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OF
THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
AT ITS
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,
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MASONIC HALL, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,
ON TUESDAY, FEB. 11, A. D., 1862.
AND THE YEAR OF THE ORDER 2896.

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The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana, convened on Tuesday, the 11th day of February, 1862, at 12 o'clock, m., in the Grand Lodge Hall, city of New Orleans, the following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

A. S. WASHBURN . Grand High Priest
HENRY REGENBURG . Grand King.
HY. R. SWASEY . Grand Treasurer.
SAMUEL M. TODD . Grand Secretary.
OLIVER J. NOYES. Grand Captain of the Host.
SAMUEL L. ISETT . Grand Principal Sojourner.
JAMES B. SCOT.. Grand Royal Arch Captain.
COTTON HENRY . Grand Master of First Veil.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

SHAKSPEARE ALLEN . . . . . . Past E. Grand Scribe.
The Most Excellent Grand Chapter was opened in ample and solemn form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Comps. C. P. Crane, John D. Catlin, and A. J. Norwood a Committee on Credentials, who, after a few moments' recess, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Companions as entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

**ORLEANS.** No. 1—James B. Scot, H. P  
H. Hamburger, K.  
D. F. Mitchell, S.

**CONCORDE.** No. 2—F. W Delesdernier, H. P  
B. F Reinhart, K.  
Rufus L. Bruce, S.

**CLINTON.** No. 4—G. W Munday, H. P  
James B. Smith, A. J. Norwood, K.  
T. W. Robins, S.  
[proxy].

**WASHINGTON.** No. 5—Samuel L. Isett, H. P  
W. D. Mason, K.  
I. N Collins, S.

**D. F REEDER.** No. 9—H. Regenburg, H. P  
John L. Barrett, K.

**CYRUS.** No. 12—Homer H. Smith, H. P  
Shakspeare Allen, K.  
A. Jones, S.

**DELTA.** No. 15—Oliver J. Noyes, H. P  
N. BENEDICKT, K.  
SAMUEL HARBY, S.
A roll of Chapters was then called, and the following were represented: Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 12, 15, and 16.—Total 8 Chapters.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then announced the following

**Standing Committees:**

**On Appeals and Grievances.**

HENRY R. SWASEY......of Delta Chapter, No. 15.
H. HAMBURGER......of Orleans Chapter, No. 1.
JAMES B. SMITH.....of Clinton Chapter, No. 4.

**On Subordinate Chapters.**

J. Q. A. FELLOWS......of Orleans Chapter, No. 1.
HY. REGENBURG.......of D. F. Reeder Chapter, No. 9.
SAMUEL L. ISETT.....of Washington Chapter, No. 5.

**On Finance.**

O. J. NOYES.....of Delta Chapter, No. 15.
R. L. BRUCE.......of Concorde Chapter, No. 2.
JAMES B. SCOT......of Orleans Chapter, No. 1.
The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then delivered the following address:

Companions—By permission of a kind Providence we are again met within these walls in Grand Convocation, for the purpose of reviewing the progress, and deliberating upon the interests of our beloved Order.

Although we have abundant cause for pouring out our souls in gratitude to God “for all his benefits,” especially for health and plenty, yet are our hearts saddened as we miss some of the familiar faces which we have been accustomed to greet at our former reunions. Our much revered Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Thomas H. Lewis, whose virtues, talents and zeal have so long and so successfully been exerted in the cause of Masonry, is no more. No more shall we hail that honest, earnest, Spartan face in our midst. No less do we miss another Giblemite, who wrought faithfully and earnestly in our temple—our excellent Grand Secretary, Companion Samuel G. Risk has fallen a victim to disease contracted in the defence of our country. The faithful and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of his office, the courtesy and kindness which characterized all his official intercourse with his brethren, will long endear his memory to our hearts.

I deem it proper that this Grand Chapter pay suitable tribute of respect to their memory, by ordering the appointment of a Committee to prepare appropriate resolutions.

An eventful year has transpired since last we were assembled in these halls. Then all was peace and prosperity. Although the mutterings of the approaching storm might have been heard in the distance, yet we fondly hoped the cloud would dissolve or waste itself ere it reached us: but vain were our hopes. The calamities of a civil strife have fallen upon us: a wicked and inhuman war has been waged against us by those who were late our brethren, marked with an atrocity and vindictiveness which we had hitherto believed belonged only to a past and barbarous age. With the events of this war you are all familiar, and it is not my design, nor is it proper here to recapitulate them, although we have great cause to be thankful to the God of battles for the degree of success he has hitherto vouchsafed to our arms.
The rupture of our late Political Union has, of necessity, dissolved our connection with the "General Grand Chapter of the United States," if it has not entirely dissolved that body. It is proper, therefore, that such changes in our Constitution and By-Laws should be made as will adapt them to our altered circumstances. I, therefore, call the attention of this Grand Chapter to this matter, not doubting that they will take the proper steps.

No case of appeal has been made to this Grand Chapter from any of the constituent Chapters during the past year; and I have only to reiterate the sentiment of my predecessors, congratulating ourselves on the harmonious workings of the Order since the founding of this Grand Chapter.

Trusting that our deliberations may be conducted in our usual harmonious manner, while we have in view the true interests of Masonry, may we never be unmindful of our dependence on our Supreme Grand High Priest above, without whose favor and assistance all our efforts are in vain.

On motion of Past Grand High Priest J Q. A. Fellows, the address was ordered to be spread on the minutes, and that portion relative to the death of Past Grand High Priest, Thomas H. Lewis, and Companion Samuel G. Risk, referred to a special committee of three. The Grand High Priest appointed Companions J Q. A. Fellows, J H. Holland, and A. J Norwood, on said Committee.

The Grand Treasurer then submitted the following report, which was read, and, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana:

Companions: In compliance with his duty, your Treasurer presents herewith the usual statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Chapter of the past Masonic year, together with account current and vouchers for his disbursements.
H. R. SWASEY, Treasurer, in account

with the Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana.

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Balance in Treasury.......................................................... $493 95

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. SWASEY,

Grand Treasurer.

NEW ORLEANS, February 11th, 1862.
1862.]

GRAND CHAPTER.

The Grand Secretary then read his Annual Report, as follows:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana:

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS: Having been suddenly called upon yesterday to undertake the duties of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, I have had no time to examine minutely into the condition of the various Chapters in this jurisdiction, or to search through the archives for matters appertaining to this Convocation.

The following Chapters have made their returns and paid their dues for the year 1861:

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<td>Washington</td>
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<td>D. F Reeder</td>
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The following Chapters have neither made returns nor paid dues, up to this date:

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<td>De Soto</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>Springfield</td>
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Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL M. TODD, Grand Secretary.

On motion the above report was received and referred to the Committee on Chartered Chapters.

The following account current of the late Grand Secretary was read, and referred to the Finance Committee:
SAMUEL G. RISK, Grand Secretary,
in account with the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

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<td>To dues of Clinton Chapter, No. 4, for 1860</td>
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<td>Concorde, 3, 1859</td>
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<td>Polar Star, 21, 1860</td>
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<td>Tyre, 8, 1860</td>
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<td>De Soto, 14, 1860</td>
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Total: $862.00

February 13 | By freight on box of books | $1.00
March | By postage | $6.00
| By Salary for year 1861 | $250.00
June 5 | By Cash paid Grand Treasurer | $100.00
| | | $505.00

Total: $862.00

E. & G. E.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported verbally that they had received the Proceedings of but three or four Grand Chapters, which contained nothing of importance; and that the report had not been written out on account of the absence of the Chairman, Companion Batchelor. On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of Past Grand High Priest, J. Q. A. Fellows, that portion of the Grand High Priest's address, relative to political changes, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Companions S. M. Todd, J. Q. A. Fellows, and J. H. Holland.
On motion, the M. E. Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, which resulted in the choice, by ballot, of the following Companions:

Samuel L. Isett, of Washington, No. 5. Grand King.
C. P. Crane, of Concorde, No. 2. Grand Scribe.
J. Q. A. Fellows, of Orleans, No. 1 Grand Treasurer.
Samuel M. Todd, of Orleans, No. 1 Grand Secretary
Rev. James B. Smith, of Clinton, No. 4. Grand Captain of the Host.

On motion, the Grand Council elect were requested and empowered to appoint the remaining officers of the Grand Chapter, and after consultation the following appointments were made:

John D. Catlin, of Tyre, No. 8 Grand Royal Arch Captain.
F W Delesdernier, of Concorde No. 2. Grand Master of Third Veil.

On motion of M. E. Companion Fellows, the Installation of Officers was ordered to take place at 12 o’clock to-morrow.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter was then called off until to-morrow, at 12 o’clock, m.

Attest:

Samuel M. Todd,
Grand Secretary.
GRAND LODGE MASONIC HALL, 
NEW ORLEANS, Wednesday, Feb. 12th, 1862.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter was called to labor, in ample form, at 12 o'clock, m., the following:

OFFICERS PRESENT:
A. S. WASHBURN. . . . . . M. E. Grand High Priest.
J. Q. A. FELLOWS.. . . . E. Grand King.
A. J. NORWOOD. . . . . . E. Grand Scribe.
HENRY R. SWASEY.. . . E. Grand Treasurer.
SAMUEL M. TODD.. . . . E. Grand Secretary.
SHAKESPEARE ALLEN . E. Grand Captain of the Host.
SAMUEL L. ISETT.. . . . E. Grand Principal Sojourner.
H. HAMberger... . . . E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.
NELSON KEYES. . . . . . . E. Grand Master of Third Veil.
C. P. CRANE.. . . . . . . E. Grand Master of Second Veil.
JAMES B. SMITH. . . . . . E. Grand Master of First Veil.
COTTON HENRY. . . . . . . E. Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:
ABEL J. NORWOOD.. . . Past M. E. Grand High Priest.
SHAKESPEARE ALLEN.. . . Past E. Grand Scribe.

The following Chapters were duly represented: Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 12, and 15.

The minutes of the session of yesterday, February 11th, 1862, were then read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:
To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following Companions entitled to seats as Representatives and Delegates:

SPRINGHILL. ...No. 25—S. L. Robinson, H. P. J. P. Everitt, K. J. Newton, S. J. B. Cook, proxy for all.

D. F. REEDER. ...No. 9—David Arent, proxy for H. P

C. P. CRANE, M. D. JOS. P. HORNER, Committee.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana:

Since my last report, I have received the returns of Springhill Chapter, No. 25; not having done any work during the last year this Chapter is not liable for any dues.

SAM'L M. TODD, Grand Secretary.

February 12, 1862.

The Committee on Chapters read the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters, and Chapters under Dispensation, have had the business pertaining to their Committee under consideration, and submit the following report:

They find the report of the Grand Secretary relative to the returns of Chapters and the payment of dues correct.

One Chapter, Mount Lebanon, No. 22, has failed to make returns and pay dues for the last two years, and her charter is therefore subject to forfeiture, we therefore submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the charter of Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 22, be declared
forfeited, and that the Grand High Priest take proper steps to take possession of funds, furniture, jewels, books and other property of the Chapter.

J. Q. A. FELLOWS, SAML L. ISETT, Committee.

The Finance Committee presented a report, which, after amendment, was adopted as follows:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, with the vouchers accompanying their accounts, and finding them correct have cancelled the vouchers.

There is a balance in the Treasury (Feb. 11) of four hundred and ninety-three dollars and ninety-five cents ($493.95).

Your Committee further report the following amounts due to the Grand Officers and members of this Grand Chapter, for attendance and mileage at this Grand Convocation:

A. S. Washburn, M. E. G. H. P. 2 days attendance, 530 miles ... $57 00
H. Regenburg, E. G. K 2 miles ....... 57 50
Orleans Chapter, No. 1 2 miles ....... 4 00
Concorde No. 2 2 miles ....... 4 00
Clinton No. 4 185 miles ... 22 50
Washington No. 5 130 miles ... 17 00
Cyrus No. 12 130 miles ... 17 00

$179 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. BRUCE, J. B. SCOT, Committee.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address on the State of the Order, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the address
of the M. E. Grand High Priest, relative to certain changes in the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Chapter, report, that having had the same under consideration they do not deem it necessary, in the present state of affairs, to propose any definite changes, but would say that our whole code of laws needs revision; and the occurrences of the coming Masonic year may require other changes not now thought of; they therefore recommend the appointment of a committee to revise our entire Constitution and By-Laws, and such edicts and resolutions as are in force, and report to the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation.

J. Q. A. FELLOWS, J Committee.
SAMUEL M. TODD, J Committee.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported verbally that no case had been presented for their action. On motion, the report was adopted.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred that part of the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, relating to the death of Past Grand High Priest THOMAS HARDEMAN LEWIS, and Companion SAMUEL GIBSON RISK, presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee, on that portion of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, wherein he mentions the death of Past Grand High Priest THOMAS H. LEWIS, and of our Grand Secretary, SAMUEL G. RISK, respectfully submit the following:

In the death of M. E. Companion THOMAS H. LEWIS we lose one, beloved, respected and honored by the whole Grand Chapter. Made a R. A. Mason in Orleans Chapter, No. 1, then Holland Chapter, No. 9, in 1836, he was, at the next election, its Scribe, and for many subsequent years its King under Companion Cotton Henry as High Priest, and then its presiding officer. On the occasion of its difficulties with the old Grand Chapter of Louisiana—long since happily settled, mainly through his influence—he took an active part, and finally succeeded, in having his Chapter, then Holland, No. 1, recog-
nized, and thus made the starting point of this Grand Chapter. He was chiefly instrumental in the formation of the Grand Chapter; was its first Grand High Priest, which office he held for many successive years, and we may say brought it to its present proud position. Among the other Masonic positions which the craft have called him to, in their confidence in him, are those of Dep. Grand Master of the Louisiana Grand Lodge, and Gen. Grand Scribe of the Gen. Grand Chapter. His duties were many and various, but no one ever yet complained of his inefficiency or unwillingness to perform any and every duty incumbent upon him. His place we cannot fill, and our loss is irreparable.

Chief among the assistants of our M. E. Comp. Lewis in all his labors, and fully as efficient in his department, and among the first in rank in usefulness, was our past Grand Secretary, Samuel G. Risk; we shall miss him more as he for late years was more active than his elder Companion, who preceded him but a few short months. The always ready, prompt, clear and decisive Grand Secretary we shall miss; the generous, open-hearted friend and brother, with a sympathetic hand and heart, who can ever forget? With all his eccentricities we shall remember him only to love him the more.

As a proper testimonial of respect to the memory of our deceased companions, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in token of respect the jewels of this Grand Chapter be draped in mourning and that a page of our Records be devoted to the memory of each of our Companions—Thomas H. Lewis and Samuel G. Risk.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be furnished the families of the deceased, under the seal of the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. A. FELLOWS, A. J. NORWOOD, Committee.

On motion, the Dispensation to Darden Chapter was extended another year, and power granted to the Companions, to whom it was issued, to add the names of other Companions in good standing, with the approval of the Grand High Priest.
M. E. Past Grand High Priest A. S. Washburn, assisted by E. Past Grand Scribe Shakespeare Allen, then proceeded to, and did install, in ample form, the following Grand Officers, elected to serve during the ensuing Masonic year:

Henry R. Swasey, as Grand High Priest.


Samuel L. Isett, as Grand King.

C. P. Crane, as Grand Scribe.

J. Q. A. Fellows, as Grand Treasurer.

Samuel M. Todd, as Grand Secretary.

Rev. C. S. Hedges, D. D., as Grand Chaplain.

James B. Smith, as Grand Captain of the Host.

Anthony Jones, as Grand Principal Sojourner.

John D. Catlin, as Grand Royal Arch Captain.

F W Delesdernier, as Grand Master of the Third Veil.

James B. Scot, as Grand Master of the Second Veil.

Hy. Hamburger, as Grand Master of the First Veil.

Cotton Henry, as Grand Guard.

On motion of Past Grand High Priest A. S. Washburn, the sum of fifteen dollars was appropriated to the Rev. C. S. Hedges, Grand Chaplain, and ten dollars to Companion Cotton Henry, Grand Guard.

On motion, 500 copies of the Proceedings were ordered to be printed, under the direction of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

The M. E. Grand High Priest H. R. Swasey, then announced the following Companions, as Committees:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

J. Q. A. Fellows, of Orleans Chapter, No. 1... New Orleans.

Samuel L. Isett, of Washington Chapter, No. 5... Baton Rouge.

James B. Scot, of Orleans Chapter, No. 1... New Orleans.
On Revision of Constitution, By-Laws and Edicts of the Grand Chapter.

Past G. H. Priest. .. J Q. A. Fellows.
P G. II. Priest. .. Abel J. Norwood.
P G. King .. Samuel M. Todd.

There being no further business before the M. E. Grand Chapter, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, it was closed in ample form, until our next Annual Convocation, to be held in the Grand Lodge, Masonic Hall, in the city of New Orleans, on Tuesday, the 10th day of February, A. D., 1863, A. O., 2397

H. R. Swasey,
Grand High Priest.

Hy Regenburg,
D'y Grand High Priest.

Sam'l L. Isett,
Grand King.

C. P. Crane,
Grand Scribe.

Attest:

Samuel M. Todd, Grand Secretary.
In Memory of

PAST M E GRAND HIGH PRIEST

THOMAS HARDEMAN LEWIS,

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

On 23d March, 1861,

AT HIS RESIDENCE,

OPELOUSAS, ST LANDRY PARISH,

LOUISIANA
In Memory of

COMP. SAMUEL GIBSON RISK,

LATE GRAND RECORDER OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

AND

GRAND RECORDER OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

DECEMBER 21th, 1861

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.
ANNUAL RETURNS
OF
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,
FOR THE YEAR 1861.

ORLEANS CHAPTER, NO. 1.

OFFICERS.

Hy Hamburger . . . . E. K. " Jos. P. Hornor, Secretary.
D. F. Mitchell. . . . . E. S. " W. M. Abernathy, G. M. 3d V.
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" C. Wild . . . . P. S. " Jos. Pearce, G. M. 1st V.
" P. R. Middlemiss R. A. C. " C. Henry, Guard.

MEMBERS.

Ball, D. S. . . . . . P. H. P. Baynham, W. Carlston, J. S.
Clapp, C. B. " Bishop, S. L. Cornell, G. P.
Edwards, H " Barlow, H. M. Clark, Moses.
Fellows, J. Q. A. " Byington, F. Cresap, H. B.
Henry, Cotton " Buboup, J. W. Chamberlain, J.
Holland, J. H. " Burr, G. B. Dodd, J. W.
Reynolds, L. E. " Bell, W. R. Dolbear, R.
Scruggs, D. E. " Beebe, H. Dossen, M. H.
Todd, S. M. " Bragg, T. F. Daniel, J. J.
Coleman, W. P. " Beard, C. Darden, R. G.
Alford, A. F. " Beers, jr, J. S. DaSilva, B.
Burroughs, J. H. " Boyen, M. Dunlap, J. G.
Buckley, H. P. " Carter, J. H. Doane, H.
Boswell, T. C. " Crenshaw, H. M. Driver, W. C.
Barrett, G. W. " Churchill, S. B. Danese, W.
Bein, Richard " Collins, J. K. DeChoiseul, C.
Bayly, G. M. " Colton, D. E. Dunn, J. B.
Brown, A. C. " Clarke, J. D. DeSeamus, J. F.
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*Degrees Conferred*—Marked, 10; Passed, 9; Received, 7; Exalted, 6—Total, 32.

*Admitted*—W G. Bradford; S. J. Seymour.

*Demitted*, W Bogel; S. Gensler; D. Harrison; G. Kursheedt.

*Suspended*—B. C. Howard.


The Regular Communications are held at G. L. Masonic Hall, on every Monday in each month.
CONCORDE CHAPTER, No. 2.

OFFICERS.

Rufus L. Bruce . E. S. " E. Adler G. M. 3d V
Comp. S. F Pennington .C. H. " A. Woods .G. M. 2d V
" Samuel Myers .P S. " John Burns .G. M. 1st V
Comp. Cotton Henry .Guard.

MEMBERS.

Nicomede, F L. P. H. P Gilman, S H Xessin, P C
Knapp, F H " Hebert, Victor Nichols, John
Watts, J T " Hillman, A Nye, A
Crane, C P " Harvey, J H Ochiglevich, J
Pennington, S F " Hackney, N J Porter, T K
Archer, T A Hatch, F H Prague, J B
Aubert, L C Hendricks, J T Rainey, H H
Bothick, T W Ribben, Jas Richmond, E D
Bidwell, D Hilldretth, J A Rogers, C J
Burden, Thos Hunkold, F J Roquest, E H
Cathi, C Kavanaugh, P Rodriguez, B
Cripps, Thos Lampton, Wm Rutherford, G V
Christie, John Lee, W D Semmons, J H
De la Cruz, R Long, D A Schooler, J A
De Grivalja, C Loewenstein, J M Schonfeldt, S
Dodge, L W Maes, C H Sinclair, John
Dodge, L J Magner, Jos Sloan, G W
Donnella, O J Mahoney, J M Spearling, E F
Donoghue, W H McLaughlin, J Stafford, J E
Dostie, A P McLean, J O Taylor, L J
Drinkwater, J W McCulloch, Wm Tucker, J G
Durand, N Maybin, Wm Van Shooten, J
Ewing, Wm Meilleur, S Weber, Wm
Fendler, E Menzies, Jas Whann, Wm Jr
Farnsworth, H J Merrill, H A White, C W
Graham, Geo Miles, Geo Winslow, M

Degrees Conferred—Marked 17; Passed, 15; Received, 11; Exalted, 6—Total, 49.

Admitted—T. A. Archer; Victor Hebert.

Demitted—A. B. Bacon; A. Schreiber; J H. Henningsen.

Suspected—J. J. Ungerer; J. A. Soelner; Chas. Beebe; Chas. H. Chase; Jules Durive; J. S. Watson.

Died—J. U. Green; S. Reynolds; H. Mayer; W Nicol; Charles Goetz.

The Regular Communications are held at G. L. Masonic Hall, New Orleans, every Saturday in each month.
RETURNS OF

PERSEVERANCE CHAPTER, No. 3.

OFFICERS.

C. Calongne. E. K. F. Meilleur. Secretary.
J. Brisolora... E. S. J. M. Claverie. G. M. 3d V.
" H. Pedarré. P. S. " F. Ricau.. G. M. 1st V

MEMBERS.

Calongne, M A r. h. r. Bois, O Marion, J
Meilleur, F " Claverie, M Miathe, M
Augustin, D Copping, Tolver St. Martin, L
Barthe, C Letourneur, P A Total—21.

Degrees Conferred—Marked, 2; Passed, 2; Received, 2; Exalted, 2—Total, 8.

Died—Thomas Bell.

The Regular Communications are held at Perseverance Lodge, city of New Orleans, on the first Monday in each month, and on the first of December.

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CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 4.

OFFICERS.

T W Robbins . E. S. " H. McGuffy G. M. 3d V
" W. M. Jordan . . P. S. " J. A. Norwood G.M.1st V
## MEMBERS.

| Smith, J B p, h, p | Fauver, W N | Nauman, L |
| Wall, Isaac “ | Fiesler, A T | Neville, H M |
| Munday, G W “ | Flowers, E A | Perkins, L G |
| Adams, J J | Godfrey, G R | Palmer, R P |
| Barnes, C W | Graves, H S | Pembie R J |
| Brown, B M G | Harvey, F R | Ross, E |
| Bloom, L | Haynes, B | Richardson, Wm. |
| Caldwell, John | Hawford, H | Reily, J C |
| Chapman, L G | Hardee, D C | Ramsey, Jas. A |
| Chapman, P C | Hunt, J M | Smith, W Cary |
| Cattlet, G W | Kibbinger, E C | Smith, Isaac B |
| Carter, A G | Kilbourn, J G | Shelton, J R |
| Ceefert, C T | Montgomery, G R | Sheridan, James |
| Dickson, M A | McMillan, D C | Smith, J J |
| Doughty, B | Meyers, J H | Troth, R W |
| Delee, C P | McCartney, J | Wood, John W |
| Embree, Joseph | Norwood, Eli S | Walker, W E |
| East, T L | Newsom, J W | Young, Wm |
| Freeman, Z | Nettles, J D | Young, H c |
| Flenacher, J | Neason, James | Total—71 |

**Degrees Conferred**—Marked, 4; Passed, 4; Received, 1; Exalted, 4—Total, 16.

**Demitted**—John Wood; S. W. Riley


The Regular Communications are held at Clinton, on the first Wednesday in each month, and on the 24th June and 27th December

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### WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 5.

#### OFFICERS.

| W. D. Mann. | E. K. | Aud. Bradford | Secretary |
| L. N. Collins. | E. S. | P. Bauer. | G. M. 3d Y |
| Comp. S. M. Asher. | C. H. | H. R. Monteith | G. M. 2d Y |
| “ Wm. Hubbs. | P. S. | A. Roger | G. M. 1st Y |
| “ J. D. Stuart. | R. A. C. | W. G. Reeder | Guard. |
RETURNS OF

MEMBERS.

Herron, A S  p. h. p.  Knox, J C
Day, R H "  Linfield, Rev
Isett, Sam'l L "  Little, P
Pike, W S "  LaNour, J C
Abramson, H "  LaNour, Eug
Beherns, Geo F "  McKenna, P E
Bogle, Wm "  McHatton, C G
Brunet, E R "  McHatton, J A
Cain, D P "  McCormick, J
Dunn, A M "  McGinsey, J W P
Elam, J E "  McHugh, D
Freeman, J J "  Newport, R W Y
Hereford, F M "  Patrick, Wm
Johnston, J H "  Penny, D H

Reeder, W G
Rosenfeld, L
Richardson, Wm
Stafford, J C
Sale, H E
Shippers, A
Sharpe, W J
Testard, J E
Vaughan, T P
Washington, J G
Whitney, J S
Young, R T
Young, J N

Total—51.

Degrees Conferred—Marked, 6; Passed, 6; Received, 6; Exalted, 5—Total, 23.

Admitted—Wm. Boyle; J. N. Young; Rev Linfield; D. H. Penny.

Demitted—T. Goldman.

Died—S. F. Blanchard.

The Regular Communications are held at Baton Rouge, La., on the first Monday in each month.

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TYRE CHAPTER, No. 8.

[No Returns.]

The Regular Communications are held at Lake Providence, La., on the fourth Saturday in each month.

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D. F. REEDER CHAPTER, No. 9.

OFFICERS.

John L. Barrett..  E. K. "  Wm. C. Smith. Secretary
"  Wm. C. Carr  .P. S. "  Wm. L. Spears. G. M. 2d V
"  E. B. Belberry  R. A. C. "  Allen Carr  G. M. 1st V
"  David Arent.  Guard.
MEMBERS.

Bird, V J  
Calloway, L C  
Green, John E  
McFarland, M  
Morrison, D C  
Total—16.

Degrees Conferred—Marked, 1; Passed, 1—Total, 2.

Demitted—Jas. C. L. Nyegaard.

Died—E. B. Windes.

The Regular Communications are held at Farmersville, Union Parish, Louisiana, on the second Saturday in each month, and on the 24th of June and 27th of December.

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER, No. 10.

[No Returns.]

The Regular Communications are held at Shreveport, on the second and fourth Mondays in each month, and on the 24th June and 27th December.

BAYOU SARA, CHAPTER No. 11.

[No Returns.]

The Regular Communications are held at St. Francisville, on the fourth Saturday in each month.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 12.

OFFICERS.

Homer H. Smith  
S. Allen  
A. Jones  
Comp. L. R. Curtis  
"  A. Pumphrey  
"  H. C. Wilson  
M. E. H. P  
. E. K.  
. E. S.  
. C. H.  
. P. S.  
. R. A. C.  
Comp. Mayer  
"  John C. Gordy  
"  J. F. Fourney  
"  J. C. White  
"  Felix U. Levy  
"  Wm. Hungerford  
Mayer  
. Secretary.  
G. M. 3d V  
G. M. 2d V  
G. M. 1st V  
Treasurer.  
Guard.
MEMBERS.

Allen, S
Gordy, John C
Wilson, H C
Baldwin, A J
Berwick, N
Black, Jas S
Burnly, Hardin
Cary, W S
Fuller, E W
Goodwyn, P M
Greenwood, J W

Gordy, M T
Girard, M E
Henderson, J P
Hudson, B
Johnson, T F
Knight, Joseph
Lewis, H T
Martin, Thomas
McCoy, James A
McKerrall, Wilson

Keyes, N
Oliver, Adolphus
Rawles, James A
Richardson, F D
Stanard, H C
Saunders, E E
Smith, C M
Swain, Morris
Wilcoxson, Thos

Total—41

Degrees Conferred—Marked, 5; Passed, 5; Received, 5; Exalted, 5.

The Regular Communications are held at Franklin, on the second Tuesday in each month, and on the 27th day of December.

DE SOTO CHAPTER, No. 14.

[No Returns.]

The Regular Communications are held at Masonic Hall, Mansfield, on the second Saturday in each month, and on the 27th of December.

DELTA CHAPTER, No. 15.

OFFICERS.

O. J. Noyes
N. Benedickt
Sam'l Harby
Comp. Edwin U. Kerr
" Sam'l Brickell
" R. S. Burke

M. E. H. P
.E. K.
.E. S.
.C. H.
.P. S.
.R. A. C.

Comp. H. R. Swasey
" Hilei Marks...
" Dan'l Morgan, G. M. 3d Y
" John Paisley... G. M. 2d Y
" J. W Maguire, G. M 1st Y

Treasurer.
Secretary.

John Paisley... G. M. 2d Y
J. W Maguire, G. M 1st Y

Cotton Henry. Guard.
1862.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

MEMBERS.

Wilbur, A C  
Swasey, H R  
Wilson, W A  
Allabough, J R  
Brady, T R  
Bates, J G  
Brown, Clement  
Barrett, H W  
Blum, Jacob  
Coburn, Robert  
Cain, L B  
Clelland, Wm  
Davis, Warren  
DeSola, A  
Donnaud, A  
Dowd, James  
Forbes, Gifford  
Foute, M A  
Forshee, Peter  
Galpin, John  
Galic, James  
Guthrie, James  
Gardere, F  
Gregory, R A  
Gomila, M J  
Gomila, John  
Heaton, John  
Hill, James  
Heidengsfelder, E  
Hanney, Thos  
Isard, Smith  
Jacobs, Edward  
Kells, Chas E  
Kaiser, Sam'l  
Leach, Joseph  
Levy, Alex  
Lawrence, R B  
Mayer, Louis  
Meyer, Leon  
Moore, David  
Munson, Peter  
Murray, Thos  
McKenzie, Robt  
Queant, Alex  
Ricket, F  
Redding, W E  
Rogers, Thomas Jr  
Rosenburgh, N  
Santini, Joseph  
Smith, John C  
Schmidt, Charles  
Siunot, Richard  
Stern, Henry  
Teney, J H  
Thieneman, A  
Wilbur, Louis  
Walker, Chas  
Well, B  

Total—68.

Degrees Conferred—Marked, 2; Passed, 2; Exalted, 1—Total, 5.
Admitted—Samuel Brickell.
Demitted—John McKee.
Suspended—E. A. Hall; H. W Reynolds; S. P Solomon; Charles Langenbecker; D. R. Tighe; Robt. E. Diamond; F. A. von Moschizisker; John Brennan.
Died—R. S. Brown; M. Frank.
Expelled—John F. Morton.

The Regular Communications are held at Grand Lodge Masonic Hall, every Thursday in each month.

LIVING STONE CHAPTER, No. 16.

OFFICERS.

Wm. McFee  
R. B. Todd.  
A. J. Bobo  
Comp. A. S. Washburn.  
Comp. W. Silbernagel.  
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RETURNS OF [1862.

MEMBERS.

McFee, Wm.  p. h. p. Deyer, Wm  Pettis, E B
Washburn, A S  “ Humbert, G F  Ryan, P M
Brice, J M  “ Knox, R J  Trippet, R.
Bunckley, R P  Knox, J S  Toler, P H
Bonner, W  Livingstone, A  Worley, S N
Collier, D S  Matthews, J B  Total—29

Demitted—John Moore.

The Regular Communications are held at the Masonic Hall, Bastrop, on the first Wednesday in each month, and on the 27th day of December.

MINDEN CHAPTER, No. 17

OFFICERS.


MEMBERS.

Chaffe, John,  p. h. p. Canfield, F M  Hamilton, W E
Wimberly, F D  “ Edens, W E  Lawrence, D
Chaffe, Charles  “ Ford, J A  Leary, C
Braton, B F  Fuller, T W  Martin, Martin
Bryan, W B  Gee, S P  McFarland, H
Carroway, O  Hodges, J L  Smith, M C
Cole, J M  Hodges, Robert  Took, J J
Colbert, A J  Hodges, J C  Walker, N H
Crawford, W W  Hodges, M H  Wynn, C H
Cox, M S  Hodges, E W  Total—38

Demitted—E. H. Fay; W T. Hardee; C. Swindel; G. W Walker.

Died—Walter Rossman.

The Regular Communications are held at Minden Male Academy, Minden, on the Friday before the Second Saturday in each month, and on the 24th of June and 27th of December.
MONROE CHAPTER, No. 18.

[No Returns.]

The Regular Communications are held at Monroe, La., on the second Saturday in each month, and on the 27th December and 24th June.

POLAR STAR CHAPTER, No. 21.

[No Returns.]

The Regular Communications are held at Masonic Hall, on Saturday in each week.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 22.

[No Returns for 1860 nor 1861.]

The Regular Communications are held at Mount Lebanon, on the fourth Saturday in each month.

WOODVILLE CHAPTER, No. 23.

No Returns made or dues paid for years 1859, 1860 and 1861. [Charter declared forfeited.]

HOMER CHAPTER, No. 24.

[No Returns.]

The Regular Communications are held at Homer, on the fourth Saturday in each month.
SPRINGHILL CHAPTER, No. 25.

OFFICERS.

S. L. Robinson. .M. E. H. P
J. P. Everett. .E. K.
J. Newton.
Comp. J. T. B. Andrews.
“ G. W. Murphy
“ W. C. Reynolds.

M. E. H. P
E. K.
E. S.
C. H.
P. S.
R. A. C.

Comp. S. T. Wheelis. Treasurer.
J. W. Hopkins. Secretary.
B. P. Cook. G. M. 3d V
E. E. Cammack. G. M. 2d V
C. M. Cooper. G. M. 1st V
W. J. Pickel. Guard.

MEMBERS.

Cooper, W D
Callaway, J M
Dearing, H L
George, B F
Harper, W
Johnson, A W
Simmons, M T
White, J A

Died—T. L. Moore; John Watkins.

The Regular Communications are held at Springfield, Union Cross Roads, on the third Friday in each month, and on the 24th of June, and 27th of December.
PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF LOUISIANA.

Grand High Priests.

JOHN H. HOLLAND—1824 to ——.
JAMES R. HARTSOCK—1852.....D. G. H. P., '51.
H. R. SWASEY—1862.

Deputy Grand High Priests.

D. F. REEDER*—1848.....G. K., '50, '51.
F. CALONGNE*—1849.....G. K., '46.
ISAAC WALL—1849.
T. R. PATTON*—1850.
JOHN C. GORDY—1853.....G. S., '52.
ALEXANDER PHILLIPS*——— G. S., 1844, '45.
J. C. BATCHELOR—1861.
H. REGENBURG—1862.....G. K., 1861.

Grand Kings.

FRANCIS MEILLEUR—1847.
THOMAS P. HOTCHKISS—1848.
JOHN W. CROCKETT*—1849.
ELIHU FERRY—1852.
G. D. SHADBURNE—1856, '57.
L. R. CURTIS—1859.
SAMUEL L. ISETT—1862.

Grand Scribes.

ROMAIN BRUGIER†—1847.
WILLIAM M. PERKINS—1849.
DORIC S. BALL—1850.
L. E. REYNOLDS—1853.
JOHN McKEE—1854.
SHAKSPEARE ALLEN—1855.
S. P. SOLOMON—1856.
G. W. MUNDAY—1861.
C. P. CRANE—1862.

*Dead. † Suspended in 1858.
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of R. and S. Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF LOUISIANA,

AT ITS

SEVENTH ASSEMBLY,

HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 13, 1862.

NEW ORLEANS:
PRINTED AT THE BULLETIN BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.
1862.
SEVENTH ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. MASTERS
OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana, assembled in the Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of New Orleans, on Thursday, February 13th, 1862, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

OFFICERS PRESENT:
Comp. J. H. HOLLAND. Most Puissant Grand Master.
" SAMPL M. TODD.. Puissant Deputy Grand Master.
" L. E. REYNOLDS. Thrice Illustrious Grand Master.
" C. P. CRANE. Grand Principal Conductor of Work.
" J. B. SCOT Grand Captain of the Guard.
" H. R. SWASEY Grand Treasurer.
" J. D. CATLIN. Grand Chaplain.
" M. A. CALONGNE Grand Conductor.
" B. Da SILVA.. Grand Steward.
" C. HENRY Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Council being opened in ample form, the Most Puissant Grand Master appointed Illustrious Com-
companions Samuel M. Todd, C. P. Crane, and M. A. Calongne, as a Committee on Credentials, who, after a short recess, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Illustrious Companions as entitled to seats in this Grand Council, as Representatives of Subordinate Councils:

HOLLAND COUNCIL. No. 1—John H. Holland, T. I. G. M. C. P. Crane, D. I. G. M. F. W. Delesdernier, P C of W


J. D. Catlin, prox.

Fraternally submitted,

SAM'L M. TODD,
C. P CRANE, M.D., Com.
M. A. CALONGNE,

A roll of Councils was then called, and the following were found represented: Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5.

The Most Puissant Grand Master John H. Holland, then read the following address, which was, on motion, ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and printed with the proceedings:
ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS—I am happy to meet you for the seventh time in Annual Grand Communication, and cordially unite with you in rendering thanks to our Supreme Grand Master for the many blessings he has vouchsafed to us since our last meeting, and for graciously permitting us again to assemble in His holy name. But, alas! we are not all present to join in humble prayer and thanksgiving, we “see that one is missing,” and learn that the voice which has so often called over the roll of Workmen, on like occasions, is silent, and shall never again be heard in our midst.

Our beloved friend and Companion Samuel Gibson Risk, who, for so many years, was our Grand Recorder, is no more! He has fallen a victim to a noble endeavor to assist in “filling the cup of our country’s glory.” He has been called unexpectedly from among us in the prime of life! We shall see him not again in this world. He will never again cheer us by his presence, nor assist us in the consolidation of our earthly temple; but the remembrance of his many virtues will remain in characters indelible in the hearts of his surviving fellow-workmen, until they, too, shall be called from labor, when, I trust, they will find him inhabiting that imperishable Temple, into which death cannot intrude, and where life and bliss will be immortal and eternal.

Our city and our young Republic have been blessed with a year of health, and favored in many other respects, to an extent which should fill our hearts with gratitude. But, while Providence has been kind, man hath been cruel; hordes of enemies have risen up against us, and are striving, with ruthless hand to demolish the Pillar of Beauty set up in the South, and to annihilate those who are laboring to support and adorn it. But, having God and justice on our side, we trust the assaults of our enemies will finally end in their own defeat and disgrace.

The lamented death of our Grand Recorder renders that office vacant, and our Illustrious Companion Fellows, at my solicitation—although burdened with many Masonic duties, and with many important civil concerns, kindly undertook to complete the unfinished work of Companion Risk, and will render to you an account.

The duties of your Committee of Correspondence have been extremely limited. The cessation of our communication with those Councils which are located within the enemy’s jurisdiction, precluded intercourse with them; and the circumstance, that the officers and
members of our Grand Councils of the South being, so many of them, engaged in the defence of our country, sufficiently accounts for our communications to the last named bodies not having been more generally answered. The Committee will, however, report.

Many Illustrious Companions, Select Masters—several of whom are members of this Council—together with numberless Brethren of other degrees, animated by a noble patriotism, have laid down the trowel and taken up the sword, and have greatly contributed toward rolling back the tide of war upon our invaders. Their absence has, as a matter of course, interfered with our Masonic labors, yet our "Mystic Building" has been kept in repair, and, I trust, it will not fall into decay.

The Genius of Masonry weeps upon beholding the disastrous state of things which now exist on this, her favorite continent, brought about by fanaticism and folly, and every member of our peaceful order should fervently pray for its speedy termination.

May Almighty God, in His infinite mercy, cause the scales to fall from the eyes of those who are blindly persecuting a people who never offended them, cause those persecutions to cease, and command the persecutors to "let that people go;" and when we meet again in Council may we have the sweet satisfaction of contemplating all the world at peace! So mote it be.

Illustrious Companion Henry R. Swasey, Grand Treasurer, submitted the following report and financial statement for the past year, which were read and approved:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of Louisiana:

Companions: Agreeable to constitutional requirements, herewith is submitted a statement of the financial transactions of your Treasurer for the past year, with voucher for disbursement:

1861.
Feb. 14. To cash in Treasury, as per last report.................. $118 00

dR.
1862.
Feb. 1. " cash from Recorder of La. Council, No. 2............... 2 00
" 13. " cash from Grand Recorder, J. Q. A. Fellows.............. 20 00

$140 00
May 18. By bill paid E. A. Patterson & Co., for Printing................. $ 36 00
Feb. 13. By balance on hand ................................................. 104 00

$140 00

Respectfully and Fraternally,

HY. R. SWASEY, Grand Treasurer.

NEW ORLEANS, February 13, 1862.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report and account current, which were read, and on motion, approved:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of Louisiana:

ILLUSTROUS COMPANIONS: Being suddenly called to this office on the death of our Illustrious Companion Risk, I have but little to report to you. After a careful examination of the papers of the late Recorder, I find no transactions to report.

Since my appointment I have received the returns of the following Councils:

HOLLAND, No. 1.
LOUISIANA, " 2.
ORLEANS, " 4.
SHREVEPORT, " 5.

with their regular dues.

PROVIDENCE Council, No. 3, has failed to make returns, pay dues, or to be represented for the past two years, and has, in consequence, forfeited its charter.

SHREVEPORT Council, No. 5, has, by the report of the Thrice Illustrious, not met during the past year, and, as a consequence, has conferred no degrees nor elected officers. They request a continuance of their charter for the ensuing year.

I have received dues

1862—Feb. 5. From Orleans Council, No. 4................................. $ 6 00
" " 18. " Holland Council, No. 1................................. 12 00
" " 18. " Louisiana Council, No. 2, (balance)....................... 2 00

1862—Feb. 13. Paid Grand Treasurer...... ............... $20 00

Fraternally submitted,

J. Q. A. FELLOWS, Grand Recorder.
Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master J. Q. A. Fellows, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported verbally, that the proceedings of only two Grand Councils had been received during the past year, and that those presented no subject to be reported to the Grand Council. The report was received and accepted.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of its officers, for the ensuing Masonic year, which resulted in the election, by ballot, of the following Illustrious Companions:

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<td>Nelson Keyes</td>
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On motion, the above officers were installed in ample form, for the term for which they had been chosen.

The Most Puissant Grand Master then re-appointed the following:

**Committee on Foreign Correspondence.**

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Illustrious Companion Sam'l M. Todd, then submitted the following resolutions, which, being read, were adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Recorder cause to be printed the proceedings of this Grand Council, together with its Constitution and
By-Laws, and the Returns of the Subordinate Councils, and have the same bound with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State, if said Grand Chapter will permit; and, also, one hundred extra copies for the special use of this Grand Council.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder draw, on the warrant of the Most Puissant Grand Master, for such sums as may be necessary to carry into effect the above resolution, and all the necessary expenses of this Grand Council.

On motion, one year's further time was granted to Providence Council, No. 3, to make her returns and pay her dues.

On motion, Shreveport Council, No. 5, having reported that she had failed to meet, or elect officers for the past year, another year was granted her to commence work under her charter.

No further business appearing, the Most Illustrious Grand Council was closed in ample form, until its next Grand Annual Assembly, which will be on Thursday, February 12th, 1862.

(Signed),

John H. Holland,
Most Puissant Grand Master

Attest:

J. Q. A. Fellows,
Grand Recorder
ANNUAL RETURNS
OF
SUBORDINATE COUNCILS,
FOR THE YEAR 1861.

HOLLAND COUNCIL, No. 1.
OFFICERS FOR 1862.


MEMBERS.

J H Holland, P.T.I.G.M.
M A Calongne, "
F Meilleur, "
Adler, E
Bahoup, J W
Bell, Thomas
Beebe, C
Bartlette, T A
Bartlett, Fr A
Blakenship, J
Beney, L
Burden, Thomas
Burns, B F
Catlin, J D
Constantine, F
Costa, A
Chotard, J
Donella, O J
Donnaud, A
Diaz, J A
Donaghue, W H
De la Cruz, R
Dostie, A P
De Sola, A
Dunlap, J G
Durand, N
De Grijalva, C
Garcia, A
Goahencaut,
Gilman, S H
Hibbin, James
Hatch, F H
Hillman, A
Hunt, C S
Jacobs, B
Jones, William
Knapp, F H
Keyes, N
Lanaux, A P
Lallane, P
Lawrence, R B
Lampton, W
Monsen, P
Menzies, James
Mahoney, J M
McGuire, R F
Nicomede, F L
Noguireas, A

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RETURNS OF [1862.

Nessin, P C  Rogers, C J  Watts, J T
Offergeld, A  Robertson, A B  Winslow, M
Ochiglevich, J  Sloan, G W  Wood, J C
Philipson, John  Stansbury, H J  Wild, C
Rousseau, A  Soulé, George  White, C W
Rodriguez, B  Scheurman, H A
Richmond, E D  Trelford, W

Total—76 members.

Degrees Conferred—R. L. Bruce; J. W Bahoup; J. D. Catlin; Warren Davis; C. S. Hunt; C. W. White.

LOUISIANA COUNCIL, No. 2.

OFFICERS FOR 1862.

H. Hamburger  T. I. G. M.  H. R. Swasey  Treasurer.
C. Henry  ......  ......  ......  .Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

S M Todd...P. T. I. G. M.  Cheesborough, J B  Hiller, N
H R Swasey, "  Coleman, W P  Harrison, C R
B da Silva, "  Chase, C H  Heidingsfelder, E
W C Driver, "  Carlton, J S  Ivens, E M
Anderson, J  Curtis, I R  Jackson, J
Amsbury, J O,  Dosson, M H  Jelks, J W
Abernathy, W M  Daniels, J J  Kaiser, S
Allabaugh, J R  Darden, R G  Kovalski, B
Berwick, N  De Choiseul, C  Kursheedt, G
Bayly, G M  Dunn, J B  Kahn, S
Baker, W J Q  Everett, J P  Langsfeldt, J H
Blount, S W  Estlin, C T  Ludwigsen, F L K
Ball, D S  Frazier, W B  Logan, J G
Brown, C  Forshee, P  Langhorne, M
Barrett, J L  Glidden, H A  Marshall, R
Caughlin, J K  Gordy, J C  McGuire, J T
Clarke, J D  Galpin, J  McGuffy, H
Carr, W C  Goyne, J R  May, A
1862.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

Morse, R S       Regan, H J       Speer, J W
McLaughlin, J    Redding, W E     Schmidt, C
Maes, C H        Reeve, J M       Taylor, J N
Mercer, W M      Santini, Jos     Thomasson, C
Moore, J         Scroggs, D E      Turck, J R
Newberger, E     Sullivan, Thomas Tige, D R
Pearce, Joseph    Stafford, J W    Van Horn, T D
Perkins, W M     Silbernagle, W   Washburn, A S
Peet, G A        Smith, N P       Weber, W
Ricardo, D I     Stevenson, J A   Wilson, W A
Roberts, J G     Total—92.

Degrees Conferred—A. E. Dick

Died—H. L. Greenleaf; J. U. Green; Thos. H. Lewis; W Nicol.

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PROVIDENCE COUNCIL, No. 3.

[No Returns.]

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ORLEANS COUNCIL, No. 4.

OFFICERS FOR 1862.

Joseph Ehman.    .Sentinel.
RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS. [1862.

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Degrees Conferred—1860—Shakspeare Allen; John E. Burch; W A. Carter; Seaborn Gray; James H. Johnston; Peter J. Little; Almon Spencer; Henderson McFarland. 1858—Wm. A. Bowen; Wm. N. Harder. 1861—W G. Bradford; H. P Buckley; Joseph P. Hornor.

Demitted—Emmet D. Craig; C. P Crane; H. J. Stansbury.

Died—Samuel G. Risk.

SHREVEPORT COUNCIL, No. 5.

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Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

Names and Residences of

Grand Officers for 1862.

Henry R. Swasey ........... Grand High Priest ........... New Orleans
Henry Regenburg ........... Deputy Grand High Priest ....... Fort Monroe
Samuel L. Isett ........... Grand King ....................... Baton Rouge
C. P. Crane, M. D ........... Grand Scribe .................. New Orleans
J. Q. A. Fellows ........... Grand Treasurer ............... New Orleans
Samuel M. Todd ........... Grand Secretary ................. New Orleans
Rev. G. B. Hedges, D. D .... Grand Chaplain ............... New Orleans
James B. Smith ........... Grand Captain of the Host ....... Cairo
Anthony Jones ........... Grand Principal Squire ............. From an
John D. Catlin ........... Grand Royal Arch Captain .......... New Orleans
F. W. Delesdernier ....... Grand Master Third Veil ............. New Orleans
James B. Scot ........... Grand Master Second Veil ............. New Orleans
Hy. Hamburger ........... Grand Master First Veil ............. New Orleans
Cotton Henry ........... Grand Guard ......................... New Orleans

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

J. Q. A. Fellows, of Orleans Chapter, No. 1 ........... New Orleans
Samuel L. Isett, of Washington Chapter, No. 5 ........... Baton Rouge
James B. Scot, of Orleans Chapter, No. 1 ........... New Orleans