PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF

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NORTH CAROLINA

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RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina
2015
HILLSBOROUGH, NORTH CAROLINA
WEDNESDAY, JULY THE 23RD, A.D. 1788, A.L. 5788

At a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, held at Hillsborough on the 23rd day of July, Era of Masonry 5788.

Present:

The Most Worshipful, His Excellency Samuel Johnston, Esquire, Grand Master
The Right Worshipful, the Honorable Richard Caswell, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master
The Right Worshipful Michael Payne, Esquire, Grand Senior Warden Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful John Mare, Esquire, Grand Junior Warden Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful Abner Neale, Esquire, Grand Treasurer
The Right Worshipful James Glasgow, Esquire, Secretary of the State of North Carolina, Grand Secretary
The Right Worshipful John Johnston, Esquire, Master of Royal Edwin Lodge No. 4, Grand Senior Deacon
Brother Winston Caswell, Jr., Warden of Kinston Lodge No. 3, Grand Junior Deacon
Peter Goodwin, Grand Tyler

Representatives in Attendance
The Right Worshipful { Stephen Cabarrus of Unanimity Lodge, Joseph Leech of St. John’s Lodge No. 2, William Randall of Kinston Lodge No. 3, Frederick Hargett of Kinston Lodge No. 3, Andrew Oliver of Royal Edwin Lodge No. 4, Thomas Hunter of Royal Edwin Lodge No. 4 } Past Masters

On motion, made and seconded, Resolved, that the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Junior Warden, and Grand Secretary be a committee to frame bye laws for the government of this lodge and report the same tomorrow at 5 o’clock, P.M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master laid before the lodge a letter from the Committee of Correspondence—appointed by the Grand Lodge in Virginia—enclosing sundry resolutions and the names of the officers of their lodge; requesting friendly correspondence with this lodge, and, a letter in answer thereto enclosing a list of names of the officers of this lodge.

Resolved, this lodge highly approved thereof and that the thanks of the same be presented to the Grand Master for his attention thereto.

Resolved, that Brother Joseph Leech, Winston Caswell, and the Grand Secretary be a Committee of Correspondence.

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer procure jewelry for the several officers of this lodge, also a seal, square, and compass.

The lodge was then closed until 5 o’clock tomorrow.
HILLSBOROUGH, NORTH CAROLINA
THURSDAY, JULY THE 24TH, A.D. 1788, A.L. 5788
5 O’CLOCK P.M.

Present:

The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master and Brethren, also Brother Charles Johnston, Past Warden from Unanimity Lodge.

The committee appointed to prepare bye laws and rules for the government of this lodge, having prepared the same, reported as follows, to wit:

1. That the Grand Lodge be held on the third Monday in November at such places as the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall appoint.
2. That every member shall annually pay the sum of forty shillings to the General Fund which payment shall commence on the annual lodge day, and any brother hereafter becoming a member shall be subject to the payment of the sum of three pounds on his admission.
3. That every private lodge shall pay into the Treasury of this lodge the sum of ten pounds annually to be applied to charitable and other uses as this lodge shall, from time to time, direct; and shall also annually transmit by the Master and Wardens, or such as may attend, the names of the present members, and of those who may hereafter be admitted into their respective lodges with the times and places of their usual meetings together; also a copy of their bye laws and regulations and such extracts from their journals and proceedings as may be thought necessary.
4. That there shall be paid into the Treasury for every charter or warrant for holding a new lodge the sum of ten pounds; for every charter renewed forty shillings; for each member entered in any lodge the sum of ten shillings; for passing such member five shillings; and for raising such member five shillings—which shall be annually accounted for and sent up by the respective lodges.
5. That the Treasurer shall keep fair and regular accounts of all monies by him received and paid away, and shall at the annual meeting lay the same with his vouchers before the lodge for their inspection and adjustment, and on the Treasurer being superseded in office he shall immediately pay into the hands of his successor the balance which may appear to be due from him to the lodge.
6. That the several private lodges transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge a copy of their charter, that they may be arranged according to their respective number and dates.
7. That the Secretary shall issue summons for the members of the lodge to attend at such times and places as the Grand Master shall appoint.
8. That if any member shall leave the lodge without permission of the Master, he shall pay the sum of five shillings.
9. That these laws be entered in a bound book and signed by every member on his admission who thereafter be entitled to vote.
Signatories of the Grand Lodge Bylaws

Saml Johnston, G.M.

John Conroy expelled
Ed Jones
Robt Williamson dead
A. Ferguson dead
M. Stokes
[Illegible Name] expelled
John M. Binford
Richard Caswell, D.G.M. dead
Mich. Payne, S. G.W. dead
J. Marx, J.G.W. dead
Abner Neale, G. Tr. dead
J. Glasgow, G.S. expelled
John Johnston dead
Joseph Leech dead
H. Hill dead
Thoś Hunter dead
S. W. Arnett dead
Wm Johnston Dawson dead
James Read dead
S. Cabarrus dead
Lumford Long dead
Jas Porterfield dead
Chaś Johnson dead

J. Stokes dead
Jnö Armstrong dead
William R. Davie dead
Rd W. Freear dead
Wm Leigh dead
Kemp Plummer
A [Illegible Name] dead
R. Smith dead
Samuel Murley
W. Avery
Thaddeus Barnes dead
Nathl Alexander dead
H. Potter
Wm Duffy dead
[Illegible Name]
Wm Polk
Wm Boylan
John Louis Taylor dead
Jnö Hall
Ceo L. Davidson
A. Caldwell
Thoś S. Williams

[Over time these names were amended to reflect their membership status or death]
At a Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons held at Fayetteville, the seventeenth day of November A.D. 1788 and A.L. 5788.

Present:

The Most Worshipful, His Excellency Samuel Johnston, Esquire, Grand Master
The Right Worshipful, Major General Richard Caswell, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master
The Right Worshipful Joseph Leech, Grand Senior Warden Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful Charles Johnston, Grand Junior Warden Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful Silas White Arnett, Grand Senior Deacon Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful Good Davis, Grand Junior Deacon Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful The Honorable James Glasgow, Esquire, Secretary of State, Grand Secretary

Representatives in Attendance

The Worshipful Joseph Douglass, Past Master; The Worshipful William Randall, Past Master; The Worshipful Frederick Hargett, Past Master; The Worshipful John Armstrong, Master of Old Cone Lodge; The Worshipful Stephen Cabarrus, Junior Warden of Unanimity Lodge

The lodge being opened in due form, Brother Charles Johnston of Unanimity Lodge and Brother S.W. Arnett, Past Masters, on application subscribed to the laws and regulations of the lodge and were admitted members thereof.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master informed the Most Worshipful Grand Master that Stephen Cabarrus and William Johnston Dawson of Unanimity Lodge at Edenton, Brothers James Porterfield and John Winslow of Union Lodge at Fayetteville, and Brother John Armstrong of Old Cone Lodge at Salisbury were desirous of passing the Chair and moved that he would be pleased to order a lodge to be held for that purpose, which he was pleased to order accordingly.

The lodge was then closed for one hour.

Seven o’clock P.M. cad. die.

The Lodge was opened in due form. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master informed the Most Worshipful Grand Master that Brothers Cabarrus, Dawson, Porterfield, Winslow, and Armstrong had severally passed the Chair, in a lodge which he was pleased to order to be held for that purpose.

Whereupon the said Stephen Cabarrus, William Johnston Dawson, James Porterfield, John Winslow, and John Armstrong were introduced, and on application, signed the laws and regulations of the lodge, and were admitted members thereof.

Brother Goodrum Davis, Past Warden and Master of Royal White Hard Lodge at Halifax, on applying and subscribing to the laws and regulations, was also admitted a member.

Read the petition of Benjamin Douglass and others in Caswell County praying for a warrant to hold a lodge in the said county, also, the petition of James Witherow and others in Rutherford County praying for a warrant to hold a lodge in the said county.
Ordered that Brothers Arnett, Porterfield, and Davis be a committee to examine such of the petitioners as are in town and report accordingly.

On motion, Resolved, that the Brothers Porterfield and Winslow have a dinner provided for the members of this lodge, and invite the several brethren in town thereto.

On motion, the nomination of Grand Officers for the ensuing year then come on, when the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master requested the Most Worshipful Grand Master to honor the lodge with his continuance in the office this ensuing year, which he declined. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then nominated the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master to the Chair. Brothers John Johnston and Good Davis were nominated Deputy Grand Master. Brother Arnett was nominated Grand Senior Warden. Brothers Abner Neale was nominated Grand Treasurer. Brothers James Glasgow and William Johnston Dawson were nominated Grand Secretary.

On motion, ordered that the balloting for the Grand Officers be at five o’clock tomorrow.

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER THE 18TH, A.D. 1788, A.L. 5788

The Grand Lodge was then opened in due form. Present as before.
Brothers Arnett and Porterfield, the committee appointed to examine Benjamin Douglass and the members from Caswell County, report that he is a Master Mason and that he avouches for the subscribing persons. They further report that they have examined James Withrow who had petitioned among others to hold a lodge in the County of Rutherford, that he is a Master Mason and avouches for the subscribing persons.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master laid before the lodge the petition of the brethren in Fayetteville praying for a renewal of their charter for holding a lodge in said town under the name of Phoenix Lodge of Fayetteville, and to appoint James Porterfield, Master; John Winslow, Senior Warden; and Thomas Davis, Junior Warden, which was granted accordingly.

The lodge according to order proceeded to ballot for the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when the Right Worshipful Richard Caswell was elected Grand Master. The Right Worshipful Michael Payne was elected Deputty Grand Master. The Right Worshipful James Glasgow was elected Grand Senior Warden. The Right Worshipful Silas White Arnett was elected Grand Junior Warden. The Right Worshipful Stephen Cabarrus was elected Grand Treasurer. The Right Worshipful William Johnston Dawson was elected Grand Secretary.

The lodge was then closed in due form until 1/2 past eight o’clock tomorrow morning.

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER THE 19TH, A.D. 1788, A.L. 5788

The lodge opened due form.

On application of Alexander Martin and John Libby, Esquires, who are Fellow Crafts, praying to be admitted to the most honorable Degree of Master Mason. Ordered that a lodge be held for that purpose on Friday evening.
The lodge then proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers when the Most Worshipful Richard Caswell was installed as Grand Master and placed in the Chair. The Right Worshipful Michael Payne, Esquire, was installed as Deputy Grand Master. The Right Worshipful James Glasgow, Esquire, was installed as Grand Senior Warden. The Right Worshipful Silas White Arnett, Esquire was installed as Grand Junior Warden. The Right Worshipful Stephen Cabarrus, Esquire, was installed as Grand Treasurer. The Right Worshipful William Johnston Dawson was installed as Grand Secretary. All according to the Ancient and Honorable Institution.

The lodge was closed till 2 o’clock P.M.

Two o’clock ead. die. The lodge opened in due form.

Brother Cabarrus informed the Most Worshipful Grand Master that a dinner was prepared at Mr. Barges Tavern agreeably to order, and moved (seconded by Brother Arnett) that a number of visiting brethren who were attending for that purpose should be invited to join the procession; when Brothers Joseph Douglass, Henry Montfort, Duncan McAuslan, James Robertson, Peter Perry, Alexander Dromegoole, James Witherow, Ambrose Ramsey, John Kingsborough, William Porter, Guilford Dudley, A. Flodge, Thomas Davis, William Randall, Frederick Hargett, Isaac Gregory, Alexander Martin, William Coudy, Curtis Ivey, Edward Jones, John Libby, and John Macon were accordingly introduced and joined the procession which moved on to Mr. Barges Tavern where the evening was spent with the greatest harmony, festivity, and decorum; after which the brethren returned in the same order to the lodge room and respectfully retired.

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER THE 20TH, A.D. 1788, A.L. 5788

The lodge was opened in due form.

On application, Brother John Macon subscribed to the laws and became a member of this lodge.

Read a petition of Jordan Hill and Nicholas Murphey, praying to be initiated into the Secrets of Free Masonry, whereupon it was unanimously agreed that they be recommended to the Phoenix Lodge of Fayetteville.

On motion of Brother Johnson, seconded by Brother Arnett; Resolved, that the Secretary be directed to write to the several brethren who are Royal Arch Masons, inviting them to attend the Grand Lodge to be held at Tarborough on the 24th day of June next, for the purpose of receiving such members as may be desirous of being promoted to that Degree if they think it proper to receive them. That he also write the several lodges, requiring a deputation of one or more officers to their respective lodges to attend at the same time.

And, that he transmit copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge to each of the lodges in the state as far as they may relate to their private government and to request that they will comply with the same.

Brother Johnston moved, seconded by Brother Macon, that Brother Cabarrus, our present Treasurer, be requested to write our preceding Treasurer for the statement of his account with the Grand Lodge, and to be informed whether he has provided the jewels to the lodge as required by the resolution.
passed by them at Hillsborough, which if he has failed to do, Brother Cabarrus is requested to procure said jewels, which was agreed to.

Brother Cabarrus moved, seconded by Brother Macon, that Brothers Charles Johnston, Samuel Johnston, and Michael Payne be a committee to superintend the engraving of a seal for this lodge. Agreed to.

Brother John Armstrong presented a petition from sundry brethren in and near Salisbury, praying a warrant to hold a lodge at that place by the name of “Old Cone,” which was granted, and the Worshipful Brother James Craig appointed Master; Alexander Dobbins, Senior Warden; and John Armstrong, Junior Warden.

Brother Arnett moved, seconded by Brother Cabarrus, that the Treasurer be directed to pay unto Brother Peter Goodwin and William Murphey the sum of forty shillings each for their services to the lodge—unanimously agreed to.

On motion of Brother Johnston, seconded by Brother Leech; Resolved, that each member of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to a certificate thereof which shall entitle him to admission into any lodge within the state, and to all the rights and privileges which the members of such lodges respectively possess, and that this resolution be added to the Regulations made at Hillsborough, and transmitted with them, agreeably to the Order for that purpose.

The lodge was closed in due form until the twenty fourth day of June next.

W.J. Dawson, Grand Secretary

NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER THE 28TH, A.D. 1788, A.L. 5788

At a Grand Lodge held at Newbern on the 28th day of December, A.L. 5788.

Present:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Caswell
The Right Worshipful S.W. Arnett, Deputy Grand Master Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful Joseph Leech, Junior Grand Warden Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful John Craddock, Grand Treasurer Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful Benjamin Manchester, Grand Secretary Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful Edward Pasteur, Grand Senior Deacon
The Right Worshipful William Johnston, Grand Senior Deacon

Representatives and Visitors Present

The Right Worshipful F. Stringer, Royal Arch Mason; The Right Worshipful B. Clinch, Royal Arch Mason; The Right Worshipful James Ellis, Royal Arch Mason; The Right Worshipful C. Guion, Past Master; Right Worshipful James Carney Taylor

The lodge was opened in due form.

The rules and regulations proposed for the government of this lodge were read and confirmed.
A petition from Brothers Hunter, Bryan, Conroy, Travers, Davis, and Moore for granting them a charter to hold a lodge at Williamston in the County of Martin, by the name of St. Tammany Lodge, was read and agreed to.

Ordered, that the Grand Secretary grant a dispensation for holding the said lodge until next June, by which time a charter can be made out.

Brothers Guion, Stringer, Clinch, and James Ellis requested their names to be enrolled on the book of this lodge which was agreed to.

The lodge was then closed till tomorrow at 5 o’clock P.M.

NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA
MONDAY, DECEMBER THE 29TH, A.D. 1788, A.L. 5788

Present:

The Right Worshipful Silas White Arnett, Grand Master Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful Isaac Guion, Senior Grand Warden Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful B. Clinch, Junior Grand Warden Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful John Craddock, Grand Treasurer Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful B. Manchester, Grand Secretary Pro Tempore
The Right Worshipful F. Stringer, Grand Junior Deacon
The Right Worshipful James Ellis, Grand Tyler

Visitors Present
J.F. Smith, visitor and Past Master and T. Thompson, visitor and Past Master

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last night were read and confirmed.

Brothers Smith and Thompson being proposed and accepted and members of this lodge subscribed their names to the rules of the same, as also the brethren admitted last evening. No further business coming before this lodge, it was closed till the second Wednesday in March.