Master, was established at this Session, on motion of Bro. Abraham Jonas, afterward Grand Master. Being contrary to the long-settled principles of this, and all other Grand Lodges, it was introduced, not as an amendment of the Constitution, but simply as an alteration of a Rule of Order! See Rule 3d, (Edition, 1855.)

The intention of the Grand Lodge to reduce their debt to Louis Marshall, by selling him the Grand Lodge Hall for $1,100, was frustrated, by the refusal of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, to resign their title in the same, unless the Grand Lodge would bind itself to furnish them with suitable and commodious rooms for their meetings, according to the tenor of the original contract between the Grand Lodge and said Lodge No. 1.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge, the preceding year, was $698. Grand Lodge expenses for the Session, $181.65. The debt due Louis Marshall, including interest up to the present time was $7,391.76.

A synopsis of the history of the Hall, as it relates to the agreement between the G. L. and Lodge No. 1, is given, as follows: In 1824, No. 1 renewed its original grant to the G. L., on condition that it should be furnished with suitable accommodations in the Grand Hall to be erected, but, in consequence of the G. L. subsequently mortgaging the Hall to Dr. Marshall, No. 1 refused to complete the conveyance. Still later, No. 1 loaned to the G. L., $401.82, for the purpose of fitting up the Hall allotted to No. 1, the G. L. being unable to furnish it in a suitable manner, according to previous agreement. The amount of this loan, it was agreed, should be reimbursed to No. 1, out of the proceeds of the sale of the Hall, if ever it was sold by the G. L. Sept. 3, 1829, No. 1 agreed to surrender all claim to the Hall, provided the G. L. would furnish it with rooms of equal value with those then occupied for its meetings. In 1832, No. 1 agreed to make a deed to Dr. Marshall, so soon as the G. L. would reimburse it in the sum of $401.82, loan as above.

The Committee on Ways and Means, report against appropriations for charity at this Session, on account of the depressed condition of the G. Lodge finances, although their warmest sympathies were enlisted for all such as might be attacked by the dreadful scourge, the cholera, which was likely to visit their borders. But in that event, the Committee recommended, and the Grand Lodge decided, to tender the Grand Masonic Hall,

except the third story, as a hospital for the sick, who may be attacked with that disease. The dues for the present year, had been but little more than half that of the year preceding, and the Brethren who composed the majority of the lodges, evinced an indifference and lukewarmness, stigmatized by the Committee as being highly unbecoming those most excellent precepts inculcated by the Order. Nothing could be realized for the present, from the debt due the G. Lodge, by the Webb Encampment, No. 1, of Knights Templars. It was thereupon ordered, that if said Encampment would release the G. Lodge from the sum of $210, (Commonwealth Paper,) already paid upon its subscription, that the G. Lodge would give it a full acquittance for the balance of its subscription, originally $1,000.

No returns from subordinate lodges were published this year, only the lists of rejections, suspensions, and expulsions.

(*Imprint.*—Lexington. Printed by N. L. Finnell & J. T. Herndon, 1832.) 8vo., pp. 30.

## Cotemporary Events of 1832.

*January* 4.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—The death of the Grand Secretary, John L. Starling, is appropriately marked. Ordered, that the G. L. celebrate the ensuing Festival of St. John, (June 24,) at Cincinnati.

*February* 22.—The Grand Lodge of Arkansas was organized.

*November* 29.—The fifth Convocation of the General Grand Encampment, and the seventh of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, was held at Baltimore, Md.

*December* 26.—**Proc. G. L. of N. C.**—(12mo., pp. 24.)—Agreed to celebrate the ensuing Anniversary, (27th,) by a ball in the evening; 17 lodges reported in full; 50 on the Rolls.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of S. C.**—(8vo., pp. 14.)—St. John Phillips delivered an Address, a copy of which was ordered to be placed in the Archives.

*October* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(18mo., pp. 16–24.)—The sentiments contained in the Address of the G. L. of R. I., to the People of that State, a few years before, were approved as the true sentiments of Masonry.

*September* 3.—Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. 7 Chapters represented. Resources, $281.52. Charter granted to Cynthiana Chapter, No. 17; Thomas Ware being first H. P. Seventy Dollars were appropriated to various charitable objects.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT.

John Payne, G. H. P.
William Tinker, D. G. H. P.
James M. Bullock, G. K.

Churchill J. Blackburn, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Sec'y.
Levi Lusk, G. Tr.
Caleb W. Cloud, G. Chap.
Daniel McClelland, G. M.
Charles E. Wolf, G. C. G.
Robert M'Nitt, G. S. and T.

*September* 3.—Grand Council of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. Three Councils represented. Among the visitors are named, Levi Lusk and Churchill J. Blackburn, "who have been healed in this Council."

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT.

Warham P. Loomis, G. P.
William Tinker, D. G. P.
Levi Tyler, G. T. I.
Charles E. Wolf, G. P. C.
Daniel McClelland, G. C. G.
Philip Swigert, G. Rec. and G. Trea.
Caleb W. Cloud, G. C.
Robert M'Nitt, G. S.

## Masonic Literature of 1832.

"Report of the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of Rhode Island, to investigate the Charges against Freemasonry and Masons in said State, together with all the Official Documents and Testimony relating to the subject. *Providence.* William Marshall, 1832." 8vo., pp. 149. (In possession of Cornelius Moore.)

"Letters on Masonry and Antimasonry, addressed to the Hon. John Quincy Adams. By William L. Stone. "What I know to be true, that I will declare; and what I feel it to be my duty to represent, that I will have the boldness to publish." (*Timothy Pickering*) *New York.* O. Halstead, corner of Nassau and Cedar streets. 1832." 8vo., pp. 8, 566, 7.

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## THE FORTY-FIRST GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 26 *to* 28, 1833.

Only fourteen lodges were represented at opening, viz.: Nos. 1, 8, 16, 22, 23, 40, 51, 58, 63, 79, 80, 85, 89, and 90.

The deaths of David G. Cowan and Thomas Bodley, Past Grand Masters, and Jacob H. Weigart, Grand Tyler, were appropriately noticed.

The following is the memorandum: "*Whereas*, it hath pleased Almighty God to remove from this transitory existence our most esteemed friends and Brothers, David G. Cowan and Thomas Bodley, Past Grand Masters, and Jacob H. Weigart, Grand Steward and Tyler, of the Most Worshipful Grand

Lodge, to a world of eternal duration; therefore *Resolved*, That the members of this Grand Lodge will wear the usual badge of mourning, for the space of thirty days."

The Rule requiring Masters of lodges, at each stated meeting, to deliver Lectures on the Three Degrees, was abolished.

The following resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*, That each lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, shall, whenever St. John's day shall happen on Sunday, elect their officers on the day preceding or the day succeeding such Sunday."

The general failure of lodges this year to send Representatives and pay dues, is attributed, by the Committee of Ways and Means, to that dreadful scourge, *the cholera*, with which the State had been visited. But the Committee felt constrained to say that Masonry was languishing in the land; that appearances too plainly indicated a neglect, on the part of a great number of the Order, of the social and moral duties which it should be the delight of Masons to cherish. The Committee, however, cherished the hope that, while other Masonic duties were palpably neglected, the defaulting Brothers had not been amiss in relieving the cries of the helpless orphan—assuaging the distresses and drying up the tears of the widowed mother.

One great cause of the present lethargy is stated in forcible language. It was the mountain of debt hanging over the Grand Lodge. The treasury had been exhausted, year after year, by the payments made to Dr. Marshall, and yet the principal was but slightly reduced. They, therefore, propose to surrender to him, once for all, the Masonic Hall, as a full acquittance of his claim.

A Committee was appointed to apply to the Legislature to appoint a new Board of Managers of the Grand Lodge Lottery, all the old Board, (D. G. Cowan, J. H. Crane, B. Metcalf, Isaac Thomas, and Edward Tyler, jr.,) being dead, or removed from the State.

The Committee on Foreign Communications find nothing requiring the special notice of the Grand Lodge, in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of New York, Louisiana, Florida, Virginia, Georgia, Indiana, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Connecticut, and Nova Scotia.

*Decided*, That it was irregular to receive the surrender of a Charter from a subordinate lodge while in arrears, and under an unanswered citation.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at the city of *Louisville*, after an unremitted succession of Annual and Occasional Communications at Lexington for nearly *thirty-three* years. A Circular was addressed to the subordinate lodges by the Grand Secretary, notifying them of the change.

The Proceedings this year cover but nineteen pages, and are exceedingly barren of interest.

Philip Swigert was this year elected Grand Secretary, an office in which he was continued, without intermission, and with equal credit to himself and honor to the Fraternity, until his resignation in 1854.

(*Imprint:* Lexington. Printed by N. L. Finnell, 1833.) 8vo., pp. 20.

## Cotemporary Events of 1833.

*December* 25.—**Circular G. L. of Ala.**—Regards the establishment of any new tests as an innovation in the body of Masonry, an invasion of principle, and dangerous as a precedent.

*January* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Ordered that three sets of printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge since its organization be bound, for preservation. Resources, $2,109. The By-Laws of the Grand Lodge are appended in full, and a list of officers of the Grand Lodge, from 1808 to 1834.

*October* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of Tenn.**—(8vo., pp. 14.)—Masonry was declared to be flourishing throughout the Union, in opposition to all the clamor and vindictiveness with which it had been assailed. Declared that subordinate lodges possess the right to restore expelled members.

*December* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of Va.**—(8vo., pp. 32.)—It was considered that the Masonic disclaimers, published by the Masons of Massachusetts and Connecticut, were unnecessary. The refutation of slanderous charges is better left to the slow but unerring sentence of time and truth. Revenue, $400.

*May* 8.—**Proc. G. L. of Conn.**—(8vo., pp. 8.)—Resources, $2,125.72.

*October* 9.—**Proc. G. L. of Vt.**—(18mo., pp. 24–37.)—Thirty-four lodges were represented. A visit from Rev. Paul Dean, of Boston, was appropriately noticed. A resolution, proposed by Philip C. Tucker, was unanimously adopted, as follows: *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge is now ready to receive and revoke the Charters of such secular lodges under its jurisdiction as are desirous of surrendering them at the present time, and that the Representatives of secular lodges, who are authorized to make such surrenders, are now requested to deposit their said Charters with the Grand Secretary; and that each and every secular lodge be and is hereby authorized to surrender and deliver its Charter and Records to the Grand Secretary aforesaid, at any time previous to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge; and that all the funds, jewels, furniture and property of such lodges be left under their control respectively, to be appropriated to such objects as they may think proper; and that the Grand Lodge recom-

mend to said lodges to appropriate their funds, and the avails of their property, to the Common School Fund of this State.

*July.*—David Vinton, formerly a distinguished lecturer and author of the Masonic Minstrel, *Dedham* 1816, (Cat. No. 224,) died at Shakertown, Kentucky.*

*October* 5.—Proposals issued by A. W. Macgregor and Thos. H. Merriwether, at Newcastle, Ky., to publish semi-monthly a periodical styled The *Masonic Mirror and Colonization Advocate*, at $1.25 per annum.

*November.*—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(Circular 1 page.)—Nothing of general interest.

*December* 25.—**Proc. G. L. of Ind.**—(8vo., pp. 2.)—Sixteen lodges were stricken from the Rolls. The arrearages of all the lodges were remitted them.

*September* 2.—Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Lexington; five Chapters represented, viz.: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 15. A quorum not being present the meeting was adjourned to the next day, when the representative of No. 13 appearing, the Grand Chapter was opened. Among the objects reported as having been relieved by the bounty of the Grand Chapter was one, "a widow whose husband had died of cholera, leaving her with her little children entirely destitute of the necessaries of life;" another, "a widow who with a helpless family is left without the means of subsistence." The death of David G. Cowan, P. G. H. P., Daniel M. Clelland, G. M., and Charles E. Wolf, G. C. G., are appropriately noticed.

## Masonic Literature of 1833.

"An Oration delivered before Harmony and Farmers' Lodges, on the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, June 24, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833, at Marianna, Florida. By Bro. Peter W. Gautier, Jr. Published by order of said Lodges. *Tallahassee:* Printed by R. D. Westcott & Co., 1833." 12mo., pp. 13, (in the Archives of the G. Lodge of Florida.) †

A Manual of Masonry and Antimasonry; Containing a view of the Secrets, Principles and Practices of the Order, with a Collection of documents explaining the grounds of opposition assumed by the Antimasons, Moral and Political. "*And God said let there be light and there was light.*" Louisville, Ky. Printed for the people, 1833. 12mo., pp. 372. (Cat., 189.)

**This, so far as we are informed, is the only Antimasonic work ever published in Kentucky.**

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* A manuscript letter from a Committee of Bowling Green Lodge, No. 73, at Bowling Green, Ky., to the G. Secretary of the G. Lodge of Ky., dated Oct. 1, 1833, conveys this intelligence, and adds: "He represented himself to be privileged as a General Grand Lecturer on Masonry, and he was undoubtedly most intimately familiar with its science and mysteries." The Committee stated that they had heard rumors derogatory to his character, which if cleared up the lodge would pay him funeral honors.

The reply of the G. Secretary confirmed the rumors and stated that he was an expelled Mason.

† See Niles' Register, October, 1833, for various articles relative to the abolition of Masonry, especially in relation to Vermont.

## THE FORTY-SECOND GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

*At Louisville, August 25 to 28, 1834.*

Fourteen lodges were represented at the opening, viz.: Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 14, 22, 23, 31, 51, 52, 58, 60, 78, 90, and Good Faith, U. D.

The Committee on Foreign Communications, through Philip Swigert, make an interesting report, the first of the sort made for many years. They say that they have examined the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of N. Y., Tenn., Va., Miss., Ala., N. C., S. C., La., Ohio, Ind., and Florida, and all afford evidence of the cheering fact, that, notwithstanding the excitement which has been got up against the Institution, Masonry is now in a prosperous condition. In Rhode Island, where, as in other States, the anti-masonic excitement has been greatest, the Order is still nobly sustained, and the Brethren true to the principles and precepts of their Order, are determined to stand firm in their defense. In Vermont every attempt to dissolve the Institution has proved futile; the delusion of antimasonry has failed to produce the desired object, the dissolution of Masonic lodges, and the extinction of Masonry. With this Committee appears the name of Wilkins Tannehill, Past Grand Master of Tennessee, one of the intelligent and influential members of the Order, who was Grand Orator of the year.

Hiram Lodge, No. 4, having had no regular meetings for two years, collected no dues, etc., for want of a suitable room, the G. L. remitted the debt due her by No. 4, upon the pledge of the members to revive their regular meetings, and adhere hereafter to all the Constitutional Regulations of the G. L.

No returns from subordinate lodges this year. The Proceedings were printed for the first time, by A. G. Hodges, of Frankfort, Kentucky.

The Legislature had granted an Act empowering the appointment of a new Board of Managers to the Masonic Hall Lottery. The following is the Act:

### CHAPTER CCCXXVI.

An Act for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Whereas, it is represented that D. G. Cowan, J. H. Crane, Barnet Metcalf, Isaac Thom and E. Tyler, jr., were appointed Managers, and authorized to raise by way of Lottery, a sum of money not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, to be appropriated in erecting and finishing a Grand Masonic Hall, for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and that the said

Recital.

Crane, Thom and Tyler, have departed this life, and the said Metcalf has, for a number of years, resided in the State of Alabama, and the objects contemplated, are only in part attained; therefore, *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky*, That Abraham Jonas, Garret Davis, Richard Apperson, Willis Stewart and Philip Swigert, be, and they are hereby appointed Managers, in lieu of those heretofore appointed; and the said Grand Lodge shall from time to time, fill any vacancy which may occur in said Board of Managers, by death, resignation, or refusal to act; which said Board of Managers shall possess the said powers, and be liable to the same duties and penalties that were vested in, and imposed from time to time upon the former managers, heretofore appointed.

New Managers appointed in lieu of those appointed under recited act.

And invested with the same powers.

(Approved, Feb. 7, 1834.)

See Session Acts, 1833 and 1834; Session begun 31 Dec., 1833.

The Oration was delivered by Wilkins Tannehill in public, the regulation made to have the Annual Orations in the Grand Hall being dispensed with. A copy printed and attached to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. This was the beginning of a practice, since generally followed by the G. Lodge of Kentucky, much to the increase of Masonic light in this jurisdiction.

In this Oration he adverts in this beautiful strain to the recent death of Lafayette, (May 24.)

"Noble, generous, and exalted patriot! Full of days and full of honors, thou hast paid the debt of nature! Thy body has been consigned to the tomb in thy native land, embalmed by the tears of a grateful people, and consecrated by the affections of millions, who have witnessed thy long and brilliant career! Grand and imperishable be thy memory! Blest be thy rest! Honored and revered the green sod that covers thy remains! fragrant be the Cassia which there shall bloom and flourish, an emblem of thy immortal soul.

Sleep on Lafayette! thou hast sunk to rest,
By freemen's wishes ever blest!
When Spring with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck thy hallowed mold;
She there shall dress a sweeter sod,
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod."

The following lodges were this year stricken from the list of lodges: *Three years in arrears*, Nos. 18, 24, 25, 27, 53, 61, and 81; *Four years in arrears*, Nos. 37, 47, 55, 64, 66, 67, 69, and 71. In previous years the following had been stricken from the list of lodges: Nos. 30, 38, 57, 70, 72, 76, 87, and 88, and Pulaski, U. D. The following had surrendered their Charters: Nos. 73, 74, 83, 84, and 93. It was ordered that

should new lodges be established in any of those places, they should be entitled to the jewels and furniture of the lodges so stricken off, unless previously disposed of by the G. Lodge.

The Resolution of last year to surrender the Grand Hall at Lexington to Louis Marshall, having failed to be executed, owing to the Grand Chapter having declined concurring therein, the following resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*, That the said Grand Masonic Hall, with all its appurtenances, except the portraits of Washington and Daviess, be surrendered up to Dr. Louis Marshall, if he should be willing to receive the same, in full satisfaction of his claim upon the Grand Lodge, and that, in the event he shall agree to do so, the Grand Lodge will pay to the G. R. A. Chapter of Kentucky the amount expended by her in improving the said Hall.

The following was adopted: "*Resolved*, as the opinion of this Grand Lodge, That any Brother who has filled the offices, in any other Grand Lodge of the United States, of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior or Junior Warden, Secretary or Treasurer, shall be eligible to similar offices in this Grand Lodge, provided he is a regular member of a subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and that a Past Master in a lodge under this Grand Lodge, or any other Grand Lodge, who removes his membership from one lodge to another, does hold the same rank and privileges in the lodge to which he attaches himself, and also in this Grand Lodge.

33 lodges only are on the Rolls this year, viz.:—Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 28, 31, 40, 41, 50, 51, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 63, 65, 68, 78, 79, 80, 82, 85, 89, 90, 91, and Good Faith, U. D., at Florence.

The Proceedings occupy 28 pages; the Address of Tannehill, 22 more.

(*Imprint:* Frankfort, Ky. Printed by Albert G. Hodges, 1834.) 8vo., pp. 28 and 22.

## Cotemporary Events of 1834.

*October* 7.—**Circular G. L. of Vt.**—A touching manifesto relative to the persecutions, the prineiples, and the steady perseverance of the Craft in Vermont:—No sudden or popular commotion should dissolve a Grand Lodge forty years in existence; lodges surrendering their Charters, etc., had been allowed to dispose of their own property; any attempt to connect Masonry with party or sectarian views, is a gross innovation; Masons claim no right to inflict corporeal punishment. This circular is signed by Nathan B. Haswell, G. M.; Philip C. Tucker, D. G. M.; John. B. Hollenbeck, G. Sec., etc.

*November* 11.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(4to., pp. 2.)—Masonry

is reviving in many parts of our country, notwithstanding the opposition raised against it a short time ago.

*December* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of Ind.**—(Folio, pp. 2.)—A proposition having been made to surrender to the legislature the Act of Incorporation of this Grand Lodge, the negative was maintained with great force of argument in a Report which was unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge. The antimasonic excitement had been but partially felt in Indiana: even where it had raged most severely it was dying away, and the Fraternity was again raising its head. The present apathy in Indiana could soon be overcome, if the Craft would persevere in the customs and usages of the Order. The conduct of the Grand Lodges of Vermont and Rhode Island, in relation to antimasonry, was approbated by the Grand Lodge.

*January* 7.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—30 lodges were represented.

*June* 26.—**Proc. G. L. of N. Y.**—(8vo., pp. 38.)—Revenue, $1400. Morgan Lewis reëlected Grand Master. 89 lodges had forfeited their Charters, and were required to surrender them, with their other effects, to the Grand Lodge. The late Master of Lodge No. 269 was expelled by the Grand Lodge for refusing to surrender the Charter of that lodge when demanded. Funeral honors were paid, June 26, by the Grand Lodge, to Lafayette—upward of 600 Brethren uniting in the procession.

*January* 14.—**Proc. G. L. of Florida.**—(18mo., pp. 12.)—The Grand Lodge was declared to be in a flourishing and healthy condition. The beauty and sublimity of the Masonic precepts, and the excellence of the moral examples inculcated in the Order, would, it was thought, insure a continuance of its prosperity.

*January* 10.—**Proc. G. L. of Ala.**—(8vo., pp. 20.)—The four higher officers were absent. 8 lodges were represented at the opening. The Order, generally, was declared to be pursuing the smooth and even tenor of its way.

*June* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of R. I.**—(8vo., pp. 12.)—The intelligence of the decease of Lafayette was received by the Grand Lodge with feelings of deep regret and heartfelt sorrow. A Committee, consisting of Joseph S. Cooke, Barzillai Cranston, and William C. Barker, reported, that the reason actuating the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in surrendering to the legislature its Act of Incorporation, was its unwillingness to make annual returns of members, etc., to the General Assembly, according to a recent statute; that their Incorporation had given them no privileges worth preserving, but rather exposed them to vexatious inquiries and odious exactions. The Grand Lodge declared, that it maintained its Masonic position as before. A Committee of the legislature had called several

Masons before them, to inquire into the charges of high crimes and misdemeanors preferred by the antimasonic political party, against the Masonic Institution, and after a tedious investigation of nearly a fortnight, had honorably acquitted the Fraternity. The legislature had then passed an Act prohibiting the administration of extra-judicial oaths, evidently aimed at the Masonic Institution. In conclusion, the Grand Lodge declared it did not despond, notwithstanding the vexations encountered.

*July* 15.—A Circular from Committees of Abraham Lodge, No. 8, and Clark Lodge, No. 51, at Louisville, Ky., addressed to the lodges of Ky., urges a full representation at the next Sessions of the Grand Lodge to be held at that place; declares the period auspicious—Masonry having just vanquished her many-headed antagonist; and condoles with the Fraternity upon the death of Lafayette.

*June* 24.—The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania celebrated the centennial anniversary of the establishment of Masonry in that State.

*May* 24.—Lafayette died.

### Masonic Literature of 1834.

*Address.*—Francis Baylies, to G. L. of Mass., October 9.

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## THE FORTY-THIRD GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Louisville, August* 31 *to September* 2, 1835.

Seventeen lodges were represented at the opening.

Charters were ordered for Good Faith Lodge, No. 95, at Florence, Ky.; and Moore Lodge, No. 96, at Columbia, Ky. A Dispensation was ordered for Bodley Lodge, U. D., at Quincy, Ill., "there being no Grand Lodge in said State." We are unable to ascertain what year the old Grand Lodge of Illinois ceased to work.

The Committee on Foreign Communications, through C. W. Cloud, report, as subjects worthy of notice, the mutual interchange of Fraternal correspondence, recommended by Virginia; the Masonic Resolutions of Vermont, as well as several noble and praiseworthy sentiments set forth by others. From all these, the Committee infer that the principles of the Order had survived the furious attacks made upon Masonry by its cruel persecutors. They congratulate the Grand Lodge, and the Fraternity generally, upon the brightening prospects, and recommend a steady and zealous perseverance in the principles of the Institution.

The Oration was delivered in the Unitarian Church, by the Grand Marshal, W. G. Snethen—a copy of which is attached to the Proceedings. It is very eloquent, containing, among other brilliant passages, the following: "Our Burial Service is founded upon an affecting circumstance in the history of Masonry, well known to every initiate. It is in memory of the most extraordinary fidelity and bravery ever exhibited by man. These beautiful rites administer consolation to the afflicted in the hour of grief, for they show to the living the path each survivor must tread sooner or later. In the language of a sacred poet, the Masonic Funeral Service teaches that "the life of man is swifter than the weaver's shuttle," but the believer in the revelations has the assurance that "his days may not be spent without hope." (*Cat.* 36.)

The case of Louis Marshall, this year, presents new points. He had refused to accept the Grand Masonic Hall, at Lexington, in payment of his debt, and had entered a suit to foreclose the mortgage which he held upon it. It was thought the property would nearly, or quite pay the debt. Lodges Nos. 9, 20, 28, 54, 65, and 90, having been delinquent for three years, were stricken from the Rolls.

The death of Robert M'Nitt, an old member of the Grand Lodge, is announced this year.

No Reports from the subordinate lodges appear on the Records. The Committee of Ways and Means say "they have no new plans to offer for the improvement of the fiscal concerns of the Grand Lodge. By the prompt and persevering efforts of the worthy Brothers of the Craft, at no distant day, we hope and expect that Masonry will occupy the same elevated stand which she once held in the community—not that the precepts taught are any better; but they are becoming more highly appreciated than for a few years past."

The Proceedings cover but 15 pages; the Address, 15 more. 31 lodges are on the Rolls.

(*Imprint:* Frankfort, Ky. Printed by Albert G. Hodges, 1835.) 8vo., pp. 15 and 15.

### Cotemporary Events of 1835.

*Jan.* 7.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—The Committees on Foreign Communications in preceding years, had used the stereotyped expression "there is nothing contained in the documents before us requiring the special attention of this G. Lodge;" but the present year they report with great satisfaction the brightening prospects of the Fraternity in every quarter, and especially approve the firm, efficient and consistent course pursued by the G. Lodges of N. Y., R. I., and Ct., except the general provision of the latter in regard to the

resigning of Charters. An Address to the G. L. of R. I., by Joseph S. Cooke, Barzillai Cranston, and William C. Barker, dated June 24, 1834; and the Resolutions of the G. L. of Vt., adopted October 7, 1834, are appended to the Proceedings.

*December* 7.—The 6th Convocation of the General Grand Encampment; and the 8th of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, was held at Washington, D. C.

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## THE FORTY-FOURTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Louisville, August* 29 *and* 30, 1836.

Thirteen lodges were represented at the opening, viz: No. 1, 8, 22, 23, 41, 51, 52, 56, 58, 78, 96, Cowan, U. D., and Nelson, U. D. The Committee on the Grand Masonic Hall Lottery, stated that they had partly entered into a contract with Mr. D. S. Gregory, of New Jersey, for the sale of said Lottery, and submitted the contract to the G. Lodge, which was accepted. It is not entered in the Record.

The Committee on Foreign Communications, through Wm. Brown, Jr., congratulate the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity generally, on our brightening prospects and zealous perseverance in the principles of their praiseworthy Institution.

The G. Master having suggested that the Lottery Charter belonging to the G. Lodge be rented out to D. S. Gregory, of New Jersey, a Committee of Bros. Stewart, Guthrie, and Tannehill, was appointed to arrange the terms of the lease, and to receive moneys, from time to time, on account thereof.

The expenses of the present Session were estimated at $130. The G. Treasurer generously relinquished his claim for services in that capacity.

The Committee to confer with Dr. Louis Marshall, relative to his vexatious and long-protracted claim, reported that they had made an unavailing effort in the premises.

Lodges Nos. 16, 63, and 79, having been delinquent for three years, were stricken from the Rolls. No. 68 had surrendered its Charter. There were now but 29 lodges remaining on the Rolls.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 97, 98, and 99. Revenue this year $782.28. No oration was delivered before the Grand Lodge. The Proceedings occupy fifteen pages.

(*Imprint:* Frankfort, Ky. Printed by Albert G. Hodges, 1836.) 8vo., pp. 15.

### Cotemporary Events of 1836.

*December* 27.—**Proc. G. L. of Ireland.**—(Folio pp. 3.)—No petition for relief will be received from any lodge three years

in arrears; all lodges five years in arrears to be cancelled. A member of Lodge No. 213 had been suspended for going in Masonic procession contrary to G. L. orders. No person shall be initiated who can not read and write. Any Brother paying up all his lodge dues is entitled to withdraw from membership at pleasure.

*January* 5.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Annual dues to the G. L. were fixed at seventy-five cents for each Initiation, and thirty-seven and a half cents for each member. Decided to celebrate the ensuing Festival of St. John (June 24). Time of Annual Session changed to the 1st Wednesday preceding the 24th of June.

*November* 4.—Frederick Dalcho, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, etc., died at Charleston.*

*January.*—Joseph R. Chandler, Geo. M. Dallas, and others, called to the Bar of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, to testify concerning the secrets of Masonry.

As this singular movement of the antimasonic party was the last in the political game of that period, we condense a short statement from the elaborate details given by Dr. Alfred Creigh, in his "Masonry and Antimasonry,"† and refer the reader to that volume, for full particulars.

The State of Pennsylvania was the battleground, in which the unholy warfare against Masonry raged the longest and most fiercely. The character of its population, at that period, a large proportion of which was made up of bigoted and ignorant foreigners, is a sufficient explanation of this, and shows why every political canvass in that State has been marked by a bitterness and personality scarcely paralleled elsewhere. An opposition to Masonry existed in Pennsylvania long before the Morgan outbreak. The republication of so large a work as the "Jachin and Boaz," with Barruel's notes, in so small a place as Lancaster in 1812, proves that there was a demand in that country for antimasonic literature at an early day.

An attack was made upon Masonry, in Washington, Pa., prior to 1824, which originated in a religious denomination, causing a few of the Brethren to withdraw from the Order, and many to withhold their support and countenance. After the disappearance of Morgan, a party was formed, of which Thaddeus Stevens, a rejected applicant for Masonry, appears to have been the head, whose purpose avowedly was to prohibit the further spread of the Institution in that State. By persevering efforts among the lower classes, a large number of

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* See biographical sketch by A. G. Mackey, in *American Freemason*, vol. v, pp. 19.
† Republished in the Universal Masonic Library, vol. xxv.

petitions was got up, numerously signed, and a majority was secured in both branches of the Legislature. The Governor, Joseph Ritner, was a bitter antimason, and in his Inaugural, (December 15, 1835,) pledged himself to coöperate with the Legislature in the destruction of all secret societies.

A Committee was appointed by the House of Representatives, Thaddeus Stevens being Chairman, "to investigate the evils of Freemasonry, and other secret societies," who subpœned George Wolf (ex-governor), John Neilson, Charles Shaler, Joseph R. Chandler, Samuel M. Stewart, and many others.

Governor Wolf refused to obey, denying the right of the Committee, or even the House itself, to summon a citizen "to give evidence before such a Committee, touching such a question." He pointed to the Constitution, "which is explicit and declaratory of the personal security of the people," and asks what article of that precious repository clothes the House with power to institute such an investigation? He declared that "the Masonic Institution inculcates obedience to the laws of the country, and the practice of every moral virtue." John Neilson refused obedience to the summons on similar grounds.

On the 18th January, the following witnesses came before the Committee, viz.: Joseph R. Chandler, Samuel M. Stewart, Charles Schneider, Samuel H. Perkins, Grand Treasurer, Wm. Stevens, Grand Secretary, Josiah Randal, George M. Dallas, Ephraim Pentland, R. Christy, Wm. T. Sprole, Sam. C. Bonham, Chas. Stout, Jacob Emmet, Joseph S. Silver, Allen Ward, Sam. Ringwalt, John M'Glaughlin, Richard Richardson, T. B. Freeman, Francis R. Shunk, and others, and filed written protests, each refusing to be sworn, and reiterating, in various forms, the argument of Governor Wolf. The Grand Secretary had refused to bring the books and papers of the Grand Lodge, of which he said "there was a cart-load."

On the 21st July, in obedience to the direction of the House, the Sergeant-at-Arms took into custody, and brought before the House, twenty-five witnesses, including the twenty recusants last named above, together with George Wolf, Thos. C. Miller, Geo. K. Harper, Thomas M'Grath, and Rob. Goodloe Harper. A motion was then adopted, that the several witnesses then at the bar be required to be sworn or affirmed, that the evidence which they should give before the House, touching the evils of Freemasonry and other secret societies, should be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Upon putting the question to Mr. Wolf, as to his willingness to be thus sworn, etc., he replied: "I most respectfully decline for the reasons stated in my letter to the Committee appointed by the House, to investigate the evils of Freemasonry, and other Secret Societies." And the remaining witnesses, severally, de-

clined, referring to their written statements on file. The witnesses were remanded to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

In the afternoon, they were brought back to the bar of the House, when the Speaker informed them, by order of the House, that they were at liberty to make defense in answer to the charge of contempt. Mr. Dallas, for the rest, declined making any defense, and referred to their various letters and protests on file. The whole were again remanded to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

On the 22d, William T. Sprole was permitted, by vote of the House, to return to his family, in consequence of ill-health, and, in the afternoon of the same day, the matter was definitely closed, by the adoption of the following Preamble and Resolutions:

"*Whereas*, George Wolf, the Officers of the G. L. of Penn., and several other high Masons from different parts of the State, having been duly summoned before the Committee appointed to investigate the evils of Freemasonry and other Secret Societies, and refused to testify their knowledge of the facts, touching the subject of inquiry, and repeated such refusal, when brought to the bar of the House:

"*Resolved*, That it is the undoubted right of this House to institute an inquiry into the necessity of legislation on any subject, in which the interests of the people are involved, and that this House has a Constitutional right to summon witnesses, to give testimony in relation to the same.

"*Resolved*, That the witnesses who have refused to be sworn, or affirmed, to give evidence before the House or its Committee, touching the evils of Freemasonry and other Secret Societies, be discharged from the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, forthwith." Mr. Sprachman distinguished himself for his humanity and zeal, in the whole conduct of these complicated and singular proceedings. The Legislature refused to pay these witnesses their claims for attendance, but paid the bills of those who testified against the Masonic Craft.

## THE FORTY-FIFTH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

*At Louisville, August* 28 *and* 29, 1837.

Nineteen lodges were represented at opening.

The burning of the Grand Hall at Lexington is alluded to, by which the Charters of Lodges, No. 1, and No. 22, were destroyed. Many of the Archives of the Grand Lodge perished in the conflagration.

The Committee on Foreign Communications, through Willis Stewart, congratulate the Fraternity on the brightening prospects of Masonry in the United States, and in our own State in particular. Although malice has persecuted us, and envy traduced our good name, truth is *omnipotent*, and the award of public justice is in our favor. We have only to unite zealously in the promotion of the good work, to place the Institution on a more elevated stand, than it has ever occupied. The Committee on lodges, U. D., of which four had been established the past year, say, in the same strain, that our Ancient Institution, and its principles, are prospering to a degree that has not been experienced for many years

The Grand Secretary had received from the lodges, the preceding year, $990.

A Circular from the Grand Lodge of New York, was ordered to be spread upon Record, in which the expulsions of a number of individuals, connected with the so-called *St. John's Grand Lodge*, in that State, is announced, and the Fraternity is warned against them and their clandestine organization, whether Grand or Subordinates.

Charters were ordered for Nos. 100, 101, 102, and 103. No. 102, at Equality, Ill. No Oration was delivered. The Proceedings fill twenty pages. 32 lodges were on the Rolls. Among the deaths, is announced that of Gabriel Tandy, a veteran of the Order. The Proceedings, this and preceding years, are so barren of interest, as to show, conclusively, how cold and unfruitful the Institution must have been.

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### Cotemporary Events of 1837.

*June* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of Ireland.**—(Folio, pp. 3.)—Semi-annual subscriptions to Freemason's Orphan School, £71, of which the G. M., the Duke of Leinster, gave £50.

*June* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Seventeen lodges were represented. Oration by —— Wait; ordered to be printed. Decided that the Master of a lodge has power to re-

fuse admittance to a visitor not a member of the lodge, upon reasonable objections, stated to him privately by a member; and that a petition for initiation or membership when received by the lodge, may be withdrawn and returned to the applicant by a vote of three-fourths the members present. Samuel Reed was elected Grand Visitant, to visit delinquent lodges, and urge upon them a resumption of Masonic labors and the settlement of arrearages to the G. L.

*December.*—The Grand Lodge of Texas was organized.

*June* 24.—The Second Masonic Schism in New York. As the land of Clinton, Lewis and Herring, has been periodicaly subject to Masonic outbreaks, which the whole world has been made aware of, we give a short account of this, the second of the four. The first (of 1823) was healed in 1827, and the history thereof so well kept from the public, that it were not well to revive it here. That of 1837 was bruited abroad to the scandal of the whole Craft.

Henry C. Atwood, William T. Piatt, and others, as a Committee of Arrangements on behalf of the members of York Lodge, No. 367, and others, announced in the papers of the day that a Public Procession would be had on the 24th June, 1837. The D. G. Master, (James Van Benschoten,) in the absence of the G. M., (Morgan Lewis,) forbade it in view of the fact, that from the year 1802 until the present time there had not been a Public Procession allowed by the Grand Lodge except on Funeral or extraordinary occasions, and that in 1827 the G. Lodge directed that Masonic Processions ought to be prohibited, and that in 1836 the Grand Lodge positively refused permission for a Public Procession. Nevertheless the Brethren above named, persisted, and the public demonstration was held in defiance of the Grand Lodge and its representative. For this, Atwood and Piatt were tried by the Grand Steward's Lodge, and on the 31st July, 1837, expelled. In conjunction with others expelled subsequently, and with disorderly spirits from various lodges these men proceeded to organize a clandestine body, styled, "St. John's Grand Lodge," which continued in existence, but unacknowledged by any reputable body of Masons in the world until 1850.

## Masonic Literature of 1837.

*Addresses.*—Hugh H. Waite, to the G. L. of Ohio, June 24. William J. Reese, Circleville, Ohio, Nov. 30.

"Masonic Oration delivered by Brother James A. Berthellot before the Brethren of Jackson Lodge, No. 1, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the 24th June, 1837, at Tallahassee, M. F. Published by order of Jackson Lodge, No. 1. *Tallahassee*, Knowles & Hutchins, printers, 1837." 8vo., pp. 11. (In the Archives of the G. L. of Florida.)

## THE FORTY-SIXTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Louisville, Aug.* 27 *to* 29, 1838.

Fifteen lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master, James Rice, made a brief Report of his official labors. He had laid the corner-stone of the Louisville Medical College, and granted Dispensations to organize two lodges.

By motion of David J. Ayres, a Committee, consisting of Wilkins Tannehill, N. Hardy, L. Tyler, Thomas P. Hart, J. M. M'Calla, Willis Stewart, J. Rice, Jr., and D. J. Ayres, was appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge; Wilkins Tannehill was made Chairman.

The By-Laws were amended to require annual dues from subordinate lodges one dollar for each initiation, and fifty cents for each member.

The Lessees of the Grand Lodge Lottery, D. S. Gregory & Co., were reported to have paid their first three semi-annual installments with punctuality, amounting in the aggregate to $5,962.50.

A case came up from Abraham's Lodge, No. 8, of considerable interest. The Grand Master reported that at their regular Meeting, Nov. 23, 1837, a resolution was adopted by the members of that lodge present to dissolve the lodge. As no previous notice, however, had been given the members, he had revoked the act, and now referred the matter to the G. L. The G. L. decided the proceedings of No. 8 "irregular, unconstitutional and void," and that No. 8 was still a member of the family of lodges comprising the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Fourteen of the lodges in arrears were forgiven past delinquencies, provided they would pay up their dues for the present year.

Charters were granted to Lancaster Lodge, No. 104, at Lancaster, Ky.; and Waidsboro' Lodge, No. 105, at Waidsboro', Ky. (See Historical Roll.)

Fifty dollars was appropriated to Mrs. E. W. Anderson, widow of Patrick Anderson, slain at Fanning's Defeat, in Texas.

The Grand Lodge decided to meet next year in *Lexington;* and until a Grand Hall shall be erected for the use of the Grand Lodge, that the Annual Meetings should be held alternately in Louisville and Lexington.

The Report on Foreign Communications, by Caleb W. Cloud, is uncommonly elaborate for the period. The Craft was steadily maintaining its character of firmness, truth and brotherly love throughout the country, and the Committee expressed their

belief that, by a constant attention to the duties of Masonry, it would recover from the unwarrantable warfare which of late had been waged against it. Communication having been received from "St. John's Grand Lodge," an irregular body, recently formed in New York, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky approbated the course taken by the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and Florida, in relation thereto, and resolved, "that this G. Lodge sustain the G. Lodge of the State of New York, and that no communication shall be held with the expelled Masons or St. John's Grand Lodge."

The balance of available resources on hand was $9,421.90.

No returns from subordinate lodges were published; the entire Proceedings form a pamphlet of twenty-seven pages. No Oration was delivered. Among the deaths of the past year was Worden Pope. Forty lodges were on the Rolls. The following memorandum by the Grand Secretary is appended to the Proceedings:

"Some of the lodges are in the habit of receiving and acting upon petitions for Initiation of Membership at Called Meetings, and before the same have been under consideration from one stated meeting to another, being one month. This is irregular. All applications for either should be presented at one Regular Meeting and acted upon at another, and *no emergency* whatever will justify a deviation from this rule."

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort: A. G. Hodges, State Printer, 1838.) 8vo., pp. 27.

### Cotemporary Events of 1838.

*June* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of Penn., from December 1831 to June 1838.**—(4to., pp. 208.)—In 1832 a Charter had been granted for a lodge at Montevideo, S. A.; a full length portrait of Washington was presented the G. L. by Charles C. Watson, Jr.; the G. L. declined to unite in the public Centennial Celebration of Washington's Birthday; full details of the funeral, and the rich bequest of Stephen Girard, who died December 26, 1831, are given; 396 Masons joined in the obsequies; he had presented the G. L. of Pennsylvania with $20,000, with injunctions that the money should lie at interest until it amounted to $30,000, when it should form a permanent Fund, the interest of which should be forever applied to the relief of poor and respectable Brethren. In 1833 an attempt was made to revive the many country lodges which had succumbed under the antimasonic attacks, by granting ten years credit for past dues, and authorizing former members to reörganize the defunct lodges. Lodges forbidden to receive as a visitor more than once a Mason not a member of some lodge. In 1834, June 24, the G. Lodge celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of the establishment of the first Lodge in Pennsylvania; the death of Lafayette (May

24) was announced the same day, and the G. L. ordered a full-length portrait of the deceased Brother to be placed in the Hall.

The Address by Geo. M. Dallas, G. M. was ordered to be published. In 1835 the state of the G. L. finances was declared to be disastrous—and ruin to the Craft impended. The real estate of the G. L. was therefore sold to the Franklin Institute for $110,550, and the Washington Hall purchased for $35,000. The latter, after necessary repairs and adaptations for Masonic purposes, was dedicated by the G. L., December 28, 1835. In 1836 it was ordered that a full-length portrait of Franklin be placed in the Hall. A Jewel and Apron were ordered as an Honorarium to Tristam B. Freeman, P. G. M. In 1837, the G. L. ordered a letter of congratulation to Geo. M. Dallas, P. G. M., on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia. In 1838 Robert Clarke, Dist. Dept. G. M. of Fayette and Green counties, made an able report relative to the influence of antimasonic sentiments in his district; there were symptoms of reäction in favor of Masonry.

*June* 21.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—A called Session to dedicate a Monument to the memory of William McMillan, at Cincinnati, had been made October 28, last. Ordered that all lodges unrepresented for the three years preceding, be stricken from the Rolls. The establishment of the so-called "St. John's G. Lodge," in New York, was pronounced schismatic and illegal, tending to subverse the vital principles of Masonry. Decided that the G. L. be permanently located at Lancaster, and a Masonic Hall built.

*September* 12.—The 7th Convocation of the General Grand Encampment; and the 9th of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the U. S., was held at Boston.

## Masonic Literature of 1838.

*Address.*—John Tipton, at Alexandria, D. C. June 25.

"Downfall of Freemasonry, being an authentic History of the Rise, Progress, and Triumph of Antimasonry, also of the Origin and Increase of *Abolition;* together with a faithful account of the travels, dangers, attacks, discoveries, and escapes of the Governor from the cut-throats of the Lodge, during the first years of his administration, in his various peregrinations through the State, contained in his own letters, to which are prefixed faithful biographical sketches of his life, and my own, with notes and explanations, all carefully revised by Punkins shorthander, worked by steam from Blubberlips, by Jonathan Punkins, E. P., S. P., C. C., O. A., and F. D. E. A. U. Y. I. etc. Published for the editor near the Council Chamber's Unction rooms, 1838. 12mo., pp. 159.—(*Cat.*, 539.)

This amusing and ingenious *brochure* exposes the secret workings of the antimasonic party, showing up the weaknesses of Ritner, Stevens, etc., and exaggerations then rife among the lower classes, of the evils and terrors of Masonry.

## THE FORTY-SEVENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 26 to 28, 1828.*

Twenty-six lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master reports his official doings for the preceding year, that he had granted Dispensations for three lodges, U. D., had laid the corner-stone of a Masonic Hall at Mount Stirling, April 6, and the corner-stone of the Medical Hall at Louisville, July 4.

Charters were granted to Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 106, at Louisville, Ky.; Nelson Lodge, No. 107, at Lexington, Ky.; Tadmor Lodge, No. 108, at Warsaw, Ky.; Covington Lodge, No. 109, at Covington, Ky.

Various Petitions for reïnstatement from members of defunct lodges were received.

A Committee of five, John M. M'Calla being Chairman, was appointed to examine into the propriety of erecting a Grand Hall at Lexington, with all convenient dispatch. They report that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky ought to have a Hall of its own, with suitable conveniences for its permanent use, and located where it can be well accommodated during its Sessions. The place advised was Lexington. Brother John Lewis, of Lodge No. 1, had proposed for $15,000 to erect a building with a basement story and two stories of 14 feet each upon it, the whole building to be 65 by 45 feet in size, of brick, and strongly built—the Grand Hall in the second floor to be 45 by 42 feet. A suitable number of windows, doors, flues, etc., were to be included. On the first floor to be arranged suitable rooms for the accommodation of two lodges, beside a room for depositing the Records and other property of the Grand Lodge, or for receiving strangers. Attached to the Grand Hall on the second floor is a Committee-Room.

Such an edifice, the Committee think, the Craft would regard as their proper home, and in it would periodically meet "for the promotion of the interests of our much injured Order." The Report was adopted,—Bros. M'Calla, Bodley, Orear, Ashton and Stephens, made a Committee to contract for and superintend the erection of the contemplated building on the lot offered for that purpose by Lodge No. 1, or in the event of a failure to procure that on satisfactory terms, then on such suitable lot as may be procured free of charge. The following data were established:

1. The expense of erecting and completing said building, including materials and every cost, not to exceed $15,000.

2. The building to be let to such person as will perform the work on the best terms regarding price and quality.

3. The contractor to give bond with approved security in ample penalty, etc.

4. The Committee, previous to entering into the contract for building, to require from the subordinate lodges in Lexington, and from the R. A. Chapter in Lexington, a relinquishment in full of all claims they might hold against the Grand Lodge. In case such relinquishment were made, they should be assured in the use of proper rooms in the Grand Hall in perpetuity.

5. The Committee to draw on the Grand Treasurer as might be necessary.

Wilkins Tannehill proposed to publish a revised edition of his Masonic Manual, provided some aid is afforded by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge referred his proposition to the Past Grand Masters, with instructions to examine the book, and, if deemed advisable by not less than five of them, to agree to Bro. Tannehill's proposition. They were authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for a sum not exceeding $500. A Digest of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky were ordered to be published in said book, "which should then constitute the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge."

The Committee on Foreign Communications, through W. S. Pitcher, in their Report, describe the Communications received from other Grand Lodges as containing "the Details of Finances, Suspensions, Expulsions, and Reïnstatements, Funeral Orations delivered on the decease of Grand Officers and private Brethren distinguished for moral excellence and public usefulness, and Salutary Instructions to subordinate lodges. They evince praiseworthy efforts to inculcate the principles of harmony and brotherly love, which ought ever to characterize this Order in its internal organization, and that of justice to the rest of the world—*the true basis of Masonry.*"

The death of Governor James Clark was appropriately noticed, and, in token of their esteem and regard for the virtues evinced by him through life as a Mason, a private citizen, and the Chief Magistrate of the State, the Grand Lodge went in Procession to meet his remains, and escort them to the city of Lexington.

The Grand Treasurer's bond was raised from $4000 to $20,000, made payable to the persons filling the offices of M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Secretary, and the survivor or survivors of them, for the use and benefit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and conditioned to receive and pay out all monies which may belong to the Grand Lodge, and, at all times, to hand over the whole or any part of said money, or any bonds or notes, or other property in his hands belonging to said Grand Lodge, upon the requisition of said Grand Lodge, or its authorized Agent,—said Treasurer to

give at least two good sureties in said bond, to be approved of by the persons to whom it is payable, and said bond to be filed with the Grand Secretary, to be by him preserved.

The available funds of the Grand Lodge were stated at $15,252.65.

On motion of Alvan Stephens, Ordered, that full Reports of the subordinate lodges be appended to the published Proceedings. Thus an old-time practice of this Grand Lodge was resumed. These Returns are from 37 lodges, exhibiting a membership of 1,132.

All lodges in arrears for more than two years were released from the same, on condition that they pay up for the current year.

No Oration was delivered this year.

The Proceedings fill sixty-four pages. Forty-three lodges are on the Rolls.

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## EMERGENT COMMUNICATION,

*Dec.* 3, 1839.

An Emergent Meeting, called at Lexington by the Grand Master, to receive Communications from the Building Committee.

Fifteen lodges were represented. The Grand Master, (Geo. Breckenridge,) D. G. Master, S. G. Warden, G. Chaplain, G. Treasurer and G. C. Deacon were in their places.

The Committee, to which was referred the Communication from the Building Committee, (not specified,) made a Report in relation to money in the hands of Willis Stewart, that it should be paid over to the G. Treasurer without delay.

On motion of John M. M'Calla, "*Resolved*, that the G. M., D. G. M. and G. Wardens, and their successors, be selected as suitable persons to receive the lease of the Lot belonging to Lexington Lodge, No. 1, for the use of this Grand Lodge; and said Lexington Lodge is hereby requested to have such lease executed accordingly to said persons and their successors in office forever."

The Proceedings fill seven pages.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort: A. G. Hodges, State Printer, 1839.) 8vo., pp. 64 and 7.

### Cotemporary Events of 1839.

*November* 12.—**Proc. G. L. of N. J.**—(4to., pp. 2.)—Received the intelligence of the establishment of the G. L. of Texas with pleasure.

*October* 17.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Reported that Masonry is fast awaking from the slumber into which it had fallen by the unjust warfare waged against it. John Barney was Grand Lecturer.

## Masonic Literature of 1839.

"Masonic Address of James D. Westcott, Jr., Esq., delivered at the Masonic Funeral of Col. Abraham Bellamy, at Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida, September 23, A. L. 5839. Published at the request of Jackson Lodge, No. 1, and Hiram Lodge, No. 5. *Tallahassee:* Samuel S. Sibley, Printer, 1839." 8vo., pp. 20. (In the Archives of the G. L. of Florida.)

Our summary of the Fourth Decennial of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky presents but few subjects for pleasant contemplation. On the contrary, there is much to shake our faith in the ultimate success of the great principles upon which the Institution is founded, when we see how feebly the ties of affiliation approved themselves in the conduct of Masons during that gloomy period. And although so far as Kentucky is concerned, there were no antimasonic Conventions, no public secessions, nor scandalous scenes like those described in other jurisdictions; yet the general neglect of Masonry in Kentucky, and its failure for many years to effect any of the higher purposes marked on its Trestle-board, prove clearly enough that, had not the torrent of antimasonic opposition expended itself in a brief ten years, the Order in Kentucky, as in Illinois, Michigan, Vermont, and elsewhere, would have died out from sheer neglect.

The population of Kentucky, by the census of 1840, was 590,000; the aggregate of Masonic membership about 1,300, which gives the ratio of one Mason to 461 persons. The lodges are 37; the ratio is one lodge to 16,000 persons nearly.

*Section Fifth.—From* 1840 *to* 1849.

## THE FORTY-EIGHTH GRAND COMMUNICATION;

*At Louisville, August* 31 *to Sept.* 2, 1840.

Thirty-three lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master, (George Breckenridge,) reported that he had called Emergent Meetings, Dec. 3, 1839, and March 25, 1840, to facilitate the operations of the Building Committee; had granted nine Dispensations to organize new lodges; and had laid the corner-stone, July 3, 1840, of the Grand Masonic Hall, at Lexington.

The Committee on Ways and Means report, that by contract with Mr. D. S. Gregory, lessee of the G. L. Lottery, he has the right, by giving six months notice, to cancel his engagements; this would be a loss to the Grand Lodge of about $5,000 per annum. This information they give, as a prelude to a statement, to the effect, that the right of the G. Lodge and the interests of Mr. Gregory, have been infringed upon by the Managers of the Shelbyville Lottery, in leasing it for $2,000 per annum, and requiring bond of the lessees for $8,000 only, whereas, the legislative enactment required of them, that the bond should be $100,000, and the terms of the lease ten per cent. on the amount of each class, to the town of Shelbyville. Whereupon the Grand Lodge appointed Bro. James Guthrie to attend to its interest in this matter, and take such legal measures as might best promote the same.

Charters were ordered for Pulaski Lodge, No. 111, at Somerset, Ky.; Fleming Lodge, No. 112, at Flemingsburg, Ky.; Antiquity Lodge, No. 113, at Louisville, Ky.; Ottawa Lodge, No. 114, at Ottawa, Illinois; Hopkinsville Lodge, No. 37, at Hopkinsville, Ky.; Hancock Lodge, No. 115, at Hawesville, Ky. Lodges 54 and 67 had renewed labor, after a lapse of several years. An era of prosperity was clearly dawning upon the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Communications, through W. S. Pilcher, report: They had received the Proceedings of 13 G. Lodges. They regret the continuance of the schism between the lodges of New York, but deem no further action necessary; doubt the success of the mode of communication between the several Grand Lodges of the Union, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of New York, (viz., the appointment of resident representatives by each Grand Lodge, at every other;) and disapprove the idea of a General Convention, suggested by the G. Lodge of Alabama, to assemble at Washington City, on the 1st Monday in March, 1842. The G. Lodge of New York having

called attention to the propriety of communing with Masons, working in both the French and Scottish Rites, and other Grand Lodges having expressed themselves favorable to such communion, the Committee respond, that they see no good reason against it.

The following order was passed: "*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to make application to the Legislature of Kentucky, for a Charter incorporating the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, with power to hold property sufficient for an Orphan Asylum and School, in addition to its Grand Lodge."

William S. Pilcher offered a lengthy series of Resolutions, which were adopted. The following is a synopsis of them:

1. A Committee of Five to be appointed, to inquire into the expediency of establishing the *Kentucky Masonic Orphan Asylum.*
2. A site to be selected, embracing, not less than 200 acres.
3. Report the kind and cost of suitable buildings, to accommodate, not less than 100 males, and 50 females.
4. Report the number of Teachers or Overseers, requisite for its management..
5. Report a system of police for its government, and rules for its management.
6. Open subscriptions and receive donations.

The Committee consisted of Bro's Pilcher, Turpin, Breckenridge, Allen, and McCullough.

A Committee was appointed, (McCalla, Warner, and Burke,) to prepare a Digest of the Constitution and By-Laws of the G. L., and Report during the present Session. But no Report was made.

The Oration was delivered in the Methodist Episcopal Church, by John G. Burch, in the absence of the G. Orator, E. F. Vawter. Rev. William Holman made a short Address.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to subscribe for Brother McCullough's Astronomical Map, $13. A loan of $1,200, previously made to Lodge No. 23, was renewed and extended.

In addition to the appropriation of $500, made to Bro. Wilkins Tannehill, in 1839, to enable him to publish a new edition of his *Masonic Manual*, the further sum of $150, was ordered to be paid him.

The balance of principal, interest and costs of decree of Louis Marshall's claim, amounting to $4,461.18, is reported to have been paid, Nov. 26, 1839, and this matter no longer appears on the G. L. Records. It had extended over the whole period of seventeen years, viz.: from 1823, or thereabouts, to 1840, embarrassing the financial and social operations of Masonry in the Grand Lodge, and throughout the entire jurisdiction; impeding the outgoes of charity and good-fellowship, and

occasioning infinite ill-feeling and scandal on the part of the enemies of the Order, already sufficiently numerous, and fast increasing.

The Grand Secretary's salary was raised to $150 per annum.

Four hundred copies of Tannehill's Manual having been delivered to the Grand Secretary, he was instructed to deliver two copies to each of the subordinate lodges, and hold the remainder subject to the further order of the G. Lodge. The last of these were distributed in 1854.

The G. Master was authorized to appoint sixteen persons, viz.: four in Louisville, Lexington, Maysville and Covington each, to superintend the drawings of the G. Lodge Lottery.

Hiram Lodge, No. 4, having been dormant for several years for the want of a suitable Hall for its meetings, although still retained upon the Register of the G. L., reported that they had recommenced regular Communications August 23, 1840.

Wilkins Tannehill, P. G. Master of Tennessee, now a member of this G. Lodge in Lodge No. 51, was elected D. G. Master. In accordance with the rule of succession peculiar to the G. L. of Kentucky, he would doubtless have been elected G. M. the ensuing year but for his removal from the State and return to Tennessee.

The Grand Charity Fund this year was $250, and each of the five Grand Stewards had power to draw for $50.

Fifty-four lodges were on the Rolls.

(*Imprint.*—Louisville, Ky.: Penn & Elliot, Printers, 47 Wall street, 1840.) 8vo., pp. 72.

## Cotemporary Events of 1840.

*October* 22.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—A lengthy Address from the G. M., (William J. Reese,) the first of the kind offered this G. L. A *Masonic Funeral Service*, performed by Wm. J. Reese and Wm. B. Thrall, is appended.

*April* 6.—The Grand Lodge of Illinois was reörganized after a lapse of about ten years.

## Masonic Literature of 1840.

"An Address delivered in St. Paul's Church, Quincy, Florida, before the Masonic Brethren, on Sunday, Dec. 6, 1840, on occasion of the death of Col. Daniel L. Kenan. By J. Glancy Jones. Quincy: Printed by Clisby & Smith, 1841." 8vo., pp. 15. (In the Archives of G. L. of Florida.)

"Oration, on the Origin and Design and Duties of Freemasonry, pronounced at the Second Street Presbyterian Church, in the city of Troy, on the 24th of June, 1840. By the R. W. James Herning, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. *Troy:* published by Apollo Lodge, No. 13, 1840." 8vo., pp. 22.

*Addresses.*—James Burnes, Calcutta, East Indies, Sept. 8.
J. Thomas Wheat, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27.
Wm. J. Reese, to G. L. of Ohio, Oct. 22.
Geo. R. Gibson, Vincennes, Ind., June 24.
James H. Thompson, to G. L. of Ala., Dec. 7.
James Herring, Troy, N. Y., June 24.
Salem Town, to G. R. A. Chapter, February.

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## THE FORTY-NINTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 30 *to September* 2, 1841.

Thirty-nine Lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master (Abner Cunningham) reported that he had granted Dispensations for new lodges to the number of six, and by his orders the corner-stone of the Methodist Church had been laid at Richmond, Ky., July 30, 1841, by Daniel Breck, P. G. Master.

D. S. Gregory notified the G. Lodge, under date "Jersey City, February 26, 1841," that he should abandon his Lottery Contract on the 1st October ensuing. A Committee consisting of Philip Swigert, J. M. M'Calla and Henry Wingate, was appointed to dispose of the Lottery privilege on the best terms.

The Oration was delivered at the Methodist Church by Rev. John Black, Grand Chaplain, after which the Brethren repaired to Bro. Giron's, where a sumptuous dinner was given them by the Fraternity of Lexington.

The visit of Wm. B. Warren, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, formerly a Mason of Kentucky, and still a Mason of great celebrity, is appropriately noticed. He was invited to take a seat on the right of the G. Master.

The Legislature had passed the Act of Incorporation of the Grand Lodge as prayed for. Several important privileges had been secured besides the one specially named in the resolution of last year. The following is a copy:

### CHAPTER CLXIV.

**An Act to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of Kentucky**

Preamble. *Whereas*, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has procured, in the City of Lexington, a lot of ground on which to erect a Grand Hall for the purpose of holding its meetings, and to accommodate its subordinate lodges and other Masonic bodies in said city; and is also desirous to procure and hold such Halls and their appurtenances in other parts of the State, as may be conveyed to, or revert to said Grand Lodge from any subordinate lodge; and also wishes to establish an Asylum for

the nurture and education of indigent orphans of both sexes, and the support of poor and indigent persons—therefore,

Incorporated.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky*, That Abner Cunningham, Grand Master, Wilkins Tannehill, Deputy Grand Master, Thomas J. Welby, Senior Grand Warden, Leander M. Cox, Junior Grand Warden, Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary, and William Cardwell, Grand Treasurer, and their successors in office, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate to be known by the name of "The Grand Lodge of Kentucky," and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change and alter the same at pleasure; and by that name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded.

May hold property.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Grand Lodge, thus incorporated, may purchase, or receive by gift or otherwise, the lot of ground in the City of Lexington, on which a Grand Hall is now being erected, and hold the same in *fee simple* to be used only for Masonic and benevolent purposes.

Property of sub. lodges.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said Grand Lodge may receive conveyances for such real estate in other parts of the State, as is now or may hereafter be occupied by subordinate lodges for Masonic purposes, whenever said subordinate lodges may convey or cause to be conveyed said tenements to said Grand Lodge; or whenever, by the dissolution of any of said subordinate lodges owning such tenements, the same shall properly vest in said Grand Lodge by reason of the rules or by-laws thereof; and may hold the same in *fee simple* for Masonic purposes. But should said property be and remain unused for Masonic or benevolent purposes for the space of five years, then said Grand Lodge shall be required, on pain of forfeiture to the State, to sell and dispose of the same.

Asylum for indigent children.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said Grand Lodge may receive by gift, devise, or purchase, any amount of real estate not exceeding the sum of $20,000 in one or more parcels lying adjacent, upon which to establish an Asylum for indigent children of both sexes, for the purposes of nurture and education, to be founded upon such principles, and governed by such Managers as said Grand Lodge shall determine. And should said Grand Lodge, at any time after the receipt of said real estate, and establishment of said Asylum, abandon the same, or cease the use thereof for said purposes for the space of five years, then, if said real estate shall have been given or devised to said Grand Lodge for said purpose, the same shall revert to said donor or his, her or their heirs, or to the heirs of said testator; or in the event of there being no heirs capable of receiving the same, then the same shall be vested in such benevolent institutions as shall be designated by act of the Legislature. And if said real estate shall have been purchased by said Grand Lodge, then said Grand Lodge shall, within five years after said abandonment or cessation of such use or occupation, sell or dispose of, or convey said property, on pain of forfeiture thereof to the Commonwealth.

Lottery money may be used for Asylum.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That said Grand Lodge be authorized to divert any portion, it may deem right, of the money which it is authorized by law to raise for the erection of its Grand Hall, to the purpose of purchasing the necessary site of said Asylum, and the putting the same into operation.

And it is also rendered capable of receiving by gift or devise, such sums of money or personal property as may be given for the above purposes, or the promotion of the general charitable purposes of the Institution of Masonry. And there is hereby reserved to the Legislature, the power to alter or repeal this act. May receive money, etc., by gift, etc.

*Approved, January* 29, 1841.

The organization of the Grand Lodge of Illinois being acknowledged, Ottawa Lodge, No. 114, and Joliet Lodge, U. D., in that State, were dismissed from this jurisdiction and recommended to the G. L. of Illinois.

The subject of an Orphan's Asylum having come up from the Committee of last year, it was decided that the whole matter be referred to the subordinate lodges for their consideration, and a report made thereupon next year. The points upon which the subordinates were to decide, are, 1st, Are you in favor of any general system of education by the G. L.? 2nd, If so, what plan will you sanction? 3d, How much will you subscribe?

*Ordered*, that the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge shall hereafter be held in the Grand Hall in the City of Lexington.

Upon an application to the Grand Lodge for reinstatement from a person formerly expelled from Lodge, No. 95, the G. L. decided "that subordinate lodges alone have jurisdiction of matters of this kind," and referred it to the lodge interested. Simpson Lodge, No. 31, in view of a disastrous loss they had experienced by fire in 1837, were excused all arrearages of dues.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, (through W. S. Pilcher,) had received the Proceedings of seventeen G. Lodges but give no details. The proceedings, they say, give pleasing evidence of the prosperity and steady advance of Masonry in our sister States.

Upon the application of No. 101, to surrender its Charter, the G. L. decided that it was the privilege of any lodge to give up its Charter at its own discretion, but that the strictly Constitutional method must be pursued.

The Committee to prepare a Digest of the Constitution and By-Laws appointed at a previous Session, was allowed another year in which to prepare their Report.

Charters were ordered to Mills Point Lodge, No. 120, at Hickman, Ky.; and Cadiz Lodge, No. 121, at Cadiz, Ky.

The Grand Masonic Hall was solemnly dedicated to Masonry according to ancient form and usage, Sept. 1.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge was $1,160.00.

The Building Committee made an elaborate Report, of which the following is an abstract: They had received the

sum of $12,402,68. They congratulate the G. L. upon its Convocation in the G. Hall, and hope it will be the same of many annual assemblies, and witness the gradual but permanent elevation of the Order. "Erected upon the site of the first building devoted to Masonic purposes in Kentucky, it is endeared to many of the Fraternity by its location.

The general plan of the building was suggested by Brother C. R. Priziminki, late Professor in Transylvania University. The Committee say that no other Masonic building in the United States combines as many conveniences under so tasteful an exterior of as good workmanship for so moderate a sum. The building is completed except the basement story; it is recommended to fit that up for a family. The house and lot in Louisville placed at the disposal of the Committee, and estimated to be worth at least $4000, had not yet been sold. A pavement of brick around the building, eight feet wide, (except in front, ten feet wide,) was advised and an inclosure of the whole lot. All the Report was adopted by the G. L.

The aggregate cost of the edifice, including surroundings and furniture, was put at $20,744,30.*

The G. Treasurer was allowed two per cent. on the moneys received by him the preceding year.

The G. Lodge decided that an expulsion or suspension from an Encampment does not suspend or expel a Brother from a Blue Lodge. A case which came up from the lodges 51 and 113 at Louisville called out this very proper decision. In connection therewith it was also decided "that subordinate lodges have not the power to exclude visiting Brethren in good standing—but that it is not commendable in a Brother to visit a lodge when he knows his presence will disturb the peace and harmony of the same."

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*GRAND MASONIC HALL OF KENTUCKY.

This edifice stands on an elevated site at the junction of Short and Walnut streets, Lexington. It is of brick. The basement is occupied by the family of the Grand Tyler, and forms a commodious and agreeable dwelling. The care of the shrubbery and decorations, and general superintendence of the Hall are thus secured with convenience, and with but little expense to the Grand Lodge.

The central part of this edifice forms the *Grand Hall* proper, having a vestibule of fine architectural proportions in front. The view from the top of the long flight of steps leading up to this portico is very fine. In the cool of the August evenings, (the Grand Lodge commonly held its Sessions in that month,) nothing could be more charming than to stand among the groups of cheerful spirits that congregated there, and enjoy at once the scene, the season, and the companionship.

The Hall is lofty and capacious, readily accommodating even the large body of delegates who represented the lodges of this vast jurisdiction. Were its acoustical arrangements correspondent with its appearance, nothing could be better devised, but it is miserably built *for hearing*, as every one who has sat in or near the west and strained his attention to listen to the current debates can testify. The old Hall in the House of Representatives at Washington, was equally defective in this respect.

The wings rise two stories above the basement, and are plainly and neatly finished for the Masonic bodies of Lexington. That on the left is often used for the Sessions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. The cost of the whole building was about $25,000. The former Hall burnt in 1837, stood upon the same site, and was the oldest Masonic building in the west.

$250 was set apart for charitable purposes. The painting then in the Grand Lodge Hall was purchased by the G. Lodge. Fifty-seven lodges were on the Rolls.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Ky., A. G. Hodges, State printer, 1841.) 8vo., pp. 67.

## Cotemporary Events of 1841.

*January* 4.—**Circular from G. L. of Texas.**—Marked prosperity had signalized the Institution in that young Republic.

*October* 12.—**Circular from G. L. of R. I.**—A delegate had been appointed in the person of William Field to attend a proposed Convention at Washington, D. C., on the 1st Monday in March, 1842. The G. L. was in favor of a General Grand Lodge, for the government of the Craft throughout the United States.

*October* 21.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—The corner-stone of the G. L. Hall at Lancaster had been laid by the G. Lodge, Oct. 18, 1841. The Grand Master (Wm. J. Reese) warmly recommends the establishment of Masonic Libraries and the introduction of Lectures and Essays upon the arts and science in subordinate lodges, which recommendation the Grand Lodge approved. Lodges were forbidden from holding public celebrations of any Masonic character unless by consent of the G. Master. Wm. J. Reese was appointed a Delegate to represent the G. L. at the contemplated Convention at Washington, D. C., March 1842.

*September* 14.—The 8th Convocation of the General Grand Encampment; and the 10th of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States were held at New York.

## Masonic Literature of 1841.

*Addresses.*—J. M. Sitler, at Jackson, Miss., December 27.
Haydon Leavel, Yazoo City, Miss., December 27.
John N. Maffit, to G. L. of Mo., February 1.
L. M. Lawson, Cincinnati, O.
Hiram Chamberlain, St. Louis, Mo., December 27.
Wm. J. Reese, to G. L. of O., October 21.
David S. Kaufman, Austin, Texas, January 1.
Joseph P. Pirssons, City of Hudson, N. Y., June 24.
Wm. Ogden Smith, Paris, Mo., June 24.
John Delafield, Holly Springs, Miss., June 24.
Frederick Nash, Hillsborough, N. C., December 27.
A. Hutchinson, Austin, Texas, December 27.
Henry P. Hugins, Burlington, Iowa, December 27.
Wm. D. Cairns, Columbus, Ga., December 27.

*The Freemasons' Monthly Magazine.* By Charles W. Moore, G. Secretary of the G. L. of Mass. *Boston:* 32 pp., monthly. Vol. i commenced November 1, 1841; it has continued without intermission, and is now (1858) in its eighteenth volume.

## THE FIFTIETH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 29 to 31, 1842.*

Thirty-six lodges were represented at the opening. The G. Master (Thomas C. Orear) informed the G. L. at the opening, that he had granted Dispensations to organize two lodges, U. D., and had attended in his official capacity at the dedication of Hiram Lodge, No. 4, in January 1842.

The Building Committee report that the Basement was completed and occupied by G. P. Richardson and family. The inclosure was likewise complete, except the iron railing. They had not sold the G. L. property at Louisville.

The Committee appointed in 1840 to prepare a Digest of the Constitution and By-Laws, reported through John M. M'Calla. (See Constitutions.)

The Committee was ordered to codify and index the various Regulations in a systematic form. Their Report was adopted.

Charters were ordered to Nos. 122, 123, 124 and 125. (*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

The Committee appointed year before last to consider the expediency of establishing an Orphan Asylum, asked to be continued another year, and that W. O. Smith, Bryan R. Young and John M. M'Calla be added to their number.

It being stated to the Grand Lodge that the J. G. Warden, Samuel M'Clarty, was about to make a tour through Europe, the Grand Lodge recommended him to the favorable consideration of the Fraternity there. No after record is found in the G. L. Proceedings relative to his pilgrimage.

Sermons were delivered before the Grand Lodge in the First Presbyterian Church, by Revs. M. M. Henkle and N. H. Hall; that of the former was published and is appended to the Proceedings.

The Committee of last year, to whom was referred the proper disposition of the Grand Lodge Lottery, report that they had disposed of the Scheme to Walter Gregory, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The sum is not stated.

The reëstablishment of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, being officially recognized, jurisdiction over Equality Lodge, No. 2, in that State, was surrendered by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

It was declared to be the duty of the Grand Master elect, at the next Session, to deliver Lectures on the Three Degrees of Masonry, and a Committee was appointed to report at that time the best mode of insuring uniformity of work in the subordinate lodges of the State.

The Committee on Foreign Communications, through Henry

Wingate, report that there is abundant evidence of the rapid growth and continued prosperity of the Institution, but advised that it was inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to be represented in the proposed Convention in the city of Baltimore, May, 1843.

The Committee on Returns, deprecating the too common practice of conferring two or more degrees upon a candidate at the same meeting, advise that no degree be given until after examination in the preceding degree in open lodge. They conceive that such a practice would, more than any thing else, impart knowledge in Masonry and elevate the standard of the work of the Craft.

Rule 1st (Ed. 1855) was adopted, on motion of Isaac Cunningham.

In the Report of a Committee on Grievances, it is forcibly said, that "there is no right better defined under the Institutions of Masonry than that of a full, fair, and impartial trial, the necessity of charges and specifications, the right to have reasonable notice and to adduce proof, and the right to be heard in his own defense before an impartial tribunal, and at convenient and suitable times. These are equally enforced by common sense."

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Ky. A. G. Hodges, State Printer, 1842.) 8vo., pp. 79.

## Cotemporary Events of 1842.

*March* 7.—United States Masonic Convention at Washington, D. C.—Charles Gilman was appointed to the Chair; John Dove and James Laurenson, Secretaries. Delegates were enrolled from ten G. L. jurisdictions, viz.: Ala., Ct., D. C., Md., Mass., N. H., N. Y., R. I., S. C., Va., (twelve delegates.) The Convention refused to receive a delegate from the reputed G. Lodge of Michigan, lately revived after several years dormancy, affirming that the revived G. L. was not regularly organized. It was recommended that the various Grand Lodges appoint Grand Lecturers, to meet at Baltimore, in May of the ensuing year, to perfect and arrange a uniform Ritual of Symbolic Masonry. A system of G. L. Certificates was warmly recommended as a safeguard against imposition.

*June* 1.—**Proc. G. L. of Mich.**—(Contained in copies of A. C. Smith's paper, *Mt. Clemens Patriot*, Michigan, for January 22, and June 11, 1842.) Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations details the History of the G. L., and deprecates the refusal of the Convention at Washington, D. C., March 7, last, to receive its delegate. This G. L. was organized in 1826; was Incorporated by the Legislative Council of the Territory in 1827, and by a formal Resolution adopted in 1829, suspended

Masonic labor. A meeting of Masons was called for inquiry in 1840; in 1841 the former G. Officers granted Dispensations for several lodges, U. D., and in June of the same year, at the Constitutional period, the G. L. assembled and was organized by a Constitutional number of lodges.

*October* 19.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—The death of Past G. M. William W. Irvin, is appropriately marked. Decided that the suspension of labor in the G. L. of Michigan, from 1829 to 1841, did not work the dissolution of that G. L. Forty-six of the old lodges are reported as defunct. The Report on Foreign Communications is from Wm. B. Hubbard. John Barney was appointed to attend a Convention of Grand Lecturers, to be held at Baltimore, Md., the ensuing year.

The system of G. L. Representatives, recommended by the Convention at Washington, D. C., March 7, last, was approved by this G. L., as were all the other recommendations of that Convention. The Legislature had declined to Incorporate the G. L. as requested at the last Convocation. The Constitution, By-Laws, etc., of the G. L. are appended, together with a draft of so-called "Ancient Constitutions," (not Anderson's, of 1723.)

## Masonic Literature of 1842.

*Addresses.*—Robert G. Gardiner, at Campbellsville, Ky., December 27.

John A. Bryan, at Urbana, Ohio, June 24.

—— Allen, at Portsmouth, N. H., November 1

Joseph O. Skinner, to G. L. of Mass., December 27.

John W. Hanner, at Clarksville, Tenn., December 27.

Albert G. Mackey, at Charleston, S. C., December 27.

David Shelton, at Brandon, Miss., December 27.

Edward Brewster, London, June 15.

M. M. Henkle, to G. L. of Ky., August 30.

William J. Reese, to G. L. of Ohio, October 19.

Eden Foster, Batavia, N. Y., June 1.

William W. Redman, Liberty, Mo., June 24.

Wilkins Tannehill, Nashville, Tenn., First Monday in Oct.

Peter P. Murphy, Newfane, N. Y., August 25.

Rufus Greene, Mobile, Ala., December 27.

J. H. McMahon, Memphis, Tenn., December 27.

## THE FIFTY-FIRST GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 28 *to* 31, 1843.

Thirty-seven lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master, (Henry Wingate,) presented a detailed Address, the first of this character ever offered to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. In this, in eloquent and forcible terms, he describes the vicissitudes which the Masonic Institution has experienced, and the causes of its recent depression and misfortunes. He inculcates a stern caution to be more vigilant in future, in the admission of material; draws a sketch of the duties which devolve upon the Grand Lodge; makes a recommendation, that the G. L. shall devote, at least, a week of its sittings, to purposes of mutual instruction; and advises that the lodges require, of each candidate. to become proficient in the various lectures as he advances. He encourages the hope, that the Masonic Temple, now erecting at Lexington, would soon cease to be a drain upon the resources of the G. Lodge; advises some scheme of educational benevolence, to which the revenues of the G. Lodge might be usefully appropriated; and recommends the establishment of a *Masonic newspaper*, as a vehicle of Masonic intelligence. He alludes to the death of Charles C. Nelson, S. G. Deacon, who died recently, full of the hope of a happy immortality. He had granted Dispensations to eight new lodges, and had attended, in his official capacity, to laying the corner-stone of a Masonic Hall, at Somerset, June 17, and of the City Hall and Trinity Church, at Covington, June 24. It is not too much to say, that this beautiful and touching Essay, coming from the then head of the Order in the State, and one of the oldest and most intelligent of Brethren, has set the tone for all subsequent Addresses of Grand Masters in Kentucky. They are sixteen in number, and form a body of counsel, of logic, of historical allusion, of legal deductions, and of moral recommendations, not equalled, we think, in any other jurisdiction.

The G. Master delivered a Lecture on the Third Degree, the D. G. Master on the Second, and the J. G. Warden on the First Degrees of Masonry.

Ordered, that the Grand Lodge Hall shall be used for none other than Masonic purposes.

The Committee appointed in 1840, W. B. Allen, B. R. Young, W. O. Smith, and M. M. Henkle, on the subject of a *Masonic Orphan's Asylum*, made a Report, of which the following is a synopsis: The plan, imperfectly shaped out in 1840, was deemed to be impracticable, on account of its expensiveness, and the

unsuitableness of its details, and because it proposes to unite both sexes in the same institution. The substitute offered by the Committee, is to establish a School for the Orphans of deceased Masons in Kentucky, and for destitute children of living Masons; limited to boys over twelve years of age; located on a farm; the branches taught, to be the English Language and Agriculture, and the School self-supporting or *Manual Labor*. Pay scholars admitted on the usual terms. The G. L. adopted the plan, and appointed M. M. Hinkle, Henry Wingate, W. B. Allen, Philip Swigert, and Thomas H. Bradford, a Committee to digest the whole subject, and report next year. This was the commencement of a scheme, begun in the purest motives and kindest intentions, but which proved a heavy loss to the G. L., with but few corresponding benefits to those to whom it was desired to extend them.

The debt of the Grand Lodge was reported at about $2,000; its resources at $3,357.

*Ordered*, That the subordinate lodges elect their officers in the third degree of Masonry. It does not appear that previous to this any uniform rule in relation to this had prevailed.

*Ordered*, That the subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be required to keep and return annually to the Grand Lodge a list of the names of all itinerant persons who have applied for or received assistance from them as Masons. The rule is yet on our statute books but totally a dead letter.

The prospectus of the *Masonic Mirror*, published at Maysville, Ky., was laid by the G. Master before the G. Lodge.

An Address was delivered by the Grand Orator, John M. McCalla.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, and 61. (See Historical Roll.)

Decided that the offices of Treasurer and Secretary ought not to be vested in one and the same person. A few instances had occurred in which this very reasonable principle had been violated. A lodge laboring under the reproach of retaining in its membership a person notorious for unmasonic conduct, the G. L. appointed a Special Committee to ascertain the truth of the matter.

Lodges on the Rolls this year were 72.

The Agent of the Grand Lodge, John M. McCalla, in charge of the Masonic Hall, reported that the G. Hall and its inclosures were now complete and in good repair. The Hall was insured for $10,000. A brick kitchen had been erected in the rear of the eastern wing under consideration of the safety of the building from fire. Much and beautiful shrubbery had been planted by Brother Richardson, the occupant, which as

time should advance it, would add greatly to the beauty of the property, which already attracts the applause of all who behold it.

The entire debt of the Grand Lodge this year was $3,174. The whole cost of the Masonic Hall to this date $23,500. The further services of a Building Committee and Agent were dispensed with, the occupant to have the necessary care of the property under the superintendence of any three of the Grand Officers, and the Grand Secretary to keep up the insurance.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort; Hodges, Todd & Pruett, printers, 1843.) 8vo., pp. 67.

## Cotemporary Events of 1843.

*May* 8.—National Masonic Convention assembled at Baltimore.

This assemblage was in pursuance of a recommendation from the Convention that assembled at Washington, D. C., March 7, 1852, and continued nine days, during which a large number of reports of a highly valuable character were prepared and adopted. The following Grand Lodges were represented, viz.: Ala., D. C., Fla., Geo., La., Md., Mass., Miss., Mo., N. H., N. C., O., R. I., S. C., Tenn., Va.; sixteen in all. There was also a Mason from South Wales. The number of delegates was twenty-five.

John Dove was elected President, Albert Case, Secretary. In his opening Address, Mr. Dove claimed that this was the first Representative Assembly of a National character ever formed by the American Masons. The Committee on Uniformity of Work was composed of Charles W. Moore, S. B. Carnegy, John Barney, and Enos Wadsworth, who matured a system which was afterward largely disseminated, and in various jurisdictions adopted. We add from personal observation, that had the Committee perfected themselves better in the work as agreed upon, so that no discrepancies in their teachings should have appeared, the "Baltimore Work," which was unquestionably the best compromise of the various Rituals in vogue in America ever effected, might have acquired a lasting popularity.

A Monitor styled "The Trestle Board," was ordered to be prepared and published, under the direction of Messrs. Dove, Moore, and Carnegy. A Report on Masonic Jurisprudence was made, which indorsed the establishment of a Grand National Convention, possessing limited powers, to meet triennially to decide upon discrepancies in work, provide for uniform Certificates or Diplomas, and to act as referees between Grand Lodges at variance. Whenever thirteen or more Grand Lodges should agree to the proposition, the Convention should be

permanently organized. A new form of Burial Service was approved and a brilliant and forcible Address to the Masonic Fraternity of the United States adopted.

*October* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Oration by Wm. B. Hubbard, Grand Orator, was ordered to be published. Ordered that the portrait of G. M., William J. Reese, be procured for the use of the G. Lodge. The Work adopted by the Convention of G. Lecturers at Baltimore, Md., (at which John Barney had attended,) was approved, it was ordered by the G. L. that it be obligatory upon all lodges in Ohio, and that the G. Lecturer act in accordance with this edict. The *Freemasons' Monitor* by A. C. Davis, was approved by the G Lodge. William B. Thrall was elected Grand Master.

*December* 18.—The G. L. of Wisconsin was organized.

*April* 21.—The Duke of Sussex, G. Master of England since 1813, died. His successor was the Earl of Zetland, who to this day (1858) has been annually reëlected with great unanimity.

### Masonic Literature of 1843.

*Addresses.*—Robt. H. Dalton, at Livingston, Ala., June 24.
Francis Cleveland, at Portsmouth, O., June 24.
John Delafield, Jr., at Memphis, Tenn.
Albert Case, at Wilmington, N. C., December 27.
Albert G. Mackey, at Charleston, S. C., November 21.
J. Worthington Smith, to G. L. of Va., December 11.
E. V. Levert, to G. L. of Ala., December 8.
Augustus Peabody, Boston, Mass., December 13.
J. Worthington Smith, Richmond, Va., December 11.
J. Lee Stevens, London, June 21.
H. R. Slade, Stafford, England, November 21.
J. Osmond Dakeyne, Lincolnshire, England, August 31.
William J. Reese, to G. L. of O., October 20.
E. Dillahunty, Columbia Tenn., June 24.

## THE FIFTY-SECOND GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 26 to 30, 1844.*

Forty-three lodges were represented at the opening.

The G. Master announced that he had granted Dispensations to organize nine lodges, U. D., and that he had laid the corner-stone of the Court House at Shelbyville, Ky., June 11, 1843.

The G. L. of Georgia recommended *William S. Chipley*, of Columbus, to be the G. Representative of the G. L. of Kentucky, and expressed the hope that the Representative system so happily begun among the several Grand Lodges of the world, and which must eventually have the tendency to unite them all into one Grand Brotherhood would be responded to by the G. L. of Kentucky, by acknowledging and recognizing that designated Brother in the capacity named. The matter was referred to the Committee on Foreign Communications who made no report concerning the matter, but it was understood that the sentiment of the G. L. was adverse to the proposition. S. W. B. Carnegy, P. G. Master of Missouri, and one of the Committee on Work of the National Masonic Convention which had assembled at Baltimore, Md., in May, 1843, being present, was invited to address the G. L. in relation to the subjects digested in said Convention, likewise the claims of the G. L. of Mo., upon the Masonic Fraternity for aid in support of a Masonic College in operation in said State. Following his address, a voluntary collection was taken up. No action in behalf of the G. L., however, was had upon the matter of the College.

The Proceedings of the Baltimore Convention were referred to a Committee consisting of R. H. Stanton, John Payne, A. Soward, Wm. Holloway and Wm. F. Colston, who reported that the ends sought to be accomplished in said Convention, were, *First*, uniformity of Masonic work, lectures and ceremonies, retaining ancient usages and forms. *Secondly*, the adoption of such measures as might tend to promote the interest and dignity of the Order throughout the U. States. The argument for a greater uniformity of work, the Committee consider, was confirmed by circumstances that had occurred during the present Session of the G. Lodge. The standard adopted by the Convention, they approved, guaranteed as it was in its conformity to ancient usages and customs by experienced Brethren from a majority of the G. Lodges of the Union. The Eight Rules of Organization of the Convention they recommended to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

The Report of the Committee, however, was ordered to be

laid on the Table until the next Annual Communication; at which period it was not brought up for action, nor have the recommendations of the said Convention ever obtained favor in Kentucky.

The Constitution was amended by making the election of Grand Officers to come off on Thursday, at 10 A. M.,—moved by A. G. Hodges; also, by the adoption of the first section of Art. xlviii, (*Ed. of* 1855,)—moved by A. D. Hagar.

The Oration was delivered by M. M. Henkle, and published with the Proceedings.

On motion of Wm. R. Hervey, the subject of securing uniformity of work among the lodges was referred to a Committee, who reported that they had long deplored the great want of uniformity in the Masonic work of Kentucky; that the plan of *Committee on Work* was liable to fewer objections than any other, as it involved no expense, and conferred no authority upon any individual to settle, authoritatively, any particular mode of work; and submitted the following plan, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge: "*Resolved*, That a Committee of ten be appointed by this Grand Lodge, to be called the Committee of Work, whose duty it shall be to meet frequently, in the recess of the Grand Lodge, for work in the first Three Degrees of Masonry, calling in to their aid the counsel of experienced Brethren well skilled in Masonry; and, having agreed upon a plan of work most consistent in their view, after diligent, patient, and attentive research with the Ancient Landmarks of the Institution, the said Committee shall, at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, go through with the work in the presence of the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge declared *The Masonic Mirror*, published in Maysville, Ky., by Bazil D. Crookshanks, the Organ of the Grand Lodge, and recommended it to the patronage of the Fraternity generally. Messrs. Apperson, Cox & Finnell, were appointed an Editorial Committee, with authority, whenever they should believe the publication not published in such a style as to merit the patronage of the Grand Lodge, to declare the periodical no longer an Organ, as aforesaid.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge having been tendered, as usual, to the retiring Grand Master, (L. M. Cox,) he returned an acknowledgment, the first of the kind on our Record, in language peculiarly apt and elegant. He said: "I imagine that I feel a stronger attachment to Masonry than many of my Brethren, because Masonry has extended to me such inestimable favors, as friendship and fraternal affection, under circumstances peculiar to myself. At an early period of my life, when I had but few, I might almost say no consanguine relations in the State, and when I was unknown, except in the

small and obscure circle of youthful acquaintances, Masonry took me by the hand, led me into her peaceful and harmonious Temple, introduced me to a multitude of honorable and virtuous men, who have ever since been, and I trust, to the close of my life, will continue to be my ardent, devoted, and constant friends. This is the relation which Masonry created, and which has ever been recognized, which fills my heart with love and gratitude to this benevolent Fraternity." These are golden thoughts, and worthy of perpetuation.

The Committee on the Masonic Asylum and School reported at great length. Their views were adopted by the Grand Lodge, as by the following synopsis: Various localities for the proposed Institution had passed under review by the Committee—Greensburgh, Owensboro, Springfield, Richmond, and La Grange. The latter was adopted, and property, consisting of two town lots, upon which a Seminary had been erected, together with an Endowment Fund of about $6000, became the property of the Grand Lodge, on condition of establishing and maintaining a good School, to which the citizens of the place might send pupils as pay students. A Committee of seven was appointed, consisting of Henry Wingate, M. M. Henkle, John Payne, Philip Swigert, M. G. Willett, Willis Stewart, and J. S. Crutchfield, styled the *Committee of Education*, who should have power, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, to receive the property in question; and they should be the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, with authority to employ Superintendents and Teachers, make By-Laws for the government of the Seminary, and make such orders for the education of beneficiences as they might deem proper. They were, likewise, required to secure donations and contributions from lodges and Masons, and were limited in their outlays to the amount of the Lottery Revenue annually received.

The Revenue this year from dues, etc., was $1,316.50.

A series of Resolutions, relative to Demitted Masons, was offered, and laid over until the next Session, when they were rejected. They require, 1. That each Demitted Mason pay to the lodge nearest his residence 50 cents per year for ten years. 2. That, on removal to the jurisdiction of another lodge, he report himself, within one month, to said lodge, and exhibit his receipts for previous payments. 3. On failure of payment for four successive terms of six months each, he shall be suspended from all the privileges of Masonry. 4. Where more than one lodge is working in a lodge, the lists of Demitted Masons shall be equally divided among them. 5. The subordinate lodges shall report, annually, to the Grand Lodge their lists of Demitted Masons. 6. Any Demitted Mason paying ten dollars at one time shall be forever exempt from further con-

tributions under this law. The Grand Lodge, however, has never acted authoritively upon this subject.

The Grand Officers delivered lectures upon the Three Degrees, according to the By-Laws.

Each Mason in the State was requested to pay the sum of one dollar, or more, to the Grand Lodge, to aid in carrying out the plan of Charity Education proposed by them. It was not, however, generally done.

The Grand Lodge requested each of its subordinates to appoint a Committee to find out all the orphan children, in indigent circumstances, within its jurisdiction, and send them to school at the cost of the lodge.

Decided that Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts were subject to the restrictions in the 63d Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, which relates to rules for trials for unmasonic conduct.

The Committee on Ways and Means congratulate the Grand Lodge on having discharged very nearly all its debts and liabilities. Its flourishing condition, in every view, they conceive, should be a source of congratulation and joy.

The Proceedings this year make a well-got-up pamphlet of 80 pages.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, and 105.

(*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

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## Cotemporary Events of 1844.

*October* 25.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—An eloquent and beautiful Address was made by the Grand Master, (Wm. B. Thrall.) Oration by M. Z. Kreider. *Ordered*, that Funeral Ceremonies be conducted under the ancient badge of White Aprons and White Gloves only. The Legislature had incorporated the Grand Lodge March 12 last. Decided to be improper for lodges in conferring the First and Third Degrees to introduce more than one candidate at a time. *Resolved*, That the G. L. is clearly of the opinion that a distinct avowal of a belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures should be required of every one who is admitted to the privileges of Masonry, and that a denial of the same is an offense against the Institution, calling for exemplary discipline. Decided that the officers of a lodge, U. D., should not be installed. The lodges in each Congregational District were advised to hold at least one Convocation the ensuing year, for purposes of mutual instruction and acquaintance.

*January* 8.—The Grand Lodge of Iowa was organized.

*June* 24.—The first Masonic Festival in Wisconsin was held at Platteville.

*September* 10.—The Ninth Convocation of the General Grand Encampment; and the eleventh of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the U. S., was held at New Haven, Conn.

*March* 6.—The Earl of Zetland installed G. M. of England.

*June* 24.—The Grand Lodge of Berlin, (Prussia,) held its centennial anniversary.

*February* 12.—The Lodge *Charles of the Three Crowned Pillars*, in Prussia, held its centennial anniversary.

*April* 7.—Morgan Lewis, Grand Master of New York, a great and good mason, deceased at the ripe age of ninety, amid the universal regrets of the Craft. It was his dying request to be interred with the sprig of evergreen upon his breast.

## Masonic Literature of 1844.

Bibliographie der Freimaurerei und der mit ihr in Berbindung gesebten geheimen Gesellschaften. Systematisch Zusammengestellt von George Kloss, Dr. Med. *Frankfort am Main*, etc., 1844. 8vo., pp. 14, 430.*

This is a work of great value to the Masonic Student, having the titles of more than five thousand books in whole or part Masonic.

An Address delivered before the G. L. of Florida, at the installation of the Grand Officers, on Wednesday evening, the 10th day of January, A. L. 5844, A. D. 1844, by Brother Robert W. White. Published at the request of the lodge. *Tallahassee*, published at the Star Office,—8vo., pp. 7. (In the Archives of the G. L. of Florida.)

*Masonic Discourses;* containing an Inaugural and Valedictory Address as Grand Master; and Addresses on occasions of Grand Visitations, by Joseph R. Chandler, Grand Master of Masons for Pennsylvania. Printed by order of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Pa. Ed. Barrington & Geo. D. Haswell, 5844. 8vo., pp. 223.†

"*Masonic Melodies;* adapted to the ceremonies and festivals of the Fraternity, by Thomas Power, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. *Boston*, published by Oliver Ditson, etc., 1844." 8vo., pp. 105.‡

"The History, Spirit, and Tendency of Freemasonry. An Address delivered before the G. L. of Illinois, October, A. L. 5844, by R. W. Brother H. S. Cooley, G. Orator of the G. L. of Illinois. *St. Louis*, published by order of the G. L. of Illinois. Printed by Dan'l Davis, corner of Main and Olive streets, 1844." 8vo., pp. 24.

*Addresses.*—John H. Sheppard, to G. L. of Me., June 24.
David Caldwell, at Lynchburg, Va., June 24.
Jacob Creath, at Quincy, Illinois, June 24.
W. D. Johnson, at La Grange, Tenn., Jan. 9.
Samuel W. Speer, at Natchez, Miss., June 24.
Vincent S. Bradford, at South Bend, Indiana.
Augustus Peabody, to G. L. of Mass., Dec. 27.
Wm. P. Strickland, Lithopolis, Ohio, August 10.

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W. Alexander H. Robertson, New York, June.
Geo. A. Wilson, Natchez, Miss., Jan. 15.
Alexander Grant, Londonderry, Ireland.
M. M. Henkle, to G. L. of Ky., August 30.
M. M. Henkle, Shelbyville, Ky., June 11.
M. M. Henkle, Richmond, Ky., June 24.
Wm. B. Thrall, to G. L. of Ohio, October 23.
Thos. Chilton, to G. R. A. Chapter of Ala., Dec. 5.

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## THE FIFTY-THIRD GRAND COMMUNICATION.

*At Lexington, August 25 to 29, 1845.*

Fifty-four lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master (Bryan R. Young) announced that he had granted Dispensations to organize five lodges, U. D.

At this Session preliminary measures were taken to compensate Delegates for their expenses in attending the Grand Lodge. A Committee was appointed to digest and recommend a suitable plan, which at the next Session was adopted.

Art. lix, Sec. 3, was added to the Constitutional Rules. (Ed. of 1855.)

The death of Bro. B. D. Crookshanks, publisher of the *Masonic Mirror*, the official organ of the Grand Lodge, being announced, a suitable testimonial was adopted in his memory. The death of Bro. James H. Pickett, Senior Warden of No. 107, was also noted in the Proceedings, and a similar testimonial adopted.

The Oration was delivered at the Second Presbyterian Church by Bro. Charles G. Wintersmith, and printed with the Proceedings. It is an Address of rare merit, and deserves to be reproduced for general reading.

The Report of the Committee on Education is lengthy, and full of details. The following is an abstract.

They had received the transfer of the property at La Grange, spoken of last year, consisting of a new, commodious, substantial and rather elegant brick edifice, two stories high, and well arranged for educational purposes; erected at a cost of about $4,500, includin the two lots of ground on which it stands, and an Endowment Fund of about $6,000, well secured. The only stipulation in the title to the G. L. was that an efficient school should be established and maintained at La Grange, to which the citizens might send their pupils as pay scholars. They had elected J. R. Finley, Principal, and A. A. Morrison and James C. Davis, Assistants; the former had, likewise, consented to act as traveling Agent, in which capacity he had occupied six months, traveled more than 2,300 miles, and made

donations in books, maps and specimens to a large extent, together with funds to the amount of $10,855. An Agency, to occupy the entire circuit of the United States, was warmly recommended. But a small amount had yet been realized by the $1 resolution adopted last year, yet it was hoped the Fraternity in the State would eventually fall into it. The Committee, in conclusion, pronounced ultimate success as *certain*. It would require time, patience and perseverance to accomplish it, but there was everything to encourage the G. L. in the effort.

The thanks of the G. L. were presented to the late Trustees of Funk Seminary, for their Donation of $10,000; and the G. L. agreed to pay to the Treasurer of the new Masonic Seminary, annually, for twenty years, the sum of $600, as the interest upon $10,000, subscribed by the G. L. toward the endowment of the same. Provided, the Seminary shall remain under the control of this Grand Lodge during all that period.

At the motion of A. G. Hodges, it was ordered that in future the Committee on Foreign Communications should be allowed one year in which to prepare their Report. Heretofore the only opportunity given this Committee to examine the voluminous matters referred to them, was during the Sessions of the G. Lodge. The first Committee appointed upon the present plan consisted of Henry Wingate, Philip Swigert and A. G. Hodges. The subsequent Reports on Foreign Communications are usually elaborate and historically valuable.

A renewed effort was made at the instance of C. G. Wintersmith, to secure subscriptions from the Fraternity throughout the State to the Orphan's Fund. It was proposed to secure annual subscriptions of one dollar each, for ten years, to this great and noble charity. J. R. Finley, M. M. Henkle and W. D. Mitchell were made General Agents to bring the matter before the minds of the Brethren during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Work, report, through Henry Wingate, that they have had many meetings and discussed minor points of difference, their primary object having been directed to ascertaining the Ancient Landmarks of the Order. They were gratified to report, that in every prominent and principal point there was a remarkable uniformity in the views of the various members of the Committee, and wherever a diversity had appeared, the minority had cordially assented to the views of the majority. The Committee advised that the lodges should not tolerate Itinerant Lecturers. A continuance of the Committee on Work was advised. The views of the Committee were adopted, and Bros. Wingate, Apperson, L. M. Cox, W. B. Allen, J. H. Daviess, Charles Tilden, H. A. Hunter, Hervey, Embrey, and Dempsey Carrell, appointed.

The subordinate lodges being called upon to report their labors in the Education of Orphans, it was found that Lodge No. 41, at Versailles, had a school under their control; Lodge No. 23 was sending four beneficiaries to school; Washington Lodge sends one; Lodge No. 134 sends four; but few of the lodges had made any report on the subject.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 140, 141, 17, 142 and 143. (*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

Eighty-four lodges were on the Rolls.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Ky.: Hodges, Todd & Pruett, Printers, 1845.) 8vo., pp. 86.

### Cotemporary Events of 1845.

*October* 24.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Seventy-five lodges were represented. Oration by Erastus Burr. The *Masonic Review* was very favorably recommended by the G. L. The Report on Foreign Correspondence, by Joseph Hildreth, is a well-digested paper.

*June* 8.—Andrew Jackson, P. G. Master of Tennessee, died near Nashville, Tenn.

*August* 23.—Bazil D. Crookshanks, Editor and Publisher of the *Masonic Mirror*, Maysville, Ky., died at Flemingsburg, Ky.

### Masonic Literature of 1845.

*General Regulations* for the government of the Order of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland. *Deo Regi Fratribus Honor, Fidelitas, Benevolentia.* Wisdom, Strength, Beauty, Peace, Truth, Concord. *Edinburgh*, A. D. MDCCCXLV. A. L. IↃↃDCCCXLV. 8vo., pp. xiii, 26, 14.*

The *Masonic Review*, by Cornelius Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio.†

*Addresses.*—William Mercer Wilson, at Vittoria, Canada, August 7.

Francis Baylies, to G. L. of Mass., March 10.

A. Clark, at Logansport, Ind., June 24.

Albert Case, at Worcester, Mass., February 18.

G. Washington Warren, at Bunker Hill, Mass., June 24.

William Stuart, at Chicago, Ill., December 27.

J. H. Wheeler, at Charlotte, N. C., December 27.

Harvey W. Walter, Natchez, Miss., January 20.

Edmund Dillahunty, Nashville, Tenn., October 6.

Dennis Moore, Devonport, England, April 24.

Robert G. Scott, to the G. L. of Va., December 10.

John Daviess, Cloverport, Ky., June 24.

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* (*Cat.* No. 476.)

† (*Cat.* No. 448, etc.) The nineteenth volume of this Periodical was completed October, 1858.

William D. Mitchell, La Grange, Ky., June 24.
W. P. Strickland, Cincinnati, O., June 4.
Charles G. Wintersmith, to the G. L. of Kentucky, Aug. 27.
Charles Gilman, to G. L. of Maryland, May 19.
Charles Gilman, to G. L. of Maryland, at Baltimore, Nov. 17.
W. W. Wilson, Pittsburg, Penn., June 12.
William R. Smith, to Olive Branch Lodge, Wis., March 13.
William H. Mitchell, Wetumpka, Ala., June 24.
William B. Thrall, to G. L. of Ohio, October 21.
Alexander H. Robertson, New York City, June 4.
P. W. Fanning, to G. L. of North Carolina, December 1.

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## THE FIFTY-FOURTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 31 *to Sept.* 4, 1846.

Forty-seven lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master, (William Holloway,) opened the Proceedings with an Address, in which he appeals to Divine Grace, to bless the present Convocation; declares that the past season had been one of universal activity among the Craft in Kentucky; advises that none pass into the Sacred Tabernacle, but those who are strictly worthy, the honest, the virtuous, and the good; and calls the attention of the Grand Lodge, to the flourishing condition of Funk Seminary. He condemns the practice of advancing members too rapidly through the degrees, as leading to an inadequate conception of the value of Freemasonry. He had granted eight Dispensations to organize lodges, U. D., one of which is attached to the Regiment of Infantry Volunteers from Kentucky, on their march to Mexico. His warrant for this, he declares, was found in his belief, that the principles of Masonry, being introduced into the army, would tend to reconcile the jarring interests, and soften the sectional feelings of those otherwise discordant materials. He concludes with the following brilliant exhibit of *The Commandments of Masonry*, from another author; "We are taught to practice charity, to protect chastity, to respect the ties of blood and friendship, and to adopt the principles and reverence the sacraments of Religion. Its commands are, *fearlessly go—face the proud in defense of the humble—kindly assist the feeble—guide the blind—feed the hungry—clothe the naked—raise up the downtrodden—be a father to the orphan—guard the altar—protect the Government—love man—adore God.*"

A Committee on Education, consisting of B. J. Peters, Demp-

sey Carrell, and J. M. S. McCorkle, was appointed at the suggestion of Bro. Peters, and the same was added to the list of Standing Committees, to be annually re-appointed. To this Committee the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic College was referred. Rules Nos. 5, 6 and 7, were added to the Grand Lodge Resolutions in force, (*Ed.* 1855,) the first two at the instance of William D. Mitchell, the latter of J. B. Huston. The 56th Constitutional Rule was reduced to its present form, (Ed. 1855,) a tthe motion of B. J. Hinton.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, and 151. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

The Committee on Education report at great detail; the following is a synopsis: The Masonic College was in a state of successful operation, far beyond what could have been expected two years ago; it will yet prove a proud monument of the blessings that have been conferred on the human family, by Masonry. The Female School at La Grange is taken under the patronage of the G. L. The President of the College, J. Randolph Finley, had traveled four months for the College, and with such success, that since his return, forty-one students had come in from Louisiana, and seventeen from Mississippi. The whole number of students in the classes, was two hundred and three, representing nine different States. The Trustees had resolved to devote one-half of the tuition fees to the support of beneficiaries, and that each subordinate lodge, which had taken a perpetual, or ten years, scholarship, might send one beneficiary. Nine beneficiaries had been received, in all. Real estate of the "Funk Bequest," had been received, to the value of $3,175. The College had, thus far, incurred no debts beyond its means of liquidation, but had purchased a valuable Apparatus. A new Faculty, (except the President,) had been chosen, composed of men of distinguished ability, and unquestionable character.

In conclusion, the Committee declare, that in the success of this enterprise, Freemasonry will be lifted up on high, in the sight of all men, taking her own proud stand in the estimation of all, and clad in her own pure and spotless garments, appear as an Angel of Light on an errand of Mercy. The Trustees consisted of William E. Gibson, E. T. Berry, Robert Mallory, William D. Mitchell, Henry Wingate, and Charles Tilden. Their Report was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through its Chairman, A. G. Hodges, report at length. This is the first of a series of Annual Communications made this G. Lodge, in which minuteness of detail is so well combined with broadness of scope as to give from year to year an accurate history of the Craft in the United States. No important errors in the

workings of the Order outside our own jurisdiction are overlooked or fail to be reprehended. The merits of our Brethren engaged in like investigations are generously acknowledged and accredited to them. Superiority, where it exists, is held up as an object for imitation and a spirit of genial correspondence is cultivated as the very quintessence of the Masonic Institution.

The Report for this year gives in ten pages a synopsis of the published Proceedings of Conn., N. H., N. Y. Penn., Ohio, Ind., Md., Va., N. C., S. C., Geo., Miss., Mich., Mo., Ill., Me., Florida, Ark., La., Io., Wis. and Texas, which indeed extracts the pith of all their doings, and lays it before the eye in a pleasing *melange*.

Lodge No. 22 was reprimanded by the G. L. for initiating candidates under twenty-one years of age, the only case of the kind noticed in the Proceedings of the G. L. of Kentucky during the whole term of its existence.

Resolution No. 10 (*Ed.* 1855) was adopted at the instance of Henry Wingate.

The Revenue from dues of subordinate lodges this year was $1,565.02.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Ky. A. G. Hodges & Co., printers, 1846.) 8vo., pp. 97.

### Cotemporary Events of 1846.

*October* 23.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—*The Craftsman*, a Manual by C. Moore, was approved and recommended to the subordinate lodges. Oration by William P. Strickland, characterized as one of uncommon merit; ordered to be printed. An Edition of the Constitution and By-laws printed by Charles Scott, was approved. Decided that the Master of a lodge was the lawful custodian of the Charter, and might keep it wherever he could best preserve it. A well-prepared Report on the *State of Masonry* was offered by C. Moore, and approved. The system of G. L. Certificates was abolished.

*May* 11.—National Masonic Convention at Winchester, Va., Representatives present from the G. Lodges of N. C., Va., Io., Mich., D. C. and Mo. Only eight delegates appeared, and the Convention adjourned. This meeting was the result of the recommendations made by the Baltimore National Convention of 1843, which see.

### Masonic Literature of 1846.

*Addresses.*—B. Anderson, at Huntsville, Mo., June 24.
William F. Stearns, at Oxford, Miss., July 14.
Sanford C. Blanton, at Aberdeen, Miss., June 24.

Augustus Peabody, to G. L. of Mass., December 28.
Albert Case, to G. L. of Mass., November 11.
Junius Wingfield, at Monticello, Geo., December 28.
A. G. Caldwell, Shawneetown, Ill., December 27.
Frederick Crumbaugh, Moore's Hill, June 24.
C. Moore, Jackson, Ohio, July 31.
C. B. Smith, Knightstown, Ind., July 18.
Edmund Dillahunty, Nashville, Tenn., October 5.
Nathan B. Haswell, to G. L. of Vt., January 14.
W. Tucker, Dorset, England, May 12.
James L. Johnson, Owensboro, Ky., December 27.
Salem Town, to the G. R. A. Chapter, of N. Y., February 3.
Elisha S. Fitch, Flemingsburg, Ky., June 24.
James H. Turner, Mt. Sterling, Ky., December 26.
W. C. Dandy, to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 18, Cynthiana, Ky., December 27.
Thos. U. Kinkead, Covington, Ky., May 27.
John W. Simons, Albany, N. Y., February 8.
Daniel L. Potter, Burlington, Vt., January 8.
Wm. B. Thrall, to G. L. of Ohio, October 20.
John D. Willard, to G. L. of N. Y., 1st Tuesday in June.
Isaac Bartlett, to G. L. of Ind., May 25.
P. W. Fanning, to G. L. of N. C., December 7.

*The Craftsman* and Freemasons' Guide, containing a Delineation of the Rituals of Freemasonry, with the Emblems and Explanations so arranged as greatly to facilitate in acquiring a knowledge of the Rites and Ceremonies of the several degrees from Entered Apprentice to that of Select Master, and the Order of Priesthood. Compiled and arranged from Webb and other standard writers, by Cornelius Moore, Past Master of Lafayette Lodge, No. 79, and Editor of the *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati. Published by Jacob Ernst, No. 183, Main street, *Cin. O.*, 1846. 12mo., pp. viii, 264.*

Oration delivered at the Dedication of the New Masonic Hall edifice, Cincinnati, June 24, 1846, by Rev. Brother O. M. Spencer, G. Orator, together with the order of Procession and Ceremonies on the occasion." 8vo., pp. 23.†

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* *Cat.* No. 229. *The Third Edition* is *Cincinnati*, 1850, 12mo., pp. x, 263. C. Moore has also published *The Templar's Text Book, Cincinnati*, O, 1847, 12mo., pp. 79. *Cat.* No. 287, and *Cincinnati*, O. 1853, 12mo., pp. 128. Cat. No. 202.

† In the possession of Cornelius Moore.

## THE FIFTY-FIFTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 30 *to September* 2, 1847.

Sixty-eight lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master, (William B. Allen,) opened the Proceedings with an able Address of considerable length. Setting out with a glance at the antiquity of Masonry, he deduces the morality of the Institution from its stability, and states the encouraging fact, that in Kentucky there has been no diminution of zeal in the good cause. He had granted Dispensations to fifteen lodges, U. D. His observations have not been confined to Kentucky alone; having examined the published Proceedings of other jurisdictions, he is clear that Masonry is in a more flourishing and prosperous condition throughout the United States, than ever it was before. This is equally true, he affirms, of Europe, especially of England, Ireland, France, Germany, Prussia, and Switzerland, where the Order is extending itself with unprecedented rapidity. There is scarcely a portion of the civilized world in which a Mason may not find a Brother, a home, and a friend. He embraces the opportunity to suggest some more efficient and systematic plan of Masonic charitiers; and suggests a tax upon demitted Masons, as both politic and just. His inquiries into the condition of the Masonic College have developed a high state of prosperity, even exceeding the most sanguine expectations of its friends. This leads him to urge upon the Grand Lodge the continuation of its aid and fostering care. He reprehends the practice of expulsion for non-payment of dues, conceiving it inconsistent with the benevolence of the Craft, and unjust, illiberal and uncharitable to the Brother. Finally, he considers that the plan of a Committee on Work in this Grand Lodge has failed, and advises in its place salaried Lecturers, to visit the lodges, remain with them and impart to them thorough instruction.

The visit of S. A. M. Wood, of Florence, Alabama, since Grand Master of Alabama, and one of the talented and indefatigable Masons of the age, is appropriately noticed upon the Record. The election of officers from Thursday was changed to Tuesday at 10 A. M., and thus made a Constitutional Rule; this was at the motion of Abner Cunningham.

A Committee consisting of C. G. Wintersmith, and R. Apperson, was appointed to investigate the title of the G. L. to the lot of ground on which the Grand Masonic Hall is erected, they reported as in the following synopsis: There is nothing in the deed to said property which would cause a reversion of the title of Lodge, No. 1, in the event of the G. L. ceasing to

hold its Sessions there. The lot was conveyed by the Trustees of the Town of Lexington to William Murray; by him to Edmund Bullock and others, in trust for the use of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, and by the terms of the deed that lodge had the right to require its conveyance whenever they should order it, to such persons as they might designate. Exercising this right the title was made to Gideon Shryock, Derrick Warner, and Henry Savary, the same right of controlling and directing its further conveyance being guaranteed to the lodge. The lodge directed a lease made to the G. L. of Kentucky for one hundred years, renewable forever with clauses insuring the constant perpetuation of such proprietorship in the G. L. by these Trustees. The lease was accordingly so made. The G. L. may not have the legal title to this property, but if it have any title at all, it has that which is tantamount to it, and in all the conveyances made of it, the Committee could find no act which might forfeit such title as the G. L. has, but think it is absolute. Lodge No. 1 has bound the G. L. to permit them the use of a Hall for their work forever, and this is all which the said lodge has taken care to secure as its own.

The following is a Synopsis of the Third Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic College. Setting out with glowing proofs of the success of this Institution in silencing the tongue of the slanderer, and convincing the world of the benign influences of Masonry, they report a Catalogue of 170 Students, representing nine States; 64 being from Kentucky. Louisiana and Mississippi unitedly had sent 88. Eleven lodges had sent beneficiaries—in all, 12. President Finley had taken a second tour southward, of four and a half months, meeting at all points with heartfelt welcome and cheering success. A strong recommendation was made to establish a permanent Fund for Beneficiaries.

The plan of Scholarship embraced three classes. 1. *Five Year*, sold at $75 cash, in advance. 2. *Ten Year*, $100. 3. *Perpetual*, $300. Students board in private families, and study during the day in the Professors' Rooms. Great care is taken to discourage extravagance in expenditures. Health had been uncommonly good. The Board of Trustees was composed of Robert Mallory, Wm. D. Mitchell, E. T. Berry, Wm. E. Gibson, Henry Wingate, Willis Stewart, and Dempsey Carrell. The Faculty consisted of J. Randolph Finley, President; E. T. Peabody, P. S. Ruter, M. Sutro, Cephas Gregg and Geo. M. Bibb.

The Oration was delivered at the First Presbyterian Church, by Wm. D. Mitchell, Grand Orator, printed and appended to the Proceedings.

The XVIth Art. of Constitutional Rules was reduced to its

present form (Ed. 1855) at the instance of Thos. C. Orear, by the addition of a *Committee of Finance.*

A further effort to digest a plan for the payment of expenses of Delegates to the Grand Lodge was made, and a Committee consisting of John Speed Smith, J. M. S. M'Corkle and C. G. Wintersmith, was appointed to consider and digest one.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159 and 160. (*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*) The Charters of Nos. 19, 73 and 113 were restored.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, composed of Jno. W. Finnell, Philip Swigert and A. G. Hodges, report through fifteen pages, presenting a thorough Digest of the published Proceedings of Penn., Va., Md., Mich., Miss., Ala., D. C., Mo., N. C., Fla., N. Y., Ms., Ohio, S. C., Vt., Io., Ill., Tenn., Me. and Ind. No Resolutions for the adoption of the G. Lodge are appended, but the opinion of the Committee upon various subjects, freely expressed, are concurred in by the Grand Lodge, and thus they become, incidentally, a part of its legislation.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge being tendered to the retiring Grand Master, (William B. Allen,) he expressed his acknowledgments in strains of fervid eloquence, declaring his great admiration for Masonry, into which he petitioned for entrance the very day of his life in which he became eligible, and of which he had been a member more than half his days.

The Grand Lodge refused to change the time and place of its future sittings.

The Report of the Committee on Education was adopted. They recommend that the Grand Lodge of Alabama be authorized to contract for the education of one hundred Students per year at the Masonic College, La Grange, for the round sum of one thousand dollars, as proposed; and that a portion of the real estate of the G. L., consisting of about thirty acres of land, with buildings, etc., to be sold.

The Grand Lodge declared its hearty approval of the efficient manner in which the *Masonic Mirror*, then published by W. C. Munger, at Covington, Ky., had been conducted, and recommendedit to the support and patronage of the Craft in general.

The fourth Constitutional Rule was adopted, on motion of Dempsey Carrell. (Ed. 1855.)

The principle was settled at this Session that the Grand Lodge would not remit the current dues or grant indulgence in the payment of dues of any subordinate lodge until all dues for the preceding year were paid up in full by said lodge. The revenue of the G. L. from the dues of lodges, was $2,465.14. One hundred and eight lodges were on the Rolls.

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## Cotemporary Events of 1847.

*October* 22.—**Proc. G. L. of Ohio.**—(8vo., pp. 655.)—Seventy-eight lodges were represented. Webb's Ode, "All hail to the Morning," was sung. Thirteen Dispensations for lodges, U. D., had been granted. Required that applicants for advancement be examined in open lodge as to their proficiency in preceding Degrees; minimum fees for three Degrees were set at $20. Oration by W. B. Hubbard. The *Freemasons' Monthly Magazine* was approbated and recommended. *Resolved*, That it would be inexpedient and tend to mar the present harmony of the Fraternity to admit any of the persons of color, so called, into the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. The thanks of the G. L. were tendered to Samuel Reed, who for a series of years had been Grand Lecturer. A volume, proposed to be published by Caspar Thiell, on the Masonic labors of Washington, was approved by the G. L. The G. L. was pronounced to be *out of debt*. A Statistical Table, of great minuteness of specifications, is appended, digesting the annual labors of every lodge in the State.

*September* 14.—The Tenth Convocation of the General Grand Encampment, and the Twelfth of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, was held at Columbus, Ohio.

*October* 5.—The Grand Encampment of Kentucky was organized. Agreeably to a call made by Webb Encampment, at Lexington, five Encampments were present by their Delegates, to wit:

*Louisville Encampment*—S. K. Grant and Jacob Owen.

*Webb Encampment*—Isaac Cunningham, John M'Cracken, Jesse Bayles, W. S. Chipley, T. S. Orear and C. J. Sanders.

*Versailles Encampment*—J. A. Peters, Wm. Brown, Samuel F. Patterson and T. U. Kinkead.

*Frankfort Encampment*—S. T. J. Trabue, A. F. Macurdy, G. W. Doxon, Henry Wingate, Philip Swigert and A. G. Hodges.

*Mt. Sterling Encampment*—W. C. Keas.

Wm. Brown was appointed Chairman; Philip Swigert, Secretary.

A Communication from Charles Gilman, G. G. Rec., was read, dated Sept. 17, 1847, authorizing the three Encampments, "*Louisville*, No. 1; *Webb*, No. 2; and *Versailles*, No. 3," on the part of the G. G. Encampment of the United States, to organize a Grand Encampment for the State of Kentucky, with all the powers and privileges of other similar Institutions, under the G. G. Encampment.

It was Resolved to proceed to constitute and organize a

Grand Encampment for the State of Kentucky. A Constitution was reported. Elections were had as follows:

Henry Wingate, G. M.
Nathaniel Hardy, D. G. M.
Joseph A. Peters, G. Glo.
John F. Leavy, G. C. G.
Solomon K. Grant, G. Prelate.
James H. Turner, S. G. W.
Jacob Owen, J. G. W.
Philip Swigert, G. Rec.
Thos. C. Orear, G. Tr.
Isaac Cunningham, G. St. B.
John M'Cracken, G. Sw. B.
Thos. U. Kinkead, G. Warder.

The Constitution adopted, which has remained substantially the same to the present day, is as follows:

## CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY.

SECTION 1. This Grand Encampment, being the highest source of Legitimate Knighthood in the State of Kentucky, has, of right, and claims the government and superintendence of all encampments of Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, within its jurisdiction. It, therefore, may grant Warrants of Dispensation for holding councils and encampments of the above-named Orders, and, when expedient, revoke and annul the same. It may make Laws, pass Regulations, and, at pleasure, repeal, amend, and alter the same. It may censure, suspend, and expel councils, encampments, or members of this Grand Encampment, for violation and disobedience of its Laws, Regulations, and Rules.

SECTION 2. This Grand Encampment shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Prelate, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Grand Warder, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer. All Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Generalissimos, Grand Captain Generals, of this Grand Encampment, and all Grand Commanders, Generalissimos and Captain Generals, for the time being, of the several encampments under our jurisdiction, with all the Past Grand Commanders of such encampments and the said enumerated officers, shall be the only members and voters in this Grand Encampment.

SECTION 3. This Grand Encampment shall be holden in every year for the election of officers, which shall be by ballot, and the performance of such business as this Grand Encampment may think necessary.

The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and in their absence the Grand Generalissimo or the Grand Captain General, may call special meetings, when they may deem it necessary, at such time as they shall see fit.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, severally, shall have power and authority, during the recess of the Grand Encampment, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their respective hands, and private seals to a competent number of petitioners residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, (possessing Constitutional

qualification,) empowering them to form and open a council and encampment until the next Regular Meeting of the Grand Encampment; and the officers granting the same shall make report at the said Meeting of the Grand Encampment, which may either continue or recall the same, and grant a Warrant, if thought expedient.

SECTION 5. Every council of Red Cross Knights, obtaining a Dispensation or Warrant, shall pay into the funds of this Grand Encampment, for the same, the sum of thirty dollars, and every encampment of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders, the sum of one hundred dollars for the same, which shall be received before the Dispensation or Warrant can issue.

SECTION 6. Every council of Knights of the Red Cross, holden under the authority of this Grand Encampment, shall pay to the same the following sums, viz.: For the constituting of a Sir Knight of the Red Cross, the sum of one dollar; and for every member, the annual sum of fifty cents; and every encampment of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders, shall pay, as above, two dollars for every Sir Knight constituted and created, and every member the annual sum of one dollar, which said sums shall be paid punctually during the Session of this Grand Encampment, at their Annual Meeting; and every council or encampment that shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sums at the time aforesaid, and continue so to do without good or sufficient reason, and satisfactory, to a majority of the members present of this Grand Encampment, shall be deemed violators of this Constitution, and shall be punished by the forfeiture of their Warrant and expulsion, and can only be restored by paying up their dues and a sufficient apology for the breach of good rules.

SECTION 7. No Charter for constituting a Council of Knights of the Red Cross can issue, excepting upon the petition of at least seven Knights of those Orders, and the petitioners must be recommended by the council or encampment nearest to the place where the new council or encampment is to be established.

SECTION 8. The first three officers of this Grand Encampment are, severally, hereby authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any and every council and encampment under its jurisdiction, and to give such instruction and direction as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks and General Grand Constitution: and none other than the past and present Grand Commanders of subordinate encampments in this State, with the exception of the General Grand Officers of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, shall be permitted to lecture or give instructions in the Order of Knighthood within the State of Kentucky.

SECTION 9. In the absence of any officer of the Grand Encampment, the officer next in rank shall succeed his superior, unless, through courtesy, such officer shall decline in favor of a past officer present; and, in case of the absence of all the officers, the members present, according to seniority or ability, shall fill the several offices.

SECTION 10. All questions in this Grand Encampment shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, if a member, shall be entitled to a vote, and in case the votes be equal he shall give the casting vote.

SECTION 11. The Grand Encampment shall be competent on concurrence of two-thirds of its members present, at any time hereafter, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution.

SECTION 12. In case any casualty should at any time hereafter, prevent the annual meeting of this Grand Encampment, the several Grand

Officers shall sustain their respective offices until successors be duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 13. This Encampment acknowledges no Degree of Masonry or Orders of Knighthood to be regular, except those conferred by and under the authority of the following constituted authorities in the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to wit: The General Grand Encampment, and the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and the Grand Lodges of the several States. And any Knight holding to or receiving, or having received any irregular degrees under the assumed name of Masonry or Knighthood, shall be required to withdraw therefrom, under pain of being expelled from all participation of any of the privileges contained in the provision of this Constitution, and no council or encampment shall be permitted to receive any candidate or visitor into their respective bodies who in any manner or in any wise is concerned in or with such clandestine degrees.

*Article 2d: Of Subordinate Councils and Encampments.*

SECTION 1. All regular assemblies of Knights of the Red Cross are called Councils, and all regular assemblies of Knights Templar, Knights of Malta and Appendent Orders are called encampments.

Every council and encampment ought to assemble at least quarterly for business and improvement.

Every council and encampment shall consist of a Grand Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate and Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Recorder, Treasurer, Warder, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, and as many members as may be found convenient.

SECTION 2. No encampment shall confer the orders of Knighthood for a less sum than $30, nor upon any one who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. The rule of succession in conferring the orders of Knighthood shall be as follows: Knight of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, or Knight of Malta.

SECTION 3. Every council and encampment shall have a Warrant or Dispensation from the Grand Encampment or from one of the first two Grand Officers. And no council or encampment that may hereafter be formed and opened shall be deemed legal, without such Warrant or Dispensation and communication is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any council or encampment under this jurisdiction, or any member of either of them, and any encampment or assembly that shall be so formed, opened or holden without such Warrant or Dispensation, or any or either of their members, or any person introduced into such illegal Assembly.

SECTION 4. The Grand Commander of every encampment and council has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his council or encampment are duly observed, as well as the General Constitution and the regulations of this Grand Encampment, that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered, that regular returns are made to the Grand Encampment annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He has authority to call special meetings at pleasure, and it is his duty, together with his second and third officers, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment in person or by proxy.

SECTION 5. It shall not be deemed regular for any encampment or council to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any sojourner whose fixed place of abode is within any State in which there is an encamp-

ment regularly established. And in case any encampment shall confer the said orders contrary to this section, such encampment shall, on demand, pay over to the encampment situated nearest the candidate's fixed abode, the whole amount of fees received for his admission.

*Provided*, No encampment shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any Companion who resides in a county where there is an encampment.

SECTION 6. The officers of every council and encampment under this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective offices, and also the members of all such councils and encampments, and every candidate upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligations: I, A B, do promise and swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Kentucky of Knights Templar, and the Appendent Orders.

## Masonic Literature of 1847.

"*The Masonic Text Book*, containing a History of Masonry and Masonic Grand Lodges from the earliest times: together with the Constitution of Masonry or Ahiman Rezon, and a Digest of the Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Also a complete compilation of the Illustrations of Masonic Work in the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, and Past Master, as drawn from Preston, Webb, Read, and others. By John Dove, Grand Secretary of the G. L. of Va. Richmond, (Va.) Printed by Shepherd & Colin. 1847." 12mo., pp. xx, 328.*

"*The Port Folio*, or Journal of Freemasonry and General Literature. 'The Masonic is a Society whose liberal principles are founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice.'—*Washington.* 'Literature is the concentration of intellect for the purpose of spreading itself abroad and multiplying its energy.'—*Dr. Channing.* By Wilkins Tannehill. *Nashville, Tenn.* Printed by John T. S. Fall, Ben Franklin Book & Job Office, College street. 1848." †

"An Address delivered on the 27th Dec., 1847, before the Masonic Fraternity of the City of Tallahassee (Fla.), on the occasion of the installation of the officers of Jackson Lodge, No. 1. By Rev. E. L. T. Blake, Chaplain of the G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Florida. Printed by order of Jackson Lodge, No. 1. *Tallahassee.* Office of the Floridian. Printed by Sibley & Dyke. 1848. 8vo., pp. 8. (In the Archives of the G. L. of Fla.)

*Addresses.*—Benjamin B. French, at Washington, D. C., February 1.

M. Furnell, to Provincial G. L. of North Munster, Ireland, May 3.

Absalom Death, at Columbus, Ohio, September 16.

B. F. Myers, Columbus, Ind., June 24.

M. T. Hunter, Kingston, C. W.

Nathan B. Haswell, to G. L. of Vermont, January 13.

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* *Cat.* No, 88.—Dove is also the author of the *Royal Arch Text Book. Richmond.* 1853. 8vo., pp. viii, 312 (*Cat.*, No. 90), and various other productions. With Town, C. W. Moore, and Tucker, he is one of the few intellectual lights remaining whose beams are now illuminating the *third generation.*

† *Vol.* 1, pp. 384; July, 1847; *Vol.* 2, pp. 386, July, 1848.

M. M. Henkle, Nashville, Tenn., June 26.
William B. Thrall, to G. L. of Ohio, October 19.
Samuel Reed, to G. L. of Ohio, October 22.
Felix G. Norman, to G. L. of Alabama, December 6.
A. S. Nicholson, to G. L. of Alabama, December 9.
Salem Town, to G. R. A. Chapter of New York, first Tuesday in February.
John D. Willard, to G. L. of New York, first Tuesday in June.
E. M. Nichol, Jackson, Tenn., December 27.

## THE FIFTY-SIXTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August* 28 *to Sept.* 1, 1848.

Sixty-seven lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master, (James H. Daviess,) addressed the Grand Lodge, deprecating, in forcible terms, that low view of Grand Lodge labors, too prevalent in the State, which limits them to collecting funds, and improving By-Laws; beseeching his Brethren present to remember, that the primary objects of a Grand Lodge organization are, *to instruct the subordinates*, examine their reports, and see that their work is according to the ancient landmarks. He advised that the membership be kept to a strict attention to the moral and spiritual designs of the Order, and thoroughly instructed in the lectures. To secure this latter requisition, he suggested that examinations of candidates for advancement, be made in open lodge, and that the ballot be spread upon the question of qualifications *after such ballot is taken*. He recommends the appointment, in each lodge, of a Committee of three, whose duty it should be to report to the next Session of the Grand Lodge, the moral condition of their lodge, the number of those who are in the habit of profane swearing, or any other gross immorality, and their opinion as to the moral improvement of the lodge during the past year. In relation to the duty of the Grand Lodge as an instructor, he advises that four Grand Lecturers be appointed, to receive an adequate compensation, and to visit and instruct each subordinate lodge once a year. He advises a reduction of the fees established in the subordinate lodges, to five dollars for each degree. He has granted Dispensations for seventeen lodges, U. D., and advises an increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary.

A new set of Collars and Jewels was purchased by the G. L., at the cost of $61.00.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, John W. Finnell, Philip Swigert, and A. G. Hodges, report, through eighteen pages, digesting the published Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Maryland, Texas, La., Florida, Alabama, Michigan, N. Carolina, Vermont, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Mississippi, Tennessee, Illinois, Massachusetts, Virginia, Georgia, Ohio, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Missouri, and Arkansas, and republishing entire, the "Constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge for the United States of America, adopted at a meeting of the delegates of the several Grand Lodges of the United States, held at Baltimore, on the 23d and 24th September, 1847," but without recommending its adoption by the G. L. of Kentucky. They also publish the Address which accompanies said proposed Draft of a Constitution, signed by Charles Gilman, Daniel A. Piper, Isaac Northrop, Lemuel Develle, and Joseph Robinson.

Cornelius Moore, publisher of the Masonic Review, at Cincinnati, Ohio, was introduced to the Grand Lodge, and assigned an appropriate seat.

A form of Master Mason's Diploma, handsomely engraved on steel, and published by S. K. Grant, of Louisville, was approved by the Grand Lodge, and recommended to the subordinates for adoption.

The Eleventh Rule was adopted at this Session, on the motion of J. P. McGlaughlin. (*Ed.* 1855.)

Ordered, that the subordinate lodges have permission to use *Tannehill's Manual*, Edition of 1845, published by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, in addition to the present lights of Masonry.

*The Craftsman*, published by Cornelius Moore, at Cincinnati, Ohio, was recommended to the Fraternity by the Grand Lodge, as a work of much merit, a very excellent pocket companion, and of great utility in conferring degrees by the lodges. The *Masonic Review*, by the same, was also recommended as a needful periodical, containing a large amount of excellent matter in a convenient form.

The Annual Oration was delivered at the McChord Church, by W. S. Downey, G. Orator; a copy was ordered to be published.

The Second Section of Art. xliii, was established, in its present form, at the instance of E. C. Purdy. (*Ed.* 1855.)

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 19, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 172, 173, 174, and 175. (See Historical Roll of Lodges.)

The Committee on Education make an elaborate Report, in relation to the Fourth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Masonic College. The finances of the Institution had been straitened, owing to the withdrawal of scholarship on the part

of eighteen of the subordinates, and to a reduction in the pupilage of the School. It had, consequently, become imperatively necessary, that the G. L. should take some steps to relieve it. The number of students was reduced to one hundred and twenty-nine, representing eight different States. The conduct of the students, in general, had been good. The President, J. R. Finley, had resigned, and, as yet, a successor had not been secured. The Board of Trustees consisted of Wm. D. Mitchell, Dempsey Carroll, Philip Swigert, A. M. Gazley, and Willis Stewart.

The Committee on Work, consisting of William D. Mitchell, Willis Stewart, Dempsey Carroll, John D. McClure, and W. F. Hopkins, offer various suggestions, which were adopted by the Grand Lodge. Setting out with an acknowledgement of the many and peculiar difficulties which surround the entire subject, they are yet impressed with its paramount importance in a Grand Lodge relation, and propose that a Committee of Ten well-skilled Masons be raised, one from each Congressional District, to assemble at Frankfort, on the first Monday in January, and work together, until they shall assimilate their work as near as may be. They should then convoke the Masters, or Representatives of the lodges, in their respective Districts, at some convenient point, and proceed to give instruction, according to the work previously agreed upon. The necessary expenses of the whole to be borne by the Grand Lodge.

The Committee of Ten was composed of Wm. D. Mitchell, Marcus M. Tyler, B. J. Hinton, A. W. Graham, W. B. Allen, Bryan R. Young, Lewis Landrum, Henry Wingate, Richard Apperson, and Thomas Ware.

The Committee on Finance propose certain important views in relation to the payment of the expenses of delegates. They set out by stating the number of subordinate lodges as 123, of which 114 had made Returns the present year. These exhibit an aggregate of 3470 paying members, and 875 Initiations the past year. The aggregate of distances from the subordinate lodges to Lexington, was 14,352 miles. The deductions from these data, are that the expense to the G. L. for mileage and per diem the present year, estimating ten cents for the former, and $1 per day for the latter, would amount to $1,875.20. The Committee could not advise the system of paying representatives, but the G. L. adopting their data set aside their conclusions, and *Resolved* that to the representative of each lodge actually represented in this G. Lodge at each Communication thereof, shall be allowed five cents per mile from the location of the subordinate lodge to the place of meeting of the G. L., coming and going, measured by the nearest route. (This resolution was originally submitted by C. R. Wintersmith).

The 19th Constitutional Rule was established as published in the Edition of 1855, assessing an annual tax of 75 cents for every member and $1,50 for every Initiation; to which was added the rule that no representative should be entitled to pay while his lodge was in arrears to the G. L. (This was on motion of John Dougherty).

Ordered that members who vacate their seats before the close of a Session shall forfeit their mileage.

The 17th Rule (*Ed.* 1855) was adopted at the instance of W. S. Chipley.

The Revenue of the G. Lodge was $2,778.00. One hundred and twenty-three lodges were on the Rolls.

The decision of Lodge No. 103 in refusing to admit a blind man, made a Mason in Mississippi, as a visitor, was approbated by the Grand Lodge.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Ky. A. G. Hodges & Co., printers, 1848.) 8vo., pp. 150.

### Cotemporary Events of 1848.

*July* 4.—The corner-stone of the National Washington Monument, at Washington, D. C., was laid.

*October* 25.—The corner-stone of the Masonic Hall, at Indianapolis, Indiana, was laid.

*January* 5.—The Grand Encampment of Kentucky assembled at Frankfort; five encampments represented. Rules of Order for the Grand Encampment were adopted. The following Sir Knights were elected to office:

Henry Wingate, G. M.
Nathaniel A. Hardy, D. G. M.
Joseph A. Peters, G. Glo.
John F. Leavy, G. C. G.
Solo. K. Grant, G. Prel.
Boone Railey, S. G. W.
Jacob Owen, J. G. W.
Philip Swigert, G. Rec.
Thomas C. Orear, G. Tr.
Isaac Cunningham, G. St. B.
John McCracken, G. Sw. B.
Thos. U. Kinkead, G. War.
Daniel Epperson, G. Sent.

The memberships of four encampments were reported at 99 Sir Knights.

### Masonic Literature of 1848.

"HOPE ON, HOPE EVER." *The Masonic Signet* and Literary Mirror; published monthly, by J. W. S. Mitchell, P. G. M., volume 1. *Masonic Tree.* "Its root is *truth*, its trunk is *virtue*, its branches *benevolence*, its bloom *love*, and its fruit *religion*." *St. Louis*, (Mo.) T. W.

Ustick, printer, 59 Main street, 1849, monthly. Vol. 1 commmenced May, 1848, 40 pp. per No.; vol. 2, June, 1849, 56 pp. per No.; vols. 3 and 4, May, 1850, 64 pp. per No.; vols. 5 and 6, May, 1851, 74 pp. per No.; vols. 7 and 8, May, 1852, 64 pp. per No. It was then removed to Montgomery, Ala., where it was continued for a short time.

*Freemasons' Calendar*, A. D. 1848, A. L. 5848. Containing Lists of the Lodges, etc., of Ireland, with the traditional and authenticated History of the Order, Lodges, etc., etc., compiled by the Ill.·. Brother M. Furnell, Prov. G. M. of North Munster, etc. *Dublin*, etc., 1848. 18mo., pp. 132. *

*Addresses.*—William Mercer Wilson, at St. Catharines, Canada, October 30.

Charles B. New, at Port Gibson, Miss., December, 27.

B. B. Killikelly, at Logansport, Ind., June 24.

Elizur Deming, at Indianapolis, Ind., October 25.

Benj. B. French, at Washington, D. C., July 4.

Giles F. Yates, at New Haven, Ct., July 4.

W. Carey Crane, at Vicksburg, Miss., August 26.

——— Raper, at Columbus, O., September 28.

Simon W. Robinson, at Boston, Mass., December 27.

Edward A. Raymond, at Boston, Mass., December 27.

J. M. Lovejoy, to Grand Lodge of N. C., December.

William F. Collins, to Grand Lodge of N. C., December.

William Wade, Cayuga, N. Y., January 3.

D. A. Ogden, Geneva, N. Y., June.

Philip C. Tucker, Burlington, Vt., January 12.

Benjamin S. Tappan, Natchez, Miss., February 22.

Smith Lee, Detroit, Michigan, January 12.

Ansel Humphreys, Dubuque, Iowa, June 6.

Joshua Barney, to the G. L. of Iowa, June 8.

Alfred S. Waugh, Jackson, Mo., June 24.

Harman G. Reynolds, Cambridge, Ill., December 7.

Salem Town, Auburn N. Y., October 10.

William Lavley, to G. L. of Ill., October 2.

Rufus Greene, to G. L. of Ala., December 4.

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* (*Cat.* No. 475). I have also the Editions for 1856, and 1857, bound in same volume.

## THE FIFTY-SEVENTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 27 to 30, 1849.*

Lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master (Charles Tilden) delivered the opening address. He had granted Dispensations to twelve lodges, U. D., and to various persons going to California, and elsewhere. Desiring to spread the principles of Masonry in that far-off clime, he had authorized the conferring of degrees without the usual delay of one month. A Convention of Grand Lecturers had met under his auspices, J. M. S. McCorkle, being substituted in place of Wm. B. Allen, and Charles R. Wintersmith in place of Bryan R. Young. They had labored in instructing the lodges with zeal and ability. He recommended the continuance of the same Committee, and upon the same plan. The prospects of the Masonic College were flattering, and he endeavors to impress forcibly upon the Grand Lodge the importance of sustaining the enterprise generally. He alludes to the difficulties that had arisen in the Masonic jurisdiction of New York and Louisiana, with deep regret; conceives that the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the U. States would advance the cause of Masonry, and concludes by adverting with peculiar pleasure to the prosperous condition of the Craft in Kentucky.

Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer of Ohio, and a Mason of much illumination and experience, was introduced and assigned a seat in the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Work, appointed last year, reported that they assembled at Frankfort, as ordered, ascertained a mode of work which met the approbation of the Grand Master, and had communicated it generally throughout the State. It had received favor with the Fraternity. The Committee was convinced of the practicability of that plan of instruction, and recommended its continuance; the Committee was accordingly continued until the next Session.

The death of William Cardwell, Past Grand Treasurer, was beautifully alluded to. His virtue, brotherly love, truth, temperance, fortitude, benevolence and charity, had, it was declared, endeared him to the Fraternity, and exhibited him as a bright exemplar of all the virtues of the Order. The Grand Lodge adopted a suitable testimonial.

The 60th Article of the Constitutional Rules was established in its present form. (*Ed.* 1855.)

Great diversity of opinion and recollection being found to exist among those who had attended upon the Lectures of

the Committee on Work, as to what system of work was actually agreed upon, the Chairman of the Committee (W. D. Mitchell) was instructed to exemplify the work before the G. Lodge. This being done the Committee was instructed to withhold any further communication of the work, as agreed upon by them, from the subordinate lodges, until the result of their labors shall be laid before the next G. Annual Communication for their approval. This was a death blow to the whole plan, and the last effort ever made in the G. L. of Ky., to establish uniformity of work.

The receipt of a copy of Brother John Dove's *Masonic Text-Book*, was acknowledged by the G. L., and his plan of establishing uniformity in Text-Books referred to a Committee to report next year.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188 and 189.—(*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*) No. 184 was reprehended by the Committee for burying a Fellow Craft with Masonic honors.

The Committee on Education, J. L. Kemp, Geo. Green, Jr., and W. H. Forsythe, report their satisfaction at the prosperous state of the Masonic College. The Trustees of the College itself, however, are not so sanguine. Without additional aid, they say, the Institution can not sustain itself. The heavy expense of maintaining beneficiaries was sapping its vitals. They apprehend that any disaster to the College would be a blow stricken at Masonry itself, and urge the subject upon the attention of the G. L. Prof. Ruter was the acting President. The number of students was eighty-one, of whom sixteen were beneficiaries. The appropriations to the College, on behalf of the G. Lodge, were increased $400, this year.

A Master's Diploma, got up by G. T. Jones, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was recommended by the Grand Lodge as embodying in its embellishments great excellence of design and beauty of execution.

An appropriation of one hundred dollars was made to Daniel Bradford, Past Grand Master, one of the fathers of Masonry in Kentucky, who was represented to be in very indigent circumstances.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Philip Swigert, A. G. Hodges and John W. Finnell, report, through twenty-six pages, examining the Proceedings of La., Miss., Ind., Vt., N. C., Va., Ill., Geo., Mich., Md., Tenn., D. C., R. I., N. J., Fla., Ark., Ohio, Io., N. H., S. C., Mo., Me., Ala. and N. Y. Much space is given to New York, whose case had excited the active sympathy of the Committee. The difficulties in Louisiana were also deemed worthy of serious attention. No Resolutions for the adoption of the G. L., however, are appended.

The Grand Lodge revenue from dues, etc., was $4,847.86.

One hundred and thirty-nine lodges are on the Rolls. The number of lodges that rendered full returns was 125. The aggregate of their membership was 4,385. This gives for the whole jurisdiction 4,876 members. The population of the State of Kentucky in 1850 being 761,000; the ratio of population to a lodge is 5,474; and of persons to each Mason, 177.

(*Imprint.*— Frankfort, Ky., A. G. Hodges & Co., Printers, 1849.) 8vo., pp. 160.

### Cotemporary Events of 1849.

*January* 3.—The Grand Encampment of Kentucky assembled at Frankfort. Five encampments were represented. An excellent Address, referring the Sir Knights to the inimitable precepts of the Order, was delivered by the G. Master Wingate, and ordered to Record. The death of Nathaniel Hardy was announced. An official Seal was ordered. The following Sir Knights were elected to office:

Joseph A. Peters, G. M.
Sol. K. Grant, D. G. M.
David S. Goodloe, G. Glo.
Boone Railey, G. C. G.
Robert M. Hathaway, G. Prel.
Ezekiel H. Field, S. G. W.
Jacob Owen, J. G. W.
Philip Swigert, G. Rec.
A. G. Hodges, G. Treas.
John M'Cracken, G. St. B.
Wm. F. Colston, G. Sw. B.
Thos. U. Kinkead, G. Warden.
Daniel Epperson, G. Sen.

An encampment had been established at Hopkinsville. The memberships of five Encampments were reported at 138 Sir Knights.

*June* 5.—The Third Masonic schism in New York. This unfortunate breach in the Temple walls, which remained open nine years, and in its discussion called forth a library of Pamphlets and Reports, may most readily be explained by reference to the differences of the Grand Lodge of New York in 1823, 1827 and 1836 successively.

As early as 1800,* the country lodges began to make complaints that their distance from the city of New York, where the G. L. held its Sessions, was an almost insuperable bar to representation, save by the proxy system, which all experience

* I take these facts from an Address by James Herring, delivered Dec. 7, 1857, at New York.

then and since has proved to be little better than no representation at all. In 1814, these complaints led to the establishment of two Grand Visitors appointed to visit the rural lodges, instruct their members and collect G. L. dues. In 1819, the number was proposed to be increased to eighteen; which project, by union among the city lodges, was indeed defeated, but at the expense of so much good feeling as, in 1823, to lead to the first schism—the *city* against the *country* lodges. *Two Grand Lodges* were maintained until 1827, when they coalesced into one. In 1836, a small portion went off and formed themselves into a body styled "The St. John's Grand Lodge," the respectable portion of which returned again in 1850. The root of bitterness—the contention between city and country—remained. As, according to an usage prevailing extensively during the last generation, every Past Master was a member *ad vitam* of the G. L., all power rested in the hands of the metropolitan members, who, by a few hours industrious efforts, could collect hundreds of Past Masters, and thus vote in or vote out any proposition they pleased. To lessen this influence the Constitution of the G. L. was amended by a strictly sectional vote, and Past Masters were deprived of a privilege merely conventional in its character, and which had led to so much trouble. On the 5th day of June, at the opening of the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Master (Willard) announced the results of the action of the lodges upon the proposed change of Constitution, a scene was witnessed in the G. L. which is unprecedented in Masonic history, and whose details shall not stain our pages. The legitimate officers were treated with violence and contumely; the money in the Grand Secretary's hands forcibly seized, and a schismatic Grand Lodge established, upon revolutionary principles, on the spot. This body, styling itself the Grand Lodge of New York, remained in existence in 1858, denounced by every legitimate Grand Lodge in the world as irregular and clandestine,* feeble in the number of its lodges and members, devoid of all influence, a standing monument of the abhorrence all good Masons feel toward schismatic bodies in the Ancient Craft. We conclude this subject with a quotation from the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the same year, to the G. L. of Kentucky:

"We can not find language sufficiently strong in which to clothe our feelings of scorn and contempt for those who have thus, with premeditation, sought to bring our Order into disrepute. It is not necessary to go back to the questions of the power of a Grand Lodge to amend its Constitution. No sane man will deny that power, and no argument adduced in the controversy so clearly and satisfactorily establishes the propriety and justice of such amendments in New York, as that offered

* The course taken by Pennsylvania in relation to this question was undecided.

by the Past Masters themselves in their late notorious, disorderly, and shameful disregard of all Masonic duty and precept.

"We congratulate the Grand Lodge of New York, not only upon the adoption of what we deem a salutary Constitutional Amendment, but upon the first fruits of that Amendment; and we trust and believe they will be sustained in their course, and will receive the approving smiles and good wishes of every true Mason in the land."

## Masonic Literature of 1849.

"*The Freemasons' Monitor*, containing a Delineation of the Fundamental Principles of Freemasonry, Operative and Speculative, as well in a Religious as a Moral view. With Explanations and Plates of all the Emblems of the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch Mason, Royal Master, Select Master's Degree, and Order of Priesthood. Compiled and Arranged from the most approved Writers. With Additions, Notes and Remarks; also, Charges and Songs. By Z. A. Davis, late P. M. of Lafayette Lodge, No. 71; P. H. P. of Columbia H. R. A. Chapter, No. 91, of Philadelphia. Embellished with a correct likeness of Joseph R. Chandler, Esq., P. G. M. and P. G. H. P. of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania. *Philadelphia.* R. Wilson Desilver, etc. etc., 1849." 8vo., pp. xii: 312. (*Cat.*, No. 212.) *Edition.—Philadelphia*, 1850. (*Cat.*, No. 84.)

"*The Analogy* of Ancient Craft Masonry to Natural and Revealed Religion. By Charles Scott, A. M., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi. 'Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Come and see.' *Philadelphia*, (Pa.) Grigg, Elliott & Co., 1849." 8vo., pp. 396.*

"Hanbuck fur den Freimanrer, oder der Hieroglyphen-Deuter.

"Enthaltend: treue Erklarungen der Symbole des Lehrlings, Gesellen und Meister Grades.

"Bersabt und frei nach dem Englischen bearbestet und den Mitgliedern der Zions-Loge, Nr. 147, gewidmet, von Theodor Schwartz, gewesenem Meister der Zions-Loge.

"*Louisville*, (Ky.,) 1849." 12mo., pp. 141. (*Cat.*, No. 119.)

*Addresses.*—Frank Gamewell, at Jackson, Tenn., September 5.
J. P. Wendell, at Clarksville, Tenn., December 27.
J. George Wallace, at Marysville, Tenn., October 18.
Benjamin B. French, at Washington, D. C., February 7.
Charles S. Frailey, at Washington, D. C., February 7.
John Gedge, to G. L. of Louisiana, February 8.
Benjamin Huntoon, at Newburyport, Mass., June 26.
Elizur Deming, to G. L. of Indiana, May 28.
Edward C. Dromgoole, at Lawrenceville, Va., September 22.
R. J. Morrison, at Lawrenceville, Va., September 22.
Matthew Magill, at London, Canada West, June 25.
Philip C. Tucker, at Keesville, N. Y., September 28.
C. A. H. Mitchell, at Ocala, Florida, June 24.
John Gedge, New Orleans, La., February 8.

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* (*Cat.*, No. 110.) A work of uncommon merit which at once built up the author's reputation. It is largely quoted by Dr. Oliver in his *Symbolical Dictionary*.

Philip C. Tucker, Burlington, Vt., January 10.
Joseph R. Chandler, Washington City, D. C., December 27.
E. H. Hatcher, Nashville, Tenn., October 4.
Ansel Humphreys, Burlington, Iowa, June 5.
Michael Z. Kreider, to G. L. of Missouri, October 15.
J. W. S. Mitchell, Cape Girardeau, Mo., June 23.
Joseph Foster, to G. L. of Missouri, May.
J. F. Wayland, St. Francisville, Mo., December 27.
William R. Smith, Platteville, Wis., June 24.
Benjamin B. French, Portland, Me., June 26.
Rufus Greene, to G. L. of Alabama, December 7.

A resumè of the period embraced in the fourth decennial of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, presents but few subjects but what are gratifying to the heart of the Mason. Prosperity reigned in every jurisdiction. One by one, the evil influences derived from the last generation had passed away; the power of prejudice was broken; the love of novelty, inherent in every breast, the desire to share in the honors and benefits of an association, which had so well resisted the attacks of its enemies, and, most of all, an admiration for the principles of Masonry, prompted thousands to knock at the lodge doors. The statistics of 1850, are not sufficiently written up to enable us to express ourselves in figures, but every assurance may be had, that Freemasonry at that time, was numerically and morally strong, and that the foundations were laid for a prosperity scarcely paralleled in its history.

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*Section Sixth.—From* 1850 *to* 1858.*

## THE FORTY-EIGHTH GRAND COMMUNICATION.

*At Lexington, August* 26 *to* 30, 1850.

Eighty lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master (John D. M'Clure) reported that he had granted Dispensations to twenty-one lodges, U. D.

The Committee to whom was referred Bro. John Dove's plan of uniformity in Text Books, reported adversely to the plan. This Committee consisted of H. Wingate, A. G. Hodges, and John W. Finnell.

The Annual Oration was delivered in the Grand Lodge Hall by E. S. Craig, Grand Orator. It was published and inserted in the Proceedings.

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*I have not thought it necessary to give the details of Grand Lodge legislation for this period at minute length. So large a number of the printed Proceedings are now, annually, disseminated among the lodges, as to render the facts accessible to all.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, and 209. (*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, (Charles Tilden, E. S. Craig, and G. Gates,) report hastily through four pages. No analysis of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges is given.

A Committee was appointed, consisting of Henry Wingate, Philip Swigert, and A. G. Hodges, to procure and forward to the National Washington Monument, at Washington City, a block of Kentucky marble, with suitable emblems and inscriptions.

A Committee appointed last year in relation to a plan proposed for a General Grand Lodge, reported strongly against its legality and policy (Henry Hudson.)

The Committee on Work exemplified the Three Degrees of Masonry before the Grand Lodge, as agreed upon by the Committee of Work in 1848.

The Grand Lodge, having information that some of the subordinate lodges had adopted a beneficiary system embracing weekly benefits, etc., in the disposition of their charities, according to a system then much in vogue in other secret associations, disapproved the practice, and ordered each lodge to send up a copy of its By-Laws at the next Session, that they might be examined with reference to this innovation.

A Select Committee of Three was appointed, consisting of J. H. Daviess, W. A. Cunningham, and J. L. Kemp, to report the most suitable and available plan for supporting and educating the daughters of poor deceased Master Masons.

The Committee on Education (J. L. Kemp, S. D. Mitchell, and E. S. Craig,) report, in brief, in consequence of the prevalence of cholera on the rivers and at La Grange, the progress of the College had been greatly impeded. The Trustees had adopted the *Kentucky School of Medicine* at Louisville as the Medical Department of the University. The Catalogue of Pupils embraced 72 names,—20 of whom were beneficiaries, whose entire expenses, except clothes and books, were paid by the Trustees.

The following Standing Resolutions were adopted at this Session: No. 19, proposed by Charles Tilden; No. 20, by Thomas Todd; No. 21, by W. A. Cunningham; No. 22, by H. Hudson; No. 23, by W. A. Cunningham. (*Edition*, 1855.)

A further appropriation of one hundred dollars was made to P. G. M. Daniel Bradford.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Ky. A. G. Hodges, Printers, 1850.) 8vo., pp. 139.

## Cotemporary Events of 1850.

*November* 15.—**Proc. G. L. of Canada West.**—(Folio, pp. 4.) The funeral obsequies of Richard Watson, Past G. Secretary, performed. Committee appointed to establish a uniform system of working. Memorial to the G. L. of England, asking additional power and extended authority to this Provincial Grand Lodge.

*April* 11.—Grand Lodge of California was organized.

*September* 10.—The Eleventh Convocation of the General Grand Encampment, and the Thirteenth of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, was held at Boston, Massachusetts.

*July* 4.—Corner-stone of Masonic Hall at Pittsburg, Pa., was laid.

*December* 27.—Union between the Grand Lodge of New York and schismatic "St. John's" Grand Lodge. This was consummated in Tripler Hall with much eclat, the lodges subordinate to "St. John's Grand Lodge," together with all their members, being recognized as regular, and the lodges put on the Registry of the G. L. as such. Equal rank was given to their Grand Officers and P. G. Officers as Past Grand Officers in the G. L. of New York.

*June* 24.—The Grand Encampment of Kentucky assembled at Versailles. Six encampments represented. The Seal adopted since last year is thus described. *Device*: Swords crossed beneath a Triangle; the All-Seeing Eye and Suspended Cross. *Inscription:* "Grand Encampment of Kentucky, I. N. R. I., 1848."

The following Sir Knights were elected to office:

Sol. K. Grant, G. M.
David S. Goodloe, D. G. M.
Boone Railey, G. Glo.
S. F. J. Trabue, G. C. G.
Ezekiel H. Field, G. Prel.
Jacob Owen, S. G. W.
Thomas J. Hawks, J. G. W.
Philip Swigert, G. Rec.
John M'Cracken, G. Treas.
William C. Keas, G. St. B.
Thomas U. Kinkead, G. Sw. B.
Joseph D. Helm, G. W.
Daniel Epperson, G. Sent.

The membership of six encampments were reported at 151 Sir Knights.

*September* 5.—Hiram Lodge, No. 1, at New Haven, Ct., held its Centennial Anniversary.

## Masonic Literature of 1850.

"*The New Masonic Trestle-Board*, adapted to the Work and Lectures as practiced in the Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Encampments of Knights Templars in the United States of America. By Charles W. Moore, Editor of The Freemasons' Monthly Magazine. *Stereotype Edition. Boston*, (Ms.) Published by Charles W. Moore, at the office of The Freemasons' Magazine, 21 School street. Tuttle & Dennett, Printers, 1850. 12mo. *Part First*, pp. viii, 98. *Part Second*, pp. 104."*

"*The Masonic Union:* a Monthly Magazine. Finlay M. King, Editor. 'Masonry claims no attributes but those which are calculated to elevate man, purify his morals, chasten his ambition, enlighten his understanding, and make him more kind, more charitable, a better citizen, and a more generous friend'.—EDITOR. *Auburn, N. Y.* Printed at the office of the Cayuga New Era, 1850-51."†

"*Masonic Fragments*, to which is prefixed a Calendar, for the Province of Worcestershire, and Statistics of Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, holding Warrants under the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England. Compiled by Brother Nicholas William Hodges, Provincial Grand Secretary for Worcestershire, etc., etc. *London.* Brother R. Spencer. 304 High Holborne, etc., etc. 1850. 12mo., pp. viii, 82."‡

*Addresses.*—Virgil M. Dubose, Marshal, Texas, December 27, pp. 16.

Benjamin Huntoon, at New Haven, Conn., September 5.
John D. Willard, to G. L. of New York, June 4.
Thomas J. Campbell, Jr., at Athens, Tenn., February 22.
Joseph Crawford, to G. L. of Tennessee, October.
Benjamin B. French, to G. L. of D. C., November 5.
Lucius R. Page, to G. L. of Massachusetts, December 27.
J. Brinkerhoff, Mansfield, Ohio, June 24.
John D. Willard, New York, June 4.
William H. Goodwin, Auburn, New York, June 24.
William H. Milnor, New York, December 27.
Philip C. Tucker, Burlington, Vermont, Jan. 9.
B. B. French, Washington City, D. C., November 5.
Ansel Humphreys, Keokuk, Iowa, June 4.
John F. Ryland, to G. L. of Missouri, May 6.
Charles E. Dodge, Upper Alton, Ill., June 24.
Samuel Reed, Columbus, Ohio, February 18.
Stephen A. Mealy, Zanesville, Ohio, June 7.
Geo. M. Patrick, to G. L. of Texas, January 21.
David Clopton, to G. L. of Alabama, December 5.
William C. Hobbs, to G. L. of Illinois, February 10.

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* *Cat.* No. 82. I have the *Second Edition. Boston*, 1846. Comprising three Degrees only. 12mo., pp. 112. (*Cat.* No. 190.) Title, *The Masonic Trestle-Board.*

† *Vol.* 1, pp. 368, June, 1850; *Vol.* 2, pp. 384, July, 1851; *Vol.* 3, pp. 384, July, 1852; *Vol.* 4, pp. 386, July, 1853; *Vol.* 5, was blended with the Masonic Register and published at New York.

‡ *Cat.* No. 477.

## THE FIFTY-NINTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 25 to 28, 1851.*

One hundred and three lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master, (J. M. S. McCorkle,) addressed the Grand Lodge briefly, but with elegance and propriety. Alluding to the establishment of the G. L. of Kentucky fifty years before, he described the Fraternity of that period as a small and feeble band of Brothers, who put their hands boldly to the work, believing that they would thereby greatly extend the benefits of the Institution, and perpetuate its principles. The condition of Kentucky, whose settlements extended, at that period, only to Green River on the west, was almost that of a wilderness; the broad territories to the north and west, were yet an unbroken forest. Now the busy hum of industry has succeded the sounds of savage life, and the land teems with inhabitants; this Grand Lodge, which, at its inception, had but *five* subordinates, is now the governor of *one hundred and eighty*. He alludes to the late severe vicissitudes, through which the Institution had passed, as a means by which it had, in reality, been purified. He believes that a higher tone of moral feeling pervades it, that its duties are better understood, and that it has become more magnificent in architectural outline, than ever before. He had granted Dispensations to twenty-one lodges, U. D., and convened a Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge, June 16th last, at Louisville, to lay the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple in that city. In conclusion, he alludes to the death of the Grand Tyler, George P. Richardson, as a wise Dispensation from the Grand Master of the Universe, and deduces a beautiful moral therefrom.

The Committee on the Masonic College, Charles G. Wintersmith, Isaac Cunningham, Thomas Todd, and James L. Allen, report at great length. The whole number of beneficiaries sustained at the Institution, had been forty-six. The enterprise was in a bad way. The accounts had been loosely kept, but enough was known, to show that it was largely in arrears. Should the G. L. resign the College, they would be liable for $9,727.71, of the original "Funk Bequest." The Report of the Secretary and Treasurer, accompanying that of the Committee, gives a historical account of the enterprise, commencing with the death of William M. Funk, 1841, embraces all the details of subscriptions, donations, moneys received for tuition, moneys paid, catalogues of pupils, etc., the deductions of which are, that the immediate liabilities of the College were $5,647.01, for which the means available for their liquidation, were but $711.50. The unavailable means amounted to $7,930.70, of

which about one-half was for scholarships sold, but uncollected. The Grand Lodge, at the instance of J. M. S. McCorkle, authorized a Committee to sell its interest in that portion of the property at La Grange, styled the "Mack" and "Barbour" property. The Trustees of the College were instructed to retain one Teacher only. The G. L. forcibly declared its resolution, to resist the payment of any debt incurred in relation to this enterprise, to which it was not legally bound, and authorized the canceling of all bonds, etc., given for scholarships.

The Grand Lodge, upon the suggestion of the Grand Master, adopted suitable testimonials relative to the death of George P. Richardson, Grand Tyler.

The Committee appointed at the last Session to procure and forward a block to the Washington Monument, reported they had selected a block of the light variegated marble from the Kentucky River. The emblems placed upon it were the Book of Constitutions, guarded by the Tyler's Sword, in the center, the Five Points of Fellowship on the right, and the Square and Compasses on the left: under the whole, in raised letters, "By the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. To the Memory of Washington, the Christian Mason." The whole cost of the block, including freight to Baltimore, was $181.27; and $75 was forwarded to the Association to defray the expense of removing to, and elevating it upon the Monument.

The following Rules were adopted at this Session, viz.:— No. 17, of the Rules of Order, on the motion of Charles G. Wintersmith; No. 24, of the Standing Resolutions, by Harvey T. Wilson; Art. lxi: Sec. 2, by Bro. Sandford. (*Edition*, 1855.)

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence (W. M. O. Smith and W. S. Chipley) report through ten pages, and conclude with a series of Resolutions, the first ever proposed to the Grand Lodge by this Committee. No analysis of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, as such, is given, but much space bestowed upon the Masonic disturbances in Louisiana and New York. The following is a synopsis of the appended Resolutions as adopted:

1. The Grand Lodge recognizes the authority of the different Grand Lodges in the United States over the jurisdictions claimed by them, respectively, and decided that no other body may lawfully interfere or conflict with them.

2. The Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, of the 33d Degree of the Scottish Rite, has no right to constitute Symbolic lodges in Louisiana.

3. Not even though they are called "lodges of the Scottish Rite."

4. Such lodges, and members made therein, are *illegal and not to be recognized.*

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, and 227. (*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

The Annual Oration was delivered by W. M. O. Smith, Grand Orator, was published, and is appended to the Proceedings.

D. L. Russell, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, was introduced to the Grand Lodge. By request, he communicated to the Grand Lodge important information in reference to a particular point in the Third Degree of Masonry.

The *Freemasons' Manual*, by E. K. Stewart, of Philadelphia, Pa., and The Masonic Carpet, by John Sherer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, were, severally, examined by a Committee of Past Grand Masters, and recommended to the patronage of the Fraternity.

The Grand Treasurer was authorized to subscribe for fifty shares of Stock in the Masonic Hall at Louisville.

A further sum of one hundred dollars was appropriated for the benefit of Past Grand Master Daniel Bradford.

A Communication was received from George Headley, jr., Attorney for William Williams, of Cincinnati, Ohio, stating that the sum of three hundred and one dollars and fifty cents had been donated to this lodge by an English Brother, *whose name was concealed*, with directions that $250 of the amount should be appropriated to the Charity Fund of such subordinate lodges as might stand in need. This Fund was appropriated in 1858 to the orphan children of Past Grand Master John D. M'Clure, deceased.

176 lodges were on the Rolls.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Ky.: A. G. Hodges, & Co., Printers, 1851.) 8vo., pp. 184.

## Cotemporary Events of 1851.

*February* 11.—Circular from Union Lodge, Panama, Central America.—An Appeal to the Masons of Texas for pecuniary aid, in view of the great demands from wayfaring Brothers crossing the Isthmus. This enterprise was conceived by George Fisher.

*August* 16.—The Grand Lodge of Oregon was organized.

*May* 11.—William Page, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of D. C., fell dead while lecturing in the lodge at Alexandria.

*June* 20.—Austin W. Morris, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Indiana, died.

*July* 4.—The corner-stone of the Capitol enlargement at Washington, D. C., was laid.

*September* 2.—The corner-stone of the Masonic Hall at Detroit, Mich., was laid.

*September* 30.—The remains of Stephen Girard were removed and reïnterred in Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa.

*June* 16.—The corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Louisville, Ky., laid with magnificent ceremonies.

The earliest idea of this chaste and beautiful monument of Masonic enterprise grew out of that fundamental principle of Freemasonry—*Charity*. It was that by union of effort and purse the Masonic Fraternity of Louisville might establish a generous fund for the widow, orphan, and transient Brother, more permanent and certain in its yield than the current benefactions of the Craft.

The ceremony was accompanied with an Address from J. H. Linn. The dimensions of the edifice are, front on Fourth street, 210 feet; on Green and Jefferson streets, 75 feet. The height is 80 feet, divided into three stories. The rooms for lodges, chapters, councils, encampments, and consistory are very lofty and commodious, while the Grand Concert Hall is one of the largest and most magnificent in the Mississippi Valley. The edifice was completed in 1857, but not yet dedicated. Its entire cost was about $150,000.

*January* 13.—The Grand Encampment of Kentucky assembled at Frankfort. Five encampments were represented.

A good Address of the Grand Master, (Grant,) appears on the Record. The following Sir Knights were elected to office:

D. S. Goodloe, G. M.
Boone Railey, D. G. M.
E. H. Field, G. Glo.
Jacob Owen, G. C. G.
Wright Merrick, G. Prel.
Thomas Todd, S. G. W.
John F. Leavy, J. G. W.
Philip Swigert, G. Rec.
John McCracken, G. Treas.
Wm. T. Herndon, G. St. B.

## Masonic Literature of 1851.

"*The Freemasons' Manual*, a companion for the initiated through all the Degrees of Freemasonry, from the Entered Apprentice to the higher Degrees of Knighthood; embracing Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch, Select Master, High Priesthood, Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templars, Knights of Malta." The Ancient Constitutions of the Order, etc., embellished with upward of one hundred engravings, illustrating the Emblems and Symbols of the Order. By Rev. K. J. Stewart, K. T. "To understand the words of the wise and their dark sayings." Prov. i: 6. *Philadelphia*, published by E. H. Butler & Co. *Anno Templi*, MMDCCCLI; R. A. Period, MMCCCXV; A. L. 5851; A. D. 1851. 8vo., pp. xii, 346. (*Cat.* No. 85.)

"*The Freemasons' Directory* and Register for 1851, A. L. 5851, comprising a correct list of all the lodges on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, etc., etc. By Wm. B. Shove, Ass't G. Secretary, *New York*, 1851." 24mo., pp. 224. (*Cat.*, 274.)

"*The Masonic Lyre*, containing a collection of Masonic Odes, etc., etc. By Brother W. B. Rockwood, *New York*, etc., 1851." 12mo., pp. 44.*

"*Addresses* on the Principles and Obligations of Freemasonry; delivered on various occasions, by Rev. M. M. Henkle, D. D. *Second Edition, Nashville*, (Tenn.) A. H. Ford, Union street. Printed at the office of the Christian Advocate, 1851." 12mo., pp. 209.†

*Addresses.*—Albert Pike, at Little Rock, Ark., June 24.
J. H. Linn, at Louisville, Ky., June 16.
Philip A. Walker, at Bolivar, Tenn., June 24.
J. M. Speight, at Aberdeen, Miss., December 27.
George Davis, at Wheeling, Ill., February 28.
Benjamin B. French, at Mt. Vernon, Va., June 24.
George M. Randall, at Boston, Mass., September 18.
James Z. V. Blaney, at Chicago, Ill., September 11.
W. H. Meredith, at Montevalla, Ala., June 24.
Edward A. Raymond, to G. L. of Mass., December 30.
George M. Randall, " "
Giles F. Yates, at Boston, Mass., September 5.
Edward A. Raymond, " "
H. L. Hosmer, Cleveland, Ohio, October 24.
J. J. J. Gourgas, to the G. C. Scottish Rite, June 7.
Philip C. Tucker, Burlington, Vt., January 8.
Anthony Bournonville, to the G. L. of Pa., December 27.
Albert G. Mackey, Morgantown, N. C., June 24.
B. B. French, Washington City, D. C., November 4.
Charles Scott, Natchez, Miss., February 3.
Jeremiah Moors, Detroit, Mich., January 8.
Charles A. Fuller, Nashville, Tenn., October 6.
W. D. McCord, to G. L. of Iowa, June 3.
F. L. B. Shaver, to G. L. of Mo., May 8.
James M. Davidson, to G. L. of Tenn., October 8.
C. G. Rives, to Erophotic Lodge, No. 84, Lowndes county, Alabama, January 8.
W. S. Rockwell, to G. L. of Georgia, October 30.
S. Harmount, Canal, Dover, Ohio, January 4.
David Clopton, to G. L. of Ala., December 1.

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* (*Cat.* No. 140.) I have an edition of this, *New York*, 1854. (*Cat.* No. 137.)
† (*Cat.* No. 485.)

## THE SIXTIETH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 30 to September 3, 1852.*

One hundred and thirty-two lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master (Charles G. Wintersmith) opened with an Address, glowing with an eloquence peculiarly his own. He had granted Dispensations to fifteen lodges, U. D. He declares that with us the Masonic Institution is increasing in numbers, elevating its tone of moral and virtuous feeling, strengthening its bond of union, and in every way progressing toward the high destiny to which its lofty tenets tend to exalt it. He had refused every application for a Dispensation to confer degrees out of the regular course of time. He reprehended in severe terms those lodges that precipitately hasten the candidates through the various degrees, regardless of their qualifications, and showed that neither intelligent nor attached Masons could be made in that way. Conceptions of Masonry thus formed, must, he apprehended, be vague and undefined. Masons thus made become but illiterate smatterers in the workshop, thoughtless of the grand design portrayed in every ceremony and emblem, and unimbued with the deep, consoling spirit which pervades the whole system. They become indifferent and non-affiliating, and are but drones in the hive. He alludes to the death of Henry Clay, a Past Grand Master of this G. Lodge, advising that such a tribute be paid to his memory as becomes his illustrious character, and our venerable Order. The Centennial anniversary of the Initiation of George Washington into Masonry being nigh at hand, he suggested that the occasion should be celebrated with appropriate honors. His peroration is a splendid piece of word-painting, in which the freedom, peace and happiness, of our nation, is vividly contrasted with the debasement of the victims of tyranny abroad, and the moral deduced which is natural and appropriate to the theme.

The Report on the Masonic College is lengthy. The Trustees, Henry Wingate, A. G. Hodges, O. I. Harrison, Thomas Todd, Wm. C. Price, Jr., and A. M. Gazlay, had met agreeably to orders given them by the G. L. last year, and declared the Presideney and Professorships vacant. They had then elected Mr. M. Sutro, formerly a Professor in the Masonic College, Principal of the School, giving him, as compensation, the current receipts for tuition. A few repairs had been made upon the College Edifice, at the expense of the G. L. The creditors of the College had become extremely impatient, some even thinking that the G. L. was disposed to evade the payment of just claims, if possible; they amounted, in the aggregate, to

$4,866.28. The G. L. ordered that one-third of those debts should be paid *pro rata* out of cash now in hand, and the remainder as soon as the "Mack" and "Barbour" property could be sold.

The following Rules were adopted at this Session: Article lxviii, Sec. 2, on the motion of S. D. Mitchell; Art. lxvi, Sec. 2, on the motion of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, offered last year; Art. lxv, by the same; Art. lvii, Sec. 2, by the same; Art. li, on the motion of D. T. Monserrat; Art. lix, Sec. 1, by Dempsey Carrell. (*See Edition* 1855.)

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, James M. Allen, A. G. Hodges and Philip Swigert, report through eleven pages, at the conclusion of which the following is recommended: "*Resolved*, That we recommend to the subordinate lodges, in all cases when an application for Masonic charity is made, that they require from such applicant the production of his certificate, under the seal of the lodges, of the amounts received by him, and that they in all cases give such certificates." The resolution was adopted.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249 and 250.

(*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

A letter from the *Clay Monumental Association* was read. The Grand Lodge, as a sequel to a series of eulogiums upon the Life and Character of Henry Clay, Past Grand Master of this State, appropriated $250 toward the erection of the Monument proposed to be erected at Lexington in his honor.

On motion of Harvey T. Wilson, the sum of $50 was appropriated to aid in the erection of a Monument over the grave of Daniel Boone, "the hardy, energetic and indefatigable pioneer," at Frankfort.

The lodges were recommended to subscribe freely to the Clay Monument at Lexington. This was at the instance of A. G. Hodges.

The death of Past Grand Master Daniel Bradford was announced, and a suitable testimonial adopted to his memory. An appropriation of one hundred dollars was made to his widow.

The Grand Lodge passed a Resolution recommending the subordinate lodges to set apart the 4th day of November following as a *Masonic Anniversary*, it being the Centennial day of Washington's Initiation.

"The Mystic Circle," by George W. Gray, of Clinton, Miss., and the Ahiman Reson, by A. G. Mackey, of Charleston, S. C., were recommended to the favorable consideration of the Fraternity as valuable and convenient works.

The Annual Oration was delivered by Strother D. Mitchell, Grand Orator, published and appended to the Proceedings.

Rule No. 25 was adopted at this Session, at the instance of A. G. Rhea. (*Edition* 1855.)

Two hundred and three lodges were on the Rolls.

(*Imprint:* Frankfort, Ky. A. G. Hodges & Co., Printers, 1852.) 8vo., pp. 188.

## Cotemporary Events of 1852.

*June* 29.—Henry Clay, P. G. Master of Kentucky in 1820–1, died at Washington, D. C. His body was conveyed via New York, Cincinnati and Louisville, to Lexington, Ky., where it was interred with the honors of the Craft. All along the route marks of respect by civic, military and Masonic Societies were bestowed upon the honored dead, and the last march of the Great Commoner was his most triumphal one.

*May* 16.—John Snow, a Masonic Lecturer, and P. G. M. of Ohio, died.

*August.*—The Grand Consistory of Kentucky, Ancient and Accepted Rite, established at Louisville.

*April* 6.—Abraham Lodge, No. 8, Louisville, Ky., celebrated its Semi-Centennial Anniversary by a Procession, and Address from Hon. Bro. C. G. Wintersmith.

## Masonic Literature of 1852.

"*A Lexicon of Freemasonry*, containing a definition of all its Communicable Terms, notices of its History, Traditions, and Antiquities, and an account of all the Rites and Mysteries of the Ancient World. By Albert G. Mackey, M. D., author of the *Mystic Tie;* Grand Secretary, and Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina; Secretary General of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States; D. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, etc.

'I will reveal to those to whom it is lawful,
But close the door against the uninitiated.'

ORPHIC HYMN.

*Second Edition*, enlarged and improved by the author. *Charleston*, (S. C.) Walker & James, 1852." 8vo., pp. vi, 544.*

"*Melodies for the Craft*, or Songs for Freemasons; suitable for every occasion. Compiled by a Past Master. *Cincinnati*, (Ohio,) by Jacob Ernst, 112 Main street, 1852." 12mo., pp. viii, 151.†

"*The Mystic Circle*, and American Hand-Book of Masonry, containing a Brief History of Freemasonry in Europe and America; Symbolic Chart; Ancient Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England; Ahiman Rezon; Constitutional Rules; Resolutions, Decisions, and Opinions of Grand Lodges, and Enlightened Masons on Questions liable to arise in Subordinate Lodges. A Code of By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges;

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* (*Cat.* No. 162.) The *First Edition* was 1845 or 1846; it is not in my possession. The *Third Edition* is Philadelphia, (Pa.) 1855. 8vo., pp. viii, 524, (*Cat.* No. 106.) This is one of the most useful works that ever came under my observation.

† (*Cat.* No. 193.)

Instructions, Suggestions, and Forms for Secretaries of Lodges. By George H. Gray, Sen., of Mississippi. *Third Edition*, revised and corrected. *Cincinnati*, (Ohio,) H. W. Derby & Co., publishers, 1852." 8vo., pp. 472. (*Cat.* No. 86. I am not in possession of the former editions.)

"*Catalogues* of Books on the Masonic Institution, in public libraries of twenty-eight States of the Union, antimasonic in arguments and conclusions. By a distinguished literary gentleman, citizen of the United States; with introductory remarks and a compilation of Records and Remarks, by a member of the Suffolk Committee of 1829. *Boston.* Printed by Damrell & Moore, 1852." 8vo., pp. xii, 270, (*Cat.* 132.)

No work more forcibly illustrates the diabolical industry of the antimasonic party than this. The antimasons of Suffolk County Mass., in 1829 and subsequently, through their most zealous and intelligent member, Henry Gassell, now lately deceased, made up large sums of money, by which presses were subsidized, new journals started, and books of an antimasonic character, many of them virulent as poison itself, written and scattered broadcast. When the warfare ceased in 1836 and thereabouts, there was found to be a considerable balance in the treasury, and this, after supplying all the public libraries in the United States, whose managers would consent to receive such prestilent stuff with antimasonic books, was expended in the publication of the work, whose title appears above. By this it is seen that no less than six hundred and thirteen copies of antimasonic publications, small and large, were distributed gratuitously to one hundred and fifty-one libraries in the States of Me., N. H., Vt., Mass., R. I., Conn., N. Y., N. J., Del., Md., Va., N. C., S. C., Geo., Ala., Miss., Tenn., Ky., O., Ind., Ill., Mo., D. C., Mich., La., Wis., Utah. The donations to Kentucky are to *Transylvania University*, October 31, 1843, 7 vols. and 1 pamphlet; to *Georgetown College*, June 29, 1849, 3 vols.; to *Center College*, March 23, 1850, 3 vols.; *Bracken Academy*, March 18, 1850, 3 vols. In each there is "Odiornes Selection of Opinions on Speculative Masonry, and John Q. Adams' "Letters on the Masonic Institution." The larger packages contain "Bernard's Light on Masonry," or "Allyn's Ritual," "Ward's Antimasonic Review," "Freemasonry by a Master Mason," and "Ritner's Vindication of Washington."

"*The Lights and Shadows of Freemasonry*, consisting of Masonic Tales, Songs, and Sketches, never before published, by Rob Morris, K. T., Lecturer on the Landmarks and Work of Freemasonry. *Louisville*, Ky., published by J. F. Brennan, for the author, 1852." 8vo., pp. 384.

This is the first work ever published in the *belles lettres* of Masonry. Its circulation reached the large number of nine editions, during the first three years of its publication. It now forms vol. xiv of the Universal Masonic Library.

*Addresses.*—Anthony Bournonville, to G. L. of Pa., Dec. 27.
Philip C. Tucker, Keeseville, N. Y., Nov. 4.
L. Smith, at Groton, Mass., Oct. 25.
Strother G. Mitchell, at North Middleton, Ky., June 24.
George W. Clinton, at Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27
Oscar Coles, at New York, June.
W. H. Milnor, at New York, June.
John Willard, at New York, June.
Jabez D. Hammond, at Cooperstown, N. Y., June 24.

H. Grider, at Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 4.
Charles G. Wintersmith, at Louisville, Ky., April 6.
Nath'l F. Waring, at New York, Dec. 7.
Osgood Church Wheeler, at Sacramento, Cal., June 24.
George M. Randall, at Boston, Mass., May 10.
Louis Kossuth, at Boston, Mass., May 10.
E. H. English, at Batesville, Ark., June 24.
Philip C. Tucker, Burlington, Vt., Jan. 14.
Benjamin Parke, Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 4.
S. L. M. Conser, Selins Grove, Pa., Nov. 4.
Wm. F. Bryant, Lewistown, Pa., July 5.
Joseph R. Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 30.
B. B. French, Washington City, D. C., Nov. 2.
Wm. H. Stevens, Natchez, Miss., Jan. 19.
Henry T. Backus, Detroit, Mich., Jan. 14.
James Evans, Richmond, Va., Dec. 13.
John C. Humphreys, Portland, Me., May 6.
W. D. McCord, to G. L. of Iowa, June 1.
Steuart Adair Godman, Columbia, S. C., Nov. 4.
B. W. Grover, to G. L. of Mo., May 3.
F. L. B. Shaver, to the G. L. of Louisiana, Jan. 23.
F. L. B. Shaver, Warrensburg, Mo., Nov. 4.
H. C. Thweatt, New Orleans, La., Nov. 4.
Stephen H. Tyng, city of New York, Nov. 4.
Leander Kerr, Weston, Mo., Nov. 4.
Albert G. Mackey, Charleston, S. C., Nov. 4.
Wm. P. Chilton, to G. R. A. Chapter of Ala., Dec. 7.
Dwight F. Lawton, to G. R. A. Chapter of Wis., Feb. 9.
David Clopton, to G. L. of Ala., Dec. 6.
Stephen Arbuthnot, New York City, Dec. 21.
A. A. Philips, New York City, Nov. 17.
J. H. McMahan, Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 4.
James G. Ramsay, Mocksville, N. C., Nov. 4.
Thomas Douglas, Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 4.

## THE SIXTY-FIRST GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 29 to September 3, 1853.*

One hundred and fifty-nine lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master (Thomas Ware) made an opening Address, recommending specific action upon various important subjects under the province of the Grand Lodge, and denouncing the practice, so severely reprehended by his immediate predecessor, of passing candidates hastily through the degrees. He had granted Dispensations for establishing twenty-one lodges, U. D. A request from the Managers of the Washington National Monument Society having been forwarded to him, that he would appoint a Committee to coöperate, in the State of Kentucky, with the Board, in their disinterested efforts to erect that great testimonial to departed greatness, he had acceded to the request, and selected M. M. Tyler, H. Hudson, W. S. Brown, Thos. W. Long, Isaac Cunningham, and H. T. Wilson for that purpose. He deprecated the vices of profanity and intemperance, those kindred errors that have sometimes thrown their shadows over our Order, declaring that there are no duties more strictly enjoined on us as Masons than to pay reverence to God and restrain our appetites and passions. He conceives the dissemination of light and knowledge to be a pleasing feature in the Freemasonry of the present day, and recommends the *American Freemason*, lately commenced by Rob. Morris, at Louisville, Ky., and the *Masonic Review*, by C. Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio, as worthy the patronage of the Craft. In conclusion, he alludes to the decease of the Senior Grand Warden, W. M. O. Smith, who died May 28 last, and that of three Past Grand Masters, viz.: Abner Cunningham, Feb. 14, last, James H. Daveiss, March last, and Robert Johnston, during last winter.

The Grand Lodge paid a graceful tribute to the memory of the four.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, and 271.

(*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

The following Rules were adopted at this Session: No. 26, on motion of A. G. Hodges: Art. xlix, Sec. 2, by W. M. O. Smith. (*Edition* 1855.)

Levi Lusk, Past Grand Master of Illinois, and formerly for several years attached to the Fraternity in Kentucky, visited the Grand Lodge, and was appropriately received.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, James L. Allen and Philip Swigert, reported briefly. All questions current

among the Sister Grand Lodges, and of general interest, had previously passed the judgment of this Grand Lodge. Freemasonry was quietly and peacefully doing its work of amelioration and charity throughout the world.

The Grand Lodge united in the Grand Master's encomiums upon the *American Freemason*, and recommended it to the zealous regard of the Fraternity in the State: they followed up this eulogium, by ordering a copy for each lodge in the State, at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

The Annual Oration was delivered by J. B. Kinkead, Grand Orator, in the First Presbyterian Church, published and appended to the Proceedings.

A Committee, consisting of Rob. Morris, D. T. Monserrat, and H. Hudson, was appointed to draft a standard set of By-Laws, for the government of subordinate lodges, and report the same at the next Session.

The Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the General Grand Encampment of the United States, having been appointed to be held at Lexington, on the 13th inst., the Grand Lodge courteously tendered to them the use of its Hall.

The following Resolutions, offered by C. G. Wintersmith, and adopted by unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge, are omitted in the published Rules of 1855:

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is highly improper in any lodge, to confer any degree, until one lunar month has elapsed, after the conferring a previous degree.

"*Resolved*, That it is highly improper in any lodge, to dispense, in any case, with a full and public examination of a candidate, for the Degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, in open lodge.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge direct that these opinions be strictly enforced in all the lodges.

Two hundred and twenty-five lodges were on the Rolls. There were thirty-four Sister Grand Lodges in communication and correspondence.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Kentucky. A. G. Hodges & Co., Printers. 1853.) 8vo., pp. 180.

## Cotemporary Events of 1853.

*February* 23.—The Grand Lodge of Minnesota was organized.

*September* 11.—A Committee of Masonic Delegates in attendance on the General Grand Chapter, etc., at Lexington, Ky., recommended a plan for a National Grand Lodge or Confederation. It met with little favor.

*September* 29.—A Masonic Cemetery was dedicated at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

*September* 13.—The 12th Convocation of the General Grand Encampment, and the 14th of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the United States, was held at Lexington, Ky.

*October* 13.—The first Freemasons' Hall in China, was inaugurated by Zetland Lodge, No. 768, at Hong Kong.

*April* 22.—Kentucky Freemason, (afterward American Freemason,) commenced at Louisville, Ky.

*December* 6.—Carl G. T. Winkler, a Mason of fifty-one years standing, Grand Master of Saxony.

*April* 13.—Corner-stone Episcopal Church, at Austin, Texas, masonically laid.

*June* 24.—Fourth Masonic Schism in New York. "St. John's Grand Lodge" was revived, after an uneasy sleep of four years.

*January* 12.—The Grand Encampment of Kentucky assembled at Frankfort. Five encampments were represented. An elaborate and well-digested Report on Foreign Correspondence, from the hands of Sir Knights, James L. Allen and John McCracken, is on Record. The following Sir Knights were elected to office.

Jacob Owen, G. M.
William S. Chipley, D. G. M.
Charles A. Fuller, G. Glo.
William C. Keas, G. C. G.
Henry Wingate, G. Prel.
John T. Wise, S. G. W.
C. J. Saunders, J. G. W.
Philip Swigert, G. Rec.
John McCracken, G. Tr.
James L. Allen, G. St. B.
John H. Howe, G. Sw. B.
Thomas R. Baxter, G. War.
Daniel Epperson, G. Sent.

The memberships of seven encampments, were reported at 221 Sir Knights. Encampments had been established at Covington and Glasgow.

## Masonic Literature of 1853.

"*The True Masonic Guide*, containing elucidations of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, with embellishments and explanations of all the Degrees of the Symbolic Lodge, Chapter, Council, Encampment, Consistory and the Supreme Grand Council, arranged in accordance with the mode of work and Lecturing. Also, a complete classification of the various Rites, to wit: the Egyptian, Scottish, French, Ancient and Modern York; compiled from the most approved writers, with Emendations, Additions, Notes, Charges, Remarks, Songs, etc., etc.; arranged and adapted to the work. By Robert Macoy, P. M., P. G. S., K. T.,

P. G. C., G. R., P. J., etc. *New York:* published by Clark, Austin and Smith, 3 Park Row and No. 3 Ann street, 1853." 8vo., pp. xx, 360.*

*Addresses.*—William T. Read, to G. L. of Delaware, June 27.
S. Y. M'Masters, at Springfield, Illinois, Sept. 22.
M. Evans, at Columbia, California, Dec. 27.
Strother D. Mitchell, to G. L. of Kentucky, August.
Jarvis M. Hatch, at Rochester, New York, Sept. 2.
A. W. Goff, at New York, Dec.
William B. Thrall, at Chillicothe, Ohio, June 3.
J. J. Williams, at Somerville, Tennessee, Dec. 27.
John P. Pryor, in DeSoto County, Mississippi, June 24.
William H. Felton, at Cave Spring, Georgia, Nov. 24.
M. R. Delany, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 24.
Nathaniel F. Waring, at New York, June 7.
Benjamin B. French, at Richmond, Virginia, May 16.
John Beach, Agency City, Iowa, Dec. 27.
Daniel Brainard, Fremont, May 19.
Henry Buist, Charleston, S. C., Dec. 2.
Philip C. Tucker, Burlington, Vermont, Jan. 12.
Archelaus M. Hughes, Nashville, Tennessee, Oct. 3.
Joseph B. Palmer, Nashville, Tennessee, Oct. 5.
James Reiley, Washington, Texas, June 24.
George M. Randall, Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.
B. B. French, Washington City, D. C., Dec. 27.
W. B. Magruder, " " " " "
James M. Howry, Jackson, Mississippi, January 17.
Henry T. Backus, Detroit, Michigan, January 12.
Charles L. McArthur, Troy, New York, December 27.
William C. Dawson, to the Grand Lodge of Georgia.
William Tracy Gould, to the Grand Lodge of Geo., July 16.
Thomas Douglass, Jacksonville, Florida, February 22.
T. S. Parvin, to G. L. of Iowa, June 7.
J. F. Sanford. Muscatine, Iowa, June 7.
Edmund P. Hunter, to G. L. of Virginia, December 12.
John D. Readel, to G. L. of Maryland, November 21.
W. H. Goodwin, Owego, New York, June 24.
Dwight F. Lawton, to G. R. A. Chapter of Wisconsin, Feb. 7.
David Clopton, to G. L. of Alabama, December 5.
John Foster, to G. L. of Alabama, December 8.
B. B. French, Washington City, August 10.
Joseph B. Kinkead, Lexington, Ky., (to G. L.,) Aug. 31.
R. Reddy, Little Falls, New York, December 27.
Jabez D. Hammond, Cooperstown, New York, June 24.
Ebenezer Thayer, to G. L. of South Carolina, December 27.
J. B. Breckenridge, New York, May 6.

* *Cat.* No. 142.

## SIXTY-SECOND GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, Aug. 28 to Sept. 1, 1854.*

One hundred and sixty-four lodges were represented at the opening. The Grand Master (Thomas Todd) addressed the Grand Lodge, congratulating them that they represented more than ten thousand Freemasons, upon whom rested prosperity unexampled, and without a check. The storm of antimasonry had now entirely ceased; the prejudices of a generation were fast dissipating, and evidence indisputable was exhibited on every hand of the healthy state of the popular feeling relative to this Institution. Within, all, with few exceptions, was peace. He had granted twenty-eight Dispensations for lodges, U. D. In conjunction with the other Grand Officers, he had given a letter of recommendation to Rob. Morris to visit and instruct the lodges, and believed that the manner in which the duty had been performed would meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge. To follow up this important work he advised that a course of Lectures be delivered before the Grand Lodge during the present Session. He recommends the adoption of a Rule requiring lodges to have their halls dedicated according to the ancient laws of the Institution. The subject of non-affiliation had occupied much of his attention, and he advised some action on the part of the Grand Lodge relative to this great and growing evil. The American Freemason (late Kentucky Freemason) has met his decided approbation as an influential journal in settling mooted questions, enlarging Masonic ideas and imparting information. He adverts to the death of Past Grand Master, John Speed Smith, and concludes with an expression of personal gratification at the condition of prosperity in which he leaves the beloved Craft.

An Assistant Grand Secretary was appointed in the person of J. M. S. M'Corkle.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Rob. Morris, Philip Swigert and John H. Howe, report through eighteen pages, reviewing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Mississippi, Missouri, Maryland, Delaware, Minnesota, South Carolina, North Carolina, Illinois, California, Alabama, Vermont, District Columbia, New Jersey, Michigan, Florida, Louisiana, Virginia, Georgia, Wisconsin and New York, making in all a collection of 2,418 pages. Gems and extracts from the Addresses of Grand Masters form an elegant collection. The

conclusions of the Committee, adopted by the G. L., were as follows:

1. That the establishment of a Grand Central Head of Masonry in any form would work an evil to the interests of Symbolic Masonry.

2. That Sister Grand Lodges be requested so to tabulate their Proceedings as to afford all the statistics of membership, etc., valuable and proper for publication.

The *per diem* to delegates was raised to two dollars.

The Grand Secretary (Philip Swigert) tendered his resignation of office in the following touching Communication:

"GRAND MASONIC HALL, LEXINGTON, August 29, 1854.

*To the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:*

In tendering to the Fraternity the resignation of my office as Grand Secretary, it will not be unbecoming in me to make a brief allusion to my connection with the Order. In the year 1819 I was initiated as a Mason. In 1820 I attended the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge as a representative from Landmark Lodge, No. 41. That year the lamented Hon. Henry Clay was elected and installed as Grand Master. From that year to the present time I have attended regularly the Annual Meetings of the Grand Lodge, serving, alternately, in the offices of Junior and Senior Grand Deacon, and some years as Grand Treasurer.

Twenty-one years ago I was elected and installed in my present office of Grand Secretary, which office I now desire to surrender.

In dissolving this relationship permit me to say, that, while I was conscious that I brought to the discharge of my official duties a heart honestly devoted to the cause of Masonry, and an honest and sincere desire to promote its best interests, (and for those qualities alone could I claim any merit,) I have, nevertheless, always felt, without the kind indulgence and generous forbearance of my Brothers, my path would have been rugged, and my hopes to perform its arduous duties, (which have continued to increase from year to year,) with any degree of satisfaction to myself or advantage to the Craft, would have been in vain.

Having uniformly enjoyed that forbearance at the hands of the various Grand Officers and Representatives in Grand Lodge which I so much desired, it behooves me, before retiring, to return my heartfelt thanks, which I now do from the bottom of my heart, for the manifold tokens of your Brotherly affection.

As I have borne the burden and heat of the day, with the zeal and fidelity of one devoted to the glory and success of our cause, I must now ask to be excused from further service as Grand Secretary, anticipating much pleasure hereafter in my annual visits to the Grand Lodge so long as I live."

This letter was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rob. Morris, J. D. M'Clure, and Thos. Ware, who reported that the example of Bro. Swigert was one worthy to be held up before this Masonic generation. Reviewing the assembly of 1820, the Committee remark, that there is not one who sat with him in the Grand Lodge thirty-four years before, who is with us now; that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky would not suffer such a man to pass unregarded and forgotten, but would hold in perpetual remembrance his fidelity and skill. An Honorarium, in the form of an elegant Grand Secretary's Jewel of gold, was ordered to be prepared as a testimonial from the Grand Lodge.

Article lvii, Sec. 1, of the Constitutional Rules was repealed, (*See Edition* 1853,) and a Rule adopted in its stead, granting the right to ballot for Candidates for Initiation *in the First Degree;* also, for Passing *in the Second Degree;* but all other business to be transacted in the Third Degree.

The Editor of the American Freemason presented the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity with a set of Portraits, which he had got up as Honorariums, consisting of the likenesses of Thomas Todd. M. M. Tyler, David T. Monsserat, Henry Wingate, J. M. S. M'Corkle, Philip Swigert, and A. G. Hodges, and desired that each lodge would preserve them in perpetual remembrance of the Masonic services of those distinguished Brethren.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the opinions, respecting the American Freemason, expressed by the Grand Master, and ordered that the current volume should be again sent to each of the subordinate lodges at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

The Trustees of La Grange College, through A. M. Gazlay, Secretary and Treasurer, report, that the *pro rata* of debts had been paid as ordered by the Grand Lodge last year; that the number of pupils in the School had ranged from 65 to 85. The Grand Lodge passed a Resolution recommending the present incumbent (George W. Ray) to the favorable consideration and support of the Brethren, and ordered a few small debts paid, amounting in the aggregate to $172.07, which, the Committee say, "extinguishes the entire debt of La Grange College."

Suitable Testimonials were adopted relative to the memory of Thomas Speed Smith, Past Grand Master, and Strother D. Mitchell, Past Grand Orator.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, and 311.

(*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

In relation to the Grand Master's views relative to the dedication of Masonic Halls, the Grand Lodge adopted Resolutions to the effect, it is the duty of subordinate lodges to dedicate their Halls according to the published and acknowledged forms of Masonry; and that all new lodges, before commencing work under a Charter, shall be consecrated, dedicated, and its officers installed, according to Ancient Masonry.

The Annual Oration was delivered by E. S. Fitch, Grand Orator, but no copy was furnished for publication. It is described, by all who heard it, as an effort of uncommon force and eloquence.

The subordinate lodges were requested to give an expression of their will at the next Session of the Grand Lodge, in regard to a donation from the Grand Lodge Treasury in aid of the Monument erecting on the Tippecanoe Battle Ground, to the memory of Past Grand Master Joseph H. Daviess, and other Kentucky heroes who fell there.

The Report of the Committee on a Standard Form of By-

Laws is appended to the Proceedings. The Code was received and referred to the subordinate lodges—a large number of which have since adopted them. They have likewise been made a standard by the Grand Lodges of Florida and Iowa, and adopted by subordinate lodges in all parts of the United States.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Ky.: A. G. Hodges & Co., Printers, 1854.) 8vo., pp. 240.

### Cotemporary Events of 1854.

*May* 24.—Corner-stone of Gordonsville Lodge, No. 217, at Gordonsville, Kentucky, laid.

*June* 24.—Corner-stone of Masonic Hall, at Brandenburg, Kentucky, laid.

*November* 4.—Funeral ceremonies on a large scale at Richmond, Va., in honor of Edmund P. Hunter, Grand Master, deceased.

*July* 6.—Jeremiah Moors, P. G. M., of Michigan, died.

*June* 24.—Masonic Festival at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.

*August* 30.—The first Standard Form of By-Laws was drafted. Adopted by the G. L. of Kentucky.

*August* 29.—Philip Swigert, G. Secretary G. L. of Kentucky, declined reëlection. He had served in that post with freedom, fervency and zeal, for twenty-one successive years.

*December* 27.—The G. L. of S. C. celebrated its Centennial Anniversary at Charleston.

*August* 28.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. Forty Chapters represented at the opening. Resources of the Grand Chapter $2,141.83. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through Rob. Morris, reported at length, reviewing the Proceedings of fourteen sister Grand Chapters, and recommending the passage of a resolution to the effect that the "Boston Lectures of 1850," adopted by the G. G. Chapter, are innovations upon the ancient system of R. A. Masonry, and as such, disapprobated by the G. C. of Kentucky. This was adopted.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT:

John D. McClure, G. H. P.
Harvey T. Wilson, D. G. H. P.
Marcus M. Tyler, G. K.
W. H. Forsythe, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Sec'y.
A. G. Hodges, G. Tr.
Wm. S. Brown, G. C.
R. H. Henry, G. C. W.
J. K. Goodloe, G. C. G.
D. D. Richardson, G. S. V. T.

Four new Chapters were chartered. Fifty-four Chapters now upon the Rolls. Number of members 1,541. Exaltations last year 208. Twenty-seven State G. Chapters in correspondence, viz.: Ala., Ark., Ct., Fla., Ga., Ind., Ia., Ill., La., Me., Mich., Ms., Md., Miss., Mo., N. H., N. Y., N. C., O., Pa., R. I., S. C., Tenn., Tex., Va., Vt., Wis.

A Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood was established this year at the suggestion of Rob. Morris, who invited the subordinate Chapters by circular to enter into such an organization.

The Convention was held at Lexington, August 31. High Priests present from Chapters Nos. 1, 5, 9, 12, 15, 17, 19, 23, 25, 29, 35, 49. Thomas Ware was elected Chairman, T. N. Wise, Secretary. It was resolved "That it is expedient for the members of this Convention and such other anointed High Priests as they may hereafter associate with them to organize a Grand Council of High Priests for the State of Kentucky.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT.

Thomas Ware G. President.
A. H. Jameson, G. Vice President.
W. H. Forsythe, G. Chaplain.
T. N. Wise, G. Recorder.
P. Swigert, G. Tr.
J. D. McClure, G. M. of Cer.
H. R. Orr, G. Conductor.
Rob. Morris, G. Herald.
A. Hall, G. Steward.

The following Preamble and Constitution, drafted by Rob. Morris, were adopted.:*

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* ARTICLE I.

This Council shall be known as "The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood" for the State of Kentucky.

m ARTICLE II.

The officers and members of this body shall be a M. E. Grand President, M. E. Grand Vice President; M. R. Grand Chaplain, E. Grand Recorder, E. Grand Treasurer; E. Grand Master of Ceremonies, E. Grand Conductor, E. Grand Herald, E. Grand Steward; and such others who shall hereafter be elected to membership, according to the terms of this Constitution. The officers shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE III.

The meetings of this Grand Council shall occur during the annual Sessions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kentucky, and at such hours and places as the M. E. Grand President may designate.

ARTICLE IV.

Applicants may be elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood, by petitioning the Grand Council, in writing, and presenting satisfactory evidence that they are High Priests elect, or that they have served at least one term as such, in a just and legally-constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, working under Charter. A fee of two dollars shall accompany the petition, which, if he be rejected, shall be returned to him. A companion receiving the order in this Council, shall become a member of the Council by signing his name to this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

High Priests, or Past High Priests who have been anointed in the order of High Priesthood, may be elected to membership in this Council without a fee; but they shall not be considered as members until they sign this Constitution.

*January* 11.—The Grand Encampment of Kentucky assembled at Frankfort. 7 encampments were represented. The Order was represented in the Grand Master's Address, and in personal statements of the Delegates, to be in a flourishing condition. The following Sir Knights were elected to office.

William D. Keas, G. M.
John H. Howe, D. G. M.
Thos. U. Kinkead, G. Glo.
R. K. Summerwell, G. C. G.
J. D. Matthews, S. Prel.
C. J. Sanders, S. G. W.
A. W. Hamilton, J. G. W.
Thos. B. Baxter, G. Rec.
Jno. McCracken, G. Tr.
Elihu Hogan, G. St. B.
Chas. Gilkey, G. Sw. B.
David J. Ayres, G. War.
D. D. Richardson, G. Sent.

The membership of 6 encampments were reported at 213 Sir Knights.

## Masonic Literature of 1854.

*Outlines of the Temple*, or Masonry in its Moral Aspects. By Cornelius Moore, Editor of the Masonic Review, Author of the Craftsman and Templar's Text-book. With an Introduction by William B. Thrall, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. *Cincinnati* (Ohio), published by J. Ernst, 112 Main street, 1854. 12mo., pp. xvi, 288.*

*The Two Sts. John*, or Charity and Zeal, a Voice from the Soul of Freemasonry. By Rob. Morris, K. T., Author of Lights and Shadows of Freemasonry, Life in the Triangle, and various other Masonic works. "The humble shall see this and be glad."—Ps. lx, 32. *Louisville* (Ky.), published by J. F. Brennan & Co., Masonic publishing house, 1854." 18mo., pp. 174.†

*Masonic Offering*. *New York*, Leavitt & Allen, 1854. 8vo., pp. viii, 263.‡

*The Masonic Vocal Manual*, compiled by Robert Macoy, P. G. Sec'y, P. M., P. G. C., etc. *New York*, Clark, Austin & Smith, 3 Park Row, 1854. 12mo., pp. 72.

*A History* of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia, its Origin, Progress, and Mode of Development; in two Lectures, delivered by Worshipful John Dove, M. D., at the request of Richmond Randolph Lodge, No. 19, before the Brethren of Lodges Nos. 10, 14, 19, 36,

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ARTICLE VI.

All votes upon petitions shall be by secret ballot; and one negative shall be fatal to the question in which it is cast.

ARTICLE VII.

This Constitution may be amended at any stated meeting of the Grand Council, by unanimous consent of all the members present, when the question of amendment is is proposed; but if any objection shall be made, the amendment, reduced to writing, shall be laid on the table until the next Annual Session of the Grand Council, when it may be taken up and adopted by a majority of the members then present.

* (*Cat.* No. 103.)
† (*Cat.* No. 102.) Originally published in the American Freemason, Volume 2.
‡ (*Cat.* No. 105.)

51, and 53, on the 26th October, 1853, at the Masons' Hall in the city of Richmond, and published by an order of the Grand Lodge, passed Dec. 13, 1853. *Richmond*, Clemmitt & Fore, Printers, 1854. 12mo., pp. 178.*

*Addresses.*—S. Henry Dickson, before G. L. of S. C., Dec. 27.
W. C. Kain, Dandridge, Tenn., Dec. 27.
Charles S. Frailey, to G. L. of D. C., Dec. 27.
George Whitcomb, at Charleston, Mo., Nov. 4.
Samuel E. Norton, at Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 28.
Wm. S. Brown, at Bloomfield, Ky., Feb. 22.
Rob. Morris, at New York, March 24.
David Clark, at Danbury, Ct., April 27.
Henry C. Deming, at Danbury, Ct., April 27.
Wm. P. Mellen, to Royal and Select Masters of Miss., Sept. 23.
G. B. H. Hempstead, at Chillicothe, Ohio, June 24.
James L. Kemper, at Stanardsville, Va., June 24.
Joseph Abney, to Butler Lodge, No. 59, N. C., June 24.
A. B. Dibble, at Nevada City, Cal., June 24.
John P. Dunn, at Hookerton, N. C., June 24.
S. Y. McMasters, at Quincy, Ill., June 24.
Samuel Pride, at Maryville, Tenn., July 4.
Robert H. Taylor, Downieville, Cal., June 24.
George B. McElroy, Fairmount, Va., June 24.
J. T. Cox, San Juan, Cal., December 27.
Phil. L. Edwards, San Juan, Cal., December 27.
William N. Irish, Weston, Mo., December 27.
Robert A. New, Fayette, Miss., June 24.
Henry Sturges, Monticello, Miss., June 24.
Aaron Goodrich, St. Paul, M. T., June 24.
J. H. Perry, Cold Spring, N. Y., June 24.
George Hoadley, jr., Montgomery, Ohio, June 24.
W. T. C. Campbell, Atlanta, Ga., December 27.
W. W. Wilson, Pittsburgh, Penn., June 13.
W. H. Goodwin, to the G. R. A. Chapter of N. Y., Feb. 13.
Philip C. Tucker, Burlington, Vt., January 11.
David Clopton, Montgomery, Ala., December 4.
Andrew Neill, Rusk, Texas, January 16.
James A. Leitch, Lynchburg, Va., December 11.
William B. Magruder, Washington City, D. C., December 27.
Charles S. Frailey, Washington City, D. C., December 27.
Luke E. Barber, Little Rock, Ark., November 6.
John L. Lewis, jr., to the G. R. A. Chapter of N. Y., Feb. 7.
Michael Shoemaker, to the G. R. A. Chapter of Vt., Jan. 9.
J. H. Ranch, to G. L. of Iowa, at Mount Pleasant, June 7.
Edward Stewart, to G. L. of New Jersey, January 11.
L. S. Cornwell, to G. L. of Mo., May 22.

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* (*Cat.* No. 121.)

Perry E. Brocchus, Santa Fe, Mexico, December 27.
J. W. McConaughey, Searcy, Ark., February 11.
George W. Cobb, to G. R. A. Chapter of Wis., February 1.
Albert Pike, Little Rock, Ark., November.
James A. Leitch, to G. L. of Virginia, Lynchburg, Dec. 11.
George M. Randall, to G. L. of Mass., Boston, December 27.
Albert G. Mackey, Charleston, S. C., October 30.
Stephen Lovell, to G. R. A. Chapter of Mass., September 12.
J. T. Lawrence, Woodbury, Geo., June 24.
J. H. Baugh, to G. L. of Iowa, Mt. Pleasant, June 7.
Benjamin B. French, Baltimore, Md., November 13.

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## THE SIXTY-THIRD GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, August 27 to 31, 1855.*

One hundred and ninety-one lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master, (Marcus M. Tyler,) in his opening Address, adverts with proud gratification, to the unchangeableness of the Masonic Institution throughout an antiquity unspeakably vast. He had granted twenty-one Dispensations, for lodges, U. D., and recommends a close scrutiny into their By-Laws and work, before granting them Charters. He reprehends the practice of using Masonic Emblems on signboards, etc., for mercenary motives, and suggests an edict from the Grand Lodge, prohibiting such practices in future. He had, in general, refused to grant Dispensations to advance candidates faster than the Constitutional Rules permit, believing that the serious evil of non-affiliation, is intimately connected with this practice of former Grand Masters. He recommends an annual tax upon non-affiliating Masons, to be appropriated to charitable purposes, and concludes with a prospective view of the Masonic Institution, hopeful and glorious, if the Fraternity will but act up to its high principles.

The absence of the Grand Orator, John C. Breckenridge, (since elected Vice President of the United States,) debarred the Grand Lodge from the advantage of its Annual Oration.

The distressing illness of Isaac Cunningham, was named by Past Grand Master, Henry Wingate; whereupon the Grand Lodge, with unanimous heart and feeling, offered him their sympathy and prayers for his consolation and restoration.

The death of Past J. G. Warden, Dempsey Carroll, being announced, a suitable testimonial was adopted by the Grand Lodge to his memory.

Charters were ordered to Lodges, Nos. 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, and 329.

(*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

The time of meeting of the Grand Lodge, was changed from the last Monday in August to the second Monday in October. This was on motion by R. W. Henry. At the instance of John E. Records, the Rule requiring semi-annual elections in the lodges was changed into annual elections, on the 27th December. Various important alterations in the Constitution were made, on the motion of A. G. Hodges, of which two are here specified:

1. But one delegate from a lodge is admitted, viz.: the Master, Senior Warden, *or* Junior Warden.

2. Delegates shall be allowed Three Dollars per diem, while in attendance upon the Grand Lodge. On motion of Brother Adams, the salary of Grand Secretary was raised from $200 to $400 per annum.

The Committee appointed last year, to prepare an Honorarium, for Past Grand Secretary, Philip Swigert, had performed their duty, and delivered to the G. L., an elegant Grand Secretary's Jewel of Gold. On the obverse are the words, *penna est fortier ense; honor est premium virtutis.* On the reverse, "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to Brother Philip Swigert; a grateful acknowledgement for twenty-five years' unremitting and faithful service, as Grand Secretary. Ordered September 1, 1854."

The Grand Master, in presenting this beautiful Jewel to its recipient, expressed, in happy form, the sentiments of admiration and esteem, entertained by the Grand Lodge for him, and prayed Heaven's richest blessings to rest upon him, during his remaining term of service on earth. The scene was one of deep feeling to all who witnessed it, and formed an episode in the history of the Grand Lodge, that will not soon be forgotten. An engraving of the Jewel was made, and appears in the Proceedings.

The Committee on that portion of the Grand Master's Address, relative to itinerant lecturing, reported that it was fraught with the most serious objections, resulting in great injury to the Craft, and causing continual confusion in the work, by the introduction of new rituals, perverting the minds of the members, and removing the Ancient Landmarks. The lodges were directed to refuse to hear them, or receive work from them.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Rob. Morris, J. M. S. McCorkle, and D. T. Monserrat, report through fifty-six pages. They give a synopsis of the Proceedings of the G. Lodges of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Canada West, Con-

necticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia. Nearly all the serious questions in controversy appeared to be settled, and the labors of the Committee were comparatively light. Some space, however, is devoted to a question of Border usage, in which the Missouri Brethren had charged us with infringing upon their territory, in the application of an established usage of lodges situated on the line of other States, giving and receiving material reciprocally, as the quarries happened to be nearest the respective lodges. The matter was, however, adjusted, by the Missouri Grand Lodge adopting the Kentucky Rule, with a slight modification. A last effort to establish a National Grand Lodge, is noticed, but not approved of. Considerable room is given to the early history of Masonry in Kentucky, derived from sources not generally accessible.

The Grand Lodge adopted these conclusions of the Committee: 1. That a residence of twelve months in the jurisdiction of a lodge, was essential, before the petition of an applicant for initiation could be received, and 2. That lodges in States bordering on ours, might act upon petitions from persons living in this State, by getting permission of the lodge nearest their residence.

The death of General Thomas Metcalfe, a Mason, and a citizen of much renown, is appropriately noticed.

The Secretaries of lodges were directed, henceforth, to make up their Returns to the first day of September in each year.

The Grand Lodge adopted the following views relative to the series of Masonic works styled, "The Universal Masonic Library: *Resolved*, That this work, which embraces, in its amplitude, almost the whole compass of Masonic literature, jurisprudence, etc., now extant, is *the Great Masonic enterprise of the present age*, and that its general circulation among the subordinate lodges and individual members of the Fraternity throughout the State, is calculated to do more for the universal dissemination of Masonic light and knowledge, and the consequent elevation of the standard of pure morality, and correct Masonic work and practice among the lodges and members of the Fraternity, than any other enterprise that has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge.

Two hundred and seventy-five lodges were on the Rolls.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Kentucky. A. G. Hodges & Co., Printers. 1855.) 8vo., pp. 270.

## Cotemporary Events of 1855.

*March* 5.—Masonic Hall at Altoona, Pa., burned.

*March* 8.—Masonic Hall at Weston, Mo., burned.

*September* 1.—The first work in Masonic Jurisprudence, (Morris' Code of Masonic Law,) was issued.

*November* 18.—Joseph C. Harrison, Grand High Priest of Texas, died at Austin.

*November* 8.—A course of Scientific Masonic Lectures was delivered at New York, by Albert G. Mackey, M. D.

*June* 6.—Nathan B. Haswell, G. M. of G. L. of Vt., died at Quincy, Illinois.

*October.*—The Grand Lodge of Canada was formed.

*January* 3.—National Masonic Convention assembled at Washington, D. C. Delegates in attendance from District of Columbia, Maryland, Alabama, New York, Minnesota, Michigan and California. David Clopton was elected President, Finley M. King, Secretary. Articles of Confederation were drafted and an Address to the Grand Lodges of the United States adopted, recommending a National Union of Masons. But little attention was paid to the recommendations, and the matter was soon forgotten.

## Masonic Literature of 1855.

*The Universal Masonic Library, in thirty volumes, octavo, numbered 1 to 30. Compiled by Rob. Morris, as follows:*

Volume First—*Dictionary of Symbolical Masonry*, including the Royal Arch: by George Oliver, D. D.; 301 pages.

*The Book of the Lodge*, or Officers' Manual: by the same; 119 pages.

Volume Second—*Symbol of Glory:* by the same; 310 pages.

*Spirit of Masonry:* by William Hutchinson; 245 pages.*

Volume Third—*Illustrations of Masonry:* by William Preston; 405 pages.†

Volume Fourth—*Antiquities of Masonry:* by Oliver; 260 pages.

*Masonic Discourses:* by Thaddeus Mason Harris; 176 pages.‡

Volume Fifth—*History of Freemasonry*, from 1829 to 1841: by Oliver; 137 pages.

*Mirror for the Johannite Mason:* by the same; 110 pages.

*Star in the East:* by the same, 91 pages.

Volume Sixth—*Disquisitions of Masonry:* by Wellins Calcott; 176 pages.‖

*Masonic Manual:* by Rev. Jonathan Ashe; 231 pages.

Volume Seventh—*Revelations of a Square:* by Oliver; 328 pages.

*Introduction to Freemasonry:* Anonymous; 87 pages.⁋

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* I have an edition of this, *New York*. 1800. 12mo., pp. vi, 174. *Apppendix*, pp. 22. (*Cat.* No. 208.)

† I have an edition of this, *London*. 1796. 12mo., pp. xxiv, 420. (*Cat.* No. 185.) Also, *Portsmouth*, (N. H.,) 1804. 8vo., pp. xxiv, 400. (*Cat.* No. 123.)

‡ I have an edition of this, *Philadelphia*, 1819. 8vo., pp. xiv, 376. (*Cat.* No. 235.)

‖ I have an edition of this, *London*, 1772. (*Cat.* No. 433,) and another, *Philadelphia*, 1817. 24mo., pp. 208. (*Cat.* No. 186.) The original edition was *London*, 1769, of which a copy is in possession of E. T. Carson.

⁋ I have an edition of this, *London*, 1826. 12mo., pp. viii, 152. (*Cat.* No. 206.)

Volume Eighth—*History of Initiation:* by Oliver; 234 pages.
*History and Illustration of Freemasonry:* Anonymous; 91 pages.
Volume Ninth—*Constitution Grand Lodge:* England; 92 pages.*
do. do. Ireland; 91 pages.†
do. do. Scotland; 117 pages.
Volume Tenth—*Theocratic Philosophy of Masonry:* by Oliver; pp. 205.
*Signs and Symbols of Masonry:* by the same; 184 pages.
Volumes Eleventh and Twelfth—*The Historical Landmarks of Masonry:* by Oliver; two volumes, 426 and 450 pages.‖
Volume Thirteenth—*Stray Leaves from a Freemason's Note Book:* Anonymous; 165 pages.
*Apology for the Order:* translated from the French; by H. W. Thorpe; 41 pages.
*The Masonic Schism:* by Oliver; 46 pages.
*Insignia of the Royal Arch:* by the same; 35 pages.
*The Secret Discipline:* Anonymous; 37 pages.
Volume Fourteenth—*Lights and Shadows of Freemasonry:* by Rob. Morris; 390 pages.§
Volume Fifteenth—*Anderson's Ancient Constitutions:* 108 pages.
*History of Freemasonry, up to* 1829: by Alexander Lawrie; 203 pages.¶
Volume Sixteenth—*Masonic Sermons:* by Inwood and Percy; 318 pages.
Volume Seventeenth—*Principles of Masonic Law:* by A. G. Mackey; 371 pages.**
Volumes Eighteenth—*History of Masonic Persecutions:* by Oliver; likewise, *Masonic Institutes:* by the same; 429 pages.
Volume Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second—*History of the Knights' Hospitaliers,* of St. John of Jerusalem: by De Vertot; four volumes—487, 391, 360 and 295 pages. Likewise, *Statutes of Knights Templar* of England and Wales: 29 pages.
Volume Twenty-third—*Use and Abuse of Freemasonry:* by George Smith; 111 pages.
*Life in the Triangle:* by Rob. Morris; 170 pages.††
*Historical Sketch of the Order of Knights Templar:* by T. S. Gourdin; 41 pages.
Volume Twenty-fourth—*Manual of Masonic Music:* by J. B. Taylor; 336 pages.
Volumes Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth—*The Freemasons' Monthly Magazine,* 1855: two volumes.
Volume Twenty-seventh—*Masonry and Antimasonry:* by Alfred Creigh.‡‡
Volume Twenty-eighth—*The Mystic Tie:* by A. G. Mackey.‖‖

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* I have an edition of this, *London,* 1853. 8vo., pp. viii, 140. (*Cat.* No. 260.)
† I have an edition of this, *Dublin,* 1850. 8vo., pp. xvi, 165. (*Cat.* No. 260.)
‡ I have an edition of this, *Edinburgh,* 1848. 8vo., pp. xxviii, 133. (*Cat.* No. 260.)
‖ I have an edition of this, *Cincinnati, Ohio,* 1849 and 1851. 8vo., pp. xiv, 432, and xviii, 473. (*Cat.* No. 290 and 439.)
§ The *first edition* of this was *Louisville, Ky.,* 1852. The *sixth edition,* New York, 1855. 8vo., pp. vi, 390. (*Cat.* No. 100.)
¶ I have an edition of this, *Edinburgh,* 1804. 8vo., pp. xxi, 336. (*Cat.* No. 94.)
** Three editions of this popular work have been published since 1856, in separate form. (*Cat.* No. 201.)
†† This was first published in Vol. 1, *Kentucky Freemason,* April—Sept., 1853. The *First Edition,* in book form, was, *Louisville, Ky.,* 1854. 18mo., pp. 284. (*Cat.* No. 101.)
‡‡ The *First Edition* was, *Philadelphia,* 1854. 8vo., xii, 321. (*Cat.* No. 95.)
‖‖ I have an edition of this, *Charleston, S. C.,* 1849. 12mo., pp. viii, 220. (*Cat.* No. 107.)

*Narrative of the Antimasonic Excitement*, 1826 *to* 1829: by Henry Brown.*

*Oration* at the re-interment of Gen. Joseph Warren, 1776: by Percy Morton.

Volume Twenty-ninth—*Philosophy of Masonry:* by A. C. L. Arnold.

Volume Thirtieth—*Speculative Masonry:* by Salem Town.†

*By-Laws* of the Lodge of Antiquity: London, 1323.

*Ancient Poem* on the Constitutions of Masonry: 1825

*The Egyptian and Hebrew Symbols:* by Portal; translated by John W. Simons.

History and Progress of the work and Catalogue of its patrons.

"*The Ancient Charges and Regulations of Freemasonry:* with Notes, Critical and Explanatory. Also, a History of the Constitutions and an Examination into their Authenticity and Authority: by Cornelius Moore, Editor of the Masonic Review, author of the Outlines of the Temple and other Masonic works. To which is added the celebrated Letter of Dr. Oliver on the presumed Origin of the Royal Arch Degree. *Cincinnati*, (Ohio.) Published at the Masonic Review office, 1855." 12mo., pp. xvi, 300.‡

"*The Masonic Musical Manual*, etc., etc.: arranged, adapted and composed by Henry C. Watson, Grand Organist of the M. W. G. L. of the State of New York. Published, etc., etc. *New York:* published and for sale, etc., etc., 1855." 4to., pp. 80.‖

"*A Masonic Register* for 5855: containing a List of all Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Encampments, with the Membership of each, in the State of New York. Compiled by John W. Leonard, K. T. *New York:* John W. Leonard & Co., 383 Broadway, 1855." 12mo., pp. 366.⁋

"*Book of the Lodge:* by Robert Macoy, P. M., P. G. Secretary. *New York:* Clark, Austin & Smith, publishers, 3 Park Row, 5855. Plates."¶

*Addresses.*—James L. Hogin, to G. L. of Iowa, June.

James D. M'Cabe, at Martinsburg, Virginia, January 25.

Salem Town, to G. Chapter of New York, February.

Theodore S. Gourdin, at Charleston, S. C., March 23.

William B. Thrall, at Circleville, Ohio, June 24.

H. Davis, Middle Grove, June 20.

James McFerran, Trenton, Mo., June 23.

Henry S. Meredith, Sacramento, California, June 25.

Solomon W. Cochrane, Troy, Tennessee, June 25.

J. T. Eaton, Royalton, New York, October 27.

H. S. Fulkerson, Port Gibson, Mississippi, April 14.

*Address* of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, to the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England. *Hamilton, C. W.*, Nov. 10, 5855. Pigott and Donnelly, Machine Book and Job Printers, Lister Buildings, James street.

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* Originally published, *Batavia, N. Y.*, 1829. 12mo., pp. 244.

† I have a copy of the *Second Edition Salem, N. Y.*, 1822. 12mo., pp. viii, 288. (*Cat.* No. 238.)

‡ (*Cat.* No. 109.) ‖ (*Cat.* No. 138.) ⁋ (*Cat.* No. 483.)

¶ (*Cat.* No. 483.) Magnificent specimens of Masonic Symbolism, done on bristol board, colored and encased.

John W. Simons, New York city, February 22.
John W. Simons, New York city, August 18.
Newton Givens, Friar's Point, Mississippi, June 25.
James Emmet Wilson, Griggsville, Illinois, June 23.
*Address* of Holland Lodge, No. 8, to their Masonic Brethren, August, 5855. New York: M. B. Wynkoop, Book and Job Printer, No. 12 Ann street, near Broadway, 1855.
Salem Town, to the G. R. A. Chapter of New York, Feb.
Philip C. Tucker, Burlington, Vermont, January 10.
Thomas Hayward, Tallahassee, Florida, January 8.
Carnot Posey, Vicksburg, Mississippi, January 15.
J. C. Anisworth, to Grand Lodge of Oregon, June 11.
Charles S. Frailey, to Grand Lodge of D. C., May 1.
Charles S. Frailey, to Grand Lodge of D. C., Nov. 6.
Charles S. Frailey, to Grand Dodge of D. C., Dec. 27.
Henry M. Billings, to G. L. of Wis., at Milwaukee, June 12.
Winslow Lewis, to Grand Lodge of Mass., December 27.
John S. Dashiell, to Grand Lodge of Tennessee, October 1.
John W. Simons, to Morton Encampment, No. 4, New York, August 18.
A. H. Philips, Jr., Lavacca, Texas, December 27.
Horace Cone, Columbia, Texas, December 27.
James King, Philadelphia, Penn., September 26.
Leonidas L. Smith, Oxford, N. C., June 25.
William M. Bradford, Newport, Tennessee, July 7.
J. W. M'Conaughey, Searcy, Arkansas, June 23.
Luther M. Tracy, to G. R. A. Chapter of Wisconsin, Feb. 7.
Benjamin B. French, to G. R. A. Chapter of D. C., Nov. 12.
James L. Anderson, to G. L. of Illinois, October 1.
Nathaniel G. Smith, to G. L. of Arkansas, November 5.
S. A. M. Wood, to G. L. of Alabama, December 3.
Edward Stewart, Trenton, New Jersey, January 10.
William M. Perkins, to G. L. of Louisiana, N. O., February.
William M. Taylor, to G. L. of Texas, San Antonio, Jan. 15.
Carnot Posey, to G. L. of Mississippi, Vicksburg, Jan. 15.
Rob't D. Holmes, to Templar Lodge, No. 203, N. Y., June 24.
L. S. Cornwell, to G. L. of Missouri, St. Louis, May 28.
Rev. Bro. Lundy, to West Chester Lodge, Sing Sing, New York, May 24.
William H. Howard, to G. L. of Cal., San Francisco, May 1.
W. W. Wilson, Pittsburg, Penn., second Tuesday in June.
Joseph D. Evans, to G. L. of N. Y., New York city, June 6.
John L. Lewis, Jr., to G. R. A. Chapter of New York, Feb.
Philip C. Tucker, to G. R. A. Chapter of Vermont, Aug. 9.
James A. Leitch, to G. L. of Virginia, December 10.
James Hutchinson, to G. L. of Pennsylvania, December 27

## THE SIXTY-FOURTH GRAND COMMUNICATION.

*At Lexington, October* 13 *to* 17, 1856.

One hundred and seventy-nine lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master (David T. Monsarrat) opens his Address by declaring that peace and harmony reign throughout this extended jurisdiction. He had granted eight Dispensations for lodges, U. D., and refused many more, believing that there are now more lodges in Kentucky than are necessary for the welfare of the Institution. The neighboring Grand Lodge of Ohio having directed his attention to a case where the sovereignty of that Grand Lodge had been violated by a subordinate lodge in Kentucky, he had used his official authority to undo the evil, so far as it could be done. He had made various tours through the State, visiting and instructing the subordinate lodges, and his attention had been drawn to a prevalent neglect of duty among Secretaries. Nothing, he declares, can be correctly *done* in a lodge that is not correctly *reported;* errors in the Secretary's department entail lasting evils upon the lodge. He likewise adverts, in strong terms, to the many exhibitions of mutilated persons in lodges, points out the origin of this peculiarly Kentucky error of working such materials into the Temple, and trusts that such outrages upon the Landmarks may no longer be tolerated. He is a warm advocate of Masonic literature, and recommends the "Universal Masonic Library" as a thorough compilation of all that is valuable therein; invites the attention of the Grand Lodge to the necessity for a "History of Masonry in Kentucky;" alludes with pleasure to the speedy completion of the Masonic Temple at Louisville; recommends a more general attention to the festivities of the St. John's Days, those time-honored periods of Masonic rejoicing, and gives, as a pattern for such, the far-famed demonstration at Lodgeton, Ky., on the 24th June last, to lay the corner-stone of the *Western Kentucky College.*

The Annual Oration was delivered in the Second Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Robert G. Brank, Grand Orator, on Thursday, October 16, it being the Fifty-Sixth Anniversary of the existence of this Grand Lodge. The Oration was not published, though a copy was called for by the Grand Lodge.

Various Articles, Rules, etc., were amended and added; for which, see "Constitutions."

The death of Samuel Daviess, Past Grand Master, is appropriately noticed.

A set of new and elegant Masonic plates having been pre-

sented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. John Sherer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were courteously returned to him, and the emblems, manner of arrangement, etc., adopted in the plates, were declared to comport with the ancient work of Masonry, the whole affording the safest, most reliable and most convenient aid to the proper conferring of the symbolic degrees.

The resolution of 1842, requiring Lectures at each Grand Annual Communication, from the Grand Officers, on motion of M. M. Tyler, was repealed.

It being announced that the Honorarium presented by the Grand Lodge last year to Past Grand Secretary Philip Swigert, had been stolen from the mails, a second was ordered to be prepared in the form of a Jewel or gold watch, as he might prefer. Subsequently it was reported that he had selected the latter.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340 and 341.

(*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

The Committee on Grievances recommended the following process in the trial of the Master of a lodge, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

"Hereafter it shall and may be lawful for two Master Masons, members of any lodge under the jurisdiction of this G. L., to prefer charges and specifications against the Master of their lodge for unmasonic conduct, which charges and specifications shall be forwarded to the G. M. of the G. L., for the time being, whose duty it shall be to examine such charges and specifications. And if, in his judgment, they are of such a character as to require an investigation, he shall forthwith return such charges and specifications, or copies thereof, to the Secretary of such lodge, with instructions to furnish the accused with a true copy of the same, and to issue his summons in writing for a meeting of his lodge, to hear the evidence and proceed with the trial as in other cases, without unnecessary or unreasonable delay.

"When charges and specifications shall have been preferred and entertained by the G. M., in the manner and form herein provided, all the official duties of the Master so arraigned shall devolve upon and be discharged by the Senior Warden, or other officers next in rank, as now provided for in such cases, until the accused shall have been acquitted, or until the next election of officers in said lodge."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through Rob. Morris, report in brief. The addition of the Grand Lodge of Kansas to the thirty-four Sister Grand Lodges already at work, is hailed with cordial approbation and pleasure. A welcome

hand is extended toward her, and an assurance of fraternal sympathy and aid, if need be. The refusal of the G. L. of Pennsylvania to discriminate between the G. L. of New York and a schismatic body, styling itself a Grand Lodge, is severely commented upon, as calculated to sow discord among the Brethren and weaken the cords of obedience between Grand Lodges and their respective subordinates. The history of the organization of an Independent Grand Lodge in Canada, of which William M. Wilson is Grand Master, is given at length, wherein is shown the close analogy between the principles adopted in that organization and those which made the Grand Lodge of Kentucky a lawful body in 1800. The Grand Lodge indorsed the conclusions of the Committee in welcoming Kansas and Canada, and directed the Committee on Correspondence to open a correspondence, as far as practicable, with every G. L. in the world.

The Grand Lodge acknowledged the Grand Master's zeal in visiting and instructing so many subordinate lodges, and made him an appropriation of $200 as a compensation for his expenses.

The Committee on that part of the Grand Master's Address relative to a History of Masonry in Kentucky, report that the G. M. has well expressed the importance of the subject and the immense advantages resulting from a general diffusion of Masonic literature. Whereupon the G. L. resolved that they would approbate the enterprise of some intelligent Brother in preparing, under the eye of the G. Officers, a History of Masonry in this jurisdiction.*

Bro. Andrew Neill, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, visited the Grand Lodge, and was received with the honors due to his station.

On motion of James Moore, the Grand Lodge resolved that no Dispensation should henceforth be issued unless the lodge nearest the residence of the applicants shall certify that the Master and Wardens recommended are qualified to confer the Three First Degrees in Masonry.

On motion of Charles G. Wintersmith *Resolved*, that in trials for unmasonic conduct, evidence that persons who are not accused had made statements as to the guilt or innocence of the accused are not admissible, unless such statements were made in the presence and hearing of the accused, and then all that was said by the accused and the party should be taken together.

Two hundred and eighty-one lodges were on the Rolls. Initiations for the past year, 1,437. Ministers of the Gospel Initiated the past year, 286. Deaths the past year, 114.

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* The publication of the present volume is the result of that action.

Total number of Members, 9,815. Revenue from the lodges, $10,501.62.

(*Imprint:* Frankfort, Ky.; A. G. Hodges, Printer, 1856.) 8vo., pp. 236.

### Cotemporary Events of 1856.

*March* 17.—The Grand Lodge of Kansas was organized.

*September* 9.—The Thirteenth Convocation of the General Grand Encampment, and the Fifteenth of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, was held at Hartford, Ct.

*May* 7.—Wm. C. Dawson, Grand Master of Georgia, died at Greensboro'.

*April* 12.—Corner-stone of Monument to Henry Clay was laid at New Orleans, La.

*June* 24.—Grand Masonic Rally at Lodgeton, Ky., at laying the corner-stone of Western Kentucky College. Present, W. B. Hubbard, Albert G. Mackey, W. Mercer Wilson, G. H. C. Melody, J. M. Gilbert, A. S. Underwood, Rob. Morris, and the representatives of more than forty Masonic Bodies, Grand and Subordinate.

*June* 11.—The corner-stone of Masonic Hall at Napanee, Canada West, was laid.

*November* 1.—Jas. Webb, P. G. M. of G. L. of Texas, died.

*September* 18.—J. Worthington Smith, P. G. M. of G. L. of Virginia, died at Portroyal, Vt.

### Masonic Literature of 1856.

"*The Keystone* of the Masonic Arch: a commentary on the Universal Laws and Principles of Ancient Freemasonry; by Charles Scott, A. M., author of 'The Analogy of Ancient Craft Masonry to Natural and Revealed Religion.' P. G. H. P., P. G. M., K. T., etc., etc. 'And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by NIGHT unto Berea, who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those of Thessalonica in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily whether these things were so.'—*Acts*, xvii, 10, 11. *Jackson*, Miss.: published by Thos. Palmer, 1856." 12mo., pp. xiv, 354.*

"*The Masonic Minstrel:* containing Select Odes, with Music, for the Lodge, Chapters and Encampments; by Robert Macoy.

How music charms! how meter warms!
Parent of actions good and brave!
How vice it tames and worth inflames!
And holds proud empire o'er the grave.

*New York:* Clark, Austin & Smith, 3 Park Row, 1856." 18mo., pp. 64.†

"*The Symbol:* containing an Analysis of the Book of the Lodge, with other important Masonic matters; by Robert Macoy. *Whoso readeth let him understand. New York:* gratuitously circulated; 1856." 24mo., pp. vi, 62.‡

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*(Cat. No. 442.) †(Cat. No. 274.) ‡(Cat. No. 274.)

"*A Historical Account* of Columbian Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Boston, Mass.: by John T. Heard. To which are added the Charter, the By-Laws adopted Nov. 28, 5854; Catalogues of officers, members and initiates of Columbian Lodge, and of the principal officers of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. *Boston:* printed by Alfred Mudge & Son, No. 21 School street, 1856." 8vo., pp. xi, 592.*

"*American German Year Book:* (Jahrbucher, etc.) By Edw'd Rohr, (in German.) *Williamsburgh*, L. I., 1856." 8vo., pp. viii, 304.†

*Addresses.*—Charles Roe, St. Thomas, C. W., January 23.
William M. Wilson, " " " " "
A. Bernard, Montreal, C. E., February 21.
J. N. Parker, Troy, New York, June 24.
J. V. Z. Blaney, Chicago, Illinois, June 24.
D. L. Saunders, " " December 27.
J. C. Simmons, Mariposa, California, June 24.
Lewis Landrum, Somerset, Kentucky, Dec. 27.
H. A. Gaston, Downieville, California, August 27.
George A. Gallagher, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 5.
Wm. M. Wilson, Brantford, C. W., January 28.
N. N. Barrett, Collinsville, Connecticut, January 18.
Joseph Teas, Baltimore, Maryland, June 7.
William H. White, " "
S. R. Slack, " "
Horn R. Kneass, " "
E. B. Nichols, to G. L. of Texas, January 21.
P. W. Gray, Galveston, Texas, January 24.
A. G. Mackey, G. R. A. Chapter of S. C., February 5.
Wm. R. Cannon, to G. R. A. Chapter of Miss., Jan. 14.
Giles M. Hillyer, to G. L. of Mississippi, January 21.
R. J. Fritz, to Greenville Lodge, No. 206, Miss., March 15.
Jas. C. Davis, Auburn, Hinds County, Miss., June 24.
George Stokes, Clinton, Miss., June 24.
Wm. Flint, Greenfield, Mass., February 15.
W. E. Arthur, Covington, Ky., Dec. 27.
J. L. Burrows, Richmond, Va., March 2.
Aylett R. Cotton, to G. L. Iowa, June 3.
Wm. B. Casey, Middletown, Conn., February 5.
Philip T. Schley, to G. R. A. Chapter of Georgia, April 30.
Richard A. Shine, to G. L. of Florida, January 14.
Wm. M. Perkins, to G. L. of Louisiana, Feb. 11.
Albert G. Mackey, Lodgeton, Ky., June 24.
Rob. Morris, to G. L. of Mo., May.
W. H. Howard, to G. L. of Cal., Sacramento City, May 6.

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* (*Cat.* No. 206.) † (*Cat.* No. 273.)

## THE SIXTY-FIFTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, October* 12 *to* 16, 1857.

One hundred and seventy-nine lodges were represented at the opening.

The Grand Master, (T. N. Wise,) in his opening Address, alludes in eloquent and expressive terms to the mutations of all things earthly, illustrating the theme by appropriate historical references. He contrasts the stability of the Masonic Institution with all this, as no slight argument in favor of its merit. No circumstance had occurred to disturb seriously the harmony of the Craft in this State. Various questions on Masonic jurisprudence, more or less difficult, had presented themselves to his attention, and been settled with the light of precedent and Masonic philosophy. He alludes feelingly to the death of two Past G. Masters, Willis Stewart, and John D. McClure, and to that of Jesse Edmonston, the Patriarch of Masonry in western Kentucky, three ornaments and pillars of the Mystic Order. He had acted as one of a Committee to accompany the body of the celebrated navigator, Elisha K. Kane, a member of this Institution, as far as Columbus, Ohio, on its way to interment in Philadelphia; had presided in his official capacity on the Fourth of July last, in laying the corner-stone of the Monument in Lexington, Kentucky, in honor of Henry Clay, and had dedicated the Halls of St. Andrew Lodge at Cynthiana, Kentucky, and of Bradford Lodge at Independence, Kentucky. He had granted ten dispensations for lodges, U. D., and concludes by recommending that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased, as it was now quite inadequate to compensate him for the labor he was performing.

The Constitutional Rules were amended as follows: Art. xv, *Sec.* 5. A Committee of six members shall be appointed to be called the Committee on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, whose duty it shall be to examine the returns of Subordinate Lodges.

The Annual Oration was delivered G. Clay Smith, Grand Orator, in the Second Presbyterian Church.

The Trustees of the Masonic College at La Grange, Henry Wingate, A. G. Hodges, and Thomas Todd, report that some improvements had been made upon the houses and grounds, involving an expense of $972.51, and the College Buildings had been leased for five years, to Dr. O. L. Leonard, at a nominal price. The Trustees congratulate the G. L. upon its favorable prospects under the present auspices.

The resources of the G. L. were $22.029.51.

Charters were ordered to Lodges Nos. 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, and 350.

(*See Historical Roll of Lodges.*)

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, J. M. S. McCorkle, and Rob. Morris, report through sixty-four pages. They reviewed the Proceedings of thirty-three sister G. Lodges, embracing the whole number then known to the American galaxy, save Kansas and Nebraska. The subject of adopting the Christian Scriptures as an essential in Masonry is handled with force, and this innovation severely criticised. The results of the godlike labors of Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, in relieving distressed applicants for charity, called down marked commendation. The late unsuccessful effort for union between the G. L. of New York, and the principal schismatic body there is noticed. The masterly argument of the Grand Master of Vermont, Philip C. Tucker, in behalf of the regularity of the G. Lodge of Canada is quoted entire, and stamped as of the best metal.

A table of statistics, gathered with immense labor from the thousands of pages reviewed is given, by far the most elaborate and complete ever published. The Grand Lodge adopted the report, and ordered that in future the Grand Secretary should withhold from publication the names of all rejected candidates.

Upon a vote by lodges upon the question of holding the Grand Lodge Sessions in future at Louisville, it was negatived, 95 to 134.

A Rule was adopted establishing the Office of Assistant Grand Secretary, and affixing the salary at $50; he to be appointed by the Grand Secretary, with the consent of the G. L.

A Committee was appointed, consisting of the G. Master, to visit the Grand Lodge of Indiana at its Sessions of 1858, to solicit and procure, if possible, the sword worn by Grand Master Joseph H. Daviess, when he fell at the battle of Tippecanoe, it being in possession of Judge Todd of that State, said sword to be laid up in the Archives of this Grand Lodge as a memento of the patriotism and the last worldly relic of the distinguished deceased.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address, relative to the decease of distinguished Masons the past year, reported brief biographical sketches of Willis Stewart, John D. McClure, and Jesse Edmonston, Masons, whose labors are inscribed imperishably upon the memory of surviving Brethren. A blank page was ordered to be left in the published Proceedings, on which should be inscribed only the names of the three deceased Brothers.

Articles were added to the Rules of the Grand Lodge, at the instance of S. D. McCullough, forbidding the lodges to re-

ceive instruction from unauthorized itinerant lecturers, under the severest penalties.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised to five hundred dollars.

The members of the Grand Lodge, having attended by invitation a luxurious banquet, given them by the Freemasons of Lexington and vicinity, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned for the same.

Two hundred and ninety lodges were on the Rolls.

A perfectly systematic Index is appended to the Proceedings.

Total number of Initiations.....1281.
Ministers Initiated.....293.
Deaths.....119.
Total number of Members reported.....9979.
Revenue from Lodges.....$9.892.75.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Ky.; A. G. Hodges, Printer, 1857.) 8vo., pp. 294.

### Cotemporary Events of 1857.

*June* 17.—Statue of Joseph Warren inaugurated on Bunker Hill.

*June* 24.—Centennial Anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Providence, R. I.

*September.*—The Grand Lodge of Nebraska was organized—the thirty-sixth in the Catalogue of the Grand Lodges of the United States.

*November* 10.—The first Masonic publication of a biographical character (Reminiscences of the Triennial Convocations at Hartford, Conn., 1856,) was issued.

*October.*—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky dissolved its connection with the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

*September.*—The lodges on the English Register, and not in union with the Grand Lodge of Canada, united, to the number of about fifty, and formed an independent body, under the title of the "Antient" Grand Lodge.

*July* 4.—Corner-stone of Monument to Henry Clay laid at Lexington, Ky., by the Grand Lodge.

*February* 16.—Dr. E. K. Kane died at Havana. His body was conveyed, by way of New Orleans and the Mississippi river, to Philadelphia. Great honors (Masonic, civic and military) were paid to the remains all along the route.

## Masonic Literature of 1857.

"*The Universal Masonic Record*, or Links in the Golden Chain of Brotherhood: containing the Name, Business, Profession, and Residence of Subscribers; the name of the Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Encampment to which each one is attached; and the Rank, Position, and Degree attained in the Order. Confined exclusively to Members of the Masonic Fraternity in good standing. Containing, also, a List of Masonic Lodges in America and Europe, and the place where each Lodge is held. *Philadelphia*, (Pa.) Published by Leon Hyneman, No. 106 Chestnut street, 1857." 8vo., pp. 234.*

"*The Masonic Manual*, A Pocket Companion to the Initiated: containing the Rituals of Freemasonry embraced in the Degrees of the Lodge, Chapter and Encampment; embellished with upward of three hundred engravings; together with Poems, Masonic Documents, Notes, Songs, Dates, etc. Compiled and Arranged by Robert Macoy, Past Master, Past Grand Secretary, Past Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, etc. *Fifteenth Edition. New York.*—Clark, Austin & Smith, 3 Park row and 3 Ann street, 1857." 18mo., pp. xvi: 300; xvi.†

"*Original Thoughts*, or Freemasonry Demonstrated through the Medium of Geometry. By Frank M. Duffy, of Tennessee.

"Go, little book, from this my solitude!
I cast thee on the waters. Go thy ways;
And if, as I believe, thy vein be good,
The world will find thee after many days."

*Nashville*, (Tenn.) Published for the Author, 1857." 12mo., pp. 138.‡

"*Reminiscences* of the Triennial Convocations of the General Grand Encampment and the General Grand Chapter of the United States at Hartford, Conn., Sept. 9 to 16, A. D. 1856, etc., with Biographical and Historical Notes copiously interspersed, etc., etc. By Rob. Morris. For private distribution only. *Lodgeton*, (Ky.,) 1857." 8vo., pp. viii: 104.§

"*Proceedings* of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio, at its several Communications, from 1808 to 1847, inclusive. Republished by order of the Grand Lodge, 1857." 8vo., pp. 655.‖

*Addresses.*—John L. Lewis, jr., Buffalo, N. Y., September 11.
John W. Simons, Buffalo, N. Y., September 11.
George M. Randall, Providence, R. I., June 24.
Wm. S. Moses, San Francisco, Cal., June 24.
W. M. Wilson, Montreal, C. E., June.
Salem Town, Albany, N. Y., February.
John Masson, Grand Chancellor of the Grand Encampment of England and Wales, April 4, 1857.
William H. Browning, Florence, Ala., June 24.
A. C. Smith, Saint Paul, Minn., December 22.
W. B. Wellons, Nansemond Co., Va., June 27.

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* *Cat.*, No. 444.
† (*Cat.*, No. 445.) There is an edition of this Hand-Book in German. New York, 1854. 18mo., pp. xi: 128. (*Cat.*, No. 196.)
‡ *Cat.*, No. 446.
§ *Cat.*, No. 484.
‖ *Cat.*, No. 310.

## THE SIXTY-SIXTH GRAND COMMUNICATION,

*At Lexington, October* 11 *to* 14, 1858.

Two hundred and twenty-nine lodges were represented during the week—the largest number ever seen in this Grand Lodge. 294 Chartered lodges on the Rolls, and six lodges under Dispensation. The membership in the aggregate is 11,236, which, estimating the population of the State at 1,000,000, gives one Mason for each eighty-eight persons, nearly.* The ratio of members to a lodge is 37, nearly. The number of Initiations the past year was 1223. There were 131 Deaths, 53 Expulsions, and 246 Suspensions. There are about one-half as many non-affiliating Masons in Kentucky as members of the lodges which gives, by a moderate estimate, 16,000 Masons in Kentucky.

The Grand Master (Philip Swigert) opened the Grand Lodge, and presided over its deliberations with a firmness and easy grace expected of so experienced a Mason and officer. With him on the dais were seated the well-known forms of Past Grand Masters Wingate, Wintersmith, Ware, Todd, Wise,—those of Tyler, M'Clure and Stewart, were vacant forever.† A veteran Mason (M'Corkle) presided in the southeast, a man of that variety of talent, urbanity and worldly wisdom, which alone qualifies one to handle, skillfully, the Grand Lodge Pen. In the northeast, another veteran, (all unlike in appearance, yet similar in inward fitness for a high Masonic trust,) was the Grand Treasurer Hodges, whose happy part it has been to rescue the Grand Lodge from a state of destitution and bankruptcy, and make it, in financials, one of the wealthiest bodies of the sort in the world—genial, even jocose, at proper moments, none can better assume, when needed, the gravity of an official station, or more firmly contend against irregularity and error. Happy the Grand Master whose right and left are fortified with such columns; happy the Grand Lodge whose Keys and Pens are in such worthy hands.

The greater portion of the Grand Master's Address is given at page 214 of this volume, which see. He had granted Dispensations to establish 10 lodges, U. D. In company with the

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* As a matter of convenience, we give a tabular account of these ratios, as follows:

| | Pop. of Ky. | No. of Lodge. | No. of Masons. | Ratio Pop. to a L. | Ratio Pop. to a M. | Pages referred to. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1800 | 179,000 | 5 | 150 | 35,800 | 1193 | 125 |
| 1810 | 324,000 | 10 | 300 | 32,400 | 1080 | 125 |
| 1820 | 434,000 | 45 | 1450 | 9,600 | 30[illegible] | 212 |
| 1830 | 517,000 | 66 | 2600 | 7,835 | 323 | 295 |
| 1840 | 590,000 | 37 | 1300 | 16,000 | 461 | 341 |
| 1850 | 761,000 | 139 | 4876 | 5,474 | 177 | 384 |
| 1858 | 1,000,000 | 302 | 11236 | 3,311 | 88 | 428 |

† Past Grand Master M. M. Tyler died October 26, but a few days subsequent to the adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Past Grand Masters Henry Wingate and T. N. Wise, he had visited the Grand Lodge of Indiana in May preceding, according to an order made last year, and reported, as the results of his visit, that Mr. Levi L. Todd, who had the sword of J. H. Daviess in his possession, would be present at this Session and present it to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in person. He recommended the codification of the Constitutional Rules and the appointment of a Standing Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Treasurer's Account showed the Total Payments for the year, $14,114.57; Total balance on hand and Receipts for the year, $14,550.59. The Resources of the Grand Lodge are $23,778.90, viz.:—Bank Stock, $9200; Bonds of Frankfort City, $6000; Stock in Masonic Temple, Louisville, $7100; Money loaned, $1072.88; Cash on hand, $406.02.

An elaborate legal decision from Hons. William B. Jones, Asher W. Graham and James Harlan, was presented, relative to the Grand Lodge title to the Masonic Hall and lot in Lexington. The two former advise, that, if the Grand Lodge desire to sell the property, an Act of the Legislature should be secured repealing the restrictions in the Act of Incorporation which limits the use of the property "for Masonic and benevolent purposes." Judge Harlan, however, while admitting the general views of the two former, maintains, "that, although the Grand Lodge may not be invested with a technical legal title to its Hall, etc., in Lexington, yet it has that character of title which would always be upheld and sustained by the Courts." "Any transfer of the title by the Grand Lodge would, of course, be subject to the interest reserved in the deeds for the benefit of Lexington Lodge, No. 1."

A Committee appointed last year reported that they had visited Louisville, and examined the Masonic Temple there, and found it a large and spacious edifice, perfect in all its arrangements for Masonic purposes. The Hall was tendered, through them, to the Grand Lodge, for future use, free of all charges.

Representatives from lodges, U. D., in attendance, were admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge and to vote on all questions which might arise. This was in accordance with an unchangeable usage of this Grand Lodge from the day of its organization, October 16, 1800.

A Communication was received from the Junior Grand Warden, R. K. Tyler, stating his inability to be present, and declining further promotion in the Grand Lodge. In the place to which, according to the peculiar rotation of Kentucky, he would have been entitled, a veteran Mason, Lewis Landrum, was elected.

The following officers were elected for the year ensuing:

Rob. Morris, Grand Master.
Harvey T. Wilson, Deputy Grand Master.
Lewis Landrum, Senior Grand Warden.
Benjamin J. Hinton, Junior Grand Warden.
Rev. W. H. Forsythe, Grand Chaplain.
John M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.
Albert G. Hodges, Grand Treasurer.
James H. Craig, Senior Grand Deacon.
M. D. Logan, Junior Grand Deacon.
William C. Munger, Grand Marshal.
William E. Woodruff, Grand Sword Bearer.
John McCracken, Grand Pursuivant.
D. D. Richardson, Grand Tyler.

The office of Grand Orator was abolished.

*Ordered*, that taking an appeal from the decision of the Master of a lodge to the lodge over which he presides, is an innovation upon the Ancient Landmarks, and can not be too severely condemned by this Grand Lodge, and lodges are hereby directed to strike such article out of their By-Laws, if any. (On motion of John D. Pope.)

Article lvii, was arranged according to its present form, by motion of Lewis Landrum, amended by C. G. Wintersmith.

Decided, that each lodge was free to spread the ballot for initiation, either in the *first* or *third* degrees; and for *passing* either in the second or third, at its own discretion. (On motion of Rob. Morris.)

The Resolution offered last year by E. Richardson, to hold the Annual Sessions, hereafter, in *Louisville* instead of *Lexington*, was adopted by a vote of 138 ayes, to 93 nays. The time of meeting of the Grand Lodge was changed to the third Monday in October.

The Committee on Grievances, declared that the Master of a lodge possessed no right to surrender his Charter, without proper instructions from his lodge.

The Committee on Credentials, reiterate the complaint made almost annually, in this Grand Lodge, for fifty-nine years, that the lodges fail to verify their documents by seals. Our observation is, that not one-half the lodges of Kentucky possess official seals.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, J. M. S. McCorkle, Rob. Morris, and Fred. Webber, report through fifty-seven pages. The Chairman had carefully examined the Proceedings of thirty-three Grand Lodges, being all the American Grand Lodges, except Iowa and Oregon. This, upon the whole, is the most elaborate and perfect Report, of the sort, ever presented

this Grand Lodge, and is a monument of industry and patienee. Four Resolutions are appended, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky hereby tenders her warmest congratulations to the Masonic Fraternity in New York and Canada, respectively, upon the re-union of the Craft so happily effected within their jurisdictions, wishing them God speed in their glorious mission, and hope that in future no clouds may darken their Masonic skies.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky hereby extends the right hand of fellowship to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and welcomes her, as a young sister, to the circle of American Grand Lodges.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay over to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, for the use of Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, fourteen dollars, the amount expended by said lodge, during the past year, for the relief of a brother from Kentucky.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer pay over to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, for the use of the Masonic Board of Relief of the city of San Francisco, ten dollars, the amount expended by said Board, during the year 1856, for the relief of a brother from Kentucky."

J. M. S. McCORKLE,
ROB. MORRIS,
FRED. WEBBER.

The following Statistical Tables appended to the Report, are of great interest and value:

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MASONIC STATISTICS,

*Gathered from various Grand Lodge Proceedings of latest dates received.*

| Name of Grand Lodge. | Year. | No. of Lodges regist'rd | No. making no return. | No. of members returned | No. of initiations. | No. expelled. | No. of deaths. | Amount of revenue. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama, | 1857 | 215 | 3 | 7172 | — | — | — | $3509 00 |
| Arkansas, | 1857 | 115 | 66 | 1924 | 267 | 1 | 25 | 2032 65 |
| California, | 1858 | 118 | — | 5309 | 882 | 3 | 64 | 7757 25 |
| Connecticut, | 1858 | 55 | — | 4784 | 418 | 13 | 62 | 568 00 |
| Delaware, | 1857 | 10 | 2 | 457 | — | — | 3 | 129 00 |
| District of Columbia, | 1857 | 11 | — | 686 | 112 | — | 14 | 648 62 |
| Florida, | 1858 | 38 | 5 | 1234 | 166 | 7 | 60 | 1438 00 |
| Georgia, | 1857 | 194 | 23 | 12027 | 1102 | 40 | 118 | 9353 59 |
| Illinois, | 1857 | 243 | 7 | 8726 | 2011 | 35 | 96 | 6209 60 |
| Indiana, | 1858 | 238 | 2 | 8594 | 1291 | 60 | 81 | 9889 00 |
| Kansas, | 1857 | 6 | 1 | 170 | 50 | 2 | 3 | 85 00 |
| Kentucky, | 1858 | 302 | 27 | 10319 | 1223 | 53 | 131 | 12427 34 |
| Louisiana, | 1858 | 107 | 9 | 3979 | 641 | 4 | 66 | 13561 00 |
| Maine, | 1858 | 79 | 3 | 3391 | 480 | 6 | 38 | 1541 94 |
| Maryland, | 1858 | 33 | 4 | 1717 | 84 | — | 8 | 2580 86 |
| Massachusetts, | 1857 | 95 | 4 | 5320 | 1092 | — | — | —— |
| Michigan, | 1858 | 106 | 2 | — | — | 23 | — | 2546 59 |
| Minnesota, | 1858 | 24 | 1 | 806 | 259 | — | — | 1089 50 |
| Mississippi, | 1858 | 205 | 10 | 7310 | 917 | 21 | 114 | 8018 65 |
| Missouri, | 1858 | 156 | 16 | 5700 | 876 | 26 | 65 | 7886 00 |
| Nebraska, | 1858 | 6 | — | 140 | 45 | 1 | 3 | 518 25 |
| New Hampshire, | 1858 | 37 | — | 1731 | 309 | — | — | 541 48 |
| New Jersey, | 1858 | 45 | 4 | 2204 | — | 3 | 28 | 1209 00 |
| New York, | 1858 | 409 | 10 | 21438 | 4022 | 26 | 269 | 15130 39 |
| North Carolina, | 1857 | 126 | 18 | 5121 | 474 | 20 | 55 | 1631 25 |
| Ohio, | 1857 | 265 | 35 | 10290 | 2275 | 96 | 136 | 7811 73 |
| Rhode Island, | 1857 | 16 | — | 1048 | — | — | — | 470 50 |
| South Carolina, | 1857 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6432 06 |
| Tennessee, | 1857 | 194 | 17 | 9310 | 1089 | — | — | 4287 25 |
| Texas, | 1858 | 196 | 23 | 5382 | 894 | 16 | 112 | 5690 56 |
| Virginia, | 1857 | 135 | 21 | 5042 | — | — | 78 | 1273 25 |
| Vermont, | 1858 | 44 | — | 2072 | — | 3 | 19 | 367 00 |
| Wisconsin, | 1858 | 86 | — | 3346 | 606 | 9 | 31 | 2988 40 |
| Pennsylvania, | 1857 | 156 | — | 11428 | 1568 | — | — | 31381 90 |
| | | 4055 | 313 | 178176 | 23148 | 470 | 1679 | $169004 61 |

The Committee on Finance express the opinion, that it is improper for the Grand Lodge to undertake to relieve the destitute Masons scattered over the State, which is the duty of subordinate lodges, and the Grand Lodge, this year, refused to donate any of its funds in charity.

The Grand Lodge disapprobated a proposal, emanating from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to aid, as a Fraternity, the efforts of the ladies and others, to purchase Mount Vernon as a National possession. They decided that "Committees of the Whole," in lodges, are unmasonic, and forbade them. They declared that they would not entertain, a second time, any claim against the Grand Lodge, against which they had previously decided adversely, unless new evidence were adduced to substantiate the claim. They resolved that it is irregular and improper for a subordinate lodge to be opened for the transaction of any business, unless the Master, or one of the Wardens, shall be present.

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. Wintersmith, Wingate, Ware, Wise, and Todd, was appointed, to act in conjunction with a similar Committee of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in relation to the erection of a Masonic Monument, at the Battle Ground of Tippecanoe.

The Grand Master elect, made an Inaugural Address, which was spread upon the Minutes.

A Committee, to whom was referred the Official Correspondence of the retiring Grand Master, at his request, reported a synopsis of the same, which was approved by the Grand Lodge. It being the experience of one who has been a member of the Grand Lodge, for thirty-eight successive years, gives it a stamp of value, rarely attached to mere decisions upon passing questions. We, therefore, give the Report entire.

*Dispensations.*—The Grand Master has refused to grant Dispensations to confer degrees, out of the usual time, upon most of the petitions referred to him. The principle that has been established in Kentucky, during the last eight years, that there are few real cases of emergency, has been sustained and confirmed by Grand Master Swigert.

In all cases, though frequently importuned, he refused to grant Dispensations to lodges to do what they were constitutionally authorized to do.

*Discipline.*—The Grand Master decides—

1. That the lodge, under whose jurisdiction a non-affiliated Mason lives, is the only competent body to try him upon charges of unmasonic conduct, etc.

2. A Mason living in the vicinity of a lodge, but a member of another far distant, is subject to the authority of his own lodge, and not of the lodge within whose jurisdiction he lives.

3. Indefinite suspension and expulsion operate alike—both require unanimous ballot to restore.

4. Intemperance in Masonry is immorality, and must be treated as such.

5. An accused party on trial can not be allowed to testify in his own case.

6. The lodge is the proper tribunal for appeals for new trials, re-instatements, etc., etc., and not the Grand Lodge.

7. An Entered Apprentice can be tried for immorality, etc., the same as a Master Mason.

8. The accused is to be considered innocent, and is entitled to all Masonic privileges until proved to be guilty.

9. A Brother suspended for a definite period, returns to his membership at the expiration of that period, without action of the lodge.

10. Charges for unmasonic conduct must be accompanied with specifications, or there can be no trial.

11. It is the privilege and duty of the lodge to deal severely with members in heavy arrears for dues.

12. The refusal to obey the lodge summons, is an offense in Masonry, which demands stringent discipline.

13. If the by-laws of the lodge do not designate an accuser, any member of the lodge may prefer charges against another.

14. If an installed officer of the lodge fails or refuses to perform the duties of his office, he is amenable to the lodge for such misconduct.

15. A member of the lodge under suspension for a definite period, may be charged, tried, and expelled, for gross misconduct.

16. All applications for reinstatement, by suspended or expelled Masons, must be in writing, by petition, lie over one month, and can only be adopted by unanimous vote.

*Representatives.*—None but actual representatives present in the Grand Lodge, can claim the mileage and per diem allowance granted by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge compensation is the property of the representative, and not of his lodge.

*Rejections.*—A Brother blackballing an applicant, can not withdraw his objections after the second stated meeting subsequent to such rejection.

The rejection of an applicant for membership, does not affect his good standing. He can visit lodges, etc., just as formerly.

A Brother rejected for the second or third degree, may renew his application at every subsequent meeting of the lodge; but an application for the first degree once rejected, can not be renewed for twelve months thereafter.

A Brother can not be charged for rejecting an applicant.

*Affiliation.*—A member having demitted from a lodge, even for the shortest space of time, can not be affiliated again, save by a regular petition and ballot.

A Lodge, U. D., may increase its members by affiliation, the same as any other lodge.

No Brother can be a member of two lodges at the same time.

*Clandestine.*—A Mason made in any lodge under St. John's Grand Lodge, New York, is clandestine.

*Harmony.*—A lodge troubled with intestine difficulties, should study harmony, and thus be restored to usefulness, and not dissolve for the purpose of asking a Dispensation to shake off a portion of its members.

The ballot may be spread the second time in almost any case, if the harmony of the lodge seems to require it.

*Funeral Honors.*—A Fellow Craft Mason is not entitled to funeral honors.

*By-Laws.*—A lodge can not suspend its own by-laws to suit a particular case.

A lodge should hold its own by-laws sacred, unless regularly altered.

The lodge must be the judge of the qualifications of its own voters.

*Removal of Lodge.*—The Grand Master may grant a Dispensation for a lodge to remove its place of meeting, within a reasonable limit

*Official Duty.*—Officers elect can not act until installed.

Processions for the purposes of installation, must be formed in the lodge room, the lodge being first regularly opened.

Installed officers act until others are constitutionally elected and installed.

In the absence of the Master and Wardens, the lodge can not be opened.

*Installation.*—Any Past Master, if regularly invited, may install the officers elect of a lodge, whether he be a member of that lodge or not.

Officers of lodges, U. D., must be regularly installed, the same as those of a chartered lodge.

*Elections of Officers.*—Elections must be held while the lodge is at labor, and not at refreshment.

*Postponement.*—It is not proper to postpone the regular business of the lodge beyond the period of the next regular meeting of the lodge.

*Visitors.*—The lodge has the right to determine who shall visit it.

*Qualifications of Applicants.*—An application for initiation from a person under twenty-one years of age, can not be received by the lodge.

*Charters and Dispensations.*—The Charter, (or Dispensation,) being lost, the lodge can not continue to work.

*Records.*—After the Minutes of the lodge are regularly approved and signed, they can not be altered.

Whatever is regularly spread upon the Minutes may be copied by the Secretary, and furnished to any member of the lodge asking it.

*Jurisdiction.*—Lodges in adjoining States are authorized to initiate citizens of Kentucky, when living nearer those lodges than any in this State.

A person, transient in his calling, but residing in this State a large portion of his time, may be initiated here.

*Emergent Meetings.*—The ballot can not be spread at called meetings.

Much the greater portion of this correspondence is of a sort that can not be entered in a synopsis, such as decisions of special cases, encouragements to harmony and kind feeling, rebukes for misconduct and error, references to constitutional regulations, etc., etc., in all of which your Committee would approbate his action.

He has filed and labelled all his correspondence for the use of his successors in office, a practice that we cordially recommend for future adoption, and has given his reply to each letter upon the same.

An appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars, having been asked for, to aid in a proposed Monument at Tippecanoe, it was referred to the subordinate lodges, to instruct their Representatives, at the next Session, how to vote upon it.

A sum of money, $300, having been presented this Grand Lodge for charitable purposes some years since, by an English Brother, (whose name was and is yet concealed,) $250 of the amount was donated to the family of Past Grand Master, John D. McClure, deceased, for the education of his orphan children.

A Committee to revise and codify the Constitutional Rules of the Grand Lodge, consisting of the Grand Master, P. G. Master, D. T. Monserrat, and the Grand Treasurer, was instructed to have the code ready in printed form for the use of the Grand Lodge at its next Session.

A visit from Hon. Levi L. Todd, of Indiana, accompanied by Past Grand Master, William Sheets, P. D. G. Master, H.

G. Hazelrigg, and Grand Secretary, Francis King, all of that jurisdiction, who came bearing that precious relic, *the sword of Joseph Hamilton Daviess*, who was killed September 7, 1811, at Tippecanoe, while Grand Master of Kentucky, formed an episode of surpassing interest at this Session. The delegation were greeted by Grand Master Swigert in these words:

BROTHERS:—It is with no ordinary degree of pleasure you are received into our Grand Lodge this morning as visitors. The knowledge of your long and faithful services to your Grand Lodge is not confined to that jurisdiction alone, but has crossed over the river which divides us, and is familiar to many who now greet you among us. May your short stay with us be pleasant and agreeable, and add another cord to the one which now binds us together as Brothers, which shall not be severed as long as time shall last. Brothers, I bid you welcome, thrice welcome, to our Grand Lodge.

A box containing the sword was then presented to the Grand Lodge by Brother Todd, who had long had it in possession. It was received with an eloquent response from C. G. Wintersmith, as follows:

"BROTHER TODD: As the proxy of the Grand Master, and in the name of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, I receive at your hands the sword worn by our deceased Grand Master, Joseph Hamilton Daviess, when he fell at the Tippecanoe, encased in a casket manufactured of the wood of the oak under which he was standing when he received the fatal shot, with inexpressible feelings of the profoundest gratitude. The reminiscences connected with this weapon, with the man who wore it, and the circumstances of his death, are thrilling to the hearts of every Kentucky and Indiana Mason. At the time of his death he was the Grand Master of both—for both were then united in the same jurisdiction. Beside the patriotism which incited him to go forth into the wilderness and to battle, was the additional incentive that the homes of his Brethren of the mystic tie, over whom he presided, were threatened with invasion, by a foe whose relentless cruelty spared neither age, nor sex, nor property, but, while he applied the torch to the one, he consigned the other to the merciless tomahawk and scalping knife. No higher incentives could swell the breast of man, and on no altar did ever their fires burn with a brighter, purer flame, than upon his heart, whose memory is now so vividly and solemnly impressed upon this assembly.

JOSEPH HAMILTON DAVIESS was a remarkable man. Early inured to border life—having come to Kentucky when it was almost a vast solitude, in his childhood—he grew up to manhood with the vast west, and imbibed its mighty characteristics and greatness. His political character is comprehensively written in the inscription upon that old blade: '*Liberty and Independence.*' For these he toiled; for these he fought, and for these he died. He saw that the progress of civilization in the Mississippi valley, and the progress of liberty among mankind, were one and the same thing; that the mighty march of both were identified in the prophetic '*Novus ordo Seculorum*,' of the patriot fathers of the republic. And he was ready, in the forum and in the battle-field, and everywhere, to strike down whatever impeded their advancing footsteps. When in his youth, the Indian tribes were collecting their forces near the mouth of the Licking river, to drive back the progress of the white race, 'in the midst of peril and alarm,' he was there to confront them. When, afterward, with the same view, these

tribes again assembled on the banks of the Wabash, under the inspiriting lead of Tecumpthe and the Prophet, and the warhoop resounding, threating devastation and spreading dismay and consternation in the hearts of the boldest, again he was there to confront them; and when the battle came on, no plume waved higher than his, as in the midst and thickest of the fight he brandished his good old broad sword, from which were gleaming those words of our national faith, '*Liberty and Independence!*' There, defending this great faith, and under this illustrious motto, he fell covered over with glorious wounds.

I said that besides patriotism there was another inciting motive of his action. He was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, then embracing in its jurisdiction the largest portion of Indiana, and particularly that territory reaching up to Tippecanoe. The mothers, wives, and children of the Brethren who had made him their chief for the time, were in danger, and burning with love for them, and careless of consequences to himself, he rushed to the rescue at the first alarm. So well he loved them; how well they loved him, bear witness that long, solemn, mournful, tearful procession, stretching from end to end of the great street of this city, and composed of men, many of whom had ridden long journeys to be present at the funeral obsequies of that day. How well they loved him bear witness, the sobs from strong men, that audibly mingled with the last dirge to the ashes of their dead brother.

In the forum and at the bar he had no superiors, and few equals, either in profound knowledge, rectitude of purpose and of action or splendid oratory.

As a private citizen he was blameless.

As a man of benevolence, none approached him for alms and departed without blessing his liberal hand.

As a moralist he was deeply imbued with those amiable and high and lofty doctrines, everywhere delineated upon the Chart of Freemasonry.

The sword of such a man, worn by him at the time the fatal shaft quivered in his heart, and 'drank the last life drop of his bleeding breast,' you, sir, after having long preserved it as a reminiscence of your old and beloved tutor, and a gift from his widow, have presented to this Grand Lodge as its proper custodiary, and need I say that we accept the trust of its custody with hearts full of gratitude. Aye, sir, as long as this Grand Lodge exists—and it will exist through all the mutations of time and fortune—or as long as freedom and morality and brotherly love have a home in Kentucky, this memorial will be kept secure, and it will be suspended aloft as a cherished testimonial of Joseph Hamilton Daviess, and we will point to it as a monitor to ourselves, and to our successors, and to our children, and to our children's children, to the latest posterity, to imitate his high, noble, and chivalrous character and virtues.

One word more, sir, and I have done. Years ago you emigrated from Kentucky to the northwest. The country in which you reside extended, beautiful and bountiful, was wrested from barbarous savages, in great part, by Kentucky bravery and daring, and for years Kentucky was the fortification under whose protecting guns the northwest was taken possession of by civilized man. Whenever its inhabitants were threatened by savage or civilized foe, the people of Kentucky have been foremost to meet the invader, and in their defense have poured out their blood on many a battle-field. Shall it ever be that the people of the northwest, in their pride of strength and numbers, will so far forget these things, that they will fail to recognize the willing strength of Kentucky in their day of weakness? Let others do as they may, may we not hope that the Freemasons of that territory will never permit such burning shame to cinder

their cheeks. May we not hope, that should ever vicissitudes come upon our fair land, which may invoke the good offices of our neighbors, that their hearts and their hands will be ready!

Again, sir, with profound thanks to you and your friends with you, and wishing you all happiness in the present and future, we receive this sword as a jewel above all price."

*Resolved*, That the Sword of Joseph H. Daviess, and Box containing it, this morning presented to this Grand Lodge, be placed in the possession of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, for the time being, and by him deposited in the vault of the Farmers Bank of Kentucky at Frankfort, and that the key thereof be left in the custody of Grand Master P. Swigert, and that a box be procured for the preservation of the same.

The warmest expressions of gratitude of the Grand Lodge were tendered to Brother Todd, for a gift so appropriate and which will be forever cherished as a sacred possession by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the entire delegation were made guests of the Grand Lodge while here.

According to a requisition made in 1856, a list of Expulsions is appended. There had been 53 from the lodges of Kentucky; La. 22; Cal. 3; Me. 6; Neb. 1; Ind. 53; Wis. 3; N. H. 2; Kansas 1; Mo. 26; Texas 3; N. Y. 26; Vt. 3; Ga. 37; N. J. 3; Miss. 20; Ill. 34; Mich. 23; Va. 11; Ala. 28; Md. 4; Tenn. 38; Ohio, 104; Conn. 13.

(*Imprint.*—Frankfort, Kentucky; A. G. Hodges, Printer, 1858.) 8vo., pp. 302.

## Cotemporary Events of 1858.

*May* 27.—The Grand Encampment of Kentucky convened at Louisville. Seven encampments were represented during the Sessions, viz.: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9.

The General Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment of the United States being in the city, was invited and attended the Convocation, rendering valuable assistance in exemplifying the work and communicating appropriate instruction. He subsequently united with the Sir Knights in a very magnificent banquet spread by the Fraternity of Louisville.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT.

Theodore N. Wise, G. M.
Stephen F. Gano, D. G. M.
Henry R. Orr, G. Glo.
Frank Tryon, G. C. G.
Mathew Magill, G. Prel.
William C. Munger, G. S. W.
Thomas Todd, G. J. W.
William M. Samuel, G. Rec.
John McCracken, G. Treas.
Jesse E. Hoskins, G. St. B.

L. C. Steadman, G. Sw. B.
William Vanpelt, G. W.
Daniel Epperson, G. Sent.

There are 9 encampments on the Rolls, viz.: No. 1, at *Louisville;* No. 2, *Lexington;* No. 3, *Versailles;* No. 4, *Frankfort;* No. 5, *Mt. Sterling;* No. 6, *Hopkinsville;* No. 7, *Covington;* No. 8, *Hickman;* No. 9, *Georgetown.* The number of members three hundred and thirty-two.

*July* 14.—Union in Canada between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the "Antient" Grand Lodge formed last year. This was purely a Masonic fusion, equal privileges being granted to both, and the two Registers making in the aggregate one hundred and twelve lodges perfectly blended as one.

*November* 15.—The Grand Consistory of Kentucky, Ancient and Accepted Rite, Thirty-Second Degree, was revived at Louisville, after a state of inaction of more than six years.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT:

Rob. Morris, C. in C.
J. J. Hirschbuhl, D. C. in C.
Frank Tryon, 1st L. C.
J. V. Cowling, 2d L. C.
Fred. Webber, G. Ch.
Isaac Cromie, G. Tr.
E. D. Cooke, G. Arch.
C. Burwanger, G. Stew.
Henry Hudson, G. M. of C.
Henry W. Gray, G. St. B.
L. V. White, G. C. of G.
R. C. Matthews, G. Tyler.

This body has established no subordinates.

*June.*—Union in New York between the Grand Lodge of New York and the schismatics of 1849. The latter were admitted to equal privileges, their lodges enrolled upon the G. L. Register, and the question in dispute, relative to the right of Past Masters to a seat in the Grand Lodge, yielded in favor of all their Past Masters who were made previous to 1849.

*October.*—National Masonic School of Institution, established in Louisville, Kentucky, to revise the genuine ancient work and lecturers of Masonry, and to afford a standard of reference in mooted questions of usage and jurisprudence.

OFFICERS ELECT:

Rob. Morris, *President;* David T. Monserrat, Nathan White, and the Presiding Officers of the various Masonic bodies in Louisville, *Vice Presidents;* John V. Cowling, *Secretary.*

*October* 11.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky assembled at

Lexington. Forty-two Chapters were represented during the Sessions. An Address, fervid with religious sentiment, was offered by the G. H. P., Wm. H. Forsythe.

He had granted Dispensations to establish five Chapters, U. D.

OFFICERS ELECT:

William S. Samuel, G. H. P.
Thomas Todd, D. G. H. P.
T. N. Wise, G. K.
Benjamin J. Hinton, G. S.
Philip Swigert, G. Sec.
A. G. Hodges, G. Treas.
John A. Merrick, G. Chap.
Theodore Kohlhass, G. C. H.
Thomas M. Lillard, G. C. G.
D. D. Richardson, G. S. and T.

Resources of the Grand Chapter are $4,810.77.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through H. Kelsey, report through ten pages, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters. The formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, April 2, 1857, is hailed with delight.

Charters were issued to four new Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was visited by Francis King, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, in company with William Sheets and H. G. Hazelrigg, two eminent companions from the same jurisdiction.

There are sixty-eight Chapters on the Rolls. The number of members is 1661; exaltations the past year, 185; deaths, 29. The list of Grand Chapters in correspondence with ours embraces thirty, viz.: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Canada, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, D. C., Mass., Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, N. Hampshire, N. Jersey, N. York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin. Of these, the following are not in allegiance to the G. G. Chapter, viz.: Canada, Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia.

*October* 12.—The Grand Council of Kentucky met at Lexington.*

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* By inadvertence the following Constitutions, adopted in 1827, were omitted in the Record of that year:

CONSTITUTIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FOR THE STATE OF KENTUCKY.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. There shall be a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Kentucky, which shall be held as is hereinafter directed, and shall consist of a Grand Puissant, Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious, Grand Principal Conductor, Grand Captain of the Guards, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Chaplain, Grand Sentinel,

Sixteen councils were represented. The councils now on the Rolls are 24 Chartered and two under Dispensation: one is at *Lake Providence, La.;* one at *Boonville, Mo.;* one at *Springfield, Mo.;* and one at *Westport, Mo.*

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT:

Philip Swigert, Grand Puissant.
T. N. Wise, Deputy Puissant.
Thomas Todd, Grand Thrice Illustrious.
Rob. Morris, Grand Prin. Con. of the Work.
A. G. Hodges, Grand Recorder.
Thomas Sadler, Grand Treasurer
Rev. W. H. Forsythe, Grand Chaplain.
Jno. McCracken, Grand Capt. of the Guards.
D. D. Richardson, Grand Sentinel.

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and the T. I. Grand Masters, D. I. Grand Masters and Principal Conductors of the Work of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council; and the aforesaid officers, or their proxies, shall be the only members and voters in this Grand Council: *Provided, however*, that such Past Grand Puissant, Past Deputy Grand Puissants, Past Grand Thrice Illustrious, and Past Grand Principal Conductors, as may be present at any meeting of this Grand Council, shall be entitled to one vote collectively, but shall not have the right of appointing Proxies.

*Section* 2. The Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Councils in this State, and shall have power to assign their limits, prescribe the fees for admission, and settle controversies that may arise between them. They shall also have power to grant Charters for constituting new Councils of Royal and select Masters, within the State of Kentucky, to which shall be affixed the seal of the Grand Council and the signature of the Grand, or Deputy Grand Puissant, and Recorder.

*Section* 3. The Stated meetings of the Grand Council shall be held at the same place, and on Wednesday of the same week, fixed on for the annual meeting of the G. Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kentucky; but a special meeting of the Grand Council may be called whenever the G. Puissant, Deputy G. Puissant, G. Thrice Illustrious and G. Principal Conductor or any three of them may deem it necessary, and also whenever it may be required by a majority of the Councils in this State, provided such requisition shall be made known in writing by the said Councils, respectively, to the Grand Puissant, Deputy Grand Puissant Grand Thrice Illustrious, or Grand Principal Conductor, and it shall be the duty of the said Grand Officers and they are each of them severally authorized and empowed upon receiving official notice of such requisition from a majority of the Councils aforesaid, to appoint the time of such meeting and to give notice thereof to each of the subordinate Councils.

*Section* 4. It shall be the duty of the Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious, and Grand Principal Conductor, severally to inform and perfect themselves in the sublime arts and works of Royal and Select Masters, to make themselves acquainted with the lectures and ancient charges, and to consult with each other for the purpose of adopting suitable measures for diffusing a knowledge of the work and lectures, and to secure uniformity in the several Councils under their jurisdiction.

*Section* 5. The Grand Puissant, or in his absence, the Deputy Grand Puissant, shall have power during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant Letters of Dispensation under their respective signatures and private seals to a competent number of duly qualified Petitioners, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a specified term of time, not extending beyond the next meeting of the Grand Council, provided that the same fees as are required for a Charter be first deposited in the hands of the G. Recorder. And in all such cases where such Dispensation is granted, the officer granting the same shall make report thereof at the next stated meeting of the Grand Council, and the Grand Council may continue or recall such Dispensation, or may grant the Petitioners a Charter, and in case a charter be granted the fee first deposited shall be credited in payment for the same.

*Section* 6. No Dispensation or Charter shall be issued for instituting a Council of Royal Masons, independent of Select Masters.

*Section* 7. No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Council of Royal and Select Masters, shall be granted except upon the Petition of nine regular Royal and Select Masters, which Petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Council nearest the place where the new Council is to be formed, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Council to grant their Prayer.

*October* 26.—Marcus M. Tyler, P. G. M. of Kentucky, died.

*July* 17.—John A. Quitman, P. G. M. of Mississippi, died at Natchez.

*October.*—Stephen Lowell, P. G. H. P. of Massachusetts, died at Boston.

*December* 28.—The officers of thirteen lodges were publicly installed at Louisville, Ky., by the Grand Master. The occasion drew forth a vast assemblage. On the dais were Rev. Salem Town, Grand Chaplain of New York, known throughout the Masonic world for his literary productions, and whose experience of Masonry runs nearly back to the origin of the

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*Section* 8. No Charter shall be granted for establishing a Council of Royal and select Masters for a less sum than twenty dollars in gold or silver.

*Section* 9. There shall not be a greater number of Councils established in this State than there are of Royal Arch Chapters, nor more than one Council within the jurisdiction of each Chapter.

*Section* 10. The Grand Council shall be competent on concurrence of two-thirds of its members present to revise, amend or alter this Constitution, provided a motion to that effect is duly made and seconded at one stated meeting and laid over until the next for consideration, unless such proposition be unanimously concurred in, and in that case it may be adopted instanter.

ARTICLE II.—OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

*Section* 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of a Thrice Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, Principal Conductor of the work, Captain of the Guards, Recorder, Treasurer and Sentinel, and as many members as may be found convenient for working to advantage, and ought to assemble for work at least once in three months.

*Section* 2. No Council of Royal and Select Masters in this State shall be considered legal unless they have a Charter from the Grand Council, or a Dispensation from one of the Grand Officers, and Masonic Communication, either public or private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council under this jurisdiction, or any member thereof, and any council or assemblage that may be so illegally established without such Charter of Dispensation or any of their members or any person advanced in such illegal council, but nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any council or members of any council which may be established by proper authority in other States.

*Section* 3. In every Council of Royal and Select Masters instituted and held by virtue of this constitution, all questions (except upon the admission of members or candidates) shall be determined by a majority of votes, and in case of an equal division the presiding officer shall give the casting vote.

*Section* 4. All applications for the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in any council under this jurisdiction, shall lie over at least one month for consideration.

*Section* 5. The officers shall be chosen annually by ballot without nomination, and a majority of the whole of the members present shall be necessary to elect, and the officers shall remain in office until their successors are duly elected and installed.

*Section* 6. The Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of every council has it in special charge as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the by-laws of his council, as well as the Constitution of the Grand Council and general regulations of Royal and Select Masters, are duly observed and obeyed, that all the officers of his council perform the duties of their respective stations, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions, that true and exact records of the proceedings of his council be kept by the Recorder. That the Treasurer keep and render just and exact accounts of all the moneys belonging to the council, that regular returns be made by the Recorder to the Grand Council of all admissions of candidates or members, and that the annual dues to the Grand Council be regularly and punctually paid. He has the special care and charge of the charter or dispensation of his council; he has the right to call his council at pleasure, upon any emergency, and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with the Deputy Illustrious and Principal Conductor, to attend the meeting of the Grand Council either in person or by proxy, when duly summoned by the Grand Recorder.

*Section* 7. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degree of Royal and Select Master for a less sum than five dollars in gold or silver, nor shall petitions be received for the Royal Master's degree, or the degree be conferred separate from that of Select Master.

*Section* 8. When either of the officers or members of the Grand Council can not personally attend its meetings they shall severally have the right to appoint a proxy, which proxy shall have the same right to vote as his constituent, provided said proxy is selected from the members of this council.

Grand Lodge of Kentucky; Rev. Hiram A. Hunter, forty years a Mason; Henry Wingate, Philip Swigert, A. G. Hodges, and Ch. G. Wintersmith, so often named in these pages; and many others. The Address was from Prof. Edward A. Guilbert, M. D., Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

*October* 12.—The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood for the State of Kentucky assembled at Lexington. Resources of the Council, $53.40. $40 was appropriated to purchase a Robe and Miter.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECT:

Thomas Ware, G. P.
Henry Wingate, G. V. P.
W. H. Forsythe, G. C.
T. N. Wise, G. R.
Philip Swigert, G. T.
S. D. M'Cullough, G. M. of C.
J. M. S. M'Corkle, G. Con.
Rob. Morris, G. H.
John McCracken, G. S.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred, with solemn ceremonies, upon various petitioners.

*February* 22.—The Grand Lodge of Virginia dedicated the (Crawford) Equestrian Statue of Washington at Richmond, with splendid ceremonials. At a Banquet given in the evening, the Deputy Grand Master of Kentucky, being in attendance as a guest, drew a sketch of the principles and usages of Masonry as transmitted sixty-three years before from Virginia to Kentucky. Following down the stream of history, he showed how the little band of eight, who united in 1785 to organize a lodge at Lexington, had increased to 11,000, divided into 300 lodges; and, by an elucidation of the present workings of the Craft in Kentucky, triumphantly proved that the Order had undergone no depreciation or radical changes in all that period!

*December.*—Morgan Nelson, Past Grand High Priest of Virginia, died.

## Masonic Literature of 1858.

"Address at the Funeral of Rev. Stephen Lovell, October 3, 1858, by William R. Alger. With an Obituary Notice of the same, by Winslow Lewis. *Boston.* Printed by John Wilson & Son, 22 School street, 1858." 16mo., pp. 34.

"An Address upon the Revival of the Genuine Masonic Spirit in Louisville, delivered before a large Convention of the Masonic Fraternity, at the Masonic Temple, Louisville, Ky., October 30, 1858. By M. W. Rob. Morris, Grand Master. Published by special request. '*Thou makest us a strife among our neighbors, and our enemies laugh*

*among themselves.*'—Ps. 80, 6. *Louisville*, Ky.: published for the Masonic School of Instruction. Printed by Bradley & Gilbert, 1858." 8vo., pp. 16.

"*The Origin of Freemasonry:* a History of the Time when, the Place where, and the Persons with whom the Institution of Freemasonry originated; and the Occasion and Necessity for the establishment of the Mystic Brotherhood, including the causes for the introduction and the true explanations of the Symbols of Freemasonry. By Leon Hyneman. *Philadelphia*, (Pa.): published at the Masonic Mirror and Keystone Office, No. 310 Chestnut street, 1858." 8vo., pp. 177.*

"*Letter* from the Right Honorable the Earl of Zetland, M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, on the question of Masonic Independence in Canada: and a *Reply* by Brother Thomas Douglas Harnington, P. G. M., etc. Distributed for the Information of the Craft. *Toronto*, (C. W.): printed at the Canada Gazette office, 1858." 12mo., pp. 34.

"*Lecture* of Brother Albert Pike: delivered by special request before the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, at its Forty-sixth Annual Communication, held in New Orleans, February, 1858. Published by order of the Grand Lodge. *New Orleans:* printed at the Bulletin Book and Job Office, 1858." 8vo., pp. 68.†

*January* 1, 1859.—The Voice of Masonry and Tidings of the Craft, a semi-monthly newspaper, devoted exclusively to Masonic intelligence, commenced at Louisville, Ky. Rob. Morris, Editor and Publisher.

*Addresses.*—Rob. Morris, to G. L. of Florida, February.
Rob. Morris, to G. L. of Iowa, May.
Rob. Morris, to G. L. of D. C., June.

Thus we close our Records of Kentucky Masonry, with the Sixty-sixth Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge. He who, in the guidance of Providence, shall take up the pen to honor this great cause in the years to come, will now have a starting point, a reliable record, a basis of facts and figures, from which to deduce the true moral of human culture, as pursued in mystic rites, and upon which to frame a systematic History of Masonry, such as Masonry demands. Could we be permitted to *begin* where, after so many years of laborious care, we *leave off*, we think the task of writing up Masonry in Kentucky, would be as easy as we have found it charming. But our work is done.

In looking abroad over the great field of Masonic labor, we perceive, in the American Temple, four thousand six hundred bands of laborers, working essentially by the same rules, and pursuing, in the main, the same intent. What those rules and that intent, the doings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, given in this volume, emphatically declare. Nowhere—we affirm it from a large experience of Masonry in all the Grand Lodges of America—nowhere have the rules and the purposes

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* (*Cat.* No. 443.)

† (*Cat.* No. 482.)

of our Ancient Institution, been more thoroughly appreciated, than in Kentucky. No Masonic workshop has had more intellect to guide, more skillful hands to labor, than Kentucky; and the record here given of *names* and *tasks*, of rules and usages, may be taken, the world over, as a fair illustration of what the Masonic Order is. Let him who doubts, read and be convinced.

Will Masonry survive the causes now at work to deteriorate it? will it outlive the bad influences of imitative associations, of slackened rules, of crowded memberships, of doors too widely opened, of discipline too republican? will this record, now extending over seventy-three years, be extended to one hundred years—to one thousand—to the end of recorded time?

Looking carefully through the past, as we have done by the glasses of moldy records and half-forgotten traditions, we derive a cheerful affirmative to the questions. We see that Masonic knowledge in *the few*, has sustained the Institution when the ignorance of *the many*, brought down an attack upon it that threatened to overwhelm it. We see that the Tannehills, the Hunts, the Wingates, the Swigerts, whose minds had been expanded by the love and the reality of Masonic knowledge, carried it, in Kentucky, through the gloomy days of 1826 to 1836, and laid it, an irreproachable and unchanged thing, in the hands of a new generation. We see that the present generation, whose delegates from two hundred and twenty-six lodges, thronged the Grand Lodge Hall at Lexington, in October last, obediently accept the Rules and Regulations established by a generation in Kentucky, every one of whom is dead, and desire nothing better than to know what the Masonry of Kentucky is! These are hopeful facts.

We see, too, that the better day of *Masonic knowledge* has dawned. Every method of making literature pleasant and profitable to our Fraternity, is now put into requisition—books, pamphlets, newspapers—and largely adopted. We see that Kentucky, from the beginning, has kept pace with the foremost in the pursuit of Masonic knowledge. Her "Book of Constitutions," published in 1808, when not more than five Grand Lodges, had done so much; her second and larger edition of 1818; her Masonic periodical in 1821, the fourth ever attempted in the United States; her five Masonic periodicals since issued; her edition of Tannehill's Manual, in 1840; her Code of Masonic Law, in 1857, the first work on Masonic Jurisprudence ever published; her incomparable collection, *The Universal Masonic Library*, renowned throughout the world for its vastness and completeness; and, finally, this history, the first Masonic History deduced from reliable Records—all these are the debt a reading world owes to the Masons of Kentucky. This day of knowledge will not set. Human progress, based upon true

light, can not be checked. Soon every lodge will have its library, every Brother his private collection of Masonic Literature, and thus the Craft will be preserved from such bitter fruits of ignorance, as were fed to the Masons of the last generation.

The close of this Record opens, in many respects, a new era to the Fraternity at large and at home. *At large*, for now every schism is healed, every breach filled up; the Lodges, both Grand and Subordinate, are at peace. *At home*, for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has removed its Sessions to Louisville, after a course of meetings at Lexington, which had continued nearly uninterruptedly, for fifty-nine years; and has ordered the gems of jurisprudence, now scattered through many thousand pages, to be codified, reduced to Chapter and Section, and presented to the world as her embodiment of Masonic Law. These are indisputable evidences of a vigor and determination, of which only the germs have been heretofore visible in her Proceedings.

Yes, the historian declares *the future is hopeful in Kentucky.* Changes will occur, which, for the time, will appear ominous. Thousands of semi-manufactured Masons may withdraw from its membership, thus virtually withdrawing from the Masonic Institution. Scores of semi-masonic lodges may go down, resign their Charters, and leave their members to connect themselves with some cheaper and easier affiliation. Masonry will survive these trials, as she has survived greater ones. So long as her *intelligence* will study, and her *zeal* will work, the drone, the covenant-breaker, the sluggard, the ignoramus, may withdraw, his lodge may dissolve itself into its original imperfect elements, yet Freemasonry will go forward, the lighter for the relief, and her walls be builded up, the better for the loss.

## THE COMMUNICATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, STATED AND EMERGENT.

| No. of Meeting. | Date of Meeting. | Place of Meeting. | Character of meeting. | No. of Chartered lodges represented at opening. | G. Master presiding at opening. | Charters Granted. | Remarks. |
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| — | Sept. 8, 1800 | Lexington | Called | 4 | Jno. Hawkins, Chairman | | Convention called to consider the propriety of organizing a G. Lodge. |
| 1 | Oct. 16-17, 1800 | " | " | 4 | { Jas. Morrison, Ch'm'n<br>{ Wm. Murray, G. M. | | |
| 2 | Feb. 9-10. 1801 | " | Stated | 5 | Wm. Murray | 1 | |
| 3 | Oct. 13-16 " | " | " | 4 | Alex. Macgregor, D.G.M. | 1 | |
| 4 | Ap. 5-6, 1802 | " | " | 5 | James Morrison | 1 | |
| 5 | Oct. 12-14, 1802 | " | " | 4 | Jno. Jordon, Jr., D. G. M. | | |
| 6 | Ap. 4-5, 1803 | " | " | 5 | Simon Adams, S. G. W. | 1 | |
| 7 | Oct. 11-13, 1803 | " | " | 3 | James Morrison | | |
| 8 | March 20-21,1804 | " | " | 3 | Jno. Jordan, Jr. | | |
| 9 | Sept. 18-19, " | " | " | 5 | " | 1 | |
| 10 | March 19-20,1805 | " | " | 3 | Geo. M. Bibb | | |
| 11 | Sept. 17-18, " | " | " | 5 | " | 2 | |

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| 12 | March 18-20, 1806 | Lexington | Stated | 4 | Jno. Jordan, Jr., D. G. M. | 1 | |
| — | Oct. 2-6, " | " | Called | 4 | Thos. Tunstall, Ch'rm'n | | Conv'nt'n to draft Constitutional Rules. |
| 13 | Oct. 6-7, " | " | Stated | 6 | Jas. Moore, P. J. G. W. | | |
| 14 | Aug. 26-28, 1807 | " | " | 5 | Carey L. Clarke, P. J. G. W. | 1 | |
| 15 | March 28-30, 1808 | " | " | 5 | Geo. M. Bibb | | |
| 16 | Aug. 31 Sep. 1, " | " | " | 5 | Dan'l Bradford, G. Sec'y | | |
| 17 | Ag. 30 Sep. 1 1809 | " | " | 5 | John Allen | 3 | |
| 18 | Ag. 29-31, 1810 | " | " | 7 | " | | |
| 19 | Ag. 28 Sep. 1 1811 | " | " | 8 | Jno. Simpson, D. G. M. | 2 | |
| 20 | Ag. 25-29, 1812 | " | " | 10 | Ant. Butler, D. G. M. | 3 | |
| 21 | Ag. 25-28, 1813 | " | " | 9 | Ant. Butler | 3 | |
| 22 | Ag. 31 Sep. 3 1814 | " | " | 12 | " | 2 | |
| — | Nov. 21-25, " | " | Adj'd | 12 | James Moore | 1 | Adjourned to complete unfinish'd business. |
| 23 | Ag. 30 Sep. 2 1815 | " | Stated | 7 | " | 3 | |
| 24 | Ag. 26-31, 1816 | " | " | 17 | Daniel Bradford | 7 | |
| 25 | Ag. 25-29, 1817 | " | " | 15 | Wm. H. Richardson | 7 | |
| 26 | Ag. 31 Sep. 5 1818 | " | " | 26 | " | 8 | |
| 27 | Ag. 30 Sep. 4 1819 | " | " | 20 | Sam. H. Woodson, J. G. W. | 3 | |
| 28 | Ag. 28 Sep. 2 1820 | " | " | 20 | Samuel H. Woodson | 9 | |
| 29 | Ag. 27-31, 1821 | " | " | 26 | Henry Clay | 6 | |
| 30 | Ag. 26-31, 1822 | " | " | 42 | Jno. McKinney, Jr. | 3 | |
| — | Jan. 2, 1823 | " | Called | 5 | David G. Cowan. | | Called to fill vacancies in the Board of Managers of the G. L. Lottery. |
| 31 | Ag. 25-30, 1823 | " | Stated | 39 | " | 2 | |
| 32 | Ag. 30 Sep. 3 1824 | " | " | 40 | Asa K. Lewis | 2 | |
| 33 | Ag. 29 Sep. 2 1825 | " | " | 47 | Jno. Speed Smith | 5 | |
| 34 | Ag. 28 Sep. 1 1826 | " | " | 44 | Thos. H. Bradford | 5 | |
| — | Oct. 25, " | " | Called | — | Samuel Daviess | | Called to dedicate the Grand Hall. |
| — | July 22, 1827 | Jessamine co. | " | — | " | | Called to celebrate the obsequies of S. H. Woodson, P. G. M. |
| 35 | Ag. 27-31, " | Lexington | Stated | 42 | " | 5 | |
| 36 | Ag. 25-29, 1828 | " | " | 40 | Daniel Breck | 1 | |
| 37 | Ag. 31 Sep. 4 1829 | " | " | 35 | W. W. Southgate, D. G. M. | 2 | |
| 38 | Ag. 30 Sep. 3 1830 | " | " | 32 | " | | |
| 39 | Ag. 29 Sep. 2 1831 | " | " | 22 | James M. McCalla | 2 | |
| 40 | Ag. 27-30, 1832 | " | " | 18 | Levi Tyler | | |
| 41 | Ag. 26-28, 1833 | " | " | 14 | John Payne | | |
| 42 | Ag. 25-28, 1834 | Louisville | " | 14 | Rich'd Apperson, S. G. W. | | |
| 43 | Ag. 31 Sep. 2 1835 | " | " | 16 | Rich'd Apperson | 2 | |
| 44 | Ag. 29-30, 1836 | " | " | 11 | Willis Stewart | 3 | |
| 45 | Ag. 28-29, 1837 | " | " | 15 | Wm. Brown, Jr. | 4 | |
| 46 | Ag. 27-29, 1838 | " | " | 15 | James Rice, Jr. | 2 | |
| 47 | Ag. 26-28, 1839 | Lexington | " | 22 | Derrick Warner | 5 | |
| — | Dec. 3, " | " | Called | 15 | Geo. Breckenridge | | Called to receive Communications from the Building Committee. |
| 48 | Ag. 31 Sep. 2 1840 | Louisville | Stated | 28 | " | 5 | |
| 49 | Ag. 30 Sep. 2 1841 | Lexington | " | 35 | Abner Cunningham | 6 | |
| 50 | Ag. 29-31, 1842 | " | " | 32 | Thos. C. Orear | 4 | |
| 51 | Ag. 28-31, 1843 | " | " | 34 | Henry Wingate | 6 | |
| 52 | Ag. 26-30, 1844 | " | " | 39 | Leander M. Cox | 8 | |
| 53 | Ag. 25-29, 1845 | " | " | 51 | Bryan R. Young | 4 | |
| 54 | Ag. 31 Sep. 4 1846 | " | " | 42 | William Holloway | 8 | |
| 55 | Ag. 30 Sep. 2 1847 | " | " | 57 | William B. Allen | 11 | |
| 56 | Ag. 28 Sep. 1 1848 | " | " | 60 | James H. Daviess | 13 | |
| 57 | Ag. 27-30, 1849 | " | " | 53 | Charles Tilden | 15 | |
| 58 | Ag. 26-30, 1850 | " | " | 69 | John D. McClure | 18 | |
| 59 | Ag. 25-28, 1851 | " | " | 92 | J. M. S. McCorkle | 21 | |
| 60 | Ag. 30 Sep. 3 1852 | " | " | 118 | Charles G. Wintersmith | 21 | |
| 61 | Ag. 29 Sep. 3 1853 | " | " | 143 | Thomas Ware | 21 | |
| 62 | Ag. 28 Sep. 1 1854 | " | " | 140 | Thomas Todd | 39 | |
| 63 | Ag. 27-31, 1855 | " | " | 174 | M. M. Tyler | 18 | |
| 64 | Oct 13-17, 1856 | " | " | 170 | D. T. Monserrat | 1 | |
| 65 | Oct 12-16, 1857 | " | " | 168 | T. N. Wise | 12 | |
| 66 | Oct. —, 1858 | " | " | 226 | Philip Swigert | 19 | |

# GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.

| Date of Election | Grand Masters. | Deputy Grand Masters. | Senior Grand Wardens. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1800 | (Sept.) John Hawkins President of Convention | | |
| 1800 | (Oct.) Jas. Morrison Chairman of Convention | | |
| 1800 | (Oct.) William Murray | Alex. Macgregor | Simon Adams |
| 1801 | James Morrison | John Jordan, Jr. | " |
| 1802 | " | " | " |
| 1803 | John Jordan, Jr. | Thomas Tunstall | Jonathan Taylor |
| 1804 | Geo. M. Bibb | John Rowan | " |
| 1805 | " | John Jordan, Jr., | Willis A. Lee |
| 1806 | " | " | James Moore |
| 1807 | " | John Allen | " |
| 1808 | John Allen | John Simpson | Carey L. Clark |
| 1809 | " | " | Wm. P. Fleming |
| 1810 | " | " | " |
| 1811 | Joseph H. Daviess | Anthony Butler | " |
| 1812 | Anthony Butler | James Moore | Nicholas Warfield |
| 1813 | " | " | " |
| 1814 | James Moore | Daniel Bradford | Wm. H. Richardson |
| 1815 | Daniel Bradford | Wm. H. Richardson | John Willet |
| 1816 | Wm. H. Richardson | John Willett | Thomas Bodley |
| 1817 | " | Thomas Bodley | James G. Birney |
| 1818 | Thomas Bodley | James W. Denny | David G. Cowan |
| 1819 | Samuel H. Woodson | Daniel Bradford | John McKinney, Jr. |
| 1820 | Henry Clay | David G. Cowan | " |
| 1821 | J. McKinney, Jr. | " | Asa K. Lewis |
| 1822 | David G. Cowan | Asa K. Lewis | John Speed Smith |
| 1823 | Asa K. Lewis | John Speed Smith | Samuel Daviess |
| 1824 | John Speed Smith | Samuel Daviess | Thomas H. Bradford |
| 1825 | Thomas H. Bradford | Dabney C. Cosby | Daniel Breck |
| 1826 | Samuel Daviess | Daniel Breck | Robert Johnston |
| 1827 | Daniel Breck | Robert Johnston | Wm. W. Southgate |
| 1828 | Robert Johnston | Wm. W. Southgate | John M. McCalla |
| 1829 | Wm. W. Southgate | John M. McCalla | R. J. Breckenridge |
| 1830 | John M. McCalla | Levi Tyler | John Payne |
| 1831 | Levi Tyler | John Payne | Abraham Jonas |
| 1832 | John Payne | Abraham Jonas | Garret Davis |
| 1833 | Abraham Jonas | Garrett Davis | Richard Apperson |
| 1834 | Richard Apperson | Willis Stewart | James M. Bullock |
| 1835 | Willis Stewart | James M. Bullock | Wm. Brown, Jr. |
| 1836 | Wm. Brown, Jr. | James Rice, Jr. | Derrick Warner |
| 1837 | James Rice, Jr. | Derrick Warner | Geo. Breckenridge |
| 1838 | Derrick Warner | Geo. Breckenridge | Joseph C. Foster |
| 1839 | Geo. Breckenridge | Thomas C. Orear | Abner Cunningham |
| 1840 | Abner Cunningham | Wilkins Tannehill | Thomas J. Welby |
| 1841 | Thomas C. Orear | Henry Wingate | L. M. Cox |
| 1842 | Henry Wingate | L. M. Cox | B. R. Young |
| 1843 | Leander M. Cox | Bryan R. Young | Wm. Holloway |
| 1844 | Bryan R. Young | Wm. Holloway | Wm. B. Allen |
| 1845 | Wm. Holloway | Wm. B. Allen | James H. Daviess |
| 1846 | Wm. B. Allen | James H. Daviess | Charles Tilden |
| 1847 | James H. Daviess | Chas. Tilden | John D. McClure |
| 1848 | Charles Tilden | John D. McClure | J. M. S. McCorkle |
| 1849 | John D. McClure | J. M. S. McCorkle | Chas. G. Wintersmith |
| 1850 | J. M. S. McCorkle | Chas. G. Wintersmit | Thomas Ware |
| 1851 | Chas. G. Wintersmith | Thomas Ware | Thomas Todd |
| 1852 | Thomas Ware | Thomas Todd | W. M. O. Smith |
| 1853 | Thomas Todd | M. M. Tyler | D. T. Monserrat |
| 1854 | Marcus M. Tyler | D. T. Monserrat | T. N. Wise |
| 1855 | D. T. Monserrat | T. N. Wise | Philip Swigert |
| 1856 | T. N. Wise | Philip Swigert | Rob. Morris |
| 1857 | Philip Swigert | Rob. Morris | H. T. Wilson |
| 1858 | Rob. Morris | H. T. Wilson | Lewis Landrum |

| Date of Election | Junior Grand Wardens. | Grand Chaplains. | Grand Orators. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1800 | Carey L. Clarke | None | None |
| 1801 | Thomas Tunstall | " | " |
| 1802 | " | " | " |
| 1803 | James Moore | " | " |
| 1804 | Thomas Speed | " | " |
| 1805 | Philip Barbour | " | " |
| 1806 | John Simpson | Wm. Kavanaugh | Henry Clay |
| 1807 | Richard Ferguson | | " |
| 1808 | Geo. W. Botts | John Holroyd | " |
| 1809 | Richard Ferguson | " | " |
| 1810 | | " | " |
| 1811 | Maurice Langhorne | | " |
| 1812 | John Evans, Jr. | Caleb W. Cloud | " |
| 1813 | James Overton | " | " |
| 1814 | " | | " |
| 1815 | Wm. Warren | Caleb W. Cloud | Jos. C. Breckenridge |
| 1816 | Willis A. Lee | " | John Pope |
| 1817 | James W. Denney | " | Jos. C. Breckenridge |
| 1818 | S. H. Woodson | " | Henry Clay |
| 1819 | Asa K. Lewis | " | " |
| 1820 | " | " | John Rowan |
| 1821 | John Speed Smith | " | Wm. T. Barry |
| 1822 | Edward Tyler, Jr. | John Ward | John Rowan |
| 1823 | Wm. G. Hunt | Francis R. Palmer | Dabney C. Cosby |
| 1824 | Dabney C. Cosby | James G. Leach | Daniel Breck |
| 1825 | Robert Johnston | Wm. Sterman | W. W. Southgate |
| 1826 | W. W. Southgate | Caleb W. Cloud | |
| 1827 | John M. McCalla | " | Robt. J. Breckenridge |
| 1828 | Robt. J. Breckenridge | Wm. Holman | James F. Robinson |
| 1829 | Levi Tyler | Caleb W. Cloud | James O. Harrison |
| 1830 | Abraham Jonas | " | Garret Davis |
| 1831 | Garret Davis | " | Chilton Allen |
| 1832 | Richard Apperson | " | James M. Bullock |
| 1833 | Willis Stewart | " | Wilkins Tannehill |
| 1834 | Wm. Brown, Jr. | " | James F. Robinson |
| 1835 | Wm. B. Booker | " | Samuel S. Nicholas |
| 1836 | Dempsey Carrell | " | James A. Simpson |
| 1837 | Howard Cassiday | " | " |
| 1838 | Thomas C. Orear | " | Herman Bowmar, Jr. |
| 1839 | Thomas J. Welby | " | Edmund F. Vawter |
| 1840 | Leander M. Cox | " | " |
| 1841 | Samuel McClarty | John Black | Wm. S. Pilcher |
| 1842 | Wm. Holloway | M. M. Henkle | J. M. McCalla |
| 1843 | Wm. B. Allen | Richard Deering | M. M. Henkle |
| 1844 | Joseph H. Daviess | John H. Brown | C. G. Wintersmith |
| 1845 | Charles Tilden | Guerdon Gates | James W. Hays |
| 1846 | John D. McClure | J. R. Finley | Wm. D. Mitchell |
| 1847 | J. M. S. McCorkle | James Young | Wm. S. Downey |
| 1848 | Chas. G. Wintersmith | Wm. H. Forsythe | C. F. Burnham |
| 1849 | Thomas Ware | Geo. L. Rogers | Ed. S. Craig |
| 1850 | Thomas Todd | Samuel L. Adams | W. M. O. Smith |
| 1851 | W. M. O. Smith | James Young | S. D. Mitchell |
| 1852 | M. M. Tyler | Wm. H. Forsythe | J. B. Kinkead |
| 1853 | T. N. Wise | " | E. S. Fitch |
| 1854 | Philip Swigert | " | John C. Breckenridge |
| 1855 | Rob. Morris | " | Robt. G. Brank |
| 1856 | H. T. Wilson | Robt. G. Gardiner | G. Clay Smith. |
| 1857 | R. K. Tyler | Wm. H. Forsythe | Robt. J. Breckenridge |
| 1858 | B. J. Hinton | " | Office Abolished |

| Date of Election. | Grand Secretaries. | Grand Treasurers. | Senior Grand Deacons. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1800 | James Russell | John A. Seitz | Thomas Hughes |
| 1801 | Thomas Bodley | " | Samuel Shepher |
| 1802 | Daniel Bradford | " | James Taylor |
| 1803 | " | Andrew F. Price | Willis A. Lee |
| 1804 | " | " | " |
| 1805 | " | Thomas Wallace | |
| 1806 | " | " | John Bobbs |
| 1807 | " | Benj. W. Dudley | Wm. P. Fleming |
| 1808 | " | Jabez Vigus | W. H. Richardson |
| 1809 | " | " | Benj. W. Dudley |
| 1810 | " | George Coons | " |
| 1811 | " | " | David Sutton |
| 1812 | " | " | Nathan S. Porter |
| 1813 | " | Robt. Crockett | A. F. McCurdy |
| 1814 | James G. Trotter | Gabriel Tandy | Francis Walker |
| 1815 | " | " | John Roberts |
| 1816 | " | " | Thos. H. Bradford |
| 1817 | Robt. S. Todd | " | Geo. B. Knight |
| 1818 | Thos. T. Barr | " | John W. Kinney, Jr. |
| 1819 | " | " | Francis Taylor |
| 1820 | Daniel Bradford | Michael Fishel | John H. Crane |
| 1821 | " | " | D. C. Irvine |
| 1822 | " | " | " |
| 1823 | " | " | Daniel Breck |
| 1824 | " | " | Philip Swigert |
| 1825 | " | " | " |
| 1826 | " | " | " |
| 1827 | " | " | " |
| 1828 | " | Philip Swigert | W. P. Churchill |
| 1829 | " | " | " |
| 1830 | " | " | James M. Bullock |
| 1831 | H. T. Bodley | " | " |
| 1832 | " | " | John Burnam |
| 1833 | Philip Swigert | Levi Tyler | Nimrod L. Finnell |
| 1834 | " | " | Albert G. Huffman |
| 1835 | " | " | J. C. Foster |
| 1836 | " | " | N. M. Shroch |
| 1837 | " | " | Chas. Egiuton |
| 1838 | " | " | Abner Cunningham |
| 1839 | " | Wm. Brown, Jr. | Adam Finch |
| 1840 | " | Wm. Cardwell | Chas. L. Timberlake |
| 1841 | " | " | John B. Houston |
| 1842 | " | " | Charles C. Nelson |
| 1843 | " | " | Wm. R. Hervey |
| 1844 | " | " | Wm. F. Colston |
| 1845 | " | Albert G. Hodges | W. D. Mitchell |
| 1846 | " | " | Thomas J. Purdy |
| 1847 | " | " | Wm. C. Munger |
| 1848 | " | " | Oliver I. Harrison |
| 1849 | " | " | Henry Hudson |
| 1850 | " | " | Ed. S. Craig |
| 1851 | " | " | T. N. Wise |
| 1852 | " | " | Wm. S. Brown |
| 1853 | " | " | Jno. F. Zimmerman |
| 1854 | J. M. S. McCorkle | " | Robt. W. Henry |
| 1855 | " | " | J. C. Robinson |
| 1856 | " | " | Thomas A. Curran |
| 1857 | " | " | John D. Pope |
| 1858 | " | " | James H. Craig |

| Date of Election. | Junior Grand Deacons. | Grand Marshals. | Grand Sword Bearers. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1800 | Nathaniel Williams | None | None |
| 1801 | John Bobb | " | " |
| 1802 | Willis Hoard | " | " |
| 1803 | John Bradshaw | " | ". |
| 1804 | G. K. C. Floyd | " | " |
| 1805 | | " | " |
| 1806 | Robt. Brenham | " | " |
| 1807 | Geo. Greer | " | " |
| 1808 | Lindley Blanton | Franklin Collier | George Coons |
| 1809 | Paschal Hickman | John Bobbs | " |
| 1810 | " | " | Lewis H. Smith |
| 1811 | Jos. D. Hamilton | James D. Breckenridge | Robt. Trimble |
| 1812 | John Roberts | John Brown | George Trotter |
| 1813 | " | " | J. G. Trotter |
| 1814 | " | " | John J. Marshal |
| 1815 | Samuel Waddy | Thos. W. Chinn | W. P. Greenup |
| 1816 | Joseph Taylor | Samuel T. Davenport | Chas. Anderson |
| 1817 | Edward Coleman | Asa K. Lewis | Samuel Shepherd |
| 1818 | Frederick Yeiser | Geo. B. Knight | Benj. Whaley |
| 1819 | C. Blackburn | E. P. Luckett | Thomas Smith |
| 1820 | Jno. Speed Smith | " | " |
| 1821 | Robt. Taliaferro | John H. Crane | " |
| 1822 | Thos. McClannahan | James M. Pike | " |
| 1823 | Philip Swigert | " | " |
| 1824 | Isaac H. Tyler | " | " |
| 1825 | Chas. J. Walker | " | " |
| 1826 | Wm. B. Booker | J. M. McCalla | " |
| 1827 | Chas. M. Cunningham | Leslie Combs | " |
| 1828 | Francis McLear | " | " |
| 1829 | Wm. B. Warren | " | " |
| 1830 | Chas. E. Wolf | Richard Apperson | " |
| 1831 | Stephen F. Gano | " | Wm. B. Booker |
| 1832 | N. L. Finnell | John Keiser, Jr. | Richard L. Moore |
| 1833 | John Grant | Nathaniel Hardy | Lewis Landrum |
| 1834 | Jos. G. Norwood | W. G. Snethen | John Williams |
| 1835 | E. P. Gaines | " | D. Warner |
| 1836 | Edward Boyd | S. H. Slaughter | John Cummins |
| 1837 | James White | Wm. Kendrick | S. H. Slaughter |
| 1838 | Geo. W. Brasher | D. Carrell | J. G. Caldwell |
| 1839 | A. G. Huffman | Alvan Stephens | John McCracken |
| 1840 | Wm. P. Browning | Otho Hughes | S. D. McCullough |
| 1841 | John W. Crane | Alvan Stephens | John Churchill |
| 1842 | Edward H. Watson | Samuel C. Trotter | Boone Railly |
| 1843 | I. Cunningham | A. G. Hodges | Henry Leuba |
| 1844 | W. H. Watson | John D. McClure | Joshua H. Thomas |
| 1845 | James W. Hayes | Wm. R. Bradford | R. C. Patterson |
| 1846 | E. W. Hawkins | Thomas Todd | Rob. S. Logan |
| 1847 | M. M. Tyler | Joseph Grubb | E. S. Watts |
| 1848 | W. T. Buckner | Benj. H. Spurgen | Chas. C. Carson |
| 1849 | C. C. Sherrell | T. N. Wise | Thomas J. Hood |
| 1850 | Wm. C. Noel | C. W. Gilmore | S. D. Mitchell |
| 1851 | J. Q. A. King | B. J. Hinton | Wm. Sampson |
| 1852 | G. S. Moore | T. W. Long | H. K. Lindsey |
| 1853 | R. G. Stewart | Q. M. Tyler | H. T. Wilson |
| 1854 | M. J. Williams | A. M. Gazlay | John H. Talbot |
| 1855 | H. W. Bruce | J. B. Peyton | W. H. Van Pelt |
| 1856 | Chas. Wickliffe | B. J. Hinton | Rob. Storey |
| 1857 | B. J. Dudley | Hiram Bassett | J. A. Egleston |
| 1858 | M. D. Logan | W. C. Munger | W. E. Woodruff |

| Date of Election. | Grand Pursuivants. | Grand Stewards. | Grand Tylers. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1800 | Samuel Shepherd | None | John Bobbs |
| 1801 | Wm. Bobbs | Innis B. Brent | Nath'l Barker |
| 1802 | Peter Hansborough | None | Thos Reid |
| 1803 | Thomas Reid | " | Jacob E. Lehre |
| 1804 | John A. Mitchell | " | " |
| 1805 | None | " | John Bobbs |
| 1806 | " | James Morrison | Jesse Bledsoe |
| 1807 | " | None | John Bobbs |
| 1808 | Samuel Shepherd | " | Lewis H. Smith |
| 1809 | " | " | " |
| 1810 | " | " | Jabez Vigus |
| 1811 | Thomas Nekervis | " | " |
| 1812 | " | " | " |
| 1813 | " | George Coons | N. S. Porter |
| 1814 | " | None | " |
| 1815 | " | " | Francis Walker |
| 1816 | " | " | " |
| 1817 | Nathaniel S. Porter | " | " |
| 1818 | " | " | " |
| 1819 | John B. Halstead | " | " |
| 1820 | " | " | " |
| 1821 | " | " | " |
| 1822 | Rob. McNitt | " | " |
| 1823 | " | " | " |
| 1824 | " | " | " |
| 1825 | " | " | " |
| 1826 | " | " | " |
| 1827 | " | " | " |
| 1828 | " | " | " |
| 1829 | C. R. Dunkin | George Lockerbi | J. H. Weigert |
| 1830 | Wm. Berry | None | " |
| 1831 | " | " | " |
| 1832 | " | " | " |
| 1833 | John McCracken | " | Robt. M'Nitt |
| 1834 | A. W. R. Harris | " | A. D. Ehrich |
| 1835 | " | " | " |
| 1836 | John Catherwood | " | " |
| 1837 | Joseph C. Foster | " | " |
| 1838 | Theo. Kolhass | " | " |
| 1839 | Elihu Hogan | " | " |
| 1840 | " | " | Jno. McCracken |
| 1841 | Harvey Maguire | " | " |
| 1842 | Isaac Cunningham | " | " |
| 1843 | John McCracken | " | Geo. P. Richardson |
| 1844 | " | " | " |
| 1845 | " | " | " |
| 1846 | " | " | " |
| 1847 | " | " | " |
| 1848 | " | " | " |
| 1849 | " | " | " |
| 1850 | " | " | " |
| 1851 | " | " | David D. Richardson |
| 1852 | " | " | " |
| 1853 | " | " | " |
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# HISTORICAL REGISTER

OF THE

## LODGES CONSTITUTING THE GRAND LODGE ROLL

## OF KENTUCKY,

GIVING

BRIEF DETAILS OF THEIR ORGANIZATION AND PROGRESS, AND THE NAMES OF THEIR CHIEF MEMBERS, WITH BIOGRAPHICAL ALLUSIONS TO SOME OF THE MORE EMINENT.

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# HISTORICAL ROLL OF LODGES.

## KENTUCKY REGISTER.

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### Lexington Lodge, No. 1, at Lexington, Ky.

Our history of the first five lodges upon the Roll will be more detailed than those of more recent date, as embracing allusions to all who united in the original organization of the Grand Lodge. Of the old lodges none demands a more extended notice than Lexington Lodge, No. 1.

The Convention of five lodges which assembled at Lexington, September 8, 1800, was called at the express instance of Lexington Lodge, then No. 25. It was represented therein, by Alexander Macgregor, Thomas Bodley, and James Russell; the estimate in which the services of these Brethren were held by the Grand Lodge, formed a few weeks afterward, may be seen by the history given in preceding pages.

In the renumbering of the lodges to form a Kentucky Register, the priority of numbers was accorded to Lexington Lodge, in deference to its priority of age, and its seal was adopted as the official seal of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, until a Grand Lodge seal could be made. This was not done until *after* 1801; the exact date we can not discover.

The attendance of the delegates of this lodge at the Grand Lodge Sessions has been regular.

At the first twenty-three Sessions there was always a representative; usually three, consisting of the most talented members, embracing such names as Daniel Bradford, Thomas Bodley, Levi Todd, Cuthbert Banks, George M. Bibb, Benjamin W. Dudley, Jesse Bledsoe, Jabez Vigus, James B. January, Samuel R. Overton, Nath. S. Porter, and Robert Crockett, names not more famed in the Masonic than the national annals.

The published Rolls of the members of Lexington Lodge, began in 1802, and continued for many years thereafter.

*April*, 1803—Cuthbert Banks was Master, and James Coleman Secretary. In October of the same year, Daviess had been raised to the third degree. Daniel Bradford was Master. Henry Clay was regularly reported a member of this lodge every year, until 1826, when he demitted. In March 1804, Felix Grundy's name was omitted, but appears in the Rolls of Washington Lodge, No. 6 as Secretary. In September, 1804, Geo. M. Bibb, afterward Grand Master, was Master. In September 1805, no less than twenty-nine members were reported suspended for non-payment of lodge dues. Alexander Macgregor is dead. Thomas Wallace is Master.

March and October, 1806, Wallace is still Master.

In the Convention to form a Constitution, which met at Lexington, October 2, 1806, this lodge was represented by Daniel Bradford and John Bobb, the former being elected Clerk of the Convention. In August, 1807, Thomas Bodley was Master; eight more members were suspended for non-payment of dues.

August, 1808, Daniel Bradford is Master; ten initiations are reported.

August, 1809, Benjamin W. Dudley is Master; six more initiations are named.

At the August Sessions, 1810, of the Grand Lodge, the following entry appears: "The representatives from Lexington Lodge, No. 1, having returned their Charter, which was on paper, and much worn, *Ordered*, that a transcript thereof on parchment be countersigned by the Grand Officers agreeably to the resolutions of the Grand Lodge." Daniel Bradford is Master; Joseph H. Daviess, S. Warden, Jesse Bledsoe, Jun. Warden. August, 1811. James Overton is Master; twenty-nine initiations are reported. This was probably caused by the Indian War then raging, as many volunteers went with Col. J. H. Daviess, then Grand Master, from the vicinity of Lexington. August, 1812. James B. January is Master. Joseph Hamilton Daviess is reported killed at Tippecanoe, November 7, 1811. There are ten initiations. August, 1813, Daniel Bradford is Master, and so in August, 1814. New names now appear along the Rolls of the lodge, conjoined with those of Clay, Bradford, Bledsoe, Thomas W. Dudley, Bodley, Cuthbert, and Banks. Among the more recent names may be mentioned Robert Wickliffe, and Edmund Bullock. Robert Breckenridge was an Entered Apprentice.

Lodge No. 1, has furnished the Grand Lodge with officers in great abundance, as witness the following list:—1800, Deputy Grand Master, G. Sec., G. Tr., and G. Ty.; 1801, G. M., D. G. M., G. Sec., G. Tr., J. G. D., G. Stew., G. Pur., and G. Ty.; 1802, the same, except J. G. D. and G. Stew.; 1803, G. M., G. Sec., G. Tr., G. Pur., and G. Ty.; 1804, G. M., G. Sec., G. Tr., and G. Ty.; 1805, G. M., D. G. M., G. Sec., G. Tr., and G. Ty.; 1806, G. M., D. G. M., G. O., G. Sec., G. Tr., S. G. D., G. Stew., and G. Ty.; 1807, G. M., G. O., G. Sec., G. Tr., and G. Ty. In after years the number was proportionately less; but, until 1835 to 1840, a preponderence of intellect and Masonic skill was accorded to Lodge No. 1, highly honorable to its membership.

The Charter of No. 1 was burnt in the destruction of the Grand Hall in 1837, and renewed by order of the Grand Lodge.

There was a lodge, U. D., established at Lexington, August, 1828, under the title of Mount Moriah Lodge, U. D., Robert J. Breckenridge being the first Master. The lodge closed its labors, August, 1829. No Charter was prayed for.

We sketch the Masonic history of those members of No. 1 who assisted in the organization of the Grand Lodge, as follows:

NATHANIEL BARKER.—He was appointed Tyler of the preparatory lodge, October 16, 1800; October, 1801, was Grand Tyler; April, 1803, No. 1 reports him Tyler, and, in October following, dead.

JOHN BOBBS.—Mr. Bobbs was present as Junior Warden of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, and was appointed Junior Deacon of the preparatory lodge, October 16, 1800. He was elected Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge into which that body immediately resolved itself. In this capacity, and as Senior Warden of No. 1, he was present at the April and October Sessions of 1801; but, at the latter Sessions, it having been found that he was an officer of Lexington Lodge, he was permitted to take his seat as such. October, 1801, he was appointed Junior Grand Deacon, in which capacity, and as representative of No. 1, he was present at the April Sessions of 1802.

At the October Sessions, 1802, he represented No. 1 as Past Master; April, 1803, was Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.;* October, 1803, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.;* October, 1803, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.;* March, 1805, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.* In September, 1805, he was appointed Grand Steward and Tyler—reäppointed in 1806.

On the Rolls of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, he is returned in 1802 as Master; in 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, as P. M.; in 1807, as Steward and Tyler; etc.

JAMES BLISS was present, and was appointed Treasurer of the preparatory lodge, October 16, 1800. He was admitted as a Visitor to the Grand Lodge the next day. At the February Sessions, 1801, he appeared as a Past Master of Lexington Lodge, No. 1.

THOMAS BODLEY.—Mr. Bodley was one of three representatives of Lexington Lodge in the Convention, September 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge, and was Clerk of the Convention. He was appointed Secretary of the preparatory lodge, October 16, 1800, at which he appeared as Senior Warden of Lexington Lodge. February 9, 1801, he was made Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, in the absence of James Russell, and represented Lexington Lodge, No. 1, as its Master.

He appeared in the same capacity at the October Sessions of 1801, and served as J. G. Warden, *pro temp.*, in the absence of Cary L. Clarke. He was then appointed Grand Secretary, in which capacity he attended the Sessions of April and October, 1802. He was reappointed Grand Secretary in 1802, and was succeeded in 1803 by Daniel Bradford.

In the Rolls of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, he is named as a Past Master in 1802 to 1806. In 1807 he was returned as Master.

DANIEL BRADFORD.—This name appears as printer, on the title page of the Proceedings of the Convention, to organize the Grand Lodge in 1800, but not printed until 1802. It follows, in the same relation on the title pages of Proceedings in April 1803, Oct. 1803 (where his office is said to be on "Main St."); 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807 ("at the office of the Kentucky Gazette, Main St."); March 1808, August, 1808, 1809. Then follows the imprint of "William W. Worsley, at the Reporter office," Lexington, 1810, who was the Grand Lodge printer for two years, and was succeeded by Thomas Smith.

Daniel Bradford appeared as a visitor to the Grand Lodge, Oct. 13, 1801; and again, Oct. 13, 1802, where he is declared to be "of Lexington Lodge, No. 1." At the opening of the Grand Lodge, April 4, 1803, he was Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, and the Representative of Lexington Lodge, No. 1. The returns of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, for that year, show that he was Senior Warden. At the Session of Oct. 11, 1803, he again represented his lodge, in company with William Bobbs and Andrew F. Price, and the same day was appointed Grand Secretary by the Grand Master. To this office he was reappointed in 1804, 1805.

The returns show that in 1803, he was Master of Lexington Lodge, No. 1; 1804, Past Master; 1805, Treasurer; 1805, 1806, Treasurer; 1807, Secretary, etc., etc.

ALEXANDER MACGREGOR.—Mr. Macgregor was one of the three Representatives from Lexington Lodge, in the Convention, Sept. 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge. He was one of a Committee of five appointed to draft an Address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, detailing the necessity of separation. He appeared again, Oct. 16, and was reported as Master of Lexington Lodge. At the election for Grand Officers the same day, "the Most Worshipful Grand Master elect having waived his right of appointing a Deputy Grand Master," he was elected to that station and "installed according to ancient form." He was Chairman of the first Grand Lodge Committee that was formed. At the Session, Oct. 13, 1801, he opened the Grand Lodge as Grand Master, *pro tem.* April 6, 1802, he was Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*; and again, Oct. 13, April, 1803, he ap-

peared as Junior Warden, *pro tem.;* Oct., 1803 and March, 1804, he was present as a Past Master of No. 1.

On the Rolls of Lexington Lodge for 1802 and 1803, he appears as Past Master. In Sept., 1805, he is reported as dead.

HUGH MCILVAIN was present as a Past Master of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, at the Preparatory Lodge, Oct. 16, 1800, and in the same capacity at the Sessions of Feb. 1801.

Lexington Lodge, No. 1, returns him in 1802 as a Past Master; likewise 1803, 1804, but Sept., 1805, reports him "suspended for non-payment of lodge dues."

JAMES MORRISON.—He was present and took the Chair as being the oldest Past Master present at the Preparatory Lodge, Oct. 16, 1800, at which he appeared as a Past Master of Lexington Lodge. At the Session of Oct., 1801, he was present as Past Master of Lexington Lodge, and served as Grand Tyler, *pro tem.* He was elected Grand Master the same Session, in which capacity he granted a Dispensation, Dec. 21, 1801, to James Taylor, W. M., Philip Barbour, S. W., and Samuel N. Luchett, J. W., to establish Abraham's Lodge at Middletown, Jefferson, which said lodge received a Charter the following April, as No. 8. He presided as Grand Master at the April Sessions, 1802; was elected in Oct., during his absence; was absent at the spring Sessions of 1803, but present in Oct. At the Sept. Session of 1804, he was present as a Past Master of No. 1. Oct., 1806, he was made Grand Steward. Aug., 1807, he appeared as proxy for Harmony Lodge, No. 7, and acted as Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.* He was made at that time one of the Grand Charity Stewards.

On the Rolls of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, he appears in 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, as Past Master, etc., etc.

JAMES RUSSELL.—He was one of the three Representatives of Lexington Lodge, in the Convention Sept. 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge. He was present at the Preparatory Lodge, Oct. 16, 1800, and was elected Grand Secretary at the first election of officers following the organization.

In the Roll of Lexington Lodge, he appears as a member in 1802, but not afterward, nor can any further trace of his name be found in the Record.

JOHN A. SEITZ.—He was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at its first Session, Oct. 16, 1800, but it does not appear from what lodge he hailed. He was not a Representative to the Convention, and had no seat in the Preparatory Lodge. In the Sessions of Oct. 15, 1801, he was one of four Representatives from Lexington Lodge, on whose Roll he appears as a private member. As Grand Treasurer, he was reëlected October, 1801, 1802, and 1803.

He was a private member of No. 1, in 1803 and March, 1804, and is reported among the deaths in that lodge, in September of the same year.

In addition to these members of No. 1, who were in the organizing Convention, etc., we make a few allusions to

JOHN JORDAN, JR.—Mr. Jordan was present Oct., 1801, as a Representative of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, and was appointed Deputy Grand Master. The next day, it is declared, "that having first passed the Chair, he was duly installed, according to ancient form." He was made Chairman of a Committee of nine at the same Session, to prepare a set of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge, and to make reports thereof at the next Sessions. This Committee seems never to have reported, for at the March Sessions of 1806, a Committee of six having similar persons in view, but upon a broader plan, was appointed.

He was present in his place, April, 1802 and Oct., 1802, at the latter Sessions opening the Grand Lodge as Grand Master, *pro tem.* He was added to the Committee to procure jewels and paraphernalia. He was rëelected Deputy Grand Master Oct., 1802, Grand Master Oct., 1803. In Sept., 1805, he was appointed Deputy Grand Master; and again in Oct., 1806. In March, 1806, he was made one of a Committee of six to visit the subordinate lodges, and inspect their workings.

On the Rolls of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, he appears in 1802 as Treasurer; in 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, as a Past Master.

GEORGE M. BIBB.—Mr. Bibb first appears in the Grand Lodge Record April, 1803, as a visitor from Lexington Lodge, No. 1. At the same Session, he was made a member of the Steward's Lodge. At the March Session 1804, he represented No. 1, and acted as Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.* He represented his lodge again in Sept., and was unanimously elected Grand Master, "and installed according to ancient form." He was in his place the March following; also, in Sept., when he was unanimously reëlected Grand Master.

March, 1806, he was made *ex officio* Chairman of a Committee of three, to inquire into an alleged grievance in the establishment of a lodge in Davidson Co., Tennessee. Oct., 1806, he was reëlected Grand Master, and again in Aug., 1807, the honor at the latter election, being confirmed in his absence.

In 1858, this lodge reports 35 members. Among its lights and jewels, are Derrick Warner, P. G. M., Elihu Hogan, D. J. Ayres, etc.

JAMES M. PIKE.—This gentleman, a member of No. 1, deserves a line. Although not elevated to the Grand East as Grand Master, he held various important and responsible offices in the Grand Lodge, and was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. He is dead, but his masonic inheritance lies in his two sons, one of whom, William S. Pike, is Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

WILLIAM T. BARRY.—This distinguished statesman and Freemason, a member of Lodge No. 1, deceased August 30, 1835, after a brilliant career, whose great deeds have impressed the entire legislation both of Masonry and of the State of Kentucky. After having lain for eighteen years in a foreign soil, (Liverpool, England,) his remains, by order of the Legislature of Kentucky, were brought home and reinterred, November 8, 1854, in the Cemetery at Frankfort, the most beautiful necropolis on earth.

A Funeral Eulogium was pronounced over him by Col. Theodore O'Hara, from which we extract this beautiful peroration:

"Here, beneath the sunshine of the land he loved, and amid the scenes which he consecrated with his genius, he will sleep well. Sadly, yet proudly, will his fond foster mother receive within her bosom to-day this cherished remnant of the child she nursed for fame, doubly endeared to her as he expired far away in a stranger land, beyond the reach of her maternal embrace, and with no kindred eyes to light the gathering darkness of death, no friendly hand to soften his descent to the grave, no pious orisons to speed his spirit on its long journey through eternity. Gently, reverently, let us lay him in this proud tabernacle, where he will dwell, embalmed in glory, till the last trump shall reveal him to us all, radiant with the halo of his life. Let the autumn's wind harp, on the dropping leaves, her softest requiem over him; let the winter's purest snows rest spotless on his grave; let the spring entwine her brightest garland for his tomb, and summer gild it with her mildest sunshine. Here let the marble minstrel rise to sing, to the future generations of the Com-

monwealth, the inspiring lay of his high genius and his lofty deeds. Here let the patriot repair when doubts and dangers encompass him, and he would learn the path of duty and of safety. An oracle will inhabit these sacred graves, whose responses will replenish him with wisdom and point him the way to virtuous renown. Let the ingenuous youth who pants for the glories of the forum and the applause of the listening Senates, come hither to tune his soul by those immortal echoes that will forever breathe about this spot, and make its silence vocal with eloquence: and here, too, let the soldier of liberty come when the insolent invader may profane the sanctuary of freedom. Here, by this holy altar, may be fitly devoted to the infernal gods the enemies of this country and of liberty. We will now leave our departed patriot to his sleep of glory; and let no tear moisten the turf that shall wrap his ashes. Let no sound of mourning disturb the majestic solitude of his grand repose. He claims no tribute of sorrow. His body returns to its mother earth, his spirit dwells in the Elysian domain of God, and his deeds are written on the Rolls of Fame.

"Let none dare mourn for him!"

## Paris Lodge, No. 2, at Paris, Ky.

This lodge was No. 35 on the Virginia Register. It was represented in the Organizing Convention of September 8, 1800, by three representatives, viz.:—Thomas Hughes, Adam Calderwood, and Joseph Duncan. No Report of Membership was made to the Grand Lodge. At the April Sessions of 1802 complaints were brought up that Lodge No. 2 had committed irregularities, the character of which is not specified. It was, therefore, ordered that it should appear, by its representatives, at the next Session, and show cause why its Charter should not be returned.

At the October Sessions, 1802, its Charter was offered to, and accepted by the Grand Lodge.

Prior to August, 1809, a lodge was set to work, under Dispensation, as *Union Lodge*; but when Chartered, August 31, 1809, it was styled Paris Union Lodge, No. 16. (See that number.) No. 2, since 1802, has been a vacant number on the Rolls of the Grand Lodge. In 1852 Bedford Lodge, No. 243, was established here under charge of Henry R. Orr, a most intelligent Mason.

We give a few Masonic allusions to the four Brethren of No. 2 who were among the pioneers of Masonry in Kentucky.

ADAM CALDERWOOD was one of the three representatives of Paris Lodge, No. 2, in the Convention, September 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge; but, as that lodge (No. 2) never made a Report to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, but was suspended, we are unable to trace his Masonic history further.

JOSEPH DUNCAN was one of the three representatives of Paris Lodge, No. 2, in the Convention, September 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge. He was present at the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800, and was admitted as a Visitor to the Grand Lodge the next day; but, as Paris Lodge, No. 2, never made any Returns to the Grand Lodge, and was suspended, and we are unable to trace his history further.

THOMAS HUGHES was one of the three representatives of Paris Lodge, No. 2, in the Convention, September 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge. He was one of a Committee of five appointed to draft an Address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, detailing the necessity of separation. He was appointed Junior Warden of the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800,

at which he appeared as Master of Paris Lodge. He was elected Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge, into which that body immediately resolved itself. February, 1801, he appeared as representative of No. 4; but this is, probably, a typographical error, as his name no where appears in the Rolls of No. 4. Paris Lodge, No. 2, made no Report of Members to the Grand Lodge, and forfeited its Charter in 1802, when we lose sight of his name.

NATHANIEL WILLIAMS was present as Junior Warden of Paris Lodge, No. 2, at the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800, and was elected Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge, into which that body immediately resolved itself. In his official capacity as Junior Warden and Junior Grand Deacon, he was present at the February Sessions of 1801.

Paris Lodge, No. 2, made no Returns to the Grand Lodge of its list of members; therefore, we can not trace Mr. Williams' name further.

## Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, at Georgetown, Ky.

This lodge was represented in the Convention of September 8, 1800, by John Hawkins and Samuel Shepherd. John Hawkins was elected Chairman of the Convention; Mr. Shepherd was placed upon the Committee to draft an Address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, detailing the causes of separation. At the first Session, (Oct. 1800,) its representation included the since justly-distinguished Cary L. Clarke, who was elected Junior Grand Warden.

*October* 1803.—Complaints were made to the Grand Lodge, of irregularities committed by Lodge No. 3. No specifications are given on the Record, but the lodge was cited to appear at the next Session, to answer. The summons being disregarded, its Charter, at the March Session 1804, was declared forfeit, and its property vested in the Grand Lodge. This property was to be applied to paying the debts of the lodge, and the surplusage, if any, to be subject to the control of the Grand Lodge, for the use of any lodge hereafter to be established at that place. Since that time, No. 3 has been vacant on the Register.

Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 14, was established here, August, 1807. See that number. It is still at work.

In December, 1798, Georgetown Lodge sent a written Communication to the G. L. of Virginia, requesting the G. L. to appoint a Brother to represent them in the G. L. Jacob T. Cohen was accordingly appointed.

We make a few allusions to the five Brethren of No. 3, who were pioneers in the Grand Lodge.

CARY L. CLARKE.—Mr. Clarke was present as a Past Master of Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, at the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800, and was elected, the same day, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. In that office he appears February, 1801, but was absent at the October Session. On the Rolls of Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, he appears as Secretary, in 1802. That lodge failing to make Returns, its Charter, etc., were demanded by the Grand Lodge, and we next find Mr. Clarke in the Grand Lodge, as a Past Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 4, September 18, 1804. His whole career is sufficiently sketched through the pages of this volume.

JOHN HAWKINS was one of the two representatives of Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, in the Convention, September 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge, and was elected Chairman of the Convention. His name is not on the Rolls of Georgetown Lodge in 1802, the only Returns ever rendered to

the Grand Lodge. The Charter of that lodge, was arrested in March, 1804, and we lose sight of his name.

SAMUEL SHEPHERD.—Mr. Shepherd was one of two Representatives of Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, in the Convention, September 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge. He was one of a Committee of five appointed to draft an Address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, detailing the necessity of separation. He was present, as Senior Warden of Georgetown Lodge, at the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800, and was elected Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge, into which that body immediately resolved itself. In the capacity of Senior Warden and Grand Pursuivant, he was present at the February and October Sessions of 1801. October, 1801, he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon, in which capacity, and as the representative of No. 3, he was present at the April Sessions of 1802. Here he is reported as being without credentials, but giving other sufficient proof of his appointment, he was allowed to represent his lodge. Upon the Rolls of Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, his name appears as Senior Warden, in 1802, after which that lodge made no further Returns of its members, but was suspended—and we lose traces of Mr. Shepherd.

JOHN SUTTON.—He was present as Junior Warden of Georgetown Lodge No. 3, at the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800. He was one of a Committee of three appointed to draft a Circular Letter to the Grand Lodges of the United States, detailing the causes which had led to the separation.

WILLIAM SUTTON.—He was present as Master of Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, at the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800.

## Hiram Lodge, No. 4, at Frankfort, Kentucky.

No lodge has a more honorable name on the Records of the Grand Lodge than this.

In the Convention of Sept. 8, 1800, it was represented by no less than six of its members (nearly one-half the Convention), viz.: William Murray, Thomas Love, Isaac E. Gano, Otho Beatty, Nicholas Lason, and Amos Anderson. The first three were likewise present at the first Session, Oct., 1800, and William Murray was unanimously elected Grand Master.

At the Sept. Session 1804, and again the next year, Lodge No. 4 propounded inquiries to the Grand Lodge, relative to the essential qualifications of applicants for initiation.

In the Convention called Oct., 1806, to adopt a Constitution, etc., Lodge No. 4 was represented by Thomas Tunstall and Robert Brenham; the former was made President of the Convention.

On the Records of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, under date of Dec. 11, 1799, we find this entry: "*Whereas* a Dispensation was issued by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, dated Dec. 17, 1798, to enable the Frankfort Hiram Lodge formerly established provisionally by a Dispensation from the M. W. Robert Brooke, to continue at work until the ninth day of this month; and proper returns and documents having been received and duly considered, *Resolved*, that a Charter do issue to constitute a lodge in the city of Frankfort, in the county of Franklin, and State of Kentucky, by the name of the *Frankfort Hiram Lodge*, No. 57, appointing Daniel Weisiger, Master, Thomas Todd, S. W., and Baker Ewing, J. W."

1802, William Murray was Master; 1803, John Rowan; 1804 and 1805, Willis A Lee; 1806 and 1807, John Allen. This year, Richard M. Johnson is returned as a Past Master. 1816, George M. Bibb is Master, Henry Wingate Secretary, the latter having been raised January 1st, preceding.

1818, Henry Wingate was Master. 1825, Philip Swigert was Master. Amos Kendall appears among the Past Masters.

Lodge No. 4 has furnished the Grand Lodge with very many officers, as the following will show: 1800, Grand Master; 1801, J. G. W.; 1803, D. G.M. and S. G. D.; 1804, D. G. M., S. G. D., and G. Pur; 1805, S. G. W.; 1806, J. G. D.; 1807, D. G. M. and J. G. D. Through all the period intervening, and until 1858, No. 4 has found learned and intelligent members, who have not refused to labor in any station to which they have been called.

We make brief allusions to the members of No. 4, who were pioneers in the Grand Lodge.

Amos Anderson was one of the seven Representatives of Hiram Lodge, in the Convention, Sept. 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge. He is reported on the Rolls of Hiram Lodge, No. 4, April, 1802, as a member.

Sept., 1805, he was suspended by Lodge, No. 4, for unmasonic conduct, and March, 1806, for non-payment of dues, after which, we gather no further traces of his Masonic history.

Otho Beatty was one of the seven Representatives of Hiram Lodge, No. 4, in the Convention, Sept. 1, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge.

He is reported in April, 1802, and Oct., 1803, as a member of that lodge, and in March, 1804, as dead.

Isaac E. Gano, was one of the seven Representatives of Hiram Lodge, No. 4, in the Convention, Sept. 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge.

He was appointed Senior Deacon of the Preparatory Lodge, Oct. 16, 1800, at which he appeared as Junior Warden of Hiram Lodge. He was one of a Committee of three appointed to draft a Circular Letter to the Grand Lodges of the United States, detailing the causes which had led to the separation. March, 1804, he acted as Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*, while representing Hiram Lodge, No. 4. At the same Session, he was placed on a Committee with Daniel Bradford, to demand the Archives and property of Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, which had incurred by neglect of duty, the penalty of dissolution. March, 1805, he represented No. 4, and acted as Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.* March, 1806, he was present as a Past Master of No. 4, and was appointed in conjunction with five others, a Visitor to impart the workings of the lodges. At the same Session, he was made one of a Committee of three to settle the accounts of the late Grand Treasurer (Thos. Wallace).

Frankfort Hiram Lodge, No. 4, reports him in 1802 as a Master Mason; 1803, as Junior Warden; 1804, as Senior Warden; 1805, 1806, and 1807, as Past Master; and Aug., 1808, as suspended for non-payment of dues. Aug., 1810, he is reported as reinstated; 1811, as a Past Master, and in 1812, as dead.

Nicholas Lason was one of the seven Representatives of Hiram Lodge, No. 4, in the Convention, September 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge. He was reported by Lodge No. 4, as a Master Mason, from 1803 to 1805; in September, 1806, as Senior Warden, and in October 1806, as demitted; after which we discover his name no more in the Records.

Thomas Love was one of the seven Representatives of Hiram Lodge, No. 4, in the Convention, September 8, 1080, which organized the Grand Lodge. He was present as Senior Warden of Hiram Lodge, at the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800, and took his seat in the Grand Lodge, into which that body was immediately resolved. He was present in the same official capacity, and acted as Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*, at the February Session of 1801.

On the Rolls of "Frankfort Hiram Lodge," as No. 4 was early designated, he appears, in 1802, as Senior Warden, in 1803, as Past Master, in

1804, as Junior Warden, and in 1805 and 1806, as Past Master; 1807, as Senior Warden, 1808, Past Master, and July 31, 1809, as dead.

WILLIAM MURRAY.—Mr. Murray was one of the seven Representatives of Hiram Lodge, in the Convention. September 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge. He was made Chairman of a Committee of five appointed to draft an Address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, detailing the necessity of separation, and it is probable that he wrote the Address. He was appointed Senior Warden of the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800, at which he appeared as Master of Hiram Lodge, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, into which it was immediately resolved. He was in his place as Grand Master at the February Session of 1801, and represented Hiram Lodge. No. 4, as Master, but at the October Session he was not present. In October, 1801, he was made one of the Committee to draft Rules and Regulations. He appears on the Rolls of Hiram Lodge in 1802, as Master, in 1803-4, as Past Master.

September 17, 1805, information having been communicated to the Grand Lodge, that Brother William Murray, late Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, had departed this life, the 9th of August preceding, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge wear black crape on the left arm for one month, as a testimony of the high respect entertained by them for the Masonic virtues of the deceased Brother, and that it be recommended to the subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, to show their respect for the deceased Brother, by adopting a similar resolution.

THOMAS TUNSTALL.—Mr. Tunstall was present, October 1801, as Representative of Frankfort Lodge, No. 4, and served as Grand Secretary, *pro tem.* He was elected Junior Grand Warden at the same Session, in which capacity he was placed on the Committee to draft Rules and Regulations for the Grand Lodge. In April, 1802, he appeared in his place, and as Representative of No. 4, but not having his credentials, was required to "give sufficient proof that he was intended to represent his lodge." He was in his seat in October, 1802, and reëlected J. G. W.; and was in his place, serving as J. G. W., and as S. G. W., *pro tem.*, April, 1803. In October, 1803, he was unanimously elected Deputy Grand Master. He represented No. 4 in the Convention, Oct. 2, 1806, met to draft Rules and Regulations, and was appointed President. On the Roll of Frankfort Hiram Lodge, No. 4, he appears in 1802, as a private member; as a Past Master in April, 1803; as Treasurer in 1803; as Past Master in 1804, 1805, 1806, and 1807, etc.

Among the members of No. 4, is found the venerable Brother to whom this History is dedicated.

HENRY WINGATE.—In August, 1851, Hiram Lodge, No. 4, resolved unanimously, to present to Brother Henry Wingate, a Past Master's Jewel, with suitable inscriptions, as a testimonial of the high esteem in which he was held by his fellow members, both as a Mason and a man. The duty of preparing this honorarium was performed by Brothers John A. Monroe, William B. Holman, and A. G. Hodges. On Monday evening, January 24, 1852, this testimonial of respectful and fraternal esteem was duly presented. Brother Monroe, in his remarks, made touching allusions to the almost reverential sentiment which pervaded the Masonic heart, in relation to Brother Wingate. He said: "From the date of your initiation to this time, you have continued a member of this lodge.

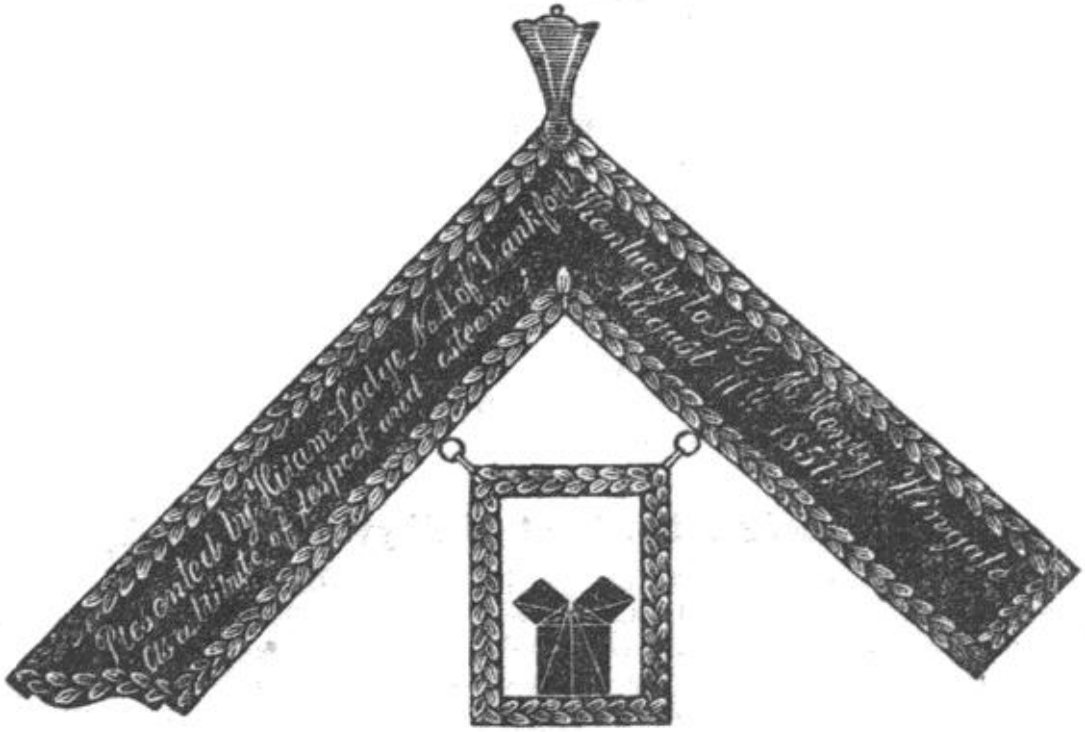
"The Records of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky—the Records of this lodge, and each and every member of the lodge, bear full and ample testimony that you have been constant in your attendance, scrupulous in the

observance of the regulations of the lodge, industrious and willing, at all times, to communicate light and instruction in the mysteries of our art, and, by the bright example of your life, adding strength to your teachings.

"To your watchful and fostering care does this lodge, in a great degree, owe its prosperity and existence; and to your kind instructions, do many of us now owe that knowledge in Masonry which we possess, and which teaches us our duties as Masons and members of society. For this we feel grateful. Will you accept this Jewel, which I now present to you in the name of the Committee, and on the behalf of the members of this lodge, as a small but sincere token of our gratitude, and as a mark of the high respect and esteem in which we hold your character as a Mason and as a man.

To which Bro. Wingate responded, as follows:

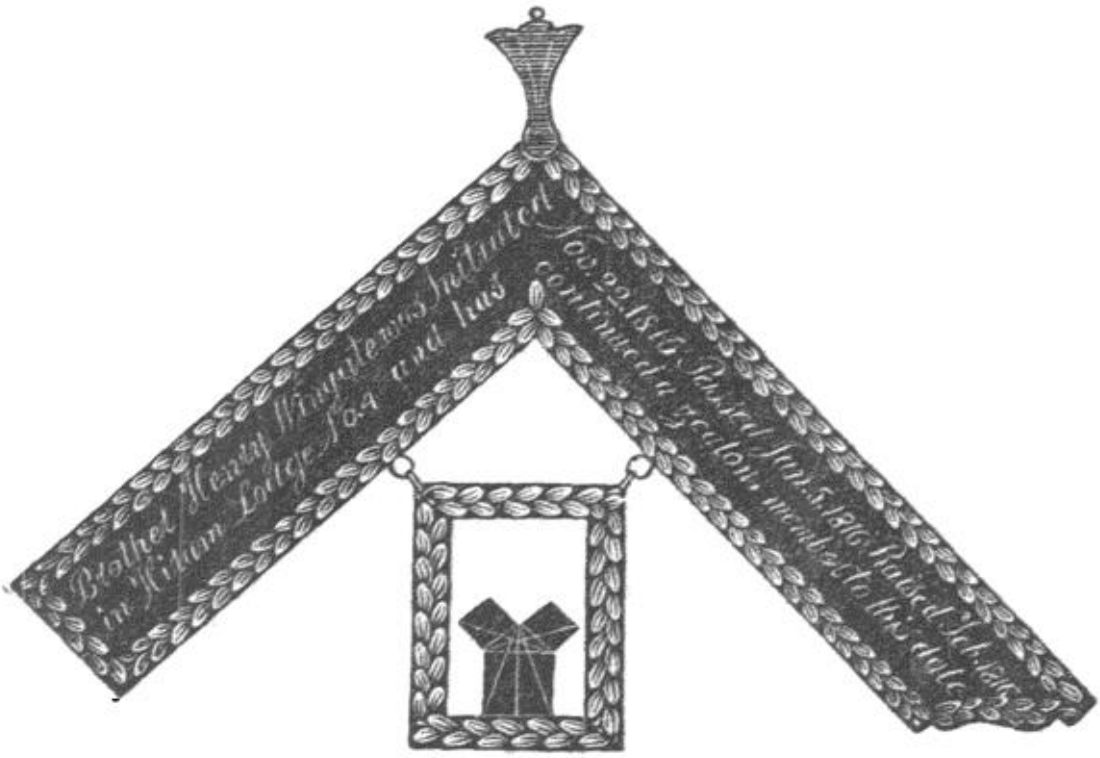
Brother Monroe.—In accepting at your hands, this elegant and beautiful jewel, which has been voted to me by Hiram Lodge, No. 4, and which you, as its organ, have been pleased to present in terms far more flattering than I deserve, I find myself entirely at a loss for language suitable to make my grateful acknowledgments to the lodge, and to the members individually, for this unexpected token of their distinguished consideration. The approbation of my brethren, with some of whom I have been so long and so intimately associated, is most gratifying to my feelings, and I would not exchange it for the richest jewel that sparkles in the crown of royalty, nor barter for the brightest medal ever won by arms on the battle-field. No, sir: I prize this jewel (accompanied, as you have just assured me it is, by the approbation of good Masons,) above them all.



I shall wear it while I live, and then bequeath it to my children as a memorial of your peculiar confidence and esteem; and also as one of the numberless evidences I shall leave behind me of the sympathy and kindness of the members of this lodge, vouchsafed to me in so many different forms. Brethren, I thank you from my heart, and I can say no more.

The following is the inscription on the jewel: Presented by Hiram Lodge, No. 4, of Frankfort, Kentucky, to P. G. M. Henry Wingate, as a tribute of respect and esteem, August 10, 1851.

Upon the other side is engraved:




Brother Henry Wingate was initiated Nov. 22, 1815; passed Jan. 5, 1816; raised Feb. 1, 1816, in Hiram Lodge, No. 4, and has continued a zealous member to this date.

PHILIP SWIGERT.—This gentleman has been a member of No. 4, for more than 30 years, never declining any amount of labor or responsibility imposed upon him by his brethren. Mr. Swigert's official connection with Freemasonry in Kentucky, since he was first elected, June 24, 1821, Junior Warden of Landmark Lodge, No. 41, is the history of Freemasonry itself.

No. 4 reports in 1858, 52 members. Among its lights and jewels are seen A. G. Hodges, John A. Monroe, Thos. Page, and a long array of experienced and devoted Masons.

## Solomon's Lodge, No. 5, at Shelbyville, Kentucky.

This lodge was working at Shelbyville, under a Dispensation from the Grand Master of Virginia, by the title of *Abraham Lodge*, at the assemblage of the Convention of Sept. 8, 1800, but was allowed to have a Representation therein; and at the first Session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October following, was recognized as No. 5.

Its Representative at that communication, was Simon Adams, the first elected Senior Grand Warden. At the first Session (Oct. 1800), Simon Adams and James Wardlaw were its Representatives. In Feb., 1801, W. J. Tunstall was added to these. The names of John Simpson and George Baltzell appear in October.

Oct., 1801, this lodge petitioned for leave to initiate an applicant who had lost his right arm, and the Grand Lodge granted the request.

In the Convention to adopt a Constitution, etc., which assembled Oct., 1806, at Lexington Lodge, No. 5, was represented by James Moore, afterward extensively known for his literary acquirements.

Of all these five lodges, organized under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, we can not find that one of them was ever represented in the Mother Grand Lodge by one of its own members. It is not strange, therefore, that in the Circular of Oct., 1800, one chief argument for Masonic independence, as set forth, was, that the great distance between the centers of the two States practically debarred a representation on the one part, and official visitation on the other.

Lodge, No. 5, has furnished the Grand Lodge with many officers: 1802, G. Pur.; 1803, J. G. W. and J. G. D.; 1806, S. G. W., J. G. W.; 1807, S. G. W., and so on. Thomas Todd, Grand Master in 1853, is a member of No. 5.

Simon Adams was the representative of Abraham's Lodge, held under dispensation at Shelbyville, in the Convention, September 8, 1800, which organized the Grand Lodge. He was one of a Committee of five appointed to draft an Address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, detailing the necessity of separation. He was present as Master of Abraham Lodge at the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800, and was elected the same day Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. He was Chairman of a Committee of three, appointed to draft a Circular Letter to the Grand Lodge of the United States, detailing the causes which had led to the separation, and the document was probably from his pen. He appeared in his seat, as S. G. Warden at the Sessions of February and October, 1801, and represented Solomon's Lodge, No. 5, as Master; was reëlected Senior Grand Warden, October, 1801, in which capacity, and as Master of No. 5, he was present at the Sessions of April and October, 1802. He was reëlected Senior G. Warden, October, 1802; opened the Grand Lodge as Grand Master, *pro tem.*, in April, 1803, and as Senior G. Warden, October, 1803. This year he is on the Rolls of No. 5 as Past Master. The Grand Lodge instructed him to visit Lodges Nos. 5, 6, and 8, to inspect their workings and make report next Session to the Grand Lodge. No. 5 reports him from 1804 to 1808 as a Past Master. In 1810, Simon Adams is reported by No. 5 dead, with this explanatory note: "It is here to be noted that Brother Simon Adams, who was the first Master of this lodge, but for some time having withdrawn, is dead. The lodge had considered him as an honorary member, with the privilege of attending the lodge when he could make it convenient, in token of our remembrance for the important services he rendered this lodge, and his devotion to the Institution. We therefore beg the liberty of making this Communication to the Grand Lodge."

James Moore.—Mr. Moore first appears on the Record of the Grand Lodge, October, 1803, as one of the two representatives of Solomon's Lodge, No. 5. He was elected Junior Grand Warden at the same Sessions. On the Rolls of No. 5, he appears in 1802 as a private member; in April, 1803, as Junior Warden; October, 1803, Senior Warden; 1804 and 1806, Master; 1807, Treasurer, etc. His history is a part of the early history of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

James Wardlaw.—He was present as Senior Warden of Abraham's Lodge, U. D., at the Preparatory Lodge, October 16, 1800. In the same capacity he appeared at the February Sessions of 1801. In the Roll of membership of Solomon's (late Abraham's) Lodge, No. 5, for 1803, he is recorded as Master; in 1804, as Past Master. He demitted from that lodge, December 14, 1805.

JAMES BULLOCK.—This gentleman, as soon as he attained his majority, united himself with the Masonic Fraternity, following the example of his father, who lived and died a member of the Order. He soon became distinguished among the Craft, for the principles of that ancient and honorable Institution coincided well with his own expansive benevolence and generous nature. His merits attracted the attention of the Order, and he was elevated to some of its most distinguished trusts, among which were the Master of Solomon's Lodge, and High Priest of the Chapter. In rapid succession he was promoted to office in the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and presided as Grand High Priest, with marked ability and impartiality.

In 1858 No. 5 reports forty-two members, displaying among its jewels and lights such names as James M. Bullock, Thomas Todd, etc.

## Washington Lodge, No. 6, at Bairdstown, Ky.

This was the first lodge established by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. There is no record of its having worked under Dispensation from the Grand Master; but, at the February Session, 1801, at the recommendation of Lodge No. 1, the Grand Lodge granted the Charter. This Charter, however, was never used; and, for reasons which do not appear on the Records, a second Charter, without fee, was granted, April, 1803.

At the March Sessions, 1806, complaint was made to the Grand Lodge, that Lodge No. 6 had failed in its representation for three consecutive Sessions, whereupon the lodge was cited to appear at the next Session and show cause. October, 1806, having disobeyed the citation, the Charter was declared forfeit, and its property subject to the orders of the Grand Lodge. Since 1806, No. 6 has been a vacant number on the Rolls of the Grand Lodge. Four lodges have been established at Bairdstown since that period, viz.:—Nos. 38, 99, 181, and Kane Lodge, under Dispensation, which see.

## Harmony Lodge, No. 7, at Natchez, Miss.

Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, October, 1801, upon a recommendation from the Past Grand Master, William Murray.

Notice was received at the August Session, 1814, that Lodge No. 7 had determined to surrender its Charter, and had forwarded the same, together with their lodge dues,—whereupon such surrender was accepted, and a Committee appointed to hold the effects of said lodge—"the Property, Jewels, Regalia, etc.," being especially named—subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. Since 1814, No. 7 has been vacant on the Rolls of the Grand Lodge. In August, 1815, a number of the old members of No. 7 petitioned for and received a Dispensation to establish Harmony Lodge, U. D., afterward No. 33.

## Abraham's Lodge, No. 8, at Middletown, Ky.

Set to work, under a Dispensation from Grand Master Morrison, December 21, 1801; Chartered, April, 1802, under the title formerly assumed by the No. 5 at Shelbyville, now "Solomon's Lodge."

The history of this fine old lodge has been twice written out with circumstantial detail,—first, in 1852, by Charles G. Wintersmith, then Grand Master, whose Address at its Semi-Centennial Anniversary is a production of much merit; and in 1858 by Rob. Morris, Grand Master. The latter is purely historical, and brings the subject only to 1852.

The first representative was Edward Evans, its Junior Deacon. James Taylor was appointed first Master. In 1802 thirteen members were reported; in 1810, 41; in 1820, 48; 1840, 38.

In 1803, Abraham Lodge was removed to Louisville, where it has permanently remained, and, without any serious interruption, has pursued the work of Masonry for fifty-five years.

October, 1802, both the Grand Deacons were appointed from this lodge; October, 1803, the Senior Grand Warden, and reëlected 1804; August, 1809, the Junior Grand Warden; August, 1812, the same; 1816, the Grand Sword Bearer; 1817, the J. G. Warden; 1819, the Grand Marshal; 1833, the same; 1837, the same; 1841, the J. G. Deacon. Among the more prominent names on its Rolls of Membership may be cited Philip Barbour, Samuel N. Luckett, Jonathan Taylor, G. R. C. Floyd, James D. Breckenridge, Nathaniel Hardy, General W. Johnston, Mann Butler, Worden Pope.

August, 1838, the lodge, at a Called Meeting, resolved to surrender its Charter; but, on due consideration, the Act was pronounced irregular, and the labors of this old and faithful organization proceeded as before.

The Charter of No. 8, being accidentally destroyed some years since, was renewed, by order of the Grand Lodge, without fee.

In 1858, No. 8 reports 109 members, embracing much of the Masonic intelligence of Louisville. Since its removal to this city many lodges have been established here; and there are now thirteen lodges in active existence.

## Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, at Henderson, Ky.

Charter granted September, 1804, at the recommendation of Abraham Lodge, No. 8. August, 1812, complaint was made that Lodge No. 9 had failed in its representation for three successive years, and the lodge was accordingly, summoned to appear at the next Session and show cause. August, 1813, a Representation, consisting of Meredith W. Fisher and Ambrose Barbour, appeared with a letter of apology, which was accepted by the Grand Lodge.

The Charter of No. 9 was forfeited and surrendered in 1835; restored in 1843.

Among the honored Brethren who have labored in this lodge, are *John Posey*, a brother of Thomas Posey, still residing at Corydon, Ind., a Mason "in whom there is no guile." John Posey was Captain of a Cavalry Company in Wayne's Northwestern Expedition, and died November 25, 1851. *Innis B. Brent*, an old and faithful member, died September, 1806. *Nathan D. Anderson* died November, 1856.

In 1858, No. 9 reports 54 members.

For information relative to No. 9, I am indebted to Thomas Posey and P. B. Matthews.

## Unity Lodge, No. 10, at Millersburg, Ky.

Dispensation was granted prior to September, 1805, Chartered September 18, 1805.

This lodge was represented in the Convention called to prepare a Book of Constitution, etc., October, 1806, Martin Baker and Gabriel Tandy being the delegates.

August 1812, complaint was made against Lodge No. 10, that it stood in arrears for Grand Lodge dues, for two successive years, whereupon the lodge was cited to appear at the next Session, and show cause. The lodge disregarding this summons, was declared suspended at the August Session, 1814, and its Charter forfeited, since which period No. 10 is vacant. In 1816, Amity Lodge, afterward No. 40, was organized, U. D., at that place, and is still at work.

## St. John's Lodge, No. 11, at Flemingsburg, Ky.

Dispensation granted prior to the September Session, 1805; Chartered, September 18, 1805. Charter surrendered August, 1823, and No. 11 is vacant on the Register. Subsequently, Lodges Nos. 93 and 112 have been established at this place, which see.

## Philanthropic Lodge, No. 12, in Davidson County, Tenn.

The Dispensation for this lodge was granted prior to the Session of September, 1805. After the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, its representatives arrived, having been detained on the road from unforeseen causes, and the Grand Lodge was summoned in Emergent Meeting the same evening. Their work was approved and a Charter granted. Their Returns show 12 Master Masons, 1 Fellow Craft, and 1 Entered Apprentice.

A serious, and for a while, unfraternal altercation arose, relative to the establishment of this lodge, between the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the United Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee. The difficulty was not settled until 1812, when the Grand Lodge of Kentucky receded from its position, and No. 12 is since vacant on the Register. All the documents connected with this affair are given in our History.

Lodge No. 12 was represented in the Convention assembled October, 1806, to adopt a Constitution, etc., by John Watson. Upon the Grand Lodge Register of Tennessee it does not appear.

## Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dispensation granted prior to the March Sessions, 1806. Chartered March 19, 1806.

Lodge No. 13 was permitted at the September Sessions, 1809, to demit from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge of Ohio having been recently organized, and this lodge having taken a distinguished part in the work. Since that period No. 13 is vacant on our Register.

## Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 14, at Georgetown, Ky.

A Dispensation was granted under the title of Rural Lodge prior to August 1807, the former Lodge No. 3, at Georgetown, having forfeited its Charter in March, 1804. Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 14, was Chartered August 27, 1807, the celebrated Carey L. Clarke being its first Master.

In 1848, No. 14 reports 47 members.

## Vincennes Lodge, No. 15, at Vincennes, Indiana.

The Petition for a Dispensation to this lodge was offered the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at the August Sessions, 1807, and granted. At the September Session, 1808, the Grand Lodge renewed the Dispensation, as the former one had not been used. The lodge was Chartered, October 31, 1809, upon the formation of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, January 12, 1818. No. 15 became No. 1, *Indiana Register*, and so remains.

## Paris Union Lodge, No. 16, at Paris, Kentucky.

The old Lodge No. 2 having forfeited its Charter in October, 1802, a lodge, under Dispensation, was set to work, prior to August, 1809, as *Union Lodge*, which was Chartered, August 31, 1809, as Paris Lodge, No. 16; Forfeited, August, 1836; Reinstated, August, 1839. In 1852, Lodge No. 243 was established here, and remains active.

In 1858, No. 16 reports 36 members, under the prudent administration of Thomas Sadler.

## Russellville Lodge, No. 17, at Russellville, Kentucky.

Dispensation granted prior to August, 1809, the first meeting being held January 14, of that year; Chartered, August 31, 1809; Surrendered, August, 1832; Reinstated, August, 1845, after working for a while under Dispensation, William Wright being the first Master.

The original lodge was set to work, and officers installed by George M. Bibb, then Grand Master. At the first meeting John J. Crittenden and John Breathitt (each since a Governor of the State) petitioned for initiation. Anthony Butler, since Minister to Mexico, was admitted at the second meeting.

In 1858, No. 17 reports 43 members.

Masonic Addresses, at various times, have been delivered to No. 17, by R. B. C. Howell, Thomas Bottomly, Silas N. Davis, etc.

Information relative to No. 17 received from J. B. Peyton, T. A. Frazer, and L. R. Marshall.

## St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 18, at Cynthiana, Kentucky.

Dispensation ordered by the Grand Lodge, August 30, 1810; Chartered, August 29, 1811; Forfeited, August, 1834; Reinstated, August, 1838.

In 1823, Lodge No. 77 was established here, and worked for four years, until it ceased to live.

In 1858, this lodge reports 57 members, including, as one of its brightest jewels, Thomas Ware, Past Grand Master.

## Washington Lodge, No. 19, at Washington, Kentucky.

Chartered August 29, 1811, the old lodge at Bairdstown of this name having lapsed in 1806; Charter declared forfeit from neglect, August, 1824; Reinstated, September, 1847, James Bigger being first Master.

A lodge, under Dispensation, under the style of St. John's Lodge, U. D., was established at this place, August, 1823, Samuel Treat being first Master. This lodge ceased to labor prior to August, 1828, (precise date unknown.) No Charter was prayed for.

In 1858, No. 19 reports 18 members.

## Winchester Lodge, No. 20, at Winchester, Kentucky.

Dispensation ordered by the Grand Lodge, August, 1811; Chartered, August 27, 1812, Asa K. Lewis, afterward Grand Master, being its first Master, and Chilton Allen, Senior Warden; Forfeited, September, 1835; Restored, August, 1837.

In 1858, No. 20 reports 56 members. Isaac Cunningham, a Mason of long experience in the Grand Lodge, was a member of No. 20 up to 1857. John B. Huston still shines among its lights.

## Madison Lodge, No. 21, in Madison County, Mississippi.

Dispensation ordered by the Grand Lodge, August, 1811, at the recommendation of Lodge No. 11; Chartered, August 28, 1812, Louis Winston being first Master. At the formation of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, August 25, 1818, No. 21 was not represented.

## Daviess Lodge, No. 22, at Lexington, Kentucky

This lodge did not work under Dispensation. At the August Session of 1812, a petition from a number of the members of Lodge No. 1 was presented to the Grand Lodge, stating that the membership of that lodge had become too numerous to work with convenience, (they were 77 in number,) and asking the erection of a new lodge. It was granted, the new lodge being named after Grand Master Daviess, so recently killed at Tippecanoe,—it being the first instance in Kentucky of a lodge named after an individual. David Castleman was first Master. John Pope was one of the first members of Lodge No. 22, and represented it in the Grand Lodge in 1813. By the disastrous fire of 1837, the Charter was burnt and renewed by the Grand Lodge. By permission of the Grand Lodge in 1845, No. 22 became blended with Nelson Lodge, No. 107, under one Charter, styled Daviess and Nelson Lodge, No. 22; but its former name was restored in 1852, a new Charter being granted for that purpose.

In 1855, on the Petition of this lodge, the Grand Lodge granted a new Charter, without fee, to Daviess Lodge, No. 22, its date to correspond with that of the original Lodge No. 22.

In 1858, No. 22 reports 16 members.

## Montgomery Lodge, No. 23, at Mount Sterling, Kentucky.

Dispensation ordered by the Grand Lodge, August, 1812; Chartered, August 26, 1813. The history of No. 23 for forty-five years, could we have procured responses to our solicitations, would, unquestionably, present a fund of valuable materials.

In 1858 this lodge reports 38 members. Richard Apperson, Past Grand Master, and Richard Apperson, jr., his son, are among the sparkling jewels of this lodge.

## Allen Lodge, No. 24, at Glasgow, Kentucky.

A Petition for this lodge was presented to the Grand Lodge at the Sessions of September, 1808, but refused, the Grand Lodge demanding further information respecting their qualifications.

August 26, 1813, this lodge was Chartered, no record being had of its having worked under Dispensation; Forfeited, August, 1834; Reinstated, September, 1841.

Christopher Tompkins was first Master of the original lodge. In 1850, No. 24 erected a new Hall, which, with subsequent additions, has cost $6500. In the lower portion is the "Allen Lodge Female College," under the charge of the Fraternity, and incorporated by that title—a flourishing Institution, and worthy of all commendation. During a single Session nearly $300 has been expended by Allen Lodge, and lodges in the vicinity, in the gratuitous education of indigent orphan girls.

In 1858, No. 24 reports 62 members.

Information relative to No. 24 from John Montague and W. F. Dodd.

## Richmond Lodge, No. 25, at Richmond, Ky.

Dispensation ordered by the Grand Lodge, August 27, 1812; Chartered August 26, 1813; first meeting held September 20. Forfeited August, 1834; Reinstated August, 1839.

No. 25 has furnished the Grand Lodge with no less than three Grand Masters, viz.: William Holloway, Daniel Breck, and John Speed Smith.

JOHN SPEED SMITH was initiated in this lodge, April 7, 1813; elected Master, June 24, 1814, and Grand Master in 1824; died, June 6, 1854,

aged 62. He was at Tippecanoe in 1811. In 1813 Gen. Wm. H. Harrison made him his Aid-de-camp, which relation he sustained to him at the battle of the Thames. Honorable mention was made of him in the history of that fight.

DANIEL BRECK is a native of Vermont. He graduated with honors at Dartmouth College, in 1812, and settled in Richmond, Kentucky, 1814. In No. 25 he was initiated, February 10, 1816, was made Master in 1819, and Grand Master 1827. He was Judge of the Court of Appeals from 1843 to 1849, when he was elected to Congress.

WM. HOLLOWAY was initiated in No. 25, June 8, 1841; was made Master in 1842, and Grand Master in 1845.

Among the most efficient workmen in No. 25, is THOMAS JEFF GORDON, initiated here in 1824. He has rarely failed to attend a meeting for more than thirty years, and filled every position with equal patience, honor, and dignity from the place "without the door," to that "under the G."

An Oration was delivered before this lodge, June 24, 1844, by M. M. Henkle. Its property is worth about $1,500.

In 1858, No. 25 reports sixty members.

Information relative to No. 25 supplied by B. N. Webster.

## Maysville Lodge, No. 26, at Maysville, Ky.

Dispensation granted prior to August, 1814; Chartered, August, 31, 1814; surrendered, August, 1830. August 27, 1832, the Grand Lodge ordered the Grand Secretary to deliver the books of this lodge to the representatives of No. 52, at the same place. Since 1830 this number has been vacant on the Register.

Nos. 52 and 342 have been subsequently established here, which see.

## Columbia Lodge, No. 27, in Adair Co., Ky.

Dispensation granted prior to August, 1814; Chartered, August 31, 1814; forfeited August, 1834, since which this number has been vacant on the Register.

## Franklin Lodge, No. 28, at Danville, Ky.

Dispensation granted prior to November, 1814; Chartered November 21, 1814; forfeited September, 1835; restored, 1850. F. T. Fox being first Master. The former jewels, etc., which had been left in the keeping of Lodge No. 103, were restored to them.

In 1858, No. 28 reported 21 members.

## Madison Union Lodge, No. 29, at Madison, Indiana,

Received its Charter, August, 1815. Alexander A. Meek, afterward Grand Master of Indiana, was its first Master. Upon the organization of of the G. L. of Indiana, January 12, 1818, No. 29 became No. 4, now No. 2. Since that period No. 29 has been vacant in our Register.

## Burksville Lodge, No. 30, at Burksville, Ky.

Received its Charter August, 1815; surrendered previous to August, 1823, and this number has remained vacant ever since. Subsequently No. 149 has been established here, which see.

## Simpson Lodge, No. 31, at Newcastle, Ky.

Received its Charter, August, 1815. August 28, 1838, the Charter was "surrendered, accepted, and ordered to be filed." Since which period this

number has been vacant on the Register. In 1849, No. 189 was established in this place, which see.

## St. Paul's or Independence Lodge, No. 32, at Middletown, Ky.

Received its Dispensation August, 1815. James Taylor, formerly a member of Abraham Lodge, No. 8, at that place, being first Master. It was Chartered August, 1815, under the title of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 32. August, 1819, a requisition of the Grand Lodge was refused by this lodge, for which reason its Charter was declared forfeit, November 30, 1819, but restored December 1, following. Charter surrendered August, 1823, since which period this number has been vacant on the Register. Subsequently Nos. 83 and 193 have been established here, which see.

## Harmony Lodge, No. 33, at Natchez, Miss.

Received its Dispensation August, 1815. The petitioners were members of Lodge No. 7 at that place, which deceased in 1814. Wm. E. Smith was first Master. It was Chartered August, 1816. At the formation of the G. L. of Mississippi, August 25, 1818, No. 33 became No. 1, *Mississippi Register*, and so remains. No. 32 is now vacant on our Register.

## Lawrence Lodge, No. 34, at Shawneetown, Ill.

Received its Dispensation, September 1815, Meredith W. Fisher being first Master. Chartered, August 1816. It appears on our Register until 1824, after which it was dropped, and since that period, No. 34 is vacant on our Register.

## Murray Lodge, No. 35, at Lexington, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1816, Joseph C. Breckenridge being first Master. Surrendered prior to August, 1821. Lodge No. 22 was required by the Grand Lodge to close the unsettled business of this lodge.

Since 1828, No. 35 is vacant on our Register

## Blazing Star Lodge, No. 36, at Charlestown, Indiana,

Was Chartered August, 1816, John Miller being first Master. Upon the formation of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, January 12, 1818, No. 39 became No. 3, *Indiana Register*.

## Hopkinsville Lodge, No. 37, at Hopkinsville, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1816, Charles Caldwell being the first Master. Forfeited August, 1834. Dispensation granted February 22, 1840, Dexter Harding being first Master. Chartered September, 1840. In 1858, No. 37 reported 49 members. Among them is that veteran Mason, whose gray hairs are reverenced by an immense circle of friends and Brothers, James Moore. No. 225 was established at this place in 1850, which, December 28, 1857, was incorporated with this, under the title of Hopkinsville Lodge, No. 37. This was by the joint request of the two lodges.

## Bardstown Lodge, No. 38, at Bardstown, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1816, John Cowan being first Master. Surrendered previous to August, 1832, since which time this number has been

vacant on our Register. Subsequently, Lodges Nos. 99 and 181, have been established at this place, which see.

## Potosi Lodge, No. 39, at Potosi, Mo.

Was Chartered August, 1816, Andrew Scott being first Master. It appears in the Register of 1818, but was subsequently dropped. In the Missouri Register, Potosi Lodge is now No. 131.

## Amity Lodge, No. 40, at Millersburgh, Ky.

Received a Dispensation, August, 1816, as the successor of Lodge No. 10, defunct in 1814, Martin Baker being first Master. Chartered August, 1817. In 1858 this lodge reports 31 members.

## Landmark Lodge, No. 41, at Versailles, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1817, John Y. Hyter being first Master. In 1858, this lodge reports 57 members, including many lights and jewels worthy of the highest Masonic honor. No lodge on our Register better deserves its name than No. 41.

A Communication relative to No. 41 received from Herman Bowmar, jr.

## Industry Lodge, No. 42, at Frankfort, Ky

Was Chartered August, 1817, George Baltzell being first Master. Surrendered its Charter to the Grand Lodge, August, 1821, since which this number has been vacant on our Register.

## Melchisedek Lodge of Salem, No. 43, at Salem, Indiana,

Was Chartered August, 1817, James R. Higgins being the first Master. Upon the formation of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, January 12, 1818, this lodge took out a new Dispensation. No. 43 is vacant on our Register.

## Lawrenceburgh Lodge, No. 44, at Lawrenceburgh, Indiana,

Was Chartered August, 1817, Thomas Palmer being first Master. Upon the formation of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, January 12, 1818. No. 44, became No. 4, Indiana Register. No. 44 is vacant on our Register.

## Pisgah Lodge, No. 45, at Corydon, Indiana,

Was Chartered August, 1817, Davis Floyd being first Master. Upon the formation of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, January 12, 1818, No. 45 became No. 5, and so remained until it became defunct during the antimasonic excitement. Upon the revival of Masonry it was made No. 32, and so remains. In its membership is found that truly distinguished and veteran Mason, Thomas Posey. No. 45 is vacant on our Register.

## Feliciana Lodge, No. 46, at St. Francisville, Louisiana,

Was Chartered August, 1817, Jedediah Smith being first Master. Reported itself at work in 1825. August, 1834, the Grand Lodge advised that it should attach itself to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Since that period, No. 46 has been vacant on our Register.

### Fortitude Lodge, No. 47, at Westport, Ky.,

Afterward at Transylvania, Kentucky, received its Dispensation August, 1817; Francis Taylor being first Master. Removed in 1821 by permission of the G. L., to any part of Jefferson County at discretion. Forfeited August, 1834; Reinstated, August, 1844, and removed to Lagrange, Ky. In 1858, this lodge reports ten members.

### Springfield Lodge, No. 50,* at Springfield, Ky.,

Was Chartered, September, 1818; Raphael Lancaster being first Master. In 1858 this lodge reports thirty-two members.

### Clark Lodge, No. 51, at Louisville, Ky.,

Was Chartered, September, 1818. Charles B. King being first Master. Forfeited September, 1835; reinstated September, 1840. In 1858, No. 51 reports 128 members, including Past Grand Masters, Levi Tyler and David T. Monsarrat. The history of this lodge is a brilliant one, but is yet to be written. Willis Stewart, Past Grand Master, was among its brightest intellects, and a few allusions to his Masonic career are appended:

"WILLIS STEWART was born in Jefferson Co., Kentucky, May 12, 1799. In 1823 he was initiated in Louisville, and became one of its most prominent and useful members. In the lodge room, Chapter, Council, and Encampment, he was alike conspicuous for his untiring energy and zeal in promoting the true interests of the Fraternity, and in maintaining the Ancient Landmarks of the Order. He was the principal person in forming 'the Masonic Board of Finance,' created for the purpose of building a Masonic Temple, to be dedicated to Masonry, drafted the plan of consolidation under which the Board acts; was one of its first members, continued in the Board until his death, and by his counsel and advice, greatly assisted in the building of the Temple.

His whole life was dedicated to Masonry, and in his walk and conversation we may truly say he was a Mason indeed, in whom there was no guile.

In the death of Brother Stewart, Masonry lost one of her brightest jewels, and the Board one of its most influential members."—*Extract from the Minute Book of the Board of Finance, Louisville Temple.*

In the membership of this lodge are James Guthrie, J. H. Harney, Henry Hudson, W. E. Woodruff, etc.

Among the former members of Lodge No. 51, was James Rice, jr., Grand Master in 1837-8, who in 1858 is engaged in the practice of the law at San Francisco, California.

### Confidence or Philip's Lodge, No. 52, at Maysville, Ky.,

Was Chartered September, 1818; C. B. Shepherd being first Master. August 27, 1832, it was ordered by the Grand Lodge that the books of the late lodge, No. 26, should be placed in possession of No. 52, they having been in possession of the Grand Secretary. In 1858 this lodge reports 39 members. Its career has been steady and useful; its charities ample; its morality commendable. In 1857, Lodge No. 342 was established here, which see.

### Warren Lodge, No. 53, at Harrodsburg, Ky.,

Was Chartered September, 1818; John L. Bridges being first Master.

*The Nos. 48 and 49, from some unexplained cause, have never been filled in the Kentucky Register of Lodges.

Forfeited some time previous to 1842; reinstated August, 1842. Reported 46 members in 1858.

The Charter of this lodge having been consumed by fire, the G. Lodge in 1856 granted a new one without fee.

Among the honored members of this lodge ranked Samuel Daviess, Past Grand Master, who died September 30, 1856, aged eighty-three years.

## Greensburgh Lodge, No. 54, at Greensburgh, Ky.,

Was Chartered September, 1818; Joshua Brents being first Master. Forfeited August, 1834; resumed labor in 1839, and was reinstated, "all previous dues being remitted," in 1840.

In 1858, No. 54 reports thirty-six members, exhibiting many lights and jewels, such as Wm. B. Allen, Past Grand Master, J. M. S. McCorkle, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Ed. H. Hobson, etc.; a galaxy of which any lodge may well be proud.

## Bath or Owingsville Lodge, No. 55, at Owingsville, Ky.,

Was Chartered August, 1819; John Stevens being first Master. Forfeited August, 1834. In 1854 it was restored to the Register of the Grand Lodge, and in 1858 reports thirty-five members. In 1845, Maury Lodge, No. 141, was established at this place, which see.

In 1854, the Grand Lodge ordered that the name and style of Maury Lodge, No. 141, be changed to Bath Lodge, No. 55, and that the property of the late Webb Lodge, No. 55, be donated to said Bath Lodge.

## Burlington Lodge, No. 56, at Burlington, Ky.,

Received its Dispensation, September, 1818; Abraham De Pew being first Master. Chartered, August, 1819. Surrendered previous to August, 1832. Since which period No. 56 is vacant on our Register.

## Bloomfield Lodge, No. 57, at Bloomfield, Ky.,

Received a Dispensation, August, 1819, Edmund Guthrie being first Master. Chartered, Nov., 1819. Surrendered, August, 1830. August, 1832, required by the Grand Lodge to hand over their Records, Books and Jewels, to Lodge No. 51, to be forwarded to the next Grand Lodge. No. 57 was restored to the Grand Lodge Register in 1848.

The Hall belonging to No. 57 is a two story brick edifice, 58 by 28, built in 1849,—the lower story used for a Male School. The value of the property is about $2500.

In 1858, this lodge reports 50 members.

For the facts relative to No. 57, we are indebted to T. H. Miles.

## Benevolent Lodge, No. 58, at Blue Spring, Ky., Centerville P. O.

A Dispensation was refused in August, 1819, but granted by the Grand Lodge in November following, Thomas M. Allen being first Master. Chartered, August, 1820; Surrendered, August, 1838, its property being presented by the Grand Lodge to Lodges Nos. 1 and 22; Reinstated, August, 1843; in 1858, reports 21 members.

## Arkansas Lodge, No. 59, at Arkansas Post, Arkansas,

Was Chartered, August, 1820, Robert Johnson being first Master. August, 1822, the Charter was surrendered to the Grand Lodge for reasons not recorded. Since which period this number is vacant on our Register.

### Lincoln Lodge, No. 60, at Stanford, Ky.

Was Chartered, August, 1820, Herbert King being first Master,—in 1858, reports 22 members.

### Hart Lodge, No. 61, (at first Jessamine Lodge, U. D.,) at Nicholasville, Ky.

Was Chartered, August, 1820, Robert Crockett being first Master. Forfeited, August, 1834. Reinstated, August, 1843. Did not report in 1858.

### Aurora Lodge, No. 62, at Fredericksburgh, Ky.

Was Chartered, August, 1820, William S. Pearson being first Master. Surrendered, August, 1823: since which period, this number has been vacant on our Register.

### Lancaster Lodge, No. 63, at Lancaster, Ky.

Received a Charter, August, 1820, William Cook being first Master. Forfeited, August, 1836: since which period, this number has been vacant on our Register. In 1838, Lodge No. 104, by the same title, was established here, and the Furniture, etc., of No. 63 presented to them by the Grand Lodge.

### Temple Lodge, No. 64, at Covington, Ky.

Was Chartered, August, 1820, Thomas Buckner being first Master. Forfeited, August 1834. The Charter is now lying in the Archives of Lodge No. 109, never having been returned to the Chancery of the Grand Lodge. Since 1834, this number has been vacant on our Register.

Lodges Nos. 109, 159 and 345, at successive periods, have been established here, which see.

Information furnished by W. E. Munger.

### Nicholas Lodge, No. 65, at Carlisle, Ky.

Was Chartered, August, 1820, Robert M. Elliot being first Master. Forfeited, September, 1835; Reinstated, August, 1842; name changed to Dougherty Lodge, No. 65, August, 1843; reported 51 members in 1858.

### Morganfield Lodge, No. 66, at Morganfield, Ky.

Received its Dispensation as Decatur Lodge, U. D., September, 1818, William R. Ashby being first Master. Chartered, August, 1820, Joshua H. Davis being Master; Forfeited August. 1834; reäppears on the Register in 1848; in 1858 reports 32 members.

### Breckenridge Lodge, No. 67, at Hardensburgh, Ky.

Was Chartered, August, 1821, Nathan D. Anderson being first Master. The Dispensation was dated November 19, 1820. Forfeited, August, 1834; Reinstated, September, 1840; reports, in 1858, 72 members, including that truly brilliant light, Rob. G. Gardiner, and various others.

The lodge built an excellent Hall in 1842 or 1843 worth about $1000.

Information supplied by Williamson Cox.

### Owen Lodge, No. 68, at Port William, Ky., (now Carrolton, Ky.)

Received a Dispensation, August, 1820, James Blair being first Master.

Chartered, August, 1821; Surrendered, August, 1836,—since which this number is vacant on our Register. Its Jewels were transferred to Boone Lodge, No. 100, and after the decadence of that lodge, to Carrolton Lodge, No. 134.

## Irvine Lodge, No. 69, at Richmond Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1821, John Tribble being first Master. Forfeited August, 1834, and never revived. The name was given in honor of David C. Irvine of this place. The Number is now vacant on our Register. Information furnished by B. N. Webster.

## Franklin Benevolent Lodge, No. 70, at Franklin, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1821, William Hodge being first Master. Charter forfeited August, 1830, and the number since vacant on the Register. Subsequently, No. 177 was established here, which see.

## Vesper Lodge, No. 71, at Elkton, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1821, John S. Robson being first Master. Forfeited August, 1834. Reäppears on the Register in 1841; makes no report in 1858.

## Clay Lodge, No. 73, at Leesburg, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1821, Jas. M. Clarkson being first Master. Surrendered prior to 1831, and the number remains vacant on the Register. In 1839, No. 110 was established here, which see.

## Bowling Green Lodge, No. 73, at Bowling Green, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1821. Chartered August, 1822, Abraham Larsh being first Master. Surrendered August, 1834. Restored September, 1847, Asher W. Graham being first Master. In 1858 reports 72 members, including one whose fame is not circumscribed by State lines—Asher W. Graham. In 1853, No. 269 was established here, which see.

## Mayslick Lodge, No. 74, at Mayslick, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August, 1821, Jasper S. Morris being first Master. Chartered August, 1822. Surrendered prior to 1831. Since which this number has been vacant on the Register.

Prior to 1850, a Dispensation was granted for Mayslick Lodge, U. D., at this place, and a Report was made to the Grand Lodge, August, 1850, but no Charter solicited.

## Trotter Lodge, No. 75, at Lexington, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1822, William H. Richardson being first Master. In 1829, it was dropped from the Register, since which time the number has been vacant.

## Morrison Lodge No. 76, at Elizabethtown, Ky.

Was Chartered August 26, 1823, James Barker being first Master. Forfeited previous to August, 1834. Reinstated September, 1841. In 1858 reported 35 members, including Past Grand Master, Charles G. Wintersmith, of whom we offer the following imperfect sketch:

Among those whose Masonic labors have most highly honored his lodge and his order, both in Kentucky, and wherever the literature of the Craft has extended, may be ranked Mr. Charles G. Wintersmith. He was born at Elizabethtown, Kentucky, July 15, 1812. Evincing, at an early age a great fondness for study, after mastering at home the rudiments of an English education, he was first sent to St. Joseph's College, at Bardstown, Kentucky. Here he remained for more than a year, making great proficiency in the classics. After this he entered Center College, where the grade of studies was much higher. He at once took an enviable position in his class. He was noted for his untiring application, which won him the admiration of his teachers, and made him a model of industry for his associates. After reaching the Senior Class, he left Center College, and went to Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, where he graduated with great honor, in October, 1831.

For nearly two years after he left college, he devoted himself to reviewing many of his academic studies, and to historical and miscellaneous reading.

He began the study of the Law at Frankfort, May 1, 1833. Having selected that as his profession, he was determined not to rest satisfied with a superficial knowledge of its great principles. Possessed of a very accurate memory, and rare powers of investigation, as he progressed, step by step, through the mazes of that difficult science, not discouraged by its labors, but loving its mysteries for their very abstruseness, patient research enabled him to overcome its obstacles, and he comprehended and gathered all its rich truths in his march. He graduated in the Law Department of the Transylvania University, in 1837, and entered the bar with a vast amount of legal information.

He has been four times elected, from his native county, to the lower branch of the Kentucky Legislature, and was Speaker of that body during the session of 1853-4. He was always placed on the most important committees, where labor requiring skill and information, was to be performed. Whenever he addressed the Assembly, his known and acknowledged ability always commanded the undivided attention, and in his speeches are found blended, severity of argument, with all the graces and embellishments of rhetoric, adorned with illustrations from history and science. His manner, as a speaker, is dignified and earnest, and he is remarkable for his courtesy in debate. He has met with remarkable success as a lawyer, and for the last twenty years, has been employed in almost every important case in his circuit. He has not, in his profession, a superior in the State, and his acquirements eminently fit him for the highest judicial honors. It would be quite an acquisition to the judiciary of the country, if the opinions of the Appellate Court could be enriched by opinions emanating from his pen.

The severities of his jealous profession have not destroyed his literary tastes, which he has cultivated through all his labors. He is eminently a scholar, and his familiarity with the Greek and Latin classics, is truly surprising. The song of Homer has music for his ear. The philosophy of Plato, and eloquence of Demosthenes and Cicero, have a charm for him. He delights in the wit of Horace, and loves the sweetness of Virgil. He is versed in all the natural sciences. His historical reading, we may say, is almost universal, as he is perfectly at home in speaking of times and events, ancient or modern.

He was invited, some years ago, to address the Eurodelphian Society of St. Joseph's College, of which, when a school-boy, he was a member, and he delivered a most eloquent and appropriate address. We should be

pleased to insert a few extracts from this and other speeches and writings, but the limited space of this article forbids.

Mr. Wintersmith is a very forcible writer. His style is chaste and powerful. He is a man, also, of fine social qualities. He has a pleasant address, and in his manners, is unassuming and unobtrusive. His life has been one of great usefulness and honor, and such men make commonwealths great.

We offer some of the statistics of this fine old lodge as a valuable appendage to this history:

| When Elected. | Master. | Senior Warden. | Junior Warden. |
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| Disp'n, Jan. 2, 1823 | James Barker | Ben. Helm | Wm. S. Young |
| Char. Aug. 26, 1823 | " " | " " | " " " |
| Elec. Dec. 27, 1824 | Ben. Helm | Thomas Johnson | B. R. Young |
| " June 24, 1825 | Thomas Johnson | B. R. Young | John Morris |
| " Dec. 27, 1825 | B. R. Young | W. M. Dunavan | Arthur Park |
| " June 24, 1826 | Thomas Johnson | " " " | " " |
| " Dec. 27, 1826 | " " | Thomas Parcels | John Hill |
| " June 24, 1827 | " " | " " | " " |
| " Dec. 27, 1827 | John Morris | Sam'l. Haycraft | Thos. J. Wathen |
| Vacancy in Records. | | | |
| " June 24, 1841 | B. R. Young | W. M. Dunavan | Thomas Parcels |
| " Dec. 27, 1841 | Wm. M. Dunavan | Thomas Parcels | Valentine Yates |
| " June 24, 1842 | B. R. Young | Valentine Yates | John Delahunt |
| " Dec. 27, 1842 | C. G. Wintersmith | John Delahunt | Wm. L. Morris |
| " June 24, 1843 | Harvey Slaughter | S. V. Leedom | James M. Smith |
| " Dec. 27, 1843 | S. V. Leedom | J. W. Smith | John A. Rain |
| " June 24, 1844 | C. G. Wintersmith | John Delahunt | Wm. D. Vertrees |
| " Dec. 27, 1844 | John Delahunt | Wm. D. Vertrees | Wm. S. Young |
| " June 24, 1845 | James W. Smith | James W. Hays | R. C. Wintersmith |
| " Dec. 27, 1845 | James W. Hays | | |
| " June 24, 1846 | Wm. M. Dunavan | John Delahunt | W. C. Gray |
| " Dec. 27, 1846 | John Delahunt | W. C. Gray | James Dewitt |
| " June 24, 1847 | James W. Hays | James Dewitt | F. Fraize |
| " Dec. 27, 1847 | James Dewitt | D. C. Cully | J. B. Slack |
| " June 24, 1848 | C. G. Wintersmith | J. B. Slack | G. W. F. Strickler |
| " Dec. 27, 1848 | James W. Hays | W. C. Gray | F. Fraize |
| " June 24, 1849 | W. C. Gray | T. H. Duncan | S. V. Leedom |
| " Dec. 27, 1849 | T. H. Duncan | G. W. F. Strickler | Wm. D. Vertrees |
| " June 24, 1850 | Wm. M. Dunavan | W. D. Vertrees | Hy. Bell |
| " Dec. 27, 1850 | " " " | W. C. Gray | T. H. Duncan |
| " June 24, 1851 | W. C. Gray | T. H. Duncan | James Dewitt |
| " Dec. 27, 1851 | T. H. Duncan | James Dewitt | G. W. F. Strickler |
| " June 24, 1852 | James Dewitt | G. W. F. Strickler | W. C. Gray |
| " Dec. 27, 1852 | Wm. M. Dunavan | W. C. Gray | H. G. Wintersmith |
| " June 24, 1853 | " " " | " " " | L. Hewitt |
| " Dec. 27, 1853 | W. C. Gray | L. Hewitt | S. Elliot |
| " June 24, 1854 | L. Hewitt | S. Elliot | B. H. Helm |
| " Dec. 27, 1854 | S. Elliot | James Dewitt | G. W. Howard |
| " June 24, 1855 | Wm. M. Dunavan | T. H. Duncan | W. C. Gray |
| " Dec. 27, 1855 | T. H. Duncan | J. R. Mock | R. D. Geoghegan |
| " June 27, 1856 | L. Hewitt | C. G. Smith | G. W. F. Strickler |

In 1844 the Trustees of the Seminary purchased a lot for $300, and the lodge, aided by a subscription by individuals, built a Seminary and Masonic Hall of brick, two stories high, 40 by 60 feet in size. Of this Trustees paid $50; individuals, $927; the lodge, $1,525—making $2,500.

### Golden Square Lodge, No. 77, at Cynthiana, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1823; Thomas Ware being first Master. Surrendered August, 1827, for reasons not recorded. Since which period this number is vacant on the Register.

### Jonathan or Hanging Rock Lodge, No. 78, at Liberty, (formerly in Lincoln Co.) Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1824; Richard N. Coffee being first Master. In 1831 authorized to remove to Liberty. August, 1848 the G. L. permitted the name changed to Jonathan Lodge, No. 78. In 1858 reports forty-six members.

### Washington Lodge, No. 79, at North Middletown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the name of Crane Lodge, U. D., August, 1823; Anthony Frame being first Master. Chartered September, 1824. Forfeited August, 1836. Reinstated August, 1838. In 1858 reports 25 members. In 1854 Lodge No. 305 was established at this place, which see.

### Augusta Lodge, No. 80, at Augusta, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August, 1825; George Doniphan being first Master. Chartered August, 1826. In 1858 reports twenty-one members.

In April, 1848, No. 80 suffered the loss of its hall, furniture, charter, etc., by a disastrous fire, when the Brethren united with the public in building the City Hall, in the upper story of which the Sessions are now held. A new Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge in 1849 without fee.

Among the old and industrious members is J. T. McKibben, initiated December 24, 1827.

Facts communicated by J. T. McKibben.

### Salem or Livingston Lodge, No. 81, at Salem, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1826; James A. Whyte being first Master. Forfeited August, 1834. In 1851 it is restored upon the Register, and in 1858 reports thirty-nine members.

### Clinton Lodge, No. 82, at Princeton, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1826; Charles Lofland being first Master. In 1858 reports seventy members.

### Jefferson Lodge, No. 83, at Middletown, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1826; Hiram C. Bennett being first Master. Surrendered August, 1829, since which period this number is vacant on the Register. Subsequently Lodge No. 193 has been established here, which see.

### Tyler Lodge, No. 84, at Jeffersontown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August, 1823; William Field being first Master. Dispensation renewed August, 1824; renewed again August, 1825. Chartered August, 1826; Minor White being first Master. August, 1858, it was reported to the Grand Lodge that its officers were dead or removed, and a Committee was appointed to dispose of its effects, since which period this number has been vacant on the Register. Lately Malone Lodge, U. D., has been established here.

## Grant Lodge, No. 85, at Williamstown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1826. Renewed August, 1826; Chartered August, 1827; Abraham Jonas being first Master. Charter lost by accident, and renewed by the Grand Lodge August, 1845. In 1858 reports 53 members.

ABRAHAM JONAS, elected Grand Master in 1833, was a member of this lodge. After leaving Kentucky he aided in the establishment of the G. Lodge of Illinois, which after several years inaction, was reörganized in 1851. October 4 of that year he was elected its Grand Master. He was reëlected in 1842.

## DeWitt Clinton Lodge, No. 86, now at Clintonville, formerly at Stepps' Cross Roads, Bourbon Co., Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1826; renewed August, 1826. Chartered August, 1827; Abner Cunningham being first Master. Dropped off the Rolls 1834; renewed August, 1838. Reports in 1858, 20 members.

## Lebanon Lodge, No. 87, now at Lebanon, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1826; renewed August, 1826. Chartered August, 1827; Joseph G. McLelland being first Master. Surrendered August, 1830; restored August, 1845. In 1858 reports twenty-nine members.

## Green River Lodge, No. 88, at Munfordsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1826; renewed August, 1826. Chartered August, 1827; George T. Wood being first Master. Forfeited previous to August, 1834. Restored to the Register in 1847. In 1858 made no report.

## Greenup Lodge, No. 89, at Greenupsburgh, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1826; renewed August, 1826. Chartered August, 1827; Thomas T. Shrieve being first Master. In 1858 reported seventy-two members, composed of efficient and devoted Craftsmen, with one of the best at their head, Robert Galbraith.

## Anderson Lodge, No. 90, at Lawrenceburgh, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1827; Renewed August, 1827. Chartered August 1828; Fielding R. Conner being first Master. In 1858 reports fifty-one members, and has maintained a steady unassuming course for thirty-one years.

## Athens Lodge, No. 91, at Athens, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August, 1827; James Brasfield being first Master. Chartered August, 1829; forfeited September, 1835, since which this number has been vacant on the Register.

## Woodson Lodge, No. 92, at Owensboro, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under title of Yellow Banks Lodge, U. D., August, 1828, Albert T. Burnley being first Master. Chartered August, 1829; forfeited August, 1834. Since which this number has been vacant on the Register. Subsequently, Lodges, Nos. 130 and 356 have been established here, which see.

### Flemingsburg Lodge, No. 93, at Flemingsburg, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1831; Robert W. F. Faris being first Master. Surrendered previous to August, 1834. Since which this number has been vacant on the Register. In 1839, Lodge No. 112 was established here, which see.

### Warsaw Lodge, No. 94, at Warsaw, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1831; John Shaw being first Master.

The lodge was never represented in Grand Lodge, no report was ever made, and it is most probable the lodge was not organized. In 1838 Lodge No. 108 was established here, which see.

### Good Faith Lodge, No. 95, at Florence, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1834. Renewed August, 1834, George H. Clay being Master. Chartered August, 1835. In 1858 reported 20 members.

### Moore Lodge, No. 96, at Columbia, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Adair Lodge, U. D., previous to September, 1835. Chartered September, 1835, James W. Ewing being first Master. In 1858 reports 48 members.

### Bodley Lodge, No. 97, at Quincy, Ill.

Received a Dispensation August, 1835, Daniel Harrison being the first Master. Chartered August, 1836. Dropped from the Register in 1844 and united in the Grand Lodge of Illinois, as No. —. Since that period No. 97 has been vacant on our Register.

### Cowan Lodge, No. 98, at Lafayette, Ky.

Received a Dispensation, August, 1835, Edward Boyd being first Master. Chartered August, 1836. Made no Report in 1858. In 1846 Lodge No. 151 was established here, which see.

### Duval Lodge, No. 99, at Bardstown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Nelson Lodge, U. D., previous to August, 1836. Chartered August, 1836, Benjamin Doom being first Master. In 1855 or 1856, it was surrendered, since which period this number has been vacant on the Register. In 1849, Lodge No. 181 was established here, which see.

### Boone Lodge, No. 100, at Petersburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August, 1836. Chartered August, 1837. In 1854 it was forfeited, since which period this number has been vacant.

Prior to August, 1850, a Dispensation was granted to a lodge here, under the style of Ben Franklin Lodge, U. D., but when the Charter was asked for, the Grand Lodge gave them the old Charter of Boone Lodge, No. 100, James D. Lindsey being first Master.

In 1853, Lodge No. 292 was established here, which see.

The Jewels used by Boone Lodge, No. 100, and which were at first the property of Owen Lodge, No. 68, at Port William, were granted by the Grand Lodge, in 1856, to Carrolton Lodge, No. 184.

## Flat Rock Lodge, No. 101, at Flat Rock, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1837, George Breckenridge being first Master. Surrendered September, 1841. Since which this number has been vacant on the Register.

## Equality Lodge, No. 102, at Equality, Ill.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1837. Chartered August, 1837. Released from allegiance by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Aug., 1842, and authorized to unite with the Grand Lodge, of Illinois. No. 102 is No. — Illinois Register. Since which this number is vacant on our Register.

## Morrison Lodge, No. 103, at Danville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Danville Lodge, U. D., prior to August, 1837. Chartered August 1837, Abner G. Cunningham being first Master. It was dropped from the Register in 1854, since which this number has been vacant.

## Lancaster Lodge, No. 104, at Lancaster, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1838. Chartered August, 1838, George B. Mason being first Master. The Furniture etc., of the defunct Lodge, No. 63, at this place, was presented them by the G. L. In 1858, this lodge reported 32 members, including the deservedly beloved veteran, Lewis Landrum, present Senior Grand Warden.

## Murray Lodge, or Waidsboro Lodge, No. 105, at Waidsboro, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August, 1837. Chartered August, 1838, N. Bowman being first Master. Surrendered September, 1840. Revived under the title of Murray Lodge, No. 105, and removed to Murray, Ky. In 1858 reported 83 members.

A lodge, U. D., was established at Waidsboro, June 7, 1827, and renewed August, 1857, under the name of Colon Lodge, U. D. No Charter was prayed for.

## Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 106, at Louisville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation, January 15, 1839. Chartered August, 1839, Thomas J. Welby being first Master. In 1858 reported 104 members, including many Masonic lights and jewels of eminence. Charles Tilden, Past Grand Master, Geo. D. Prentice, etc., are specimens of these.

## Nelson Lodge, No. 107, at Lexington, Ky.

Received a Dispensation, August 22, 1839. Chartered same month, Harry I. Bodley being first Master. By permission of the Grand Lodge, in 1845, this lodge became blended with Daviess Lodge, No. 22, under one Charter, styled Daviess and Nelson Lodge, No. 22; since which this number has been vacant on the Register.

## Tadmor, or Warsaw Lodge, No. 108, at Warsaw, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August, 1838, James Gridley being first Master. Chartered August, 1839. In 1858 reported 52 members.

## Covington Lodge, No. 109, at Covington, Ky.

Received a Dispensation, August, 1838, (organized November 24,) Wm. W. Southgate being first Master. Chartered August, 1839, (organized September 25.) In 1858 reported 58 members.

The Hall in which No. 109, with the other Masonic bodies of Covington, had met, was burned, July 10, 1852, much to the loss of the Fraternity. Upon rebuilding, the rooms were fitted up with as much taste, comfort and convenience, as any other in the State. The original Hall was dedicated October 10, 1849, with an oration from James T. Morehead, Ex-Governor of Kentucky, since deceased. An address of singular great merit was delivered to this lodge, December 27, 1855, by W. E. Arthur.

No 109 has afforded for a Grand Master, the intelligent and genial T N. Wise.

Information by W. E. Munger.

## Warren Lodge, No. 110, at Leesburg, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1839, A. C. Juett being first Master. In 1828 reported 36 members.

## Somerset, or Pulaski Lodge, No. 111, at Somerset, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1827. Continued August, 1827. Continued, August, 1828. Continued August, 1829. Continued September, 1830. Continued August, 1831. Never Chartered. Surrendered August, 1832. Dispensation granted prior to September, 1840. Chartered September, 1840. In 1858 reported 78 members. In 1848 Curd Lodge, No. 175, was established here, which, in 1853 was blended, by order of the Grand Lodge, with No. 111, by the title of Somerset Lodge, No. 111.

## Fleming Lodge, No. 112, at Flemingsburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation December 23, 1839, Jeremiah Spurgin being first Master. Chartered September, 1830. In 1858 reported 58 members.

## Antiquity Lodge, or Lodge of Antiquity, No. 113, at Louisville.

Received a Dispensation under title of Lodge of Antiquity, U. D., July 3, 1840, John R. Hall being first Master. Chartered, September, 1840. Forfeited 1842. Reinstated September, 1847. Reported 69 members in 1858, exhibiting a fair proportion of the zeal and intelligence of the Craft in this city.

## Ottowa Lodge, No. 114, at Ottawa, Ill.

Received a Dispensation December 19, 1839, Henry D. Gorbet being first Master. Chartered September, 1840. Authorized to unite with the Grand Lodge of Illinois, by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, September, 1841, as Lodge No. —; since which this number has been vacant on our Register.

## Hancock Lodge, No. 115, at Hawesville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation May 28, 1840, William G. Boyd being first Master. Chartered September, 1840. Reports 41 members in 1858.

## Minerva Lodge, No. 116, at Minerva, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August 10, 1840, Alfred Soward, being first Master. Renewed the same month. Chartered August, 1841. Made no report in 1858.

## Sharpsburg Lodge, No. 117, at Sharpsburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation February 5, 1841, H. G. Hazelrigg being first Master. Chartered August, 1841. Reported 33 members in 1858.

## Big Spring Lodge, No. 118, at Big Spring, Ky.

Received a Dispensation January 12, 1841, Ezra Stith being first Master. Chartered September 1, 1841. Surrendered August 30, 1848. Restored September 2, 1852. Reported 38 members in 1858.

An Address of a highly intellectual cast, was made to this lodge, June 24, 1842, by M. M. Henkle. Its edifice is valued at $350. Its declension in 1848, was owing to financial embarrassments, resulting from giving credit to its members.

Information from R. Brown Stith.

## Wayne Lodge, No. 119, at Monticello, Ky.

Received a Dispensation April 5, 1841, James H. West being first Master. Chartered August, 1841. A new Charter issued August, 1849, without fee. Reported 70 members in 1858.

## Mills Point Lodge, No. 120, at Hickman, Ky.

Received a dispensation May 15, 1841; J. B. Hubbard being first Master. Chartered September, 1841. Reports 63 members in 1858.

A communication relative to No. 120 received from Wm. M. Ellison.

## Cadiz Lodge, No. 121, at Cadiz, Ky.

Received a Dispensation March 8, 1841; Wm. L. Grafton being first Master. Chartered September, 1841. Lost by accident and renewed by the G. L., August, 1843. Reports forty-three members in 1858.

## Harrison Lodge, No. 122, at Brandenburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August, 1841. Chartered August, 1842; John McBrown being first Master. Reports fifty members in 1858.

## Bradford Lodge, No. 123, at Independence, Ky.

Received a Dispensation October 2, 1841; W. D. Scott being first Master. Chartered August, 1842. This being accidentally lost, a new one was granted in 1853 without fee; W. H. Striger being first Master. Reports thirty-nine members in 1858.

## Pittman Lodge, No. 124, at Campbellsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation January 4, 1842; A. F. Gowdy being first Master. Chartered August, 1842. Made no report in 1858.

## St. John's Lodge, No. 125, at Salvisa, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August, 1841, as Salvisa Lodge, U. D. Chartered August, 1842; Samuel Lawrence being first Master. This having been lost by accident, a new Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge in 1855 without fee. Reports twenty-eight members in 1858.

### Liberty Lodge, No. 126, at New Liberty, Ky.

Received a Dispensation August, 1842; Alex. McRigg being first Master. Chartered August, 1843. Reports sixty-three members in 1858.

### Paducah Lodge, No. 127, at Paducah, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1843; first meeting March 30. Chartered August 29, 1843; William Allen being first Master. Reports fifty-three members in 1858.

Pike Lodge, U. D., at this place, received a Dispensation prior to 1838, which was renewed August, 1838, but a Charter was never called for.

This lodge was named, as was the city itself, in honor of the Indian Chief, Paducah, who died and was buried there. No. 127 has no hall of its own.

Information furnished by S. R. Campbell.

### Owen Lodge, No. 128, at Owenton, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1843. Chartered August, 1843; Thomas A. Berryman being first Master. Reports 51 members in 1858.

### Barker Lodge, No. 129, at West Point, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1843. Chartered Aug., 1843; Thos. D. Geoghegan being first Master. Reports 27 members in 1858.

### Owensboro Lodge, No. 130, at Owensboro, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1843. Chartered August, 1843; Hiram Abiff Hunter being first Master. Reports 72 members in 1858.

### Hickman Lodge, No. 131, at Clinton, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1843. Chartered August, 1843; Thomas Brown being first Master. Reports 38 members in 1858.

### Young Lodge, No. 132, at Hodgenville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1844. Chartered August, 1844; William L. Morris being first Master. Made no report in 1858.

### Cloverport Lodge, No. 133, at Cloverport, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1844. Chartered August, 1844; John M. Cook being first Master. This being accidentally lost a new Charter was granted in 1853 without fee. Reports 30 members in 1858.

### Carollton Lodge, No. 134, at Carollton, Ky.

Was Chartered August, 1844; Joseph Myrick being first Master. Reports 42 members in 1858.

The jewels used by this lodge were at first the property of Owen Lodge, No. 68; then of Boon Lodge, No. 100; granted in 1856 to No. 134 by the Grand Lodge. A communication relative to No. 134 from W. H Van Pelt.

### Licking Valley Lodge, No. 135, at Newport, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1844. Chartered August, 1844; Henry H. Mayo being first Master. Surrendered in 1855 or 1856, since which period this number has been vacant on the Register.

### Marion Lodge, No. 136, at Bradfordsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1844. Chartered August, 1844; John N. Tucker being first Master. The Charter, jewels, etc., having been stolen, the Grand Lodge, October, 1857, granted a new Charter without fee. No report made in 1858.

### Irvine Lodge, No. 137, at Irvine, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1844. Chartered August, 1844, Robert Clarke being first Master. Made no report in 1858.

### Smithland Lodge, No. 138, at Smithland, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1844. Chartered August, 1844, John P. Bryan being first Master. Reports 40 members in 1858.

### Spring Hill Lodge, No. 139, at Crab Orchard, Ky.

Received a Dispensation June 15, 1840, Ferdinand Frederici being first Master; Renewed September, 1840; Dispensation lost by accident, and renewed by the Grand Lodge, August, 1843; Chartered August, 1844, C. C. Carson being first Master; Destroyed by fire March, 1845; Renewed by the Grand Lodge August, 1845. Reports 20 members in 1858.

### Paint Lick Lodge, No. 140, at Paint Lick, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1845. Chartered August, 1845, E. D. Kennedy being first Master. Reports 55 members in 1858.

### Maury Lodge, No. 141, at Owingsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1845. Chartered August, 1845, John A. Trumbo being first Master. In 1854, by order of the Grand Lodge, the name and style of this lodge were changed to Bath Lodge, No. 55, and the property of the late Webb Lodge, No. 55, donated to said Bath Lodge. Since that period, No 141 is vacant on the Register.

### Blandville Lodge, No. 142, at Blandville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1845. Chartered August, 1845; John W. Crockett being first Master. Reports 43 members in 1858.

### Madisonville Lodge, No. 143, at Madisonville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1845. Chartered, August, 1845, William Miller being first Master. Reports 86 members in 1858.

### McKee Lodge, No. 144, at London, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1845; Renewed August, 1845, Chartered September, 1846, J. V. L. McKee being first Master. Reports 19 members in 1858.

### Trimble Lodge, No. 145, at Grayson, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1846. Chartered September, 1846, Larkin Dawson being first Master. Reports 38 members in 1858.

### Mayfield Lodge, No. 146, at Mayfield, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1846; Chartered September, 1846, W. S. January being first Master; Surrendered to the Grand Lodge prior to August, 1854,—since which, this number is vacant on our Register. In 1854, Harmony Lodge, No. 302, was instituted here, which see.

### Mount Zion Lodge, No. 147, at Louisville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1846. Chartered September, 1846, Philip Tompest being first Master. Reports 80 members in 1858.

### Providence Lodge, No. 148, at Providence, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1846. Chartered September, 1846, Newton Headley being first Master. Reports 51 members in 1858.

### Cumberland Lodge, No. 149, at Burksville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master, prior to September, 1846. Chartered September, 1846, R. C. Logan being first Master. Reports 51 members in 1858.

### Crittenden Lodge, No. 150, at Crittenden, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1846. Chartered September, 1846, C. F. Violet being first Master. Reports 20 members in 1858.

### Lafayette Lodge, No. 151, at Lafayette, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1846. Chartered September, 1846, Benjamin J. Hinton being first Master. A lodge of this name worked under Dispensation, in 1825, in Clarke county, but asked for no Charter. Reports 31 members in 1858.

### Alexandria Lodge, No. 152, at Alexandria, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847. Chartered September, 1847, Benjamin D. Beall being first Master. Reports 31 members in 1858.

### Hollaway Lodge, No. 153, at Sherburne, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1846; Renewed September, 1846; Chartered September, 1847, Ralph Harris being first Master. Reports 38 members in 1858: among them is that intelligent gentleman and Brother, Harvey T. Wilson, Deputy Grand Master, whose approbation has cheered the author in many a desponding moment.

### Brooksville Lodge, No. 154, at Brooksville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847. Chartered September, 1847, James M. Lucas being first Master. Reports 25 members in 1858.

### Bullitt Lodge, No. 155, at Shepherdsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847. Chartered September, 1847, George L. Rogers being first Master. Reports 44 members in 1858.

### Hartford Lodge, No. 156, at Hartford, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847. Chartered September, 1847, R. G. Gardner being first Master. Reports 80 members in 1858.

### Lovelaceville Lodge, No. 157, at Lovelaceville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847. Chartered September, 1847, William E. Sullivan being first Master. This lodge made no Report in 1858.

### Bedford Lodge, No. 158, at Bedford, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847. Chartered September, 1847, Anthony W. Bartlett being first Master. Reports 48 members in 1858.

### Col. Clay Lodge, No. 159, at Covington, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847. Chartered September 1847, L. E. Bennett being first Master,—named in honor of Col. Henry Clay, jr., killed at Buena Vista. Reports 72 members in 1858.

### Devotion Lodge, No. 160, at Lexington, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847. Chartered September, 1847, Oliver Anderson being first Master. Reports 32 members in 1858.

### Wingate Lodge, No. 161, at Simpsonville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847. Chartered September, 1847. A lodge of this name worked under Dispensation at Albany, Ky., in 1843, but did not apply for a Charter. This lodge made no Report in 1858.

### Ashland Lodge, No. 162, at Mount Vernon, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847. Chartered September, 1847. At the Grand Lodge Sessions, October, 1857, this lodge, having made no Returns for four years, its Charter was arrested,—since which this number has been vacant on our Register.

### Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, at Newport, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848; Chartered August, 1848, F. A. Miller being first Master; the Charter declared forfeit by special order of the Grand Lodge, October, 1857, but, by after action at the same Session, reconsidered the case, and restored the lodge. In 1858 this lodge reports 67 members.

### Taylor Lodge, No. 164, at Colemansville, Ky., Taylor P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847; Renewed September, 1847; Chartered, August, 1848, Jno. F. Smith being first Master. Reports 34 members in 1858.

### Westport Lodge, No. 165, at Westport, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848. Chartered August, 1848, Francis Taylor being first Master. Reports 14 members in 1858.

### Zach. Taylor Lodge, No. 166, at Kiddville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848; Chartered August, 1848,

M. W. Mise being first Master; Surrendered to the Grand Lodge prior to August, 1854,—since which period this number is vacant on our Register; named in honor of Zachary Taylor, President of the United States, under the misconception of his being a Freemason.

### Joppa Lodge, No. 167, at Tennessee Rolling Works, Ky., Empire Iron Works P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848. Chartered August, 1848, D. Hillman being first Master. Reports 26 members in 1858.

### Caseyville Lodge, No. 168, at Caseyville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848. Chartered August, 1848, B. W. Winston being first Master. Reports 36 members in 1858.

### Oldham Lodge, No. 169, at LaGrange, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848. Chartered August, 1848, A. M. Gazlay being first Master. Reports 29 members in 1858.

### Milburn Lodge, No. 170, at Milburn, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847; Renewed September, 1847; Chartered, August, 1848, James B. Quigley being first Master. Reports 34 members in 1858.

### Roberts Lodge, No. 172, at Feliciana, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to September, 1847; Renewed September, 1847; Chartered August, 1848, J. S. Renfroe being first Master. Reports 45 members in 1858.

### Columbus Lodge, No. 173, at Columbus, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848. Chartered August, 1848, W. J. Walker being first Master. Reports 39 members in 1858.

### Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 174, at Lexington, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848. Chartered August, 1848, Samuel D. McCullough being first Master. Reports 65 members in 1858.

### Curd Lodge, No. 175, at Somerset, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848. Chartered August, 1848, J. S. Dutton being first Master. In 1853, by order of the Grand Lodge, this lodge was blended with Pulaski Lodge, No. 111, under the style of Somerset Lodge, No. 111, John Fitzpatrick being first Master. Since that period, No. 175 has been vacant on the Register.

### Oxford Lodge, No. 176, at Oxford, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August 10, 1848; Renewed August, 1848; Chartered August, 1849, James H. Juett being first Master. This lodge was addressed, June 24, 1851, by W. H. Forsythe. Its Hall is a two-story brick edifice; 24 by 43 feet; cost about $600. Reports 21 members in 1858.

Information relative to No. 176 from James E. Cannon.

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* The number 171, for some unexplained reason, was never filled on our Register.

### Simpson Benevolent Lodge, No. 177, at Franklin, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849. Chartered August, 1849, Sandford Duncan being first Master. Reports 83 members in 1858.

Prior to August, 1855, a lodge, U. D., styled New Harmony Lodge, U. D., was established here; but, at the Session of August, 1855, its members asked to be dissolved.

### Tompkins Lodge, No. 178, at Edmonton, Ky.

Received a Dispensation, September 5, 1848; Chartered August 29, 1849, William Neal being first Master; named in honor of Christopher Tompkins. Reports 33 members in 1858.

Information relative to this lodge received from G. B. Moran.

### Adam's Fork Lodge, No. 179, at Adam's Fork, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849. Chartered August, 1849, Carter J. Kelly being first Master. Reports 34 members in 1858.

### Salt River Lodge, No, 180, at Mount Washington, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849. Chartered August, 1849, George L. Rogers being first Master. Reports 43 members in 1858.

### Major Barbour Lodge, No. 181, at Bardstown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849. Chartered August, 1849, J. Randolph Finley being first Master. Surrendered in 1857, since which this number is vacant on our Register.

### Allensville Lodge, No. 182, at Allensville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849. Chartered August, 1849, S. N. Davis being first Master. Reports 37 members in 1858.

### Madison Lodge, No. 183, at Kirksville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation, granted July, 1848. Renewed August, 1848; Chartered August, 1849, Allen R. Patterson, being first Master. No. 183 was addressed June 24, 1853, by H. P. Johnson. Lodge No. 254 was made up, mostly, from the members of No. 183. Reports 22 members in 1858.

Information communicated by Lawson M. Shearer.

### Hustonville Lodge, No. 184, at Hustonville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848. Renewed August, 1848. Chartered August, 1849, Robert Miller being first Master. Reports 36 members in 1858.

### Rumsey Lodge, No. 185, at Rumsey, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849. Chartered August, 1849, James W. Overstreet being first Master. Reports 21 members in 1858.

### Livermore Lodge, No. 186, at Livermore, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, August, 1848. Chartered August, 1849, Charles N. Worthington being first Master. This lodge made no report in 1858.

### Mountain Lodge, No. 187, at Barboursville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849. Chartered August, 1849, B. W. Anderson being first Master. Reports 58 members in 1858.

### Concord, Lodge, No. 188, at New Concord, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849. Chartered August, 1849, William M. Michaux, being first Master. Reports 45 members in 1858.

### Simpson Lodge, No. 189, at Newcastle, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849. Chartered August, 1849, Caleb M. Matthews being first Master. Reports 40 members in 1858.

### Suwanee Lodge, No. 190, at Eddyville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848. Renewed August, 1848. Chartered August, 1849, William C. Noel being first Master. Reports 51 members in 1858.

### Lewis Lodge, No. 191, at Portland, Ky.

Received a Dispensation, under the title of St. John's Lodge, U. D., prior to August, 1849. Renewed August, 1849. Chartered August, 1850, James E. Cable being first Master. This lodge was named in honor of Asa K. Lewis, Past Grand Master. Reports 26 members in 1858.

### Neatsville Lodge, No. 192, at Neatsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, August, 1849. Chartered 1850, Joseph G. Campbell being first Master. Reports 51 members in 1858.

### Harry Hudson Lodge, No. 193, at Middletown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Jefferson Lodge, U. D., prior to August, 1849. Renewed August, 1849. Chartered, August, 1850, F. C. Wellman being first Master. Reports 37 members in 1858.

A Lodge, U. D., was organized at this place, August 10, 1844, under title of Stewart Lodge, U. D. The Dispensation was extended the same month. No Charter was prayed for.

### Butler Lodge, No. 194, at Pitt's Point, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1850, William C. Colborne being first Master. This lodge was entitled in honor of Anthony Butler, Past Grand Master. Reports 49 members in 1858.

### Apperson Lodge, No. 195, at Louisa, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1848. Renewed August, 1848. Renewed August, 1849. Chartered August, 1850, George R. Poage, being first Master. Reports 51 members in 1858.

### Sardis Lodge, No. 196, at Sardis, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1850, Jedediah Foster being first Master. Reports 29 members in 1858.

### Bryantsville Lodge, No. 197, at Bryantsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849; renewed August, 1849. Chartered August, 1850, S. S. Mizner, being first Master. Reports 27 members in 1858.

### Mayo Lodge, No. 198, at Beallmont, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1840, James McCrone being first Master. Reports 19 members in 1858.

### Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 199, at Aaron's Run, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1850, William Moore being first Master. Reports 24 members in 1858.

### Neville Lodge, No. 200, at Moscow, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850, under the title of Solomon's Lodge, U. D. Chartered August, 1850. Theo. W. Merriweather being first Master. This lodge was thus named in honor of Solomon Neville, an influential mason there. In 1855 the title was changed to Model Lodge.

A Lodge, U. D., was established here in August, 1830, under the title of Moscow Lodge, U. D., Joseph Bury being first Master. No Charter was called for. Reports 40 members in 1858.

### Magnolia Lodge, No. 201, at Mackville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1850, Daniel J. Mitchell being first Master. This lodge made no report in 1858.

### Walton Lodge, No. 202, at Fishburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1850, H. R. Saunders being first Master. In 1856, authorized by Grand Master Monsarrat, to remove its sitting to its former locality, Fishburg. Reports 34 members in 1858.

### Scott Lodge, No. 203, at Stamping Ground, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1850, E. H. Black being first Master. Reports 40 members in 1858.

### Bethel Lodge, No. 204, at Trenton, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to 1850. Chartered August, 1850, S. H. Sullivan being first Master. Reports 31 members in 1858.

### Benton Lodge, No. 205, at Benton, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1849. Renewed August, 1849. Chartered August, 1850, Reuben E. Rowland being first Master. Reports 37 members in 1858.

### Albany Lodge, No. 206, at Albany, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1850, Thomas E. Bramlet being first Master. Reports 58 members in 1858.

### Germantown Lodge, No. 207, at Germantown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1850, J. W. Taylor being first Master. Reports 31 members in 1858.

### Graham Lodge, No. 208, at Scottsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1850, Lemuel Swearingen being first Master. Reports 32 members in 1858.

### Harvey Maguire Lodge, No. 209, at Perryville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850. Chartered August, 1850, E. J. Penney being first Master. Reports 48 members in 1858.

### Taylorsville Lodge, No. 210, at Taylorsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851. Chartered August, 1851; Joseph B. Cox being first Master. Reports 64 members in 1858.

### Wintersmith Lodge, No. 211, at Garnettsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation February 7, 1851. Chartered, August 27, 1851, Collins Fitch being first Master.

Named in honor of an eloquent and far-famed advocate of Masonry. Charles G. Wintersmith, Past Grand Master. Among the older members are John Graham, initiated in No. 172, Pennsylvania, in 1819, Collins Fitch, and others. The Hall is two-story, wood, 38 by 24; cost about $1,200; erected by joint stock enterprise of the Fraternity. Reports 38 members in 1858.

Information relative to No. 211 furnished by John Graham.

### Stephensburg Lodge, No. 212, at Stephensburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation and held its first meeting April 12, 1851. Chartered August 27, 1851; Edward Mills being first Master. Reports 35 members in 1858.

Information relative to this lodge, communicated by G. L. McAfee.

### Proctor Lodge, No. 213, at Proctor, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850; renewed August, 1850. Chartered August, 1851; John G. McGuire being first Master. Reports 32 members in 1858.

### Fairview Lodge, No. 214, at Fairview, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851. Chartered August 27, 1851; William Lackey being first Master. Hall cost about $500.

Information concerning No. 214 afforded by J. C. Lesher. Reports 55 members in 1858.

### New Haven Lodge, No. 215, at New Haven, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850; renewed August, 1850. Chartered August, 1851; C. J. Wilson being first Master. Reports thirty-eight members in 1858.

### Napoleon Lodge, No. 216, at Napoleon, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851. Chartered August, 1851; M. J. Williams being first Master. Reports 45 members in 1858.

## Gordonsville Lodge, No. 217, at Gordonsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge August, 1850. Chartered August, 1851; A. D. Kennedy being first Master. Reports thirty-four members in 1858.

## Philip Swigert Lodge, No. 218, at Fisherville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851. Chartered August, 1851; Wm. Driskill being first Master. Reports 44 members in 1858.

## Union Lodge, No. 219, at Uniontown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850; renewed August, 1850. Chartered August 27, 1851; Wm. Fightmaster being first Master. Reports twenty-three members in 1858.

The above facts communicated by William Anderson, a highly devoted Brother.

## Demoss Lodge, No. 220, at Grassy Creek, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851. Chartered August, 1851; C. F. Violet being first Master. Reports 35 members in 1858.

## Roaring Spring Lodge, No. 221, at Roaring Spring, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850; renewed August, 1850. Chartered August, 1851; Charles A. Bacon being first Master. Reports 40 members in 1858.

## Orion Lodge, No. 222, at Falmouth, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851. Chartered August, 1851; James J. Hudnall being first Master. This having by accident been defaced and rendered unintelligible, a new Charter was granted in 1856. without fee, to have the date of the original Charter.

A lodge, U. D., was organized at this place, September, 1835, under title of McKinney Lodge, U. D. The Dispensation was renewed August, 1836, and again August, 1837. No Charter was prayed for. Reports 35 members in 1858.

## Compass Lodge, No. 223, at Louisville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation June 19, 1851. Chartered August 27, 1851; E. S. Craig being first Master. The Seal of this lodge exhibits a pair of compasses, enclosing the appropriate motto, "keep within." No. 223 has the most costly and beautiful jewels in the west. Reports forty-seven members in 1858.

Information communicated by Fred. Webber.

## Willis Stewart Lodge, No. 224, at Louisville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851, under the title of Stewart Lodge, U. D. Chartered August, 1851; Sylvester Thomas being first Master. Reports 47 members in 1858.

## York Lodge, No. 225, at Hopkinsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850; renewed August, 1850. Chartered August, 1851; James Moore being first Master. December 23,

1857, by joint request of the two lodges, Nos. 37, and 225 were incorporated into one, as Hopkinsville Lodge, No. 37, since which No. 225 is vacant on our Register.

### Mitchell Lodge, No. 226, at Keene, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851. Chartered August, 1851; Richard S. Ferguson being first Master. Reports 15 members in 1858.

### Muhlenburg Lodge, No. 227, at South Carrolton, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850; renewed August, 1850. Chartered August, 1851; Taylor R. Clark being first Master. Reports 39 members in 1858.

### Bewleyville Lodge, No. 228, at Bewleyville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851. Chartered August, 1851; J. C. Gaston being first Master. Reports 33 members in 1858.

### McAfee Lodge, No. 229, at Cornishville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851. Chartered August, 1851; Wm. Springate being first Master. Reports 43 members in 1858.

### James Moore Lodge, No. 230, at, Newstead, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1850; renewed August, 1850; renewed August, 1851. Chartered 1852; John C. Whitlock being first Master. This lodge made no report in 1858.

### Bear Wallow Lodge, No. 231, at Bear Wallow, Ky.

Received a Dispensation May 14, 1851; renewed August, 1851. Chartered September 2, 1852; E. H. Smith being first Master. This village got its name from having in early times been the resort of large numbers of the Ursine tribe. Hall cost about $500; was dedicated August 7, 1852, by Wm. B. Allen, P. G. Master, and an Oration delivered by Wm. Neal. Reports 32 members in 1858.

Information relative to No. 231 afforded by N. G. Terry.

### Dycusburg Lodge, No. 232, at Dycusburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851; renewed August, 1851. Chartered August, 1852; Wm. Redd being first Master. Reports nineteen members in 1858.

### Red River Iron Works Lodge, No. 233, at Red River Iron Works, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851. Chartered September 7, 1851; Wm. G. Jackson being first Master. Courses of lectures were delivered before this lodge in 1851 and 1852 by Elihu Hogan of Lexington. Information furnished by J. T. Clark. Reports seventeen members in 1858.

### Nolin Lodge, No. 234, at Nolin, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851; renewed August, 1851. Chartered August, 1852; John A. Raine being first Master. Reports 43 members in 1858.

## Hampton Lodge, No. 235, at Catlettsburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851; renewed August, 1851. Chartered September 2, 1852; R. J. A. Harrison being first Master. Lodge No. 335 was made up mostly from the members of this lodge. No. 235 owns real estate valued at $800. Reports 56 members in 1858.

The above facts communicated by John Clark.

## Litchfield Lodge, No. 236, at Litchfield, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1851; renewed August, 1851. Chartered September 2, 1852; Mordecai Day being first Master. The officers, U. D., were publicly installed by Grand Master Wintersmith.

The upper half of the Baptist Church is the property of this lodge. This lodge made no report in 1858.

Information relative to No. 236 given us by Charles Wortham, jr.

## Harvey Mason Lodge, No. 237, at Dublin, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852; Chartered August, 1852, W. T. Chiles being first Master; named in honor of one of its own members. In 1854, No. 237 surrendered its Charter,—since which this number is vacant on our Register. In 1858, No. 361, at Baltimore, near by, was Chartered, and absorbed all the valuable material remaining of No. 237.

## Adairsville Lodge, No. 238, at Adairsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, Thomas G. Gooch being first Master. Reports 56 members in 1858.

## St. George's Lodge, No. 239, at Louisville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, William Riddle being first Master. Reports 64 members in 1858.

## St. Mary's Lodge, No. 240, at Concord, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, W. C. Halbert being first Master. Reports 24 members in 1858.

## Tyler Lodge, No. 241, at Louisville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852; Chartered August, 1852, S. W. Vanculin being first Master; Surrendered its Charter in 1854,—since which this number is vacant on our Register; Dispensation granted November, 1858, to Tyler Lodge, U. D., composed mostly of the former members of No. 241, George W. Johnston being first Master; named in honor of Levi Tyler, Past Grand Master, beloved for an urbane behavior, veteran service, and a moral life.

## Canton Lodge, No. 242, at Canton, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, Samuel Sills being first Master. Reports 56 members in 1858.

## Bedford Lodge, No. 243, at Paris, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, Henry R. Orr being first Master. Reports 39 members in 1858.

### Greenville Lodge, No. 244, at Greenville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, W. H. Gost being first Master. Reports 47 members in 1858.

### Carrell Lodge, No. 245, at Mitchell's Mills, Ky., Blue Lick P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, Jeremiah Asbury being first Master. Reports 25 members in 1858.

### Hope Lodge, No. 246, at Flat Rock, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, W. P. Bramlett being first Master. This lodge made no report in 1858.

### Fredonia Lodge, No. 247, at Fredonia, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, William C. Love being first Master. Reports 43 members in 1858.

### Ashbysburg Lodge, No. 248, at Ashbysburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, J. C. Miller being first Master. This lodge made no report in 1858.

### Henry Lodge, No. 249, at Campbellsburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, W. S. Vories being first Master. Reports 46 members in 1858.

### Pike Lodge, No. 250, at Newtown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Chartered August, 1852, Dabney Gaines being first Master. Reports 21 members in 1858.

### Gradyville Lodge, No. 251, at Gradyville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, C. D. Donaldson being first Master. Reports 25 members in 1858.

### Hoffmansville Lodge, No. 252, at Hoffmansville, Ky., Nebo P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852; Renewed August, 1852; Chartered August, 1853, M. B. Winstead being first Master. Reports 19 members in 1858.

### Ceralvo Lodge, No. 253, at Ceralvo, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge August, 1852. Chartered August, 1853, H. D. Rothrock being first Master. Reports 25 members in 1858.

### Morse Lodge, No. 254, at Menelaus, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, August, 1852. Chartered August, 1853, Wm. H. White being first Master. Reports 23 members in 1858.

### Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 255, at Mt. Gilead, Ky., Adams Mills P. O.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge August, 1852. Chartered August, 1853, William S. Buchanan being first Master. Reports 30 members in 1858.

## Bigham Lodge, No. 256, at Marion, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, John S. Gilliam being first Master. Reports 62 members in 1858.

## Lynchburg Lodge, No. 257, at Lynchburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, Hugh Bracken being first Master. Forfeited prior to 1855, since which period this number has been vacant on the Register.

## Excelsior Lodge, No. 258, at Louisville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, John H. Howe, being first Master. Reports 66 members in 1858.

## Keysburg Lodge, No. 259, at Keysburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, J. A Hutcherson being first Master. Arrested October, 1858, by order of the Grand Lodge, and this number is now vacant on the Register. In 1858 reported 53 members.

## Sparta Lodge, No. 260, at Sparta, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge August, 1852. Chartered August, 1853, Wm. Claxon being first Master. Reports 28 members in 1858.

## Trumbo Lodge, No. 261, at Wyoming, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, B. D. Nixon being first Master. Reports 17 members in 1858.

## Hudsonville Lodge, No. 262, at Hudsonville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, Henry T. Lampton, being first Master. Reports 61 members in 1858.

## Mt. Eden Lodge, No. 263, at Mt. Eden, Ky.

Received a Dispensation dated January 10, 1853. Chartered September 7, 1853, Henry H. Hancock being first Master. The Hall of No. 263 is its own property, is worth about $500. Reports 41 members in 1858.

We are indebted to W. M. Burnett for the above sketch.

## Burlington Lodge, No. 264, at Burlington, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to 1853. Chartered August, 1853, James M. Runyan, being first Master. The jewels, etc., formerly belonging to No. 56, and intrusted to No. 202 for safe keeping, were now ordered to be presented to No. 264. Reports 17 members in 1858.

## West Union Lodge, No. 265, at Turkey Foot, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, William Penn being first Master. Reports 37 members in 1858.

## Robinson Lodge, No. 266, at Louisville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, James C. Robinson being first Master. Reports 97 members in 1858.

### McCorkle Lodge, No. 267, at Brooklyn, Ky., Cogar's Landing, P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, J. H. Smith, being first Master. Named in honor of J. M. S. McCorkle, Past Grand Master, and now Grand Secretary. Reports 26 members in 1858.

### Wm. B. Allen Lodge, No. 268, at Union Hall, Summerville, P. O., formerly at Pitman's Creek, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered September 1, 1854, J. D. Williamson being first Master. Named in honor of William B. Allen, Past Grand Master. The Sessions are held over the County Seminary in an apartment fitted up by the Fraternity at a cost of $300. Reports 41 members in 1858.

To John Mead we are indebted for the history of this lodge.

### Dinwiddie Lodge, No. 269, at Bowling Green, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, John H. Grider being first Master. Reports 50 members in 1858.

### Rochester Lodge, No. 270, at Rochester, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1853, E. C. Guest being first Master. This lodge made no report in 1858.

### Hillsborough Lodge, No. 271, at Hillsborough, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1852. Renewed August, 1852. Chartered August, 1853, J. M. Finley, being first Master. Reports 32 members in 1858.

### Cassia Lodge, No. 272, at Morgantown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854. Vincent S. Hay, being first Master. Reports 23 members in 1858.

### Zebulon Lodge, No. 273, at Prestonsburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, John P. Martin being first Master. This lodge made no report in 1858.

### Foster Lodge, No. 274, at Foster's Landing, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, James W. Kendall being first Master. Reports 22 members in 1858.

### Ausonia Lodge, No. 275, at Volney, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Renewed August, 1853. Chartered August, 1854, N. H. Waters being first Master. Reports 34 members in 1858.

### Temple Hill Lodge, No. 276, Shiloh, Calloway County, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, Thomas Dodd being first Master. Reports 20 members in 1858.

## Edmonds Lodge, No. 277, at Glasgow, Ky.

Received a Dispensation granted April 4, 1854. Chartered August 31, 1854, James P. Bates being first Master. First meeting was held September 6. It coöperates with the other Masonic bodies at Glasgow, in all their moral and educational enterprises, to the full extent of purse and good feeling. Reports 32 members in 1858.

Information furnished by John Montague.

## Meridian Lodge, No. 278, at Poplar Plains, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, J. C. Hardy being first Master. Reports 22 members in 1858.

## Murphysville Lodge, No. 279, at Murphysville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, B. E. Pumpelly being first Master. Reports 18 members in 1858.

## Woodbury Lodge, No. 280, at Woodbury, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, 1852. Renewed August, 1853. Chartered August, 1854, John R. Larue being first Master. Reports 15 members in 1858.

## Preston Lodge, No. 281, at Louisville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, Smith Gregory being first Master. Named in honor of Wm. C. Preston, a distinguished statesman and a Brother. Reports 46 members in 1858.

## Eminence Lodge, No. 282, at Eminence, Ky.

Received a Dispensation, granted July, 1854. Chartered August 31, 1854, H. H. Hancock being first Master. Reports 20 members in 1858.

J. C. Reed is our authority for this sketch.

## New Retreat Lodge, No. 283, at New Retreat, Ky., Wilson's Creek P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Renewed August, 1853. Chartered September 1, 1854, James M. Inge being first Master. First meeting October 7. No. 283 assembles in an apartment over a Seminary which has been fitted up at the cost of $500. This lodge made no report in 1858.

Information relative to this lodge furnished by A. R. Hunsacker.

## Russell Lodge, No. 284, at Jamestown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854, under the title of Jamestown Lodge, U. D. Chartered August, 1854, W. N. Fishback being first Master. Reports 57 members in 1858.

## Oak Grove Lodge, No. 285, at Oak Grove, Ky., Cook's Valley P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, F. F. Williams being first Master. Reports 52 members in 1858.

## Newton Lodge, No. 286, at Bethel, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, Lewis G. Hicks being first Master. Reports 22 members in 1858.

### James M. Bullock Lodge, No. 287, at Christiansburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, Haydon Wells being first Master. Named in honor of a skillful workman, Hon. James M. Bullock, Past Grand High Priest. Forfeited by special order of the Grand Lodge, in August, 1855, and Thomas Todd Lodge, U. D., established here with privilege to use its jewels, etc. August, 1856, the Grand Lodge restored the Charter of No. 287 unchanged, with its former property, etc., to the members of Thomas Todd Lodge, U. D. Reports 26 members in 1858.

### Pembroke Lodge, No. 288, at Pembroke, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1853. Chartered August, 1854, R. Y. Pendleton being first Master. Reports 27 members in 1858.

### Rob. Morris Lodge, No. 289, at Concordia, Ky., Flint Island, P. O.

Received a Dispensation granted January 28, 1854. Chartered August 31, 1854, David Griggs being first Master. Named in honor of Rob. Morris the present Grand Master, Author of this volume. No. 289 has been addressed twice by James Stuart, of Brandenburg, much to its profit.—Reports 31 members in 1858.

Information relative to this lodge given by W. H. Gough.

### Birmingham Lodge, No. 290, at Birmingham, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August 31, 1854 Laban S. Locker being first Master. Reports 20 members in 1858.

Information furnished by C. C. Coulter.

### Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 291, at Mount Olivet, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, William Wood being first Master. Reports 32 members in 1858.

### Dunavan Lodge, No. 292, at Petersburg, Ky., Boston P. O.

Received a Dispensation dated November 4, 1853; Chartered August, 1854, George W. Strickler, Jr., being first Master; named in honor of William M. Dunavan, a most worthy and devoted Craftsman. Reports 22 members in 1858.

Information relative to No. 292 communicated by William Harned.

### Yelvington Lodge, No. 293, at Yelvington, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, W. P. Morris being first Master. Reports 12 members in 1858.

### Johnston Lodge, No. 294, at Webster, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Mount Gilead Lodge, U. D., granted December 12, 1853; Chartered August 31, 1854, J. H. W. Frank being first Master; named in honor of Robert Johnston, Past Grand Master, at the suggestion of Philip Swigert. In conjunction with the Methodist Church, a Hall was built in 1854, at the expense of $1200—dedicated June 24, 1855, with an Oration of marked eloquence from Robert G. Gardiner. Reports 37 members in 1858.

Information afforded us by Thomas J. Jolley.

## Cunningham Lodge, No. 295, at Briar Hill, Ky., Lexington P. O.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge August, 1853. Chartered August, 1854, J. M. Thompson being first Master. Reports 30 members in 1858.

A Communication relative to No. 295 from John M. Harrison.

## Mullen Lodge, No. 296, at Rutland, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, M. D. Martin being first Master. Reports 27 members in 1858.

## Hodges Lodge, No. 297, at Whiteville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Bible Lodge, U. D., prior to 1854; Chartered August, 1854, Henry Whiteby being first Master; named in honor of Albert G. Hodges, Grand Treasurer, a Craftsman of long experience and intelligence. Reports 50 members in 1858.

## John Speed Smith Lodge, No. 298, at Willisburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Pierce Lodge, U. D., prior to August, 1853; Renewed August, 1853; Chartered August, 1854, James F. Wilson being first Master; named in honor of one of the fathers of Kentucky Masonry, John Speed Smith, Past Grand Master.

This lodge made no Report in 1858.

## Raywick Lodge, No. 299, at Raywick, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge August, 1853. Chartered August, 1854, D. E. Ray being first Master. Reports 9 members in 1858.

A Communication, relative to this lodge, from Ben. W. Knott.

## Jamestown Lodge, No. 300, at Newton Creek, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, L. F. Marshal being first Master. Reports 38 members in 1858.

Communication, relative to No. 300, from E. W. Woodson.

## Ion Lodge, No. 301, at Potts Mills, Ky.

Received a Dispensation previous to August, 1853; continued August, 1853; Chartered August, 1854, W. N. Potts being first Master. Reports 34 members in 1858.

## Harmony Lodge, No. 302, at Mayfield, Ky

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, F. R. Dallam being first Master. The property of the former lodge (Mayfield Lodge,) was given to No. 302. Reports 59 members in 1858.

## Lewisport Lodge, No. 303, at Lewisport, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, M. B. Mason being first Master. Reports 24 members in 1858.

## Boone Union Lodge, No. 304, at Union, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, H. W. Riley being first Master. Reports 26 members in 1858.

### Bourbon Lodge, No. 305, at North Middletown, Ky

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, R. S. Magruder being first Master. This lodge made no report in 1858.

### Garrard Lodge, No. 306, at Buck Eye, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Buckeye Lodge, U. D., prior to August, 1854, A. J. Harris being first Master. Reports 27 members in 1858.

### Forsythe Lodge, No. 307, at Ruddles' Mills, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Solomon's Lodge, U. D., prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, Abraham Amos being first Master. Reports 30 members in 1858.

### Forrest Lodge, No. 308, at Beverley, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, R. W. Henry being first Master. Reports 18 members in 1858.

### Fitch Lodge, No. 309, at Howe's Valley, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Blue Ball Lodge, U. D., prior to August, 1854. Chartered August, 1854, Noah P. Williams being first Master. Reports 38 members in 1858.

### Calhoun Lodge, No. 310, at Calhoun, Ky.

Received a Dispensation dated June 12, 1854. Chartered September 1, 1854, J. B. Hardy being first Master. This place was named from a deceased Brother, John Calhoun. June 24, 1856, No. 310 was addressed in a graphic Oration by John W. Johnson. Reports 58 members in 1858.

Information furnished by L. W. Gates.

### Highland Lodge, No. 311, at West Liberty, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855. Chartered August, 1855, N. P. Reed being first Master. Reports 36 members in 1858.

Morgan Lodge, U. D., at this place, was established prior to August, 1851; renewed at that time, but no Charter was ever solicited.

### Paradise Lodge, No. 312, at Paradise, Ky., Airdrie P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1854; renewed August, 1854; Chartered August, 1855, Jesse B. Fulkerson being first Master. Reports 26 members in 1858.

### Faithful Friend Lodge, No. 313, at Lockport, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge August, 1854. Chartered August, 1855, C. Abrahams being first Master. Reports 24 members in 1858.

### Carlow Lodge, No. 314, at Carlow, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge August, 1854. Chartered August, 1855, Henry N. Grace being first Master. Reports 14 members in 1858.

## Kingston Lodge, No. 315, at Kingston, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855. Chartered August, 1855, W. C. N. Broaddus being first Master. Reports 35 members in 1858.

## Manchester Lodge, No, 316, at Manchester, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to 1854; continued August, 1854; Chartered August, 1855, John Deshman being first Master. This lodge made no Report in 1858.

## Randolph Robinson Lodge, No. 317, at Saloma, Ky., Campbellsville P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855. Chartered August, 1855, John A. Marshal being first Master. Reports 37 members in 1858.

## Marks Lodge, No. 318, at Pleasant Grove, Ky., Owensboro' P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855; Chartered August, 1855, James M. May being first Master. Named in honor of John D Marks, formerly of Owensboro', Ky. Reports 19 members in 1858.

## Mark Tyler Lodge, No. 319, at Wallonia, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855. Chartered August, 1855, W. S. Coy being first Master. Named in honor of a very devoted Mason, (M. M. Tyler,) then Grand Master, since deceased. Reports 25 members 1858.

## James F. Keele Lodge, No. 320, at Center, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, under the title of Center Lodge, U. D., dated August 29, 1854. Chartered August 29, 1855, W. F. Yates being first Master. Reports 58 members in 1858.

Information communicated by Felix Turner.

## Tompkinsville Lodge, No. 321, at Tompkinsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Jobson Lodge, U. D., prior to August, 1855. Chartered August, 1855, J. P. Monroe being first Master. Reports 26 members in 1858.

## Alma Lodge, No. 322, at Alma, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855. Chartered August, 1855, A. B. Dishong being first Master. Reports 31 members in 1858.

## Loving Lodge, No. 323, at Jamestown, Ky., Fountain Run P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855. Chartered August, 1855, W. M. Turner being first Master. This lodge made no report in 1858.

## Harreldsville Lodge, No. 324, at Harreldsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855. Organized June 9 of that year. Chartered August 29, 1855, J. L. Bowen being first Master. The village was named in honor of Brother Robert Harreld. Reports 26 members in 1858.

Information furnished by Robert Harreld.

### Poage Lodge, No. 325, at Ashland, Ky.

Received a Dispensation dated December, 1854. Chartered August 29, 1855, L. J. Hampton being first Master. Named in honor of John Poage, a worthy and influential Mason, who was initiated in Bath County, Virginia, in 1798, and still survives, probably the oldest Mason in Kentucky. The first meeting of No. 325 was held December 21, 1855. Reports 53 members in 1858.

For the above facts we are indebted to Luther E. Shepherd.

### Metcalfe Lodge, No. 326, at Botland, Frederickstown P. O. Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Marks Lodge, U. D., prior to August, 1855. Chartered August, 1855, N. Marks being first Master. Named in honor of William W. Metcalfe of Bardstown. Reports 31 members in 1858.

Information furnished by John C. Scifres.

### L. M. Cox Lodge, No. 327, at Fruit Hill, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Pond River Lodge, U. D., prior to August, 1855. Chartered August, 1855, James M. Wilson being first Master. Named in honor of Leander M. Cox, Grand Master. Reports 36 members in 1858.

### Waynesburg Lodge, No. 328, at Waynesburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855. Chartered August, 1855, J. W. Griffin being first Master. Reports 27 members in 1858.

### Woodsonville Lodge, No. 329, at Woodsonville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, August, 1854. Chartered August, 1855, John W. Rowlett being first Master. Reports 26 members in 1858.

### Middleton Lodge, No. 330, at Middleton, Hague P. O., Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1856. Chartered October, 1856, Edmund Burr, jr., being first Master. Reports 25 members in 1858.

### T. M. Lillard Lodge, No. 331, at Verona, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Verona Lodge, U. D., prior to October, 1856. Chartered October, 1856, R. M. Ratcliffe being first Master. Named in honor of a zealous and skillful Mason, Thomas M. Lillard, of Napoleon, Ark. Reports 37 members in 1858.

### North Ballard Lodge, No. 332, at North Ballard, Belle Ambre P. O., Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1855; continued October, 1855. Chartered October, 1856, E. K. Owsley being first Master. Reports 36 members in 1858.

### Preachersville Lodge, No. 333, at Preachersville, Crab Orchard P. O., Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855. Continued August, 1855.

Chartered October, 1856, W. B. Pettus being first Master. Reports 27 members in 1858.

### Point Isabel Lodge, No. 334, at Point Isabel, Somerset P. O., Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855; continued August, 1855. Chartered October, 1856, William Stigall being first Master. Reports 23 members in 1858.

### Beaver Creek Lodge, No. 335, at Johnsonville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855; continued August, 1855. Chartered October, 1856, G. S. Rose being first Master. Reports 18 members in 1858.

### Asher W. Graham Lodge, No. 336, at Smith's Grove, Alma P. O., Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855; continued August, 1855. Chartered October, 1856, Sandy A. Gossom being first Master. Named in honor of Judge Asher W. Graham, eminent as a jurist, famed as a Mason. Reports 35 members in 1858.

### Helena Lodge, No. 337, at Helena, Ky.

Received a Dispensation dated July, 1855. Renewed August, 1855. Chartered October, 1856, Robert B. Yancey being first Master. Reports 15 members in 1858.

Communicated by R. B. Yancey.

### Waco Lodge, No. 338, at Waco, Elliston, P. O., Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1856. Chartered October, 1856, G. Clay Smith being first Master. Organized December 13, by B. N. Webster. Reports 21 members in 1858.

### Crotona Lodge, No. 339, at Lodgeton, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1856. Chartered October, 1856, Rob. Morris being first Master. Reports 24 members in 1858.

### Thomas Ware Lodge, No. 340, at Claysville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1856. Chartered October, 1856, Benj. F. Myers being first Master. Named in honor of an accomplished veteran in the mystic temple, Thomas Ware, Past Grand Master. Reports 23 members in 1858.

### Miles Lodge, No. 341, at Knob Creek, Ky., Bitter Water P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1856. Chartered October, 1856, George W. Miles being first Master. Reports 20 members in 1858.

### Mason Lodge, No. 342, at Maysville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1857. Chartered October, 1857, Hiram Basset being first Master. Reports 18 members in 1858.

### Harney Lodge, No. 343, at Woodburn, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1857. Chartered October, 1857 James A. Chase being first Master. Reports 28 members in 1858.

### Ghent Lodge, No. 344, at Ghent, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1857. Chartered October, 1857, James F. Means being first Master. Reports 24 members in 1858.

### Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, at Covington, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1857. Chartered October, 1857, Samuel Reed being first Master. Reports 34 members in 1858.

### Sacramento Lodge, No. 346, at Sacramento, Bremen P. O., Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, October, 1856. Chartered October, 1857, John T. Crandell being first Master. Reports 21 members in 1858.

### Prathersville Lodge, No. 347, at Hall P. O., Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, October, 1856. Chartered October, 1857, U. G. Jones being first Master. Reports 25 members in 1858.

### Pleasant Grove Lodge, No. 348, at Steubenville, Monticello P. O., Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855; continued August, 1855; continued October, 1856. Chartered October, 1857, Edw. Richardson being first Master. Reports 34 members in 1858.

### T. N. Wise Lodge, No. 349, at Mt. Hebron Church, Duncansville, (Mercer Co.,) Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of Dugins Lodge, U. D., prior to October, 1857. Chartered October, 1857. Fred. Grider being first Master. Named in honor of a highly intelligent Mason, Theo. N. Wise, then Grand Master. Reports 18 members in 1858.

### Marrow Bone Lodge, No. 350, at Ashmole Seminary, Marrow Bone, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1857. Chartered October, 1857, W. N. Alexander being first Master. Reports 31 members in 1858.

### Wingfield Lodge, No. 351, at Bohan, Ky.

Received a Dispensation as Sam. Wingfield Lodge, U. D., prior to October, 1857. Continued October, 1857. Chartered October, 1858, N. B. Griffin being first Master. In 1858, this lodge reports 25 members.

### Stanton Lodge, No. 352, at Stanton, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, October, 1857. Chartered October, 1858, William French being first Master. In 1858, reports 19 members.

### J. T. Morehead Lodge, No. 353, at Morelands, Bourbon Co., Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the name of Morehead Lodge, U. D., prior to October, 1858, James H. Kerr being first Master. Chartered October, 1858. In 1858, reports 16 members.

### Hamilton Lodge, No. 354, at Hamilton, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1858. Chartered October, 1858, Adam Finch being first Master. Reports 17 members in 1858.

### J. M. S. McCorkle Lodge, No. 355, at Brownsville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation under the title of McCorkle Lodge, U. D., prior to October, 1858. Chartered October, 1858, Thomas B. McIntire being first Master. In 1858 reports 16 members.

### Stephen F. Ogden Lodge, No. 356, at Owensboro', Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1858. Chartered October, 1858, William Bell being first Master. In 1858, reports 14 members.

### Pellville Lodge, No. 357, at Pellville, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1858. Chartered October, 1858, James W. Snider being first Master. In 1858, reports 13 members.

### Newport Lodge, No. 358, at Newport, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1858. Chartered October, 1858, William M. Smith being first Master. In 1858, reports 15 members.

### Sugar Grove Lodge, No. 359, at Sugar Grove, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to August, 1855; a Charter was refused Prior to October, 1857, a second Dispensation was granted. Continued October, 1857. Chartered October, 1858, Nath. Porter being first Master. Reports 32 members in 1858.

### Haywood Lodge, No. 360, at Massac, McCracken, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1858. Chartered October, 1858, Benj. Hinton, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, being first Master. Reports 21 members in 1858.

### Miller's Creek Lodge, U. D., at Sales, Irvine P. O.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1857. Continued October, 1857; continued October, 1858. Reports in 1858, 18 members.

### Baltimore Lodge, No. 361, at Baltimore, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1857. Continued October, 1857. Chartered October, 1858, John H. Nicholl being first Master. Reports in 1858, 25 members.

### Ark Lodge, U. D., at Millerstown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, August, 1856. Continued October, 1857. Ordered by the Grand Lodge, October, 1858, that the Grand Master in his discretion continue the Dispensation. It has since been done. No report of members in 1858.

### Kane Lodge, U. D., at Bardstown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1858. Named in honor of the celebrated Craftsman and Navigator, Dr. E. K. Kane.

### Polar Star Lodge, U. D., at Vanceburg, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1858. Continued October, 1858. Made no report of membership.

### Malone Lodge, U. D., at Jeffersontown, Ky.

Received a Dispensation prior to October, 1858; renewed October, 1858, and is now at work, U. D. Reports in 1858, 11 members.

Besides these, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has granted various Dispensations to organize lodges for which Charters were never prayed.

Grand Master Holloway, 1845 or 1846, authorized a traveling lodge called Spurgin Lodge, attached to the Regiment of Infantry Volunteers from Kentucky marching to Mexico, but upon application to the Grand Lodge in 1846, that body refused to renew the Dispensation.

Good Intent Lodge, U. D., was established at Dover, Kentucky, prior to August, 1848; Dispensation renewed August, 1848. Charter not asked for.

Campbell Lodge, U. D., was established in Campbell County, Kentucky, August, 1838, W. D. Scott being first Master.

Rock Spring Lodge, U. D., at Rock Spring, was established prior to August, 1855. Renewed August, 1855. Declined in August, 1856, to solicit a Charter.

Bledsoe Lodge, U. D., at Athens, was established prior to August, 1854.

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# THE JURISPRUDENCE

OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.

To economize space and exhibit the entire Jurisprudence of our Grand Lodge before the reader's eye at a glance, we adopt the plan of a *comment* upon the Constitutional Rules of the Grand Lodge, showing when each clause was adopted, amended, etc., and at whose instance. Having been an attentive observer of the Masonic Jurisprudence of other Grand Lodges, we can with confidence present this of Kentucky as, in our opinion, equal to the best in use in the Masonic World.

At the organization of the Grand Lodge in October, 1800, the Ahiman Rezon of Virginia was adopted as the Masonic Law of Kentucky, with various alterations, etc. This continued in use until the publication of a Book of Constitutions of Kentucky in 1808, which in 1818 was followed by a Second Edition.

CONSTITUTIONAL RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE LODGES OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY. Edition of 1855.

*Comment upon the Title.*—1806, "By-Laws and Regulations for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

## ARTICLE I.

The Grand Lodge shall hold a Grand Communication once in every year, commencing on the 2d Monday in October, at the Grand Masonic Hall in the city of Lexington.

*Comment on Art. I.*—1800 to 1806, the Sessions were semi-annual. 1806, "In every year, on the last Wednesday in August." 1815, changed to the last Monday in August. Met at Lexington up to 1833. At Louisville, 1834 to 1838. In 1839 at Lexington; 1840 at Louisville; 1841 at Lexington. 1855, the second Monday in October was adopted; in 1858 the third Monday in October and at Louisville.

## ARTICLE II.

There shall not be any Grand Lodge opened to work, unless there be present a representation from one-third of all the lodges subordinate thereto, except in cases of emergency, when a representation from one-fourth will be sufficient.

*Comment on Art. II.*—1800, "five lodges to constitute a quorum." 1801, "the representatives of a majority of lodges shall be sufficient to do

business." 1803. "The representation of three lodges shall be sufficient. 1806. Five lodges was a quorum. 1823. A majority of all the lodges was made a quorum, (Wm. W. Southgate.) 1832. One-third of all the lodges as in the Article at present. (Richard Apperson.)

ARTICLE III.

The members of the Grand Lodge are—the Grand Officers; Past Grand Masters, who are members of subordinate Lodges; Past Masters, who are members of subordinate Lodges; or the W. Master, Senior or Junior Warden of subordinate Lodges, or the representative who may be appointed in their stead, where neither can attend.

*Comment on Art. III.*—1806. "Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, officers of subordinate lodges, and representatives from said lodges." 1806. Proxies might represent a lodge if they were members of any lodge under this jurisdiction. 1814. The Past Grand Officers can vote collectively, and Past Masters can vote collectively. 1826. G. Wardens acting *pro tem.*, are not entitled to vote as such. 1827. Proxies were respectively required to be members of the lodge they represented. 1842. In the sentence "Past Grand Officers," the word "Masters" was inserted as at present. 1855. The Article in its present form was adopted. (A. G. Hodges.)

ARTICLE IV.

The appointment of representative shall be made by the vote of a subordinate lodge, and be certified by the Secretary thereof, and have the seal of said lodge affixed thereto, if there be a seal; if not, then the private seal of the Secretary.

*Comment on Art. IV.*—1806. The attachment of the lodge seal or private seal of the Secretary was ordered, and a certificate made a *sine qua non* for admission as representative. 1814. Lodges required to procure seals as soon as possible, and so ever since. 1855. The Article in its present form was adopted. (A. G. Hodges.)

ARTICLE V.

The appointment of representative must be confined to some member of the lodge making the same.

*Comment on Art. V.*—1855. The Article in its present form was adopted. (A. G. Hodges.)

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. If, upon the commencement of any Grand Communication, a delegate from any Subordinate Lodge shall take his seat, (the legal representative having failed to attend,) he shall not be ousted of his representative right by the after-attendance of said legal representative.

*Comment on Art. VI.*—1812. Each lodge is entitled to three representatives and no more. Section 2 of this Article was adopted—not given here. 1822. Clauses relative to this subject were adopted, (Wm. T. Barry. 1855. This Article in its present form was adopted. (A. G. Hodges.)

ARTICLE VII.

No representative from any subordinate Lodge shall be permitted to take his seat in the Grand Lodge, at the Grand Annual Communication,

until he shall produce a certificate from the Grand Secretary, of the payment of all dues from such lodge to the Grand Lodge—except a Grand Lodge can not be otherwise formed; and the seat of such representative, delegate, or proxy, shall be vacated as soon as a Grand Lodge can be formed without him.

*Comment on Art. VII.*—1811. This Article was adopted, only substituting the word *Treasurer* for *Secretary*.

ARTICLE VIII.

Every Grand Officer shall be elected annually, by a majority of written ballots, taken agreeably to Art. xvii, which ballots shall be collected by the Senior Grand Deacon, and shall be by him delivered to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the time being, to count, who shall order the Grand Secretary to proclaim the officer elected. During the time that the Grand Deacon is collecting the ballots, and until the Grand Secretary has proclaimed the officer balloted in, every member shall be silent and keep his seat. The Senior Grand Deacon shall not present the ballot-box to any voter until the Grand Secretary has called upon him to answer, beginning with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and continuing the voters according to rank and seniority. If it is found by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, on counting, that there are more ballots than voters, he shall charge the members to be more attentive to their duty, and order a new election; and if any member is convicted of putting more ballots in the box than he is entitled to, he shall be forever suspended from a seat in the Grand Lodge.

*Comment on Art. VIII.*—1801. The G. M. *appointed* his D. G. M. Up to 1858 Grand Masters have *appointed* the G. Deacons, G. Marshal, etc. 1803. The G. M. waived his right to appoint his Deputy. 1806. This Article in the words here given was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

Every Grand Officer shall be chosen from among the working members of the several subordinate lodges, provided he is not thereby raised to a higher degree than what he may have attained in his said lodge.

*Comment on Art. IX.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE X.

The election of officers of the Grand Lodge shall be held on the second day of each Grand Annual Communication, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

*Comment on Art. X.*—1841. This Article was adopted. 1844. Changed to "Thursday after the last Monday in August." (A. G. Hodges.) 1846. Readopted in its present form. (A. Cunningham.)

ARTICLE XI.

The officers to be elected by the Grand Lodge are—the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the two Grand Wardens, the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Orator, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Steward and Tyler. The Grand Master, however, having the authority of making the other appointments, may waive that privilege whenever he may think proper.

*Comment on Article XI.*—1806. This Article was adopted, save that the D. G. M. and G. Secretary were not elective officers. 1817. The office of

Assistant Grand Secretary was established. (George M. Bibb.) 1842. The Article as it now stands was adopted. 1858. The office of Grand Orator was abolished. (M. M. Tyler.)

ARTICLE XII.

SEC. 1. The Grand Officers shall be titled and ranked in the following order:

1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
2. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
3. The Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
4. The Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
5. The Most Reverend Grand Chaplain.
6. The Grand Orator.
7. The Grand Secretary.
8. The Grand Treasurer.
9. The Senior Grand Deacon.
10. The Junior Grand Deacon.
11. The Grand Marshal.
12. The Grand Sword Bearer.
13. The Grand Pursuivant.
14. The Grand Tyler.

SEC. 2. That at each future Grand Annual Communication, five Master Masons shall be elected by this Grand Lodge, who shall act as a Board of Trustees of said Seminary, [Funk Seminary.] to continue in office until their successors shall be duly elected or appointed, as the Grand Lodge may order. (*See printed proceedings for* 1844—*page* 24.)

*Comment on Article XII.—Sec.* 1.—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given. 1823. The election to come off on the third day of the Session. 1841. The second day of the Session, and so ever since. 1858. The office of Grand Orator was abolished.

ARTICLE XIII.

No elected officer of the Grand Lodge, or of any private lodge, shall act as such until he is duly installed.

*Comment on Article XIII.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XIV.

Any Grand officer withdrawing himself, during his appointment as a Grand Officer, from the private lodge to which he belonged at the time of his election, shall, in that case, vacate his seat in the Grand Lodge.

*Comment on Article XIV.*—1806. This Article was adopted as here given.

ARTICLE XV.

SEC. 1. A Committee of Finance, (to consist of three members,) shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; and to whom all matters relating to the finances of this Grand Lodge, and the remission of the dues of subordinate lodges, shall be referred.

SEC. 2. A committee of three members shall be appointed to hear grievances and examine into the same, and make due report to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. A committee of three members shall be appointed, to be called the Committee on Lodges under Dispensation, whose duty it shall be to ex-

amine the work and by-laws of Lodges under Dispensation, and report thereon.

SEC. 4. A committee of three members shall be appointed, to be called a Committee on Foreign Communications, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon all communications made by other Grand Lodges.

SEC. 5. A committee of three members shall be appointed, to be called the Committee on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, whose duty it shall be to examine the Returns of subordinate lodges.

SEC. 6. A committee of three members shall be appointed, to be called the Committee on Visitors, whose duty it shall be to examine attendant and visiting Brethren, observing that none can be admitted under the degree of Master Mason.

SEC. 7. A committee of three members shall be appointed, to be called the Committee on Unfinished Business, whose duty it shall be to report the unfinished business of the previous Grand Lodge.

SEC. 8. A committee of three members shall be appointed, to be called the Committee on Credentials, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the credentials of representatives and delegates.

SEC. 9. That a Committee on Education shall be appointed, to consist of three members.

*Comment on Art. XV.*—1806. But three Standing Committees were required, viz.: 1, of Finance; 2, of Visitors; 3, of Grievances. 1818. There was a Committee of Lodges, U. D. 1823. A Committee on Returns; Unfinished Business; and Foreign Communications. 1832. On Ways and Means. 1842. The nine Committees as they now stand. 1847. The duties of the Committee on Finance were defined. 1857. The number of the Committee on Returns, (Sec. 5,) was raised to six.

## ARTICLE XVI.

The duty of the Grand Lodge is to receive appeals, redress grievances, and remove all complaints of the private lodges; to grant warrants, and authorize new lodges to work; to reprehend mal-conduct in any of its private lodges or members; to relieve distressed brethren, their widows or children; to assess such economical contributions for charity, and other exigencies, from time to time, as shall appear proper for the good of the Craft; to correspond with every Grand Lodge on the terrestrial globe, that they shall deem right, for the good of the Fraternity; to devise and design plans, problems, and positions for the private lodges to execute, and also to choose and elect, by written ballot, annually, and duly install, all the Grand Officers.

*Comment on Art. XVI.*—1806, This Article was adopted in the words here given. A Grand Charity Fund was established, with five Grand Stewards to control it. 1826. The Grand Lodge will not meddle with questions that might have a bearing upon politics.

## ARTICLE XVII.

All matters of controversy before the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of votes—that is to say, the Grand Master or presiding officer having one vote; the Grand Wardens for the time being, collectively, one vote; the Past Grand Masters, collectively, one vote; Past Masters, collectively, one vote; the officer (or representative,) of each subordinate lodge, one vote. It is, however, understood that no brother can vote in a double capacity.

*Comment on Art. XVII.*—1800. "The representatives of each lodge

shall have one vote, and the Past Masters who are not representatives one vote." "In voting on any question the votes shall be given by lodges, each lodge to have one vote." 1800. As in the words here given with these differences; in case of equal division the G. M. had two votes, the Deputy G. M. one vote, the Past G. Wardens, collectively, one vote, "the Past G. Officers and Past Masters, collectively, one vote," "the officers or their representatives of each subordinate lodge, collectively, one vote.' 1842. The Article as it now stands, with the word "representatives." 1855. The Article as it now stands, (A. G. Hodges.)

ARTICLE XVIII.

Every subordinate lodge which shall not be represented for three successive Grand Communications, or which shall, at any time, be in arrears to the Grand Lodge for more than twelve months, shall be cited to appear at the next Grand Annual Communication, and if it should not then satisfactorily account for its delinquency, the Charter shall be arrested.

*Comment on Art. XVIII.*—1805. Subordinate Lodges in arrears for more than twelve months to forfeit their Charters. 1806. The rule was modified; they were to be cited to appear and show cause why, etc. 1806. In failure of representation for three years, or payment of dues two years to be suspended from all the privileges of the Order. 1842. The entire Article as it now stands.

ARTICLE XIX.

Every subordinate lodge shall hereafter be accountable for, and is hereby directed to pay to the Grand Treasurer, on account of the Grand Lodge, every twelve months, the following assessments:

1. For every mason it has initiated during the preceding twelve months, one dollar and fifty cents.
2. For every member of each respective lodge, except ministers of the gospel, who are free members thereof, seventy-five cents per annum.

*Comment on Art. XIX.*—1803. Dues to G. L. $1.00 for each initiation in a subordinate lodge, and $5.00 for each initiation in the G. L. 1806. $1.00 for each initiation, and fifty cents for each member. 1811. Every visitor to the G. L. to pay $1.00 for each visit. 1815. This tax on visitors was repealed. 1828. $2.00 for each initiation, and $1.00 for each member. (Philip Swigert.) The reservation relative to clergymen in Sec. 2 was adopted in 1831. In 1838, $1.00 for initiations, fifty cents for members. The rule as it now stands was adopted in 18—.

ARTICLE XX.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master is invested with the power of convening the Grand Lodge at any time when there shall appear to him an emergent occasion.

*Comment on Art. XX.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXI.

In case of the death of any Grand Officer, or in case of any brother refusing to serve or to be installed according to appointment to any Grand

Office, the Most Worshipful Grand Master is invested with the power to nominate, appoint, and install such other brethren to fill all such vacancies of office, as shall meet his pleasure and discretion.

*Comment on Art. XXI.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXII.

It is the duty of every Grand Officer, in proportion to his superiority during the vacation of the Grand Lodge, to have special care of the private lodges, directing all their designs, plans, problems, and positions on which they work, to be executed according to, and within the extent and limit of the ancient landmarks, usages, and customs of the sublime order of free and accepted masonry.

*Comment on Art. XXII.*—1800. "The G. M. ought to appoint some well skilled brother to visit and inspect the workings of the lodges." A committee of six were appointed to visit the lodges. 1806. The Article was adopted as in the words here given. 1814. The jurisdiction was divided into Five Districts for lecturing purposes. 1815. The G. M. at every Session of the G. L. to examine the representatives in their respective modes of work and set them right. 1857. Itinerant lecturers sternly denounced unless authorized by the Grand Lodge. (S. D. McCullough.)

ARTICLE XXIII.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has the command of every other officer, and may call on any and all of them, at any time, for advice, and assistance on any business relative to the Craft.

*Comment on Art. XXIII.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given. 1823. It was made his duty to deliver a lecture on the Three Degrees the second day of the Session. 1831. This was repealed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master is not authorized to make or second any motion.

*Comment on Art. XXIV.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXV.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master is invested with the privilege of granting Dispensations at his discretion, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master is invested with the same privilege in case of the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

*Comment on Art. XXV.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXVI.

In case of the death of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, during the time for which he is elected and installed to serve, or in case of his refusal to serve or be installed according to appointment, all the powers and privileges shall devolve and become the inherent right of the following brethren, according to the grade here mentioned: 1st. The Right

Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. 2d. The Worshipful Senior Grand Warden. 3d. The Worshipful Junior Grand Warden. 4th. The Past Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority. 5th. The presiding Masters of subordinate lodges, according to rank. 6th. The Past Masters, according to rank and seniority.

*Comment on Art. XXVI.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXVII.

It is the duty of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to install his deputy, but he may deputize whom he pleases to install all the other officers, and also any officer of a private lodge.

*Comment on Art. XXVII.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

It is the duty of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in office, or *pro tem.*, to subscribe, in presence of the Grand Lodge, a fair and true transcript of its proceedings, provided the proceedings are first read by the Grand Secretary, and agreed to by a majority of the brethren assembled; and the proceedings subscribed he is to deliver to the Grand Secretary, with direction to have them truly registered and filed.

*Comment on Art. XXVIII.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXIX.

It shall be the duty of the Most Reverend Grand Chaplain to open and close the Sessions of the Grand Lodge with prayer; also, to prepare and preach suitable occasional sermons, as may be directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

*Comment on Art. XXIX.*—1806. This Article was adopted with unimportant verbal differences.

ARTICLE XXX.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, before they enter upon the discharge of their duties, shall be required to enter into bond with satisfactory security—the Grand Secretary's to be in the penalty of $4,000, the Grand Treasurer's in the penalty of $5,000—payable to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; which bonds shall be conditioned to receive and pay over all moneys which may belong to the Grand Lodge, and at all times to hand over the whole or any part of said money, or any bonds or notes, or other property in their hands belonging to said Grand Lodge, upon the requisition of said Grand Lodge or its authorized agents, and in all respects to discharge the duties imposed by said Grand Lodge; the bond of the Grand Secretary to be filed with the Grand Master, and that of the Grand Treasurer with the Grand Secretary.

*Comment on Art. XXX.*—1842. The entire Article as it stands here.

ARTICLE XXXI.

It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a fair, true, and regular copy, registered in proper books for that purpose, of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. He shall not register any proceedings that are not duly ratified and signed, in open lodge, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master; and the transcript, so ratified and signed, shall be, by the Grand Secretary, filed as an original voucher for his record.

*Comment on Art. XXXI.*—1842. The entire Article as it is here.

ARTICLE XXXII.

No warrant, certificate, or any other instrument of writing whatever, shall be of any validity, if issued by the Grand Secretary, unless it be attested by his signature, and has the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed thereto.

*Comment on Art. XXXII.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

All the books, records, papers, seal, etc., kept by the Grand Secretary, shall be the property of the Grand Lodge, and to them or their committee delivered up whenever called for.

*Comment on Art. XXXIII.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

The Grand Secretary shall attend personally, or by his agent, who shall be a member of the Grand Lodge, with all his books and papers of office, on every assembly of the Grand Lodge, under the penalty of twenty dollars.

*Comment on Art. XXXIV.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXXV.

The Grand Secretary shall procure all the books and stationery for the Grand Lodge on the most reasonable terms, and draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount thereof, who is hereby authorized to pay the same. He shall be entitled to the following fees as a compensation for his services:

1. He shall be entitled to a salary of four hundred dollars per annum.

2. He shall be paid by the parties employing him, for copying from the records, files, and proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or any instrument of writing whatever, (except as is before provided for,) ten cents for every hundred words—he finding for this purpose his own stationery.

3. He shall be paid by the parties employing him, one dollar for affixing his seal of office to any instrument of writing whatever, except it be a Warrant or Dispensation.

*Comment on Art. XXXV.*—1806. This Article, Sections two and three, was adopted in the words here given. Section one allowed him ten cents per hundred words for his writing for the Grand Lodge. 1821. His bond fixed at $4000. 1842. His salary was fixed at $150 per annum. 1855. Salary raised to $400. (Adams.) 1857. The office of Assistant Grand Secretary was established, salary $50 per annum. He is to be appointed by the Grand Secretary with the consent of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XXXVI.

The Grand Secretary shall not be entitled to any fee for affixing his seal of office to any instrument of writing ordered for the use of the Grand Lodge—such as particular summonses, copies of proceedings sent to foreign Grand Lodges, etc.

*Comment on Art. XXXIV.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXXVII.

The Grand Secretary, in a book to be kept for that purpose, shall state the amount due from each subordinate Lodge; and when any of the said lodges shall pay any money to the Grand Secretary he shall issue his receipt for the same. The Grand Secretary shall, in its proper place, duly enter such credit in the book aforesaid. No subordinate lodge shall be discharged from a demand against it until the Grand Secretary's receipt shall have been obtained.

*Comment on Art. XXXVII.*—1810. This Article was adopted in the words here given. (David Trimble, seconded by Jesse Bledsoe.)

ARTICLE XXXVIII.

The Grand Secretary shall always have his books completed, so far as he is in possession of documents for the same, to produce to every Grand Communication, under the penalty of twenty dollars.

*Comment on Art. XXXVIII.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XXXIX.

SEC. 1. The Grand Treasurer shall account to the Grand Lodge for all moneys received by him, nor shall he pay any money without the order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, except as before provided.

SEC. 2. The Grand Treasurer, at each session of the Grand Lodge, shall pay to the Grand Officers and Past G. Masters, who may be in attendance, $3 per day for each day any one of them may be in attendance—provided, that no Grand Officer or Past Grand Master shall be entitled to draw in a double capacity.

SEC. 3. The Grand Treasurer shall pay to the representative of each subordinate lodge, actually represented in the Grand Lodge, the sum of five cents per mile from the location of the subordinate lodge to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, coming and going, measured by the nearest route.

SEC. 4. The Grand Treasurer shall pay to the representative of each subordinate lodge, the sum of $3 per day, during the session of the Grand Lodge, the per diem to be for the number of days said lodge shall be actually represented in the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. No representative shall be entitled to pay while his lodge is in arrears to the Grand Lodge, or whose dues shall be remitted, loaned, or donated, or shall vacate his seat before the close of the session, without permission of the Grand Lodge.

*Comment on Art. XXXIX.*—1806. This Article, Section first, was adopted as here given, with the addition that the Grand Charity Stewards, equally with the Grand Master, might draw upon him. 1821. His commission fixed at five per cent.; bond at $4000. 1829. Reduced to two per cent. 1850 Section two was adopted with $2 per day. (W. A. Cunningham.) 1853. $1.50 per day to each representation while in attendance, and five cents per mile coming and going. (A. G. Hodges.) 1854. Section four was adopted with $2 per day. (A. G. Hodges.) 1855. The entire Article as it now stands. (A. G. Hodges.)

ARTICLE XL.

The Grand Treasurer shall, on the first day of each Grand Communi-

cation, lay a statement of his accounts before the Grand Lodge. He shall be allowed a compensation of two per centum on all the moneys received and paid out by him.

*Comment on Art. XL.*—1806. The first part of this Article was adopted in the words here given. 1842. The entire Article as here.

ARTICLE XLI.

Every set of Masons that may hereafter obtain from the Grand Lodge a warrant to authorize them to congregate and work as a regular lodge of Freemasons, shall, for the same, pay to the Grand Lodge thirty dollars, before the said warrant shall be issued; and shall also pay as a fee to the Grand Secretary, for engrossing and affixing the seal of office, parchment, and recording, six dollars.

*Comment on Art. XLI.*—1804. Decided that the incorporation of Masonic societies, (subordinate lodges,) was unnecessary and dangerous. 1806. The Article was adopted as here given with a few unimportant verbal differences.

ARTICLE XLII.

SEC. 1. Every set of masons that may hereafter obtain from the proper officer permission to receive from the Grand Secretary a Dispensation to congregate and work as a warranted lodge of Freemasons, not exceeding twelve months, shall pay to the Grand Lodge, for the same, five dollars, and three dollars to the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 2. That no lodge, subordinate to this Grand Lodge, shall confer the Degree of Entered Apprentice for a less sum than ten dollars; and Fellow Craft for less sum than five dollars; and Master Mason for a less sum than five dollars. (*See printed proceedings for* 1848—*page* 39.)

*Comment on Art. XLII.*—1806. This Article, Section one, was adopted as here given, with unimportant verbal differences. 1826. That when a Dispensation was continued for a second year, etc., no further fee should be charged. 1848. Section two was adopted as here given. (Purdy.) 1856. No Dispensation to be granted unless the nearest lodge will certify that the Master and Wardens of the proposed lodge are qualified to confer the three degrees. (James Moore.)

ARTICLE XLIII.

Any Lodge having worked under dispensation from this Grand Lodge, and who shall receive a Charter, shall have their officers regularly installed before they proceed to work under the Charter.

*Comment on Art. XLIII.*—1824. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XLIV.

Where a Charter held under the Grand Lodge shall be surrendered or forfeited, the whole of the property, jewels, regalia, books, and papers, shall be vested in the Grand Lodge, and be at its disposal.

*Comment on Art. XLIV.*—1814. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XLV.

Every member of the Grand Lodge, as also every member of every sub-

ordinate lodges, shall pay due submission and obedience to their respective officers.

*Comment on Art. XLV.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XLVI.

It is the duty of every Freemason to live in peace, harmony, and love with all mankind; to despise hatred, malice, and calumny; to practice universal charity and benevolence; to avoid, as much as possible, all law suits, and to submit all differences that may arise between brethren, except such as may relate to real or personal property, to be reconciled by the several lodges to which they belong, or by the Grand Lodge.

*Comment on Art. XLVI.*—1806. This unmatched exhibit of Masonic duty was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE XLVII.

Every Freemason is enjoined always to avoid addressing a brother or a cowan as a Freemason, unless they are in private or in open lodge, under the penalty of a severe reprimand.

*Comment on Art. XLVII.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given. 1813. Decided that the Tyler of a lodge must be a Master Mason.

ARTICLE XLVIII.

SEC. 1. Each subordinate lodge shall elect its officers but once in each year, and for a term of one year, which election shall be held on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist in each year, except when the same happens on Sunday, or when a resolution is unanimously adopted to the contrary in such subordinate lodge, at the regular meeting next preceding St. John's day; in either of which cases it shall elect its officers on the day preceding, or the day succeeding such Sunday or St. John's day; and every officer may be re-elected as often as the lodge may think proper.

SEC. 2. The subordinate lodges shall elect their officers in the third degree of Masonry. (*See printed proceedings for* 1843—*page* 28.)

*Comment on Art. XLVIII.*—1801. "The lodges shall elect officers on each St. John's day." 1833. The provision to avoid holding elections on Sabbath day was adopted. 1843. Section two was adopted in its present form. (Isaac Cunningham.) 1844. Further legislation on the subject, but with no important changes. 1855. Section one was adopted as it now stands. (John E. Records.)

ARTICLE XLIX.

SEC. 1. No petition for initiation, when once presented, can be withdrawn but with the unanimous consent of the lodge to which it may have been presented.

SEC. 2. That no petition for initiation or membership shall be acted upon by a subordinate lodge until it shall have been duly referred to a committee of inquiry and laid over for one month, unless a Dispensation be granted by the Grand Master. (*See printed proceedings for* 1853—*page* 25.)

*Comment on Art. XLIX.*—1818. This Article, Section one, was adopted in the words here given. 1853. Section two was adopted. (W. M. O. Smith.)

ARTICLE L.

In balloting, if more than one negative appear, the balloting shall cease, and the candidate be declared rejected; but if, on the first ballot, one negative only appear, a second ballot shall immediately take place; and if, on the second ballot, a negative still appear, no further ballot shall be taken for one year thereafter, unless by the second regular meeting thereafter the member opposing shall voluntarily withdraw his objections in open lodge.

*Comment on Art. L.*—1828. The petition not to be withdrawn after a negative ballot. (Philip Swigert.) 1842. The Article nearly in its present form. 1847. The Article in its present form. (Dempsey Carroll.)

ARTICLE LI.

After a candidate is rejected by one lodge he can not knowingly be received by another, without the unanimous consent of the lodge which rejected him, untill after twelve months shall have expired. (*See printed proceedings for* 1852—*page* 33.)

*Comment on Art. LI.*—1818. This Article was adopted in the words here given, down to the words "which rejected him." 1852. This Article was adopted in the words here given. (D. T. Monsarrat.)

ARTICLE LII.

The vote to advance a brother to any degree of Masonry should be as unanimous as the vote which admits him into the lodge as a member.

*Comment on Art. LII.*—1818. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE LIII.

Strict attention should be paid to the age of candidates for initiation, at which, by the civil laws of the country in which the lodge is constituted, the candidate is declared of lawful age, and free to act for himself—which, in Kentucky, is twenty-one years.

*Comment on Art. LIII.*—1804. This rule was adopted as in these words.

ARTICLE LIV.

When the deformity of a candidate for initiation is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Freemasonry, his admission will not be an infringement upon the landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our institution.

*Comment on Art. LIV.*—1801. Decided that the loss of a right arm is not such a deformity. This Article was adopted in the words here given. Decided that a lodge might initiate a man with one leg.

ARTICLE LV.

The general rule which governs the Order in the admission of members is, that such admission is to be sanctioned by entire unanimity; and so

sacred and fundamental does the Grand Lodge conceive this rule to be, that it is competent for a minority, or any member of the lodge, prior to the performance of the final ceremony of initiation, to prevent the admission of the candidate.

*Comment on Art. LV.*—1813. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE LVI.

Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, situated on the borders of this Commonwealth, are authorized to receive members from other States, residing in their neighborhood: *Provided*, the lodges so receiving them are the nearest to their places of residence.

*Comment on Art. LVI.*—1824. "In no instance has a subordinate lodge the right to receive candidates from any other State, where a regular G. Lodge is established in such a State." 1846. This Article was adopted in the words here given. (Hinton.) 1855. The same principle is accorded to bordering lodges in other States. (Rob. Morris.)

ARTICLE LVII.

SEC. 1. No candidate for initiation can be received in any lodge out of the county where he resides, (if there is a regular lodge in his county,) unless the candidate resides nearer the said lodge, or obtains the unanimous recommendation of the lodge within his county.

SEC. 2. That where there are more lodges than one in any town or city, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish to the Master or Wardens of the other lodges notices of all applications for initiation in his lodge, previous to conferring the degree, and no ceremony of initiation shall take place until such notices shall have been duly given. (*See printed proceedings for* 1852—*page* 33.)

*Comment on Art. LVII.*—1811. This Article, Section one, was adopted. 1858. The following was added to this Section: "Except in cities and towns where there is more than one lodge, and the applicant is a resident of the city or town where he applies." (C. G. Wintersmith.) 1852. This Article, Section two, was adopted. 1855. A residence of one year within the jurisdiction of a lodge is required before an application for initiation can be received. (Rob. Morris.)

ARTICLE LVIII.

Every organized lodge that admits a member who is in arrears to any other lodge thereby becomes responsible to the lodge to which he last belonged.

*Comment on Art. LVIII.*—1821. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

ARTICLE LIX.

SEC. 1. That all business of the subordinate lodges shall be transacted in the third degree of Masonry, except the initiation or passing of candidates. (*See printed proceedings for* 1852—*page* 33.)

SEC. 2. Apprentices and Fellow Crafts have no right to vote on any subject, except the admission and advancement of candidates.

SEC. 3. That at a called meeting of a subordinate lodge the lodge shall open at once in the degree in which the business for which the meeting has been called is to be transacted, without opening in any of the preceding degrees. (*See printed proceedings for* 1845—*page* 10.)

*Comment on Art. LIX.*—1824. This Article, Section second, was adopted in the words here given. 1845. The third Section was adopted. (J. H. Daviess.) 1852. The first Section was adopted. (Dempsey Carrell.) 1854. The first Section was repealed and is now inoperative; in its place the following, which is the present law, was adopted: "The subordinate lodges are authorized to receive petitions for initiation and ballot on the same in the first degree, and receive and ballot on petitions for passing in the second degree; and that any brother guilty of an offense shall be tried in his respective degree; and that all other business shall be transacted in the third degree." (R. G. Stewart.)

## ARTICLE LX.

None of the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, shall confer the degree of Past Master on any brother, unless he shall be regularly elected to the chair.

*Comment on Art. LX.*—1803. This rule was adopted with the addition "or by dispensation from the G. L.," and $2 should be paid the G. L. for such dispensation. 1806. This Article was adopted as here given with the addition, "or as preparatory to some higher degree," and the P. M. receiving the degree for the latter purpose, was not entitled to be returned in the Reports as a P. M., nor to take his seat in the G. L. 1814. The G. L. granted permission to Lexington Lodge, No. 1, to work as a Royal Arch Chapter, conferring the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch. The same favor was accorded to lodges Nos. 4 and 5, subsequently, and in 1816 the three chapters thus warranted were permitted by the G. L. to establish a Grand Chapter of Kentucky. 1842. The Article as here given. 1849. The principle was reiterated.

## ARTICLE LXI.

SEC. 1. If a mason be guilty of any unmasonic conduct, such conduct shall be inquired into, and decided by the lodge of which he may be a member; and, if he be a member of no subordinate lodge, he shall be tried by the nearest lodge to where the charges are cited.

SEC. 2. If any mason within the jurisdiction of any subordinate lodge be guilty of any gross unmasonic conduct, and absconds, so that notice can not be served upon him, charges may be preferred against him, which shall lie over three months, and if the Secretary shall report that he can not serve notice upon him, he shall enter a denial of the charges upon the record, and some brother shall be appointed to defend him, and proof may be taken, and the case tried as if he were present. (*See printed proceedings for* 1851—*page* 69.)

*Comment on Art. LXI.*—1820. This Article, Section first, was adopted in the words here given. 1851. This Article, Section second, was adopted in the words here given. (Sanford.) 1856. A Rule was adopted for the trial of the Master of a lodge. Upon complaint by any two members, Master Masons, to the G. Master, the latter may instruct the Secretary to summon the lodge for the trial. The Senior Warden shall preside during the trial. (Henry Wingate.)

## ARTICLE LXII.

Subordinate lodges not only possess the power, but it is their duty to take cognizance of brethren within their vicinities, (not being members of any lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky,) and to suspend or expel from the privileges of the Order any brother who shall be found guilty of unmasonic behavior, subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

*Comment on Art. LXII.*—1813. No mason to be a member of more than one lodge at a time. 1809. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

## ARTICLE LXIII.

When a subordinate lodge shall deal with or proceed against a brother for unmasonic conduct, of any description whatever, the lodge shall cause written charges and specifications to be made and filed with the Secretary of said lodge, whose duty it shall be to have a copy thereof duly delivered to the accused, as also a notice, which shall give a reasonable time for the taking of proof to sustain the charges and specifications; also, to inform the accused that he may, at the same time and place, offer proof to exculpate himself from such charges; and that the accused may also have leave to take proof at such other time and place as he may designate, upon giving reasonable notice to the Master or presiding officer of said lodge; and for which purpose the lodge shall allow a reasonable time, if asked for. And, in all cases, the whole of the testimony shall be reduced to writing, (if not improper to be written,) and shall be carefully preserved by the Secretary of the lodge. And in all cases where an appeal is prayed from the decision of a subordinate lodge to the Grand Lodge it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such lodge to make out and forward to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge a complete transcript of the record and proceedings had in such cases, embracing the charges and specifications and proof had in the cause, and to note upon the records of the subordinate lodge the names of the witnesses.

*Comment on Art. LXIII.*—1842. The Article as here given. 1844. Decided that Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts come under the operations of this rule. 1856. In trials for unmasonic conduct, evidence that persons who are not accused had made statements as to the guilt or innocence of the accused is not admissible, unless such statements were made in the presence and hearing of the accused, and then all that was said by the accused and the party should be taken together. (C. G. Wintersmith.)

## ARTICLE LXIV.

Any brother feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of any such lodge, shall be permitted to appeal to the next Grand Lodge, who shall take full cognizance of all matters relating thereto, and on the whole evidence shall pronounce such sentence or decision as to them shall seem right, and consistent with justice and masonic usage. To effect which appeal notice to the lodge deciding shall be deemed sufficient. Notice of which appeal, with the papers respecting the same, shall be lodged with the Grand Secretary as soon as may be—if the time and distance will permit, one month at least, preceding the time of the meeting of the next Grand Lodge thereafter.

*Comment on Art. LXIV.*—1811. This Article was adopted in the words here given, with the addition that in the event of an appeal, the Grand Secretary should issue summonses to witnesses to attend and give evidence before the Grand Lodge. 1842. The Article as here given.

## ARTICLE LXV.

Whenever this Grand Lodge shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a subordinate lodge suspending or expelling a brother, and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of masonry—nevertheless, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent. (*See printed proceedings for* 1852—*page* 32.)

*Comment on Art. LXV.*—1827. This Article was adopted with the exception of the word "suspended," and the word "own" instead of "unanimous." 1829. It assumed its present form. 1852. It was reäffirmed in its present form.

## ARTICLE LXVI.

SEC. 1. An expulsion or suspension of a mason from a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, who is a member of a Blue Lodge, does not operate as an expulsion or suspension from the Blue Lodge.

SEC. 2. An expulsion from an Encampment does not affect the standing of the individual in any Blue Lodge to which he may belong. (*See printed proceedings for* 1852—*page* 32.)

*Comment on Art. LXVI.*—1824. This Article, Section first, was adopted in the words here given. 1841. This Article, Section second, was adopted in the words here given. 1852. Section second was reäffirmed.

## ARTICLE LXVII.

The Secretaries of the several subordinate lodges are required to report immediately to the Grand Secretary the name of every person expelled by their respective lodges.

*Comment on Art. LXVII.*—1819. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

## ARTICLE LXVIII.

SEC. 1. In no case shall a subordinate lodge publish, in a newspaper, the expulsion or suspension of any of its members, unless the privilege is granted by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

SEC. 2. The publication of the names of rejected petitioners in the minutes of the Grand Lodge, shall be left to the sound discretion of the subordinate lodges; and when a subordinate lodge reports that the name of a rejected petitioner shall or shall not be omitted, it shall accordingly be done; and that the Grand Secretary shall make out a general statement placing all such rejections as are directed to be published in a separate and single chapter of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. (*See printed proceedings for* 1852—*page* 32.)

*Comment on Art. LXVIII.*—1818. The first clause of this Article was adopted. 1823. It was reäffirmed. 1828. Notice to be given by the Secretary to a suspended brother, without delay. 1852. Section second was adopted as here given. (Mitchell.)

### ARTICLE LXIX.

It requires the same unanimous vote to remove the order suspending a member of any lodge from the privileges of masonry, which is requisite for the admission of a candidate, or a new member.

*Comment on Art. LXIX.*—1811. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

### ARTICLE LXX.

A bare removal of a member into another jurisdiction is not sufficient cause to forfeit his seat in the lodge of which he was a member; nor does it authorize said lodge to strike his name from the roll.

*Comment on Art. LXX.*—1819. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

### ARTICLE LXXI.

It is the duty of each subordinate lodge to communicate to the Grand Secretary, from time to time, all such matters as may be for the benefit of the Craft. And it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, whenever the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall think the good of the Craft requires it, to correspond with the subordinate lodges.

*Comment on Art. LXXI.*—1804. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

### ARTICLE LXXII.

The interment of brethren who belong to no lodge, with masonic honors and ceremonies, is not imperious upon the subordinate lodges, although the deceased may have been a Master Mason, in good standing, and may have requested such masonic funeral, or that such request may have been communicated by his friends—the said subordinate lodges being left at liberty to make such by-laws or orders on the subject as may seem proper to them, severally.

*Comment on Art. LXXII.*—1832. This Article was adopted in the words here given.

### ARTICLE LXXIII.

No by-law shall be altered or done away, or any new one adopted, until the proposed alteration, amendment, nullification, or addition, as the case may be, shall have been handed in, in open lodge, and seconded, and remained one whole vacation.

*Comment on Art. LXXIII.*—1806. This Article was adopted in the words here given. 1856. Added to this "provided that this Article shall not be so construed as to prevent the rewording of any amendment which has laid over one vacation, and provided further, that said rewording does not change the subject matter."

### ARTICLE LXXIV.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge shall be publicly read in all the subordinate lodges. (*See printed proceedings for* 1852—*page* 33.)

*Comment on Art. LXXIV.*—1830. This Article was adopted. (Philip Swigert.) 1852. Reäffirmed.

## ARTICLE LXXV.

FORM OF RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

*Return of —— Lodge, No. —, held at ———, in the county of ———, and State (or Territory) of ———, on the ——— day of each month.*

OFFICERS.

A——— B———, Master.
C——— D———, S. Warden.
E——— F———, J. Warden.
G——— H———, Secretary.
I——— K———, Treasurer.
L——— M———, S. Deacon.
N——— O———, J. Deacon.
P——— Q———, Steward.
R——— S———, Tyler.

PAST MASTER.

C——— A———, G——— B———.

[None except those who have been regularly elected to preside over subordinate lodges, and are members of the lodge, are to be reported under this head. If there be any Past Masters among the officers they must be reported under this head.]

MASTER MASONS.

C——— A———, G——— B———.

[Omit the names of all the Officers and Past Masters, under this head, as reported above.]

FELLOW CRAFTS.

I——— S———, H——— M———.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

W——— K———, C——— D———

INITIATED.

A——— B———, on the —— day of ———. Petition presented on the ——— day of ———.

PASSED.

A——— B———, on the ———day of ———.

RAISED.

A——— B———, on the ——— day of ———.

ADMITTED.

——, M. M., ——, F. C., or ——, E. A., (*as the case may be,*) late of ——— Lodge, No. —, State of ———, on the —— day of ———. Petition presented on the —— day of ———.

DEMITTED.

——, M. M., ——, F. C., or ——, E. A., on the — day of ——.

DEAD.

——, M. M., ——, F. C., or ——, E, A., on the — day of ——

REINSTATED.

——, M. M., ——, F. C., or ——, E. A., on the — day of ——.

REJECTED.

——, (*describe his age, person, residence, and occupation,*) on the — day of ——.

SUSPENDED.

——, M. M., ——, F. C., or ——, E. A., (*state the offense,*) on the —— day of ———.

EXPELLED.

——, M. M., ——F. C., or ——, E. A., (*describe his age, etc., and state the offense,*) on the — day of ———.

*Lodge, No. —, to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky,* *Dr.*

Oct. 18—. To contributions from ——— members,
at 75 cents, . . . . .
To ——— initiations, at $1.50, . .

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I, ———, Secretary of ——— Lodge, No. —, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct return of ——— Lodge, No. —, from ——— up to this date. Given under the seal of said Lodge, this —— day of ———.

—— ———, SECRETARY.

*Comment on Art. LXXV.*—1804. Required that visitors should likewise be included in the Report of subordinate lodges. Up to this period the representatives were required to bring to the G. L., annually, the Charters of their respective lodges, but this requisition was not repealed. 1810. This Article was adopted, with the addition after "expelled," of the head "visitors." (Thomas Loofborough.) 1826. Ordered that the dates of petitions, etc., be added, in the words here given.

# RULES OF ORDER.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, AND ITS SUBORDINATE LODGES, WHERE APPLICABLE.

All the Rules of Order except No. 17 are found in the Code reported in 1842.

1. This Grand Lodge shall meet at the hour on each day on which it shall have been previously called or adjourned to; and, after it shall have been opened, the register of its proceedings on the preceding day shall be read.

2. After the register of the proceedings are read, petitions shall be called for by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master; next, reports from the standing committees; and, lastly, the report from select committees.

3. The Most Worshipful Grand Master shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

*Comment on Rule III.*—1832. The words "subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge."

4. The Most Worshipful Grand Master shall appoint all committees.

5. The Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, and Rperesentatives of subordinate lodges shall each have seats assigned them by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, according to rank and seniority.

6. When the Grand Lodge adjourn, all the officers and members shall seat themselves in their respective places, until the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall go forth, and then they may follow.

7. When a brother rises to speak, he shall respectfully address himself to the Most Worshipful; and, if he transgresses the rules of the Grand Lodge, in speaking or otherwise, the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall call him to order; when he shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain.

8. No brother shall speak more than twice on any question, without leave: nor more than once until every other brother wishing to speak has spoken. And when two or more rise at the same time to speak, the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall name the brother who shall first speak.

9. While the Most Worshipful Grand Master is addressing the Grand Lodge, or putting a question, or a brother is speaking, no brother shall entertain any private discourse, nor pass between the speaker and the chair.

10. No brother shall vote on any question where he is particularly and personally interested, nor where he is not present when the question is first put. Nor shall there be any debate after the question is put by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

11. Every brother having a right to vote, who is present when a question is put, shall vote, unless for special reasons he shall be excused.

12. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Grand Master, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary before debated.

13. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Grand Master or any other brother desire it.

14. After a motion is stated by the Grand Master, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Grand Lodge; but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to amend it, to commit it, to postpone it for the previous question, or to adjourn.

16. The previous question being moved and seconded, the question shall be, "Shall the main question now be put?" And if the nays prevail, the main question shall not be put.

17. The ordering of the previous question shall only be to cut off debate and subsequent amendments; and the question shall be on amendments pending, beginning with the last and successively back to the original proposition.

*Comment on Rule XVII.*—1851. This Rule was adopted. (C. G. Wintersmith.)

18. On a previous question, no member shall speak more than once without leave.

19. A motion for adjournment to a time not longer than one day, shall always be in order, and be decided without debate; but all other motions for adjournment may be debated as in other cases.

20. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it.

21. Motions and Reports may be committed at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

22. A motion for amendment, until decided, shall preclude all other amendments of the main question.

23. No new motion which totally changes the subject matter on which the original motion was intended to operate, shall be admitted under color of amendment, as a substitute of the motion under debate.

24. No member, except one of the majority which decided a question, shall be permitted to move for a reconsideration of such question.

# RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

ADOPTED BY THE

# GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.

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1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the J. G. Warden to deliver a lecture on the first degree of Masonry; also, the S. G. Warden on the second degree, and the D. G. Master on the third degree, at each annual Grand Convocation of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. It shall be the first business after the organization of this Grand Lodge, at each Convocation. (*See printed proceedings for* 1842—*page* 36.)

*Comment on Res.* 1.—1802. "In all the subordinate lodges it shall be the duty of the Master or presiding officer at their respective stated meetings to deliver a lecture on one of the three first degrees in Masonry." The Rule as here given was adopted in 1842; (Isaac Cunningham,) and abrogated in 1856. (M. M. Tyler.)

2. *Resolved*, That the subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be required to keep and return annually, to the Grand Lodge, a list of the names of all itinerant persons who have applied for or received assistance from them as Masons. (*See printed proceedings for* 1843—*page* 28.)

*Comment on Rule* 2.—1843. This Rule was adopted as here given. (D. J. Ayres.)

3. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge request each and every subordinate lodge under its jurisdiction to appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to find out all the orphan children of deceased Masons, within the limits of its jurisdiction, and those that are in indigent circumstances, and send said children to the school in the neighborhood where they live, and pay for the same out of the funds of the lodge, and by subscriptions from members and transient members; and if there can not be means enough raised by such sources, then this Grand Lodge may appropriate such sums as it may deem proper, for such purposes, by petition being made for the same. (*See printed proceedings for* 1844—*page* 30.)

4. *Resolved*, That brother Grand Secretary be authorized, and is hereby directed, to furnish, at the commencement of each Grand Annual Communication, at least fifty copies of the proceedings of each preceding year, for the use and benefit of the members and representatives of said Grand Lodge. (*See printed proceedings for* 1845—*page* 24.)

5. *Resolved*, That the refusal on the part of a lodge to reconsider a vote rejecting an application for membership, precludes any motion for postponement or other action in the premises. (*See printed proceedings for* 1846—*page* 10.)

6. *Resolved*, That any vote, *viva voce*, or other than by ballot, which proposes, either directly or indirectly, to ascertain the sense of the lodge in reference to the admission of a member, is improper, and ought not to be tolerated. (*See printed proceedings for* 1846—*page* 10.)

7. *Resolved*, That the spreading of the ballot again, (the first being found unfair,) on the admission of a member, should not be admitted, unless with a view of correcting mistakes. (*See printed proceedings for* 1846—*page* 10.)

*Comment on Rules* 5, 6, and 7.—1846. These Rules were adopted; the first two at the instance of W. D. Mitchell, the latter, J. B. Houston.

8. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that in all public Masonic processions, when the lines are inverted, the presiding officer should pass through the same uncovered, while the brethren composing the lines should remain covered. (*See printed proceedings for* 1846—*page* 49.)

*Comment on Rule* 8.—1846. This Rule was adopted. (Henry Wingate.)

9. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that it is improper for a member who has been suspended to be reinstated at a called meeting of the lodge, except where said suspension may have been for the non-payment of dues. (*See printed proceedings for* 1848—*page* 32.)

*Comment on Rule* 9.—1848. This Rule was adopted. (J. P. McGlaughlin.)

10. *Resolved*, That the subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in addition to the present lights of Masonry, have permission to use the edition of 1845, of brother P. G. M. Tannehill's book, prepared by order of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. (*See printed proceedings for* 1848—*page* 12.)

11. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend to the Fraternity of Freemasons, the "Craftsman," by brother C. Moore, as a work of much merit, and a very excellent pocket companion, and of great utility in conferring degrees by the lodges. (*See printed proceedings for* 1848—*page* 38.)

12. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will entertain no petition for the remission of dues of any lodge that may have been reported against by the committee on Finance, unless the resolution to refund or remit the same be offered on the same day that the same may be reported upon by the committee. (*See printed proceedings for* 1850—*page* 19.)

13. *Resolved*, That it is competent for subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to initiate at a regular meeting of said subordinate lodges. (*See printed proceedings for* 1850—*page* 45.)

*Comment on Rule* 13.—1850. This Rule was adopted. (Thomas Todd.)

14. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge that the second section of Article 19th, releasing subordinate lodges from the payment of dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are free members thereof, is not intended to apply to such ministers who are not so created by a vote of a majority of such lodges. (*See printed proceedings for* 1850—*page* 46.)

*Comment on Rule* 14.—1850. This Rule was adopted. (Henry Hudson.)

15. *Whereas*, This Grand Lodge, deeply sensible of the boundless blessings of education, and the incalculable amount of good which may be wrought by a fair and judicious expenditure of her surplus proceeds in

this laudable cause; and whereas, this Grand Lodge has already done much, in the way of appropriation, for the male orphanage of the Fraternity, to the entire exclusion of the female; and whereas, the sacred duty of educating, as far as practicable, the dependent and innocent daughter, as well as the more robust son, is one which every true hearted and philanthropic member of the Craft should be ever ready to acknowledge and prompt to discharge. Therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge authorize and direct the committee, who are appointed to invest the surplus funds of the Grand Lodge, to set apart good stocks, to the amount of one thousand dollars per year, as a fund for the education of female orphans of deceased Master Masons, and re-invest the profits thereof, until otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge. (*See printed proceedings for* 1850—*page* 37–8.)

*Comment on Rule* 15.—1850. This Rule was adopted. (W. A. Cunningham.)

16. *Whereas*, Some of the lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, are in the habit of transacting business at a called meeting other than the business for which it was called. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the action of such lodges is not in accordance with the ancient established usages of the Order, and therefore is decidedly unmasonic. (*See printed proceedings for* 1851—*page* 67.)

*Comment on Rule* 16.—1851. This Rule was adopted. (H. T. Wilson.)

17. *Whereas*, This Grand Lodge has heard with regret that some of the subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction have availed themselves of the Sabbath day to confer degrees. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge in future strictly forbids any work being done on that holy day, except in case of that solemn service of burying or paying the last tribute of respect to a deceased brother. (*See printed proceedings for* 1852—*page* 60.)

*Comment on Rule* 17.—1852. This Rule was adopted. (A. G. Rhea.)

18. *Resolved*, That the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges make out their annual returns hereafter up to the first day of September in each year; and that the next meeting of this Grand Lodge be held on the second Monday in October, 1856.

## ADDITIONAL RULES ADOPTED IN 1858.

*Whereas*, It is reported to the Grand Lodge that in the review and corrections of By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, after a Charter granted, it is often the case that a clause is inserted granting an appeal from the Master's decision to the lodge; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the granting an appeal from the decision of the Master of a lodge to the lodge over which he presides is an innovation upon the ancient landmarks, and can not be too severely condemned by this Grand Lodge, and such lodges are hereby directed to strike such Article out of their By-Laws. (John D. Pope.)

*Whereas*, There is a marked difference of opinion and usage among the subordinate lodges of Kentucky, relative to casting the ballot for Entered Apprentice and Fellow Crafts, and

*Whereas*, This difference of usage has long existed in this State, and has become an established fact in the history of the subordinate lodges, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge does not dictate to its subordinates, whether this matter of local usage shall be continued or changed, but that each lodge is at liberty to spread the ballot for initiation in the first degree or in the third at its own discretion; likewise to spread the ballot for Fellow Craft in the second degree or in the third, at its own discretion. (Rob. Morris.)

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THE FOLLOWING FORM OF PROXY CERTIFICATE WAS ADOPTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:

"This is to certify that at a meeting of ——— Lodge, No. —, held at ———, in the County of ———, State of Kentucky, Brother ——— was duly elected to represent this lodge in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at a Grand Communication to be held at ———, commencing on the — day of ———, 18—. Witness my hand and seal of our lodge, this — day of ———, 18—

[SEAL.]

——— ———, SEC'Y."

(A. G. Huffman.)

"*Whereas*, It is frequently the case that lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge have and do resolve themselves into Committees of the Whole upon questions brought before them, therefore,

"*Resolved*, That said action upon the part of said lodges is unmasonic, and will not be tolerated." (Robinson.)

# CATALOGUE

OF THE

# MEMBERSHIP

OF

# THE LODGES IN KENTUCKY.

Arranged Alphabetically, and each Name marked with the proper Lodge.

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