

GRAND LODGE

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF THE

Ancient York Rite,

OF THE

STATE OF LOUISIANA,

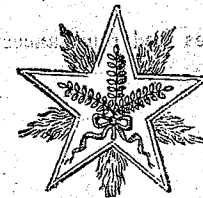
SUPREME HEAD OF THE FREE MASONS OF SAID STATE

Accumulating the Scotch and Modern Rites

IN THEIR SYMBOLICAL DEGREES.

1847

Anno Lucis 5846-5847.



NEW-ORLEANS.

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Grand Secret.: Office of the Grand Lodge.

BRETHREN,

Agreeable to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, I now hand you the annual statement of Freemasonry in the State of Louisiana, for the year, 1847, A. L., 5846, 5847.

I remain, Brethren,

F. VERRIER,
Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND LODGE :

Broth.: F. VERRIER, *Grand Secretary*, Condé street, No. 40, New Orleans.

N. B. Letters, packages and remittances must be addressed as above.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION
OF THE
Grand Officers
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
FOR 1847.

Extract from the Minutes of the Grand Lodge.

According to the general By-Laws, the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, in its meeting of the 23d January 1847, elected its Grand Officers to conduct its labors during the present year, 1847, and in the ensuing meeting for the grand annual communication on the 24th January, the following Brethren were duly installed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.

GRAND OFFICERS.

FELIX GARCIA.....Grand Master.
ROBERT J. L. DE PREAUX.....Deputy Grand Master.
FRANÇOIS MEILLEUR.....Senior Grand Warden.
ROMAIN BRUGIER.....Junior Grand Warden.
FRANÇOIS VERRIER.....Grand Secretary.
RAMON VIONNET.....Grand Treasurer.
JEAN-FRANÇ. CANONGE.....Grand Chaplain.
ANTOINE MONDELLI.....Grand Steward.
EUGENE REMONDET.....Grand Steward.
LOUIS L. VALETON.....G. Master of Ceremonies.
JOHN H. HARDWICK.....Grand Marshal.
ANTOINE GILLY.....Grand Translator.
FRANÇOIS BRICHTA.....Senior Grand Deacon.
J. B. LAMBERT.....Junior Grand Deacon.
JACQUES LEON.....Grand Tyler.
PIERRE GALLE.....Grand out of door Tyler and
Guardian of the Lodge.

COUNCIL OF RITES.

First section.—Scotch Rite.

G. A. Montmain; Antoine Costa; François Meilleur.

Second section.—Modern Rite.

Jean Lamothe; Anthony Fernandez; L. L. Valetou.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. J. L. de Preaux; J. F. Canonge; J. H. Holland.

APPEAL AND INFORMATION.

Lucien Hermann; J. J. Massicot; Simon Meilleur.

FINANCE.

R. Brugier; J. Lisbony; A. Philips; G. W. Catlett; S. M. Hart.

N. B. The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary are attached to all committees. The Grand Treasurer is attached to the committee of Finance.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana corresponds fraternally:

- 1o. With the different G. L. Lodges of the United States of America;
- 2o. With the Supreme Council of the 33d, and last degree sitting in New-Orleans.
- 3o. With the Grand Orient of France, sitting in Paris, and other Grand Lodges of Europe.

MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE.

The G. L. holds its meetings in New-Orleans, at Perseverance Lodge No. 4, corner of Saint-Claude and Maine streets.

The G. L. holds annually four regular sessions, which are fixed on the fourth Saturday, in each of the months of January, March, June, and November, and may adjourn from day to day, until the business of the session is completed. Provided that the G. M., or in his absence, the Deputy G. M., shall have the power of convening the Grand Lodge in extra-session, whenever he deems it proper, or whenever the good of the craft may require it, but in no other than a regular session shall any amendments or alterations be made to the rules and regulations of the G. L.

The election of the grand officers takes place at the grand communication on the fourth Saturday of January and the installation on the following Sunday.

Affinity of the G. L. with the LL. of the Jurisdiction.

Each L. meeting in the city of New-Orleans must at the end of each year, and before the election of the G. O. of the G. L. send to the Grand Secretary:

- 1st. The extract of the minutes of the election of the Master, and Wardens, and of their installation.
- 2d. A list of its active members, stating correctly the amount of dues for the expired year.

The country Lodges have two months from the day of Saint-John the Evangelist to acquit themselves of this duty.

LIST

OF THE

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

MEMBERS FOR LIFE ACCORDING TO SENIORITY.

Orderly numbers		Date of admit.
1	CANONGE, J. F. ex-Judge, Lawyer, K. T. 33d. deg. ancient G. M.	1819
2	FAGET, J. B. property holder, K. T. 33d. deg.	1820
3	BURTHER, D. F. property-holder, R. A. ancient G. M.	1822
4	HOLLAND, J. H., Lawyer, R. and S. M., K. T., 33d. deg. ancient G. M.	1822
5	MAURIAN, CHARLES, Lawyer, ex-Judge, K. T. 32d. deg.	1823
6	VERRIER, FRANÇOIS, merchant, R. and S. M., K. T., 33d. deg., ancient deputy G. M.	1823
7	CHEVALIER, PIERRE, druggist, R. A. and R. M.	1823
8	PHILIPS, ALEXANDER, property holder, R. and S. M., K. T., ancient deputy G. M.	1826
9	PLAUCHE, J. B. cotton-broker, R. A.	1827
10	MONTMAIN, G. A., Teacher, R. and S. M., K. T. 33d. deg., ancient deputy G. M.	1828
11	PLAUCHE, BALTAZARD, property-holder, R. and S. M., R. M.	1828
12	MORPHY, ALONZO, Lawyer, ex-Judge, R. and S. M., K. T., ancient deputy G. M.	1828
13	LEWIS, TH. lawyer, R. and S. M.	1828
14	VIOSCA, JOAQUIN, property-holder, R. A., 32d. deg.	1829
15	DENIS, R. H. Lawyer, R. A.	1830

- 16 LAMOTHE, JEAN, goldsmith, R. A., 33d. deg. ancient G. M. 1831
- 17 GILLY, ANTOINE, teacher, P. M., R. * 1831
- 18 CORREJOLLES, FRANÇOIS, architect, R. A., 32d. deg. 1831
- 19 ST. VICTOR, VICTOR, 1st Teller of a bank, P. M. 1832
- 20 DE PRAUX, ROBERT, J. L. lawyer, R. A., 33d. deg., ex-Gr. Master 1832
- 21 SOULÉ, PIERRE, Lawyer, Senator, U. S. Congress, R. A., 33d. deg. 1832
- 22 CANON, E. A. lawyer, Judge, R. A., R. * ancient G. Master 1833
- 23 AUGUSTIN, DONATIEN, lawyer, P. M., R. * 1834
- 24 PITOT, ARMAND, lawyer, P. M. 1835
- 25 GENERELLY FLEURY, accountant, P. M., R. C., 32d. deg. 1835
- 26 LAMBERT, J. B. broker, K. T., R. * 1836
- 27 KIDEL, HUBERT, goldsmith, R. A., R. * 1839
- 28 VIONNET, RAMON doctor of medecine, R. A., 33d. deg., ancient deputy G. Master 1839
- 29 LEON, JACQUES, merchant, P. M., R. * 1839
- 30 PINTADO, DIEGO, E. — R. A., R. * 1839
- 31 ALDIGE, PAUL, Merchant, P. M., R. * 1840
- 32 DUVAL, JULIEN, teacher, P. M., R. * 1840
- 33 FRYMIER, L. A. merchant, R. A. 1840
- 34 GUESNON, A. D., property holder, K. T., R. * 1841
- 35 FERNANDEZ, ANTHONY, auctioneer, P. M., R. * 1841
- 36 BURTHE, VICTOR, lawyer, P. M. 1842
- 37 DEGRAIS, FRANÇOIS merchant, P. M., R. * 1842
- 38 LABARRE, J. M. watchmaker, R. and S. M., K. T., 32d. deg. 1842
- 39 SERAFON, LOUIS, property holder, P. M., R. * 1842
- 40 GARCIA, FELIX, sugar planter, senator, R. and S. M., K. T., 33d. deg. actual G. Master 1842
- 41 HERMANN, LUCIEN, notary public, R. and S. M., K. T., R. * and ex-Deputy G. Master 1843

- 42 CALONGNE, FRANÇOIS, lawyer, member of the house of Representatives of Louisiana, R. and S. M., R. * 1843
- 43 LISBONY, JOSEPH, property holder, R. A., R. * 1843
- 44 COSTA, ANTONIO, merchant, R. and S. M., K. T., 32d. deg. 1843
- 45 CREVON, EDOUARD, — R. A., R. * 1843
- 46 MEILLEUR, SIMON, property holder, R. and S. M., R. * 1844
- 47 RAWSON, FISHER, R. A. 1844
- 48 MASSICOT, J. J. E., clerk, R. A., R. * 1844
- 49 REMONDET, EUGENE, property holder, P. M. 1844
- 50 MOREAU, J. M., notary public, R. A., R. * 1845
- 51 MONDELLI ANTOINE, painter, P. M., R. * 1845
- 52 NAUTRE, ADRIEN, lawyer, P. M., R. * 1845
- 53 VALETON, L. L., merchant, P. M., R. * 1845
- 54 VIOSCA, SALVADOR, merchant, P. M., R. * 1845
- 55 SAGRERA, RAPHAEL, merchant, R. A., R. C. 1845
- 56 MARTEL, GUSTAVE, merchant, R. and S. M., K. T. 1845
- 57 CENAS, H. B. notary public, R. A. 1846
- 58 MEILLEUR, FRANÇOIS, property holder, R. and S. M., K. T., 33d. deg. 1846
- 59 BRUGIER, ROMAIN, merchant, K. T., R. C. 1846
- 60 CATLETT, JOHN, property holder, P. M. 1846
- 61 BRICHTA FRANÇOIS, exchange broker, R. A., R. C. 1846
- 62 HARDWICK, JOEL W., property holder, P. M. 1846
- 63 PATTEN, CH. R. property holder, R. A., K. T. 1846
- 64 PENNAL, W. S. property holder, P. M. 1846

LIST

LODGES IN ACTIVITY

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.

NAMES of the Lodges in activity by order of seniority	NAMES AND TITLES of the Officers temporarily representing their Lodges for 1847.
Perfect Union No 1, At New Orleans, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Hermann Lucien, K. T. R. C. Senior Warden, Lebeau Louis, M. Junior Warden, Pemberton John, M.
Concord No 3, At New Orleans, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Derbes A., R. A. Senior Warden, Dorfeuille Paul, R. A. Jun. Warden, Seixhnyadre F. U. R. A.
Perseverance No 4, At New Orleans, <i>at the three rites.</i>	Master, Meilleur François, K. T., 33d. Senior Warden, Parent François, K. T. Junior Warden, Sutherland Robert
Polar Star No 1, At New Orleans, <i>at the three rites.</i>	Master, Brugier Romain, K. T. R. C. Senior Warden, Ferrier A., R. A. Junior Warden, Wiltz P. Sévère, R. C.
Humble Cottage No 19, At St. Landry, Opelousas, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, (has not sent the returns of its elections.) Senior Warden, Junior Warden,
St. Albans No 28, At Jackson, East-Feliciana, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Catlett G. W., R. A. Senior Warden, Catlett John, P. M. Junior Warden, Lewis R. H., M.
Feliciana No 31, At St. Francisville, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Ball William, P. M. Senior Warden, Heath O. S., M. Junior Warden, Kelly James A., M.
Alexandria No 37, At Alexandria, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, (has not sent the returns of its elections.) Senior Warden, Junior Warden,
Phoenix No 38, At Natchitoches, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Williams Frederick, P. M. Senior Warden, Smith John Blair, M. Junior Warden, Faber David F., M.
Poinsett No 39, At New Orleans, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Van Reusselaer W. H., P. M. Senior Warden, Andreus Théodore, M. Junior Warden, Millen James, M.
Masonic Hearth, No 4, At New Orleans, <i>at the three rites.</i>	Master, Meriaux Gustave, R. C. Senior Warden, Delamare Aug., R. C. Junior Warden, Formel P. D., R. C.

Fraternal Love No 4, At New Orleans, <i>at the three rites.</i>	Master, Trigo José, R. C. Senior Warden, Suris José, R. C. Junior Warden, Cobos Leodegaria, M.
Disciples of the M. Senate No 5, At New Orleans, <i>at the three rites.</i>	Master, Valetton L. L., R. A., R. C. Senior Warden, David Charles, M. Junior Warden, Michon " M.
The Friends of the Order No 5, At New Orleans, <i>at the three rites.</i>	Master, Foulhouse James, 33d. deg. Senior Warden, Bachino Juan, R. C. Junior Warden, Rovira Antonio, M.
Jackson Lodge No 45, At Greenwood, parish of Caddo, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, (has not sent the returns of its elections.) Senior Warden, Junior Warden,
Germania No 46, At New Orleans, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Wilmann Philipp, R. and S. M., K. T. Senior Warden, Fiedler Nicolaus, R. and S. M. Junior Warden, Gerlach Johann, M.
St. James No 47, At E. Baton Rouge, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Hart, Samuel M., P. M. Senior Warden, Hoodbrige J., M. Junior Warden, McCanghey J. G., M.
Hospitaller of the Teche No 48, At St. Martinville Attak. <i>York rite.</i>	Master, (has not sent the returns of its elections.) Senior Warden, Junior Warden,
Caddo Lodge No 49, At Shreveport, Parish of Caddo, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Crain L. P., R. A. Senior Warden, Green R., P. M. Junior Warden, Scott J. H. P., M.
Providence No 50, At Lake Providence, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Patten Th. R., R. and S. M., K. T. Senior Warden, Finlay T. Lewis, M. Junior Warden, Knox Wm. L., M.
Minden No 51, At Minden, parish of Clai- borne, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Pennall Wm. S., P. M. Senior Warden, Berry J. W., M. Junior Warden, Wilson John, M.
Olive Lodge No 52, At Clinton, parish of Feli- ciana, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Reeder Dr. F., P. M. Senior Warden, Pegram J. E. L., P. M. Junior Warden, Blanchamp D. J., M.
Fraternal Union No 53, At Farmerville, parish of Union, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Dellard B. F., R. A. Senior Warden, Regenbug Henry, M. Junior Warden, Bayless John A., M.
Mount Gerisim No 54, At Bastrop, Parish of Morehouse, <i>York rite.</i>	Master, Weak Georges, P. M. Senior Warden, Simpson Thomas L., M. Junior Warden, Jels Georges W., M.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE
GRAND LODGES OF THE UNITED STATES,
With which the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana is in Correspondence and in fraternal relations of friendship.

Nrs.	Names of the States.	Names of the G. Secretaries.	Locations of the Grand Lodges and Directions to the Grand Secretaries.
1	Alabama,	Fister, Armand.	Tuscaloosa.
2	Arkansas,	Baldwin, J. D.	Little Rock.
3	Columbia (district),	Williams, H. C.	Washington,
4	Connecticut,	Storer, E. G.	New-Haven,
5	Delaware, ✱	"	"
6	Florida,	Taylor, John B.	Tallahassee,
7	Georgia,	Rose, Henry.	Milledgeville,
8	Illinois,	Lusk, Levi.	Rushville.
9	Indiana,	Morris, A. W.	Indianapolis,
10	Iowa,	Parvin, T. S.	Bloomington,
11	Kentucky,	Swigert, Philip.	Francfort,
12	Louisiana,	Verrier, François,	New Orleans,
13	Maine,	Hetcher, Nathan C.	East Thomaston,
14	Massachusetts, ✱	Moore, Charles W.	Boston,
15	Maryland,	Robinson, Joseph.	Baltimore,
16	Mississippi,	Mellen, Wm. P.	Natchez,
17	Michigan,	Smith, A. C.	Mount Clemens,
18	Missouri,	Billon, Fred. L.	Saint Louis,
19	New Hampshire,	Folsom, Isaac L.	Exeter,
20	New-York,	Boyd, Robert R.	New York,
21	New-Jersey, ✱	Hough, Joseph H.	Trenton,
22	North Carolina,	Bain, Wm. R.	Raleigh,
23	Ohio,	Smith, B. F.	Mount Vernon,
24	Pennsylvania,	Adams, Wm. H.	Philadelphia,
25	Rhode Island,	Hutchinson, James.	Pawtucket,
26	South Carolina,	Mackey, A. G.	Charleston,
27	Texas,	Johnson, Moses.	Washington (Texas)
28	Tennessee,	Dashiel, John P.	Nashville,
29	Vermont,	Hollenbeck, John B.	Burlington,
30	Virginia,	Dove, John,	Richmond,
31	Wisconsin,	Smith, W. R.	Mineral Point.

Grand Lodges and Foreign Grand Orients of the Correspondence.

32	Grand Orient of France, Broth. Durocher,	In Paris.
33	Grand Provincial Lodge of Upper Canada,	Newark, Niagara.
34	Grand Provincial Lodge of Lower Canada,	Québec.
35	Grand Provincial Lodge of Nova Scotia,....	Halifax.

N. B. ✱ Those three Grand Lodges have not sent their communications for 1846.

LIST BY ORDER OF SENIORITY

OF ALL THE
GRAND MASTERS

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES

Elected for the Direction of the labours of the Grand Lodge, since the epoch of its creation up to this day.

EPOCHS OF ELECTIONS.	NAMES OF THE		Names of the GR. SECRET.
	GR. MASTERS.	DEP. G. MAST.	
6th June 1812	P. F. Dubourg,	L. C. Moreau Lislet,	J. B. G. Verron,
1813	P. F. Dubourg,	L. C. Moreau Lislet,	J. B. G. Verron,
1815, 1816, 1817	J. Soulié,	L. C. Moreau Lislet,	A. Guibert,
1818	L. C. Moreau Lislet,	Modeste Lefebvre,	A. Guibert,
1819	Modeste Lefebvre,	J. B. Desbois,	Nics. Visinier,
1820	Yves Lemonier,	Augte. Macarty,	Fçois. Dissard,
1821	Aug. Macarty,	J. F. Canonge,	F. Dissard,
1822	J. F. Canonge,	G. Debuis,	F. Dissard,
1823	D. F. Burthe,	G. Debuis,	F. Dissard,
1824	J. F. Canonge,	Yves Lemonnier,	F. Dissard,
1825	J. H. Holland,	F. Bodin,	F. Dissard,
1826	J. H. Holland,	M. Fleytas,	F. Dissard,
1827	J. H. Holland,	Alonzo Morphy,	F. Dissard,
1828	J. F. Canonge,	D. F. Burthe,	F. Dissard,
1829	J. H. Holland,	A. Longer,	F. Dissard,
1830	J. H. Holland,	Augte. Douce,	F. Dissard,
1831 to 1835	J. H. Holland,	J. F. Canonge,	F. Dissard,
1836	L. H. Feraud,	Fçois. Verrier,	F. Dissard,
1837	L. H. Feraud,	J. J. Mercier,	F. Dissard,
1838	J. H. Holland,	Alex. Philips,	F. Dissard,
1839	J. H. Holland,	G. A. Montmain,	Pierre Dubayle,
1840	A. W. Pichot,	Jean Lamothe,	Pierre Dubayle,
1841	A. W. Pichot,	Ramon Vionnet,	Pierre Dubayle,
1842	Jean Lamothe,	Paul Bertus,	Fçois. Verrier,
1843	E. A. Canon,	R. J. L. de Preaux,	Fçois. Verrier,
1844	R. J. L. de Preaux,	Felix Garcia,	Fçois. Verrier,
1845	Felix Garcia,	Lucien Hermann,	Fçois. Verrier,
1846	Felix Garcia,	R. J. L. de Preaux,	Fçois. Verrier.
1847	Felix Garcia.		

Brother J. H. Holland, being Grand Master, in the year 1833, the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, solemnly declared to the masonic

world, that, always faithful to the sacred principles of our sublime institution it has recognized and does effectually recognize the right which all masons have, to follow, for the conduct of their masonic labors, such usages as are established for the different rites; within the true land marks of the order, there being no essential difference between them.

Consequently, the masons of Louisiana, wishing to establish in this State a sole and only centre of masonic authority, regulating the labors of all the Lodges, under its jurisdiction, and that, under the denomination of a Grand Lodge duly incorporated by and for the State of Louisiana.

The said Grand Lodge made with the Grand Consistory of the Sov. Pr. of the Royal Sec., 32d deg., a concordate agreed and signed by both parties in New Orleans, the 14th January 1833, stipulating that the Gr. Consistory grants to the Grand Lodge, the right and power that the said Consistory heretofore had, of creating and constituting within the jurisdiction of Louisiana Lodges of the three Symbolical degrees of the Scotch and modern rites.

Therefore, the Grand Lodge, since that time, does accumulate under its authority and jurisdiction the three rites, say, York, Scotch and modern Rites, to the general satisfaction of all the masons under its jurisdiction, they having ever been recognized as regularly constituted masons, by all the Grand Orient Grand Lodges and all the subordinate Lodges under those three rites, ever spread on both hemispheres, in correspondence with the Grand Lodge.

GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Extract from the Minutes of the G. Lodge of Louisiana,
SITTING IN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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SITTING OF THE 26th JANUARY 1846.

The G. L. wishing to strengthen anew the bands of fraternal friendship already existing between the Masonic authority of Louisiana, and the Mas. Senate of France, and desirous of keeping up more than ever a correspondence which has been for too long a time interrupted, on account of the death of General Lafayette, our last representative before that Ill. body; has named, constituted, recognised and proclaimed as his successor, the M. Ill. Broth. *Hyacinthe Leblanc de Marconnay*, Sov. G. Insp. Gen., 33d degree, a warranter of friendship, of the M. W. G. L. of Louisiana, near the Grand Orient of France.

27th JANUARY 1846.

In consequence of a project wisely conceived, duly discussed, and deliberately adopted, there has been created for the G. L. a Masonic sinking fund, the object whereof is to capitalize, the sums now in its possession as well as its revenues; in order to procure itself the necessary means for the construction of a Masonic temple.

27th JANUARY 1846. *J. Amel*

The G. L. has been informed by a communication of the G. Consistory of the Sov. Pr. of the Royal Sec., 32d degree of the Scotch rite, for the State of Louisiana, that in its sitting of the 1st of April 1846, that body has passed itself, as well as all the Colleges, Chapt. Courts, Tribunals, Aeropagus and Councils of its jurisdiction, under the sovereign banner, and Masonic authority of the *Supreme Council* of the Sov. G. Ins. Gen. 33d and last degree, of the United States of America, sitting in the City of New Orleans; begging the G. L. to consider that deed as accomplished, and to maintain with that Masonic authority, the same fraternity, the same confidence and the same relations that the G. L. ever had towards the G. Cons.

The G. Consistory in tracing a rapid and succinct sketch of the changes which time and circumstances have wrought upon the laws that regulate the different degrees of the philosophical scotch Masonry in the State of Louisiana, has heretofore given to the G. L. the assurance that its only aim is to co-operate actively, together with the Sov. G. Ins. Gen. and the G. Lodge for the propagation of the lights of our fraternal and philanthropic association.

Consequently the G. L. in the above mentioned sitting of the 27th of June 1846 has declared and proclaimed that following the example of the G. Orient of France, in its Grand Council of Rites; it solemnly recognizes the *Supreme Council* of the Sov. G. Insp. Gen., 33d and last degree of the United States of America, sitting in the City of New Orleans, as the sole Legislature of the philosophical scotch Masonry in the United States of America.

28th NOVEMBER 1846

A happy reunion of regularly made Masons, having offered themselves for the purpose of founding a new Lodge; those Breth. having given satisfactory vouchers, and having elected Broth. George Weak as Master, Thomas L. Simpson, senior warden, and George W. Jelks, junior warden. The city of Bastrop, parish of Morehouse has been selected for the location of the Temple of Mount Gerizim Lodge No. 54.

28th NOVEMBER 1846

Two letters from two Lodges out of the jurisdiction of the G. L. of the State of Louisiana, one of them is from the Lodge No. 38, sitting at Vicksburg, and the other from Locke Lodge, No. 52, sitting at Natchez (Miss.) were read, both informing of the expulsion from the order of two Masons on account of inebriation.

The G. L. considering that it has no right to interfere with the labors of any Lodge subordinate to the other G. L. of the different States of the Union, which on their part, respect its rights in that particular, orders that the above mentioned letters be laid upon the table, and sent back immediately, with information given by the G. Secretary, to the G. Lodges to which both the said Lodges are subordinate.

28th NOVEMBER 1846

A permanent and special committee of three members is created, which is to be composed of the R. Worsh. G. Master, the Gr. Secretary and the Gr. Treasurer for the purpose of taking such measures as they may judge expedient, to procure for the Gr. Lodge, a Lot of Ground suitable to the erection of a Masonic Temple.

The Committee having full power to act, in the name of the Gr. Lodge and for the best of its interests.

28th JANUARY 1847

The committee of Finances after the examination and verification of the accounts of the Gr. Treasurer, for the years 1845, '46; reports as follows:

1st. That it has minutely examined the several items, entered into the said accounts as receipts, and that they were in perfect concordance with those enregistered into the books of the G. L. as it appears from the receipts delivered by the Gr. Treasurer, and which are in the hands of the Gr. Secret. said receipts to the number of 42 endorsed from No. 1 to 42.

2d. That it has also minutely examined and verified the amounts registered as expenses, and that they all are in conformity with the accounts presented to it, to the number of 87, endorsed from No. 1 to 87 for the year 1845, and to the number of 67 endorsed from 1 to 67, for the year 1846, that it has recognized them all to be legal and duly authorized, in conformity with the General regulations of the G. L.

Consequently it declares that the following is the result of the present examination and verification of the said accounts; that the receipts of the sums accruing from the dues of the Lodges under this jurisdic-

tion have amounted during the year 1846, including the balance on hand at the expiration of the year 1844 to the amount of \$2,283 94

And those received during the year 1846 amount to..... 1,294 69

Thus, the sum total received during 1845 and 1846 amounts to..... \$3,578 63

That the expenses for the year 1845 amount to \$1,825 44

Those for the year 1846 amount to..... 1,044 45

Consequently the expenses of 1845 and 1846 amount to..... \$2,869 89 \$2,869 89

leaving a balance on hand of the private funds of the G. L. settled up to the 20th January 1847 amounting to the sum of..... \$711 74

That besides the said amount of \$711 74 the G. Secret. has informed the G. L. that there is in the Treasury a sum amounting to..... \$326 45

Accruing from the dues of several Lodges under this jurisdiction for the year 1846 and of which the G. T. will be accountable at the expiration of the year 1847. That lastly there is besides in the treasury a fund accruing from the interest and accounts received for the capital loan of \$7,500 made to Polar Star. L. No. 1 in virtue of an act bearing mortgage, and dated 11th January 1840, which funds belong to the sinking fund of the G. L. and that cannot be disposed of but as is provided, and the amount of which is.... \$1,286

And finally, that the sum on hand this day amounts to..... \$2,324 19

The committee having but justly deserved elogiums to bestow for the rigid exactitude of the gestion of Broth. Ramon Vionnet in his capacity of Grand Treasurer; the Grand Lodge, on a seconded motion, does approve in all its contents the report of its committee of Finances, discharges it and offers its thanks for all its trouble and exertions.

Out of 24 regular Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge three of them only are in arrears of their dues.

These are the following:

The Humble Cottage No. 19, sitting at Opelousas, La. indebted for its dues for the years 1843, 44, 45 and 46.

The Hospitaler of the Teche No. 48 sitting at St. Martinsville, La. indebted for its dues for the years 1844, 1845 and 1846

Alexandria No. 37 sitting at Alexandria, La. indebted for its dues for the years 1844, 1845 and 1846.

With respect to those Lodges, the Grand Lodge has decided that their Charters shall be withdrawn from them, if at the expiration of

three months; they have not settled their accounts for the above mentioned dues in arrears.

The greatest activity exists in the correspondence, and all the affairs to be acted upon, are enregistered, the number of the letters written during the administration of the actual Grand Secretary amounts to 1200, including all the documents that have been dispatched these 4 years past, by order of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana has received during the year 1846 the communications, Mas. collections annuaries and annual returns from 25 Grand Lodges of the United States of America and several foreign Grand Orients. On its part, it has forwarded its annual communications to all the Grand Lodges of the United States, as well as to all the Grand Orients, Grand Lodges and supreme bodies of its correspondence. So, all intercourse and communications have been effected, with confidence and exactness.

The following Resolutions have been decreed and adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, in the 1st session of 1847; and at the sitting of the 25th of January 1847.

Art. 1st. The fact of initiating a profane to our mysteries, and of conferring the fellow craft and master masons degree, or either of them, and also the fact of affiliating a mason, unless the whole amount of the initiation or affiliation, or that of the different degrees conferred on him (as the case may be), be paid in advance to the competent officer, being offences, the effects of which are at first, to clog and stop the progress of the Lodges under our immediate control: then, to paralyse their existence, and finally to consummate their total ruin, all and each of these offences shall be punished as it is hereafter provided.

Art. 2d. Any Lodge that shall be accused of having violated or suffered the violation of all, any or either of the provisions mentioned in the preceding article, shall be cited in the person of its master and its two wardens, and in the case of the sickness or any other impediment whatever of those three officers or any of them, in the person of that or those of its dignitaries who according to the masonic hierarchy are to fill their places, to be and appear before the G. L. there to answer the charge proffered against it, and upon conviction thereof, the said L. shall be liable to be punished either by interdiction or suspension for a time, or by the withdrawal of its charter, according to the gravity of the circumstances, at the discretion of the G. L.

Art. 3d. Any master or officer of any of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, whether he be the incumbent or only acting pro tempore who shall violate himself or take any part in the violation of the provisions and clauses mentioned in the 1st article, or shall adhere or consent to the violation of them, or who having been informed of the offence shall not inform the competent authority, of the fact which has come to his knowledge by the denunciation of the person who shall

have perpetrated the offence, shall be summoned to appear before the G. L. to answer that accusation; and upon conviction thereof, he shall be punished either by interdiction or suspension for a time, or by being deprived for ever of his masonic qualities, according to the gravity of the circumstances at the discretion of the G. L. whatever may have been the penalty assessed as a body, to the Lodge whereof he was a dignitary or whatever decision may have been adopted, respecting the said Lodge.

Art. 4. Nothing contained in the preceding articles shall be so construed as to deprive any Lodge of this jurisdiction of the right of affiliating or initiating without any retribution a mason or profane, whose talents and virtues may make his admission advantageous to the welfare or prosperity of the craft. In such a case, the admission shall have to be agreed upon, in a regular meeting which shall be held previous to the initiation or affiliation whereof; and that deliberation shall be entered in the minute book.

Art. 5. Any Lodge whereof any member or members are indebted to its treasury for the whole or part of the amount of his or their initiation, for the whole or part of the different degrees that may have been conferred on him or them, or for the whole or part of the amount of his or their affiliation, as the case may be, shall as soon as the present resolutions shall have been notified to her, inform the said delinquents to pay the same immediately, and if, after a delay which shall not exceed three months, the said member or members do not pay integrally in the hands of the treasurer such sums as may be due by him or them for any of the causes above mentioned, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to pronounce immediately the radiation of their names from the roll of her members, and deprive them of their masonic qualifications.

Art. 6th. Any Lodge that shall neglect or refuse to obey the provisions of the 5th article or any of them, or to cause them to be executed in all their contents shall be cited as it is mentioned in the 2d. article to appear before the G. L. to answer the charge proffered against her, and upon conviction thereof, the said Lodge shall be liable to be punished either by interdiction or suspension for a time, or by the withdrawal of her charter, according to the gravity of the circumstances, at the discretion of the G. L.

Art. 7th. Any master or officer of a Lodge, whether he be the incumbent or only acting pro tempore, who shall neglect or refuse to obey the clauses and provisions of the 5th. article or any of them or to cause them to be executed in all their contents, shall be cited to be and appear before the Grand Lodge to answer the charge proffered against him, and upon conviction thereof he shall be punished by the penalties mentioned in the 3d. article, whatever may have been the penalty assessed as a body to the Lodge whereof he was a dignitary, or whatever decision may have been adopted respecting the said Lodge.

Art. 8th. The fact of affiliating a Mason who having been a member of any Lodge of this jurisdiction, who could not bring the proof that he has withdrawn from the said Lodge conformably to its laws, and produce a copy of the deliberation of the said Lodge granting to

him leave to withdraw, as well as the receipt from the treasurer certifying that he has paid in full the price of the degrees to which he may have been raised as the case may be, and also a receipt from the same officer proving that he has paid in full and regularly his monthly dues and his dues to the Grand Lodge, and likewise the fact of affiliating a Mason who in default of producing any of these written documents, could not prove by such parole evidence as would appear satisfactory to the Lodge to which he would wish to be affiliated, of the fact or facts which should be necessary for him to establish in order to obtain that favour, are hereby declared to be offences which may give rise to the most fatal consequences and open the door to abuses, the effect of which it is impossible to foresee; each and every one of the said acts shall be punished as here after provided for.

Art. 9th. Any Lodge that shall be accused of having transgressed all or any of the clauses or provisions mentioned in the 8th article, or suffered the infraction of them, shall be cited as provided by the 2d. article to appear before the Grand Loge there to be tried upon the accusation, and upon conviction, the said Lodge shall be liable to the penalty mentioned in the 2d article.

Art. 10th. Any master or officer of a Lodge under this jurisdiction whether he be the incumbent or acting *pro tempore* who shall himself transgress or take any part in the infraction of all or any of the clauses or provisions mentioned in the 8th article, or consent or permit that they should be transgressed, or having knowledge that they have been transgressed, shall not denounce to the competent authority the offence and the name of the offender, shall be brought before the Grand Loge, there to be tried, and upon conviction, he shall be punished according to the enactments of the 8th article whether may be the penalty inflicted to the Lodge of which he was an officer, and whatever might have been the decision had with respect to the said Lodge.

Art. 11th. Any Lodge that shall have affiliated one or more members of the late Lodge *la Libérale No. 3*, shall be bound, and it is hereby expressly made its duty, as soon as due notice shall have been given to it of the present resolutions to summons each and every one of the said members so affiliated, commanding him or them to bring the proof that he or they have withdrawn from the said Lodge conformably to its by-laws, and to that effect he or they shall be bound to produce a copy of the deliberation of his Lodge, granting to him or them leave to withdraw from the said Lodge, together with the receipt from the treasurer certifying that he or they have paid in full for their initiation, if he or they were made Masons there, a similar document proving that he or they have paid in full the price of the degrees to which he or they may have been raised; and also a receipt of the same officer proving that he or they have paid in full and regularly their monthly dues and their dues to the Grand Loge, and in default on the part of any of those members to produce all and every one of the said documents, or that or those which should be necessary to prove that he or they have complied with all their obligations with the Lodge from which he or they shall have withdrawn, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to which he or they should have been affiliated, and such Lodge is hereby expressly and explicitly ordered

to put immediately the said member or members upon his or their trial, by citing him or them to appear at its bar; and if upon the evidence exhibited, he or they be found guilty of having failed to pay in full the price of his or their initiation, or of the degrees to which they may have been raised, or the amount of his or their monthly dues, and dues to the Grand Loge; and of having in that situation withdrawn without leave from the Lodge to which he or they belonged, the member or members so convicted of either of those offences shall be condemned to be for ever deprived of his or their titles and qualities, and to have his or their names burned between the two columns.

If the evidence should make it appear that he or they are only guilty of having withdrawn from the Lodge without leave, but that he or they had in other respects complied with all his or their obligations to the said Lodge, the sentence to be passed upon such members by the Lodge to which he or they were affiliated, shall be 1st. to be deprived of his membership of the Lodge; 2d. to be suspended and prohibited any intercourse with the masonic order for a time which shall not be less than one year, nor exceed three years according to the gravity of the circumstances of the case.

Art. 12th. Any Lodge, that shall neglect or refuse to obey the clauses or provisions of the 11th Art. or any of them, and to cause them to be fully executed shall be summoned in the manner provided for in the 2d Art. to appear before the Grand Lodge; there to answer the accusation brought against it, and upon conviction, it shall be liable either to interdiction or suspension for a time, to be determined and finally to the withdrawal of its charter, according to the gravity of the circumstances, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

Art. 13th. Any master or officer of a Lodge, whether he be the incumbent or acting *pro tem*, who shall neglect or refuse to obey the clauses or provisions of the 11th Art., or any of them, and to cause them to be executed in all their contents, shall be summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge, there to be tried, and upon conviction shall be liable to the penalties mentioned in the 3d Art., whatever might have been the penalty pronounced as a body against the Lodge, wherein he was an officer, and whatever might have been the decision had with respect to the said Lodge.

Art. 14th. Any member of the late L., *La Libérale No. 3* who does not belong to any of the Lodges of this jurisdiction, who shall be charged with having failed to pay in full, either the amount of his initiation, or affiliation, or the price of the degrees to which he may have been raised, or the full amount of his monthly dues to his lodge, and his dues to the Gr. Lodge, and who likewise shall be accused of having withdrawn from the said Lodge without leave, shall be summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge, there to undergo his trial, that summons shall be directed to him by the Gr. Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and inform him of the nature of the accusation brought against him and also of the day appointed for the investigation of the case.

Should not the member so notified obey the first summons by his appearance in person agreeably to the summons, a second and finally a third one shall be directed to him, taking care of leaving between each of them an interval of fifteen days; and after the third and last summons, whether the accused appears or not, the Grand Lodge shall pro-

ceed to the investigation of the cause, to the hearing of the witnesses and to the taking into consideration of the evidence which may be brought either for or against the accused. Should the investigation prove that the accused is guilty either of all or of any of the offences mentioned in the present Art., or of one or more of them, the penalty to be pronounced by the Grand Lodge, and which is left to its discretion, according to the gravity of circumstances, shall be the interdiction or suspension for a time to be determined, or the entire deprivation of the quality, titles, rights, and masonic privileges of the offender, provided, there shall be no second or third citation, should the accused appear on the first.

Art. 15th. Any officer or member of the late Lodge la Libérale No. 3, as well as any mason having in his possession under any title whatever, any books, documents, funds, effects, objects, or any other property belonging to the said Lodge la Libérale, shall without delay deliver them up to the Grand Secretary, to be disposed of by the Grand Lodge, as it may be hereafter determined.

And any person included in either of the two categories mentioned in the present article, who shall neglect or refuse to obey the clauses or provisions of the present Art, or who having knowledge of the fact that one or more persons of those hereby mentioned, have in his or their possession any things or property belonging to the late Lodge la Libérale No. 3, shall not denounce to the Grand Lodge the unlawful keeping, and the name of the keeper, shall be brought before the Grand Lodge, there to be tried, and upon conviction, he or they shall be liable according to the gravity of circumstances, to interdiction or suspension for a time to be determined, or to the deprivation of his, or their rights, titles or masonic qualities at the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

Art. 16th. Whenever a sentence shall have been pronounced according to the provisions of the preceding Art., notice thereof shall be given to the Grand Lodge, if the sentence has not been passed by that body, as well as to the Lodges of its jurisdiction and those corresponding with it.

Art. 17th. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge is by the present authorised and required to receive from such persons indebted to the late L. la Libérale No. 3, as may make the offer, such sums as they themselves may acknowledge to owe to that body, and the said amounts shall be applied, 1st to the payment of the arrears due by the said Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and the overplus, if any, shall be placed in the treasury of the Grand Lodge, to be disposed thereof, as the said body may subsequently determine.

G. R. A. CHAP. OF LOUISIANA,

ANNEXED TO THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,

And Supreme Head of the regular R. A. Chapters in said State.

Grand Officers.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter elected and installed in its meeting of the 27th February, 1847, to direct the labors of the Grand Chapter for the year 1847, are the following Comp.:

M. E. C. C.

FELIX GARCIA,.....M. E. G. H. P.

ROBERT DE PREAUX.....D. Gr. H. P.

FRANÇOIS MEILLEUR,.....G. K.

ROMAIN BRUGIER,.....Gr. S.

FRANÇOIS VERRIER,.....Gr. Secret.

RAMON VIONNET,.....Gr. Tréas.

JN. FRÇOIS CANONGE,.....G. Chap.

B. OLNEY,.....Gr. Marshal.

FRANÇOIS BRICHTA,.....Gr. Tyler.

MEETINGS.

The Grand Chapter holds its session at the same place as the Grand Lodge; say at Perséverance Lodge, No. 4.

Independent of the two general meetings fixed for the fourth Saturday of February and July, every year; the Gr. H. P. can convoke the Gr. Chapt. extraordinary.

GRAND SEC. [ADDRESS.]

Com. François Verrier, Gr. Secret. of the Gr. R. A. Ch. of Louisiana, No. 40, Condé Street, New Orleans.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Under the jurisdiction of the GR. CHAPT. of Louisiana.

CONCORD, R. A. Chap. No. 1, at New Orleans.

A. DERBES, H. P.

PERSEVERANCE, R. A. Chap. No. 2, at New Orleans.

Fr. MEILLEUR, H. P.

POLAR STAR, R. A. Chap. No. 3, at New Orleans.

R. BRUGIER, H. P.

UNION, R. A. Chap. No. 12, at New Orleans.

B. OLNEY, H. P.

DISCIPLES, R. A. Chap. No. 13, at New Orleans.

L. L. VALETON, H. P.

SUPREME COUNCIL

OF THE

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL

33d. and last degree of the Scotch Rite, in the United States of America.

SITTING IN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Jn. Fçois. CANONGE, Sovereign Grand Commander.
 FRANÇOIS VERRIER, Lieut. S. Gr. Comm. Founder
 JAMES FOULHOUSE, Gr. Chanc. Sec. of the H. Empire.
 G. A. MONTMAIN, Ex-Gr. Chanc. Sec. of the H. Em.
 J. B. FAGET, Gr. Trés. of the H. Empire.
 J. H. HOLLAND, Gr. Master of Cerem.
 ROB. J. L. de PREAUX, Gr. Capt. of the Guards.
 RAMON VIONNET, Gr. Almoner or Chaplain.
 JEAN LAMOTHE, Gr. Standard bearer.
 FRANÇOIS MEILLEUR, S. G. T. G.
 FELIX GARCIA, S. G. T. G.
 PIERRE SOULE, S. G. T. G.

REPRESENTATIVE AND WARRANTER OF FRIENDSHIP

Of the Grand Orient of France near the Sup. Council.
 G. A. MONTMAIN.

N. B. The Supreme Council regularly constituted according to the Scotch Rite, is in friendly and fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, and the foreign Grand Orients; and the members of the Sup. Council are all officers and members in activity of the Grand Lodge.

SUPERIOR MASONIC BODIES

Under the Jurisdiction of the Sup. Council.

GRAND CONSISTORY

Of the Sov. Prin. of the Royal Sec.

- 1st. CHAMBER.—College of the Superior degrees.
R. J. L. de Preaux, Sov. Gr. Com. President.
- 2d. CHAMBER.—Sovereign General Grand Chapter.
Jean Lamothe, M. Ill. President.
- 3d. CHAMBER.—Grand Chamber of Administration.
François Verrier, M. Ill. President.

COUNCILS OF KNIGHTS KADOSCH [30th degree.]

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Consistory.

Trinosophes No. 1, annexed to PERSEVERANCE Lodge No. 4.

RAMON VIONNET, Gr. Master.

Polar Star No. 3, annexed to POLAR LODGE No. 1.

FELIX GARCIA, Gr. Master.

CHAPTERS OF ROSE-CROIX [18th degree.]

Under the jurisdiction of the Gr. Consistory.

TRINOSOPHES No. 1, annexed to Perseverance Lodge, No. 4.

François Meilleur, M. W.

POLAR STAR, No. 2, annexed to Polar Star Lodge, No. 1.

Jn. Fçois. Canonge, M. W.

AMOR FRATERNAL No. 4, annexed to Fraternal Love, No. 4.

Salvador Viosca, M. W.

A. W. PICHOT No. 5, annexed to L. of Dis. of M. S., No. 5.

J. J. E. Massicot, M. W.

MASONIC HEARTH No. 6, annexed to Mason. Hearth L., No. 4.

Gustave Meriaux, M. W.

Encampment of **KNIGHTS TEMPLARS**, under the obedience of the General Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

THE INVISIBLE FRIENDS, No. 6, annexed to P. S. L., N. 6.

François Meilleur, Grand Commander.

COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, Y. R.

HOLLAND No. 1, annexed to Polar Star Lodge, No. 5.

Fçois. Meilleur, T. R. Ill. Gr. M.

Extract from the Book of Expulsions AND RE-INSTALMENTS

For the Year 1846.

LIST OF THE BRETHREN WHO HAVE BEEN RE-INSTALED

in their titles and Masonic Prerogatives, during the year 1846, by special decisions of their respective Lodges, and sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

J. A. BONNEVAL, Concord Lodge, No. 3, 22d November, 1846.

**MASONS WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN STRICKEN OUT
FROM THE LIST OF THEIR RESPECTIVE LODGES.**

For non payment of dues, and who may be Re-instated on payment thereof.

Charles Deranco,	Perseverance Lodge, No. 4,	the 24th June 1845.
Joseph Chevalier,	do	24th " "
Auguste Roy,	do	24th " "
Vincent Déflicé,	do	24th " "
Henri Grandmont,	do	24th " "
J. M. Barrett,	Poinsett Lodge, No. 39,	the 11th Aug. 1846.
Paul Maureau,	Concord " No. 3,	11th " "
Wm. Reinécke,	do	11th " "
Théodore Wilkinson,	do	11th " "
J. Ogié,	do	11th " "
Georges Héno,	do	11th " "
François Coquet,	do	11th " "
Victor Joumaron,	do	11th " "
Jean Darquet,	Masonic Hearth, No. 4,	the 11th Aug. 1846.
Joseph Pregnault,	do	11th " "
L. Rose,	do	11th " "
Willéré Denesse,	do	11th " "
E. Nostro,	do	25th Oct. 1846.
J. Banal,	do	25th " "
Pierre Rougeau,	do	25th " "
H. J. Caldwell,	do	25th " "
P. F. H. Summers,	Germania Lodge, No 46,	suspended for 6 months, May 20th, 1846.

MASONS EXPELLED FROM THE MASONIC ORDER

By special Decisions of their Lodges, for anti-masonic conduct.

Wm. McKnight, Providence Lodge, No. 50, the 14th March 1846.

Louis Trigan de Beaumont, G.: Consistory 32d., 12th Oct. 1846.

BY ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE,

F. VERRIER.

Grand Secretary.

TO THE G.: OF THE GR.: A.: OF THE U.:

**GRAND LODGE
OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.**

Extract from the Minutes of the Gr.: L.:

REPORT

OF THE

Special committee charged to enquire relative to certain acts and doings of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi tending to destroy the order and harmony of Free Masonry in the State of Louisiana, by an improper interference with its concerns, followed by the Resolutions adopted in its sitting of the 21st of April A. D. 1847.



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TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE
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**TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE
OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.**

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Poinsett Lodge No. 39, relative to the surrender of their charter

Beg leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them,—

That communication informs the Grand Lodge that they have resolved to surrender the charter granted them on the twenty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, in consequence of certain doings of the M. W. Gr. Lodge of Mississippi at its last annual communication, when it is said that a declaration was made by that body :

- 1st, That it is incompatible with the ancient usages of Masonry, to blend three rites, together.
- 2nd, That there is no Grand-Lodge of ancient York Masons in the State of Louisiana.

As regards the existence of a Grand Lodge, the members of Poinsett Lodge must be well aware that this Grand Lodge was constituted in the year of Masonry 5812, as "the Grand Lodge of Louisiana ancient York Masons, according to the old Constitution as revised by Prince Edwin at the city of York, A. L. 4926," and that it has ever since exercised supreme and exclusive jurisdiction, as such, throughout the whole extent of the limits of this State, and that it has been constantly recognised as the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana by all the Grand Lodges of the world, with the exception of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, who attempted very soon after that body came into existence, to dispute that jurisdiction by chartering Lodges within the State, but which measure they then failed in carrying out.

The members of Poinsett Lodge must have known how this Grand Lodge was constituted if ever they looked at the charter granted them by this Grand Lodge, in the year 1837, and which they must have had from that time constantly before them, and that it has been in regular operation since that time, *they are bound to know*, because Poinsett Lodge has from that date to the present, formed an integral part of this Grand Lodge, and until its present session has taken an active part in its proceedings. At the date above mentioned they petitioned this body for a warrant of Constitution, to enable them, as brethren having the prosperity of Masonry at heart, to form themselves into a regular Lodge for the purpose, as they declared, of diffusing its genuine principles; and solemnly promising if the prayer of their petition was grant-

ed that they would strictly conform to all the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, under whose auspices they were seeking to become a regular Lodge. Their request was granted—a charter issued, and the Lodge was solemnly constituted according to ancient usage, when promises of fidelity to the compact then consummated between them and the Masons of this State represented by the Grand Lodge, were renewed in a more solemn form, and have from that time been reiterated at stated periods to the present year inclusive. Many of the present members of Poinsett Lodge have been made, passed, and raised of their own proper free will and accord under the auspices of this body, and how they can cancel the obligations then entered into, to support and maintain it, in all time to come, cannot be seen by your committee. Poinsett Lodge has ever since its creation had its due share in the government of the fraternity of this State.

It acted through its representatives up to the time of our annual meeting in January last voting upon all questions submitted, and assisting and co-operating in the making of all the laws which have been enacted for governing the Craft, and at all times fully participated in the administration of the concerns of the society without once having manifested a doubt as to the constitutionality of this body or disapprobation of its measures.

The answer then, which should have been given by Poinsett Lodge to a declaration that there existed no Grand Lodge of ancient Masons in Louisiana, is obvious!

With the question respecting the blending of rites, we have nothing to do. No such proceedings having taken place in Louisiana. But we might observe that Masonic bodies of some eminence have entertained opinions on the subject different from that expressed by our younger sister of Mississippi.

Masonic history informs us, for instance, that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—the Grand Lodge of South Carolina—that great source of light; the Grand Lodge of England—the Grand Orient of France, and the Grand Lodge of Holland, have all done such things, and their proceedings have been universally applauded by the brethren at large. Whether those different Grand Lodges understand the Institutions of Masonry as well as the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, is a question which we will not now examine, for we have not followed their example.

What we have done here, is this: we have drawn closer, and greatly strengthened our bond of union, by uniting the whole Brotherhood of Louisiana, of the three first degrees, under one head.

We have recognised the universality of our institution, and when we meet a worthy regular Master Mason, who satisfies us upon due examination, and upon the production of the proper vouchers that he has been initiated in a regular Lodge, we acknowledge him as a Brother, and extend to him the right hand of fellowship, from whatever country he may hail.

Laws must be suited to the community for which they are made, and some Masonic regulations might be well adapted to the Meridian of Louisiana; and especially to that of the City of New Orleans, where we have daily intercourse with the Brethren of all nations, the utility of which might not be understood by the Masons of

that part of our country, having but few external relations; and where the community is composed entirely of one kind of people.

The great desideratum in Masonry is Harmony, and every regulation which produces that effect, tends to the glory of the Grand Architect of the universe, and the happiness of man. In New Orleans there are Lodges working in our different Languages. The fraternity here is composed of men of various nations, habits and opinions; and every measure which tends to unite us all into one band of Brothers is a blessing. A part of our Brethren entertain predilections for the rites generally practised on the continent of Europe. Those are what are called the French or Modern rites, and the Scottish rites. The others are attached more especially to the less complicated ceremonies generally practised in the United States, and in great Britain and Ireland. Those are generally denominated in the States of the Union, ancient York rites, although it does not appear that the Grand Lodge which existed at York, or any other Masonic Body descending from it ever constituted Lodges in America and in England, the denomination of York Masons is not now known. This Grand Lodge was formed by Lodges holding charters from Pennsylvania, and some other Grand Lodges of the union whose titles were ancient York Lodges, and this Grand Lodge was consequently constituted a Grand Lodge of ancient York Masons. But at the time it was formed, there were Lodges existing in New Orleans under the sanction of the Grand Orient of France, which remained under that jurisdiction; and others were subsequently constituted by that body. Thus arose a conflict of authority which was likely to create misunderstanding; and to avert that evil, it was agreed to unite those bodies, without the blending of rites, to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, with permission to each of these subordinate Lodges to continue the use of its particular ceremonies, and with power in the Grand Lodge to allow them, if they thought proper, to cumulate either or both of the other rites, provided they should keep them separate and distinct. This provision was made merely to appease prejudice, for the difference of Masonic ceremonies, in the three first degrees, is so very trifling; that it is astonishing sensible men should have ever attached to it any importance. It is a curious fact that while there existed in the State of Massachusetts two distinct Grand Lodges, the one stiled a "Modern," and the other an "Ancient" Grand Lodge and who in those days refused to hold intercourse with each other, the Lodges under their respective jurisdictions often used each others ceremonies without knowing the distinction, (see history of Free Masonry in Massachusetts.) In fact, the difference, as has been aptly remarked by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, is about as important as the putting on the glove on the right hand first, instead of the left. Now as to the bug bear of modern Masonry, what is it? Let us see? When the two Grand Lodges of Massachusetts united, we are informed by the same history, that they adopted the ceremonies used by the modern Grand Lodge, and these are the ceremonies now generally practised in the United States, and consequently in the State of Mississippi. Why then is our sister of that State clamoring for Ancient York Masons?

The Grand Orient of France ever liberal, and tolerant, and will

ling, at all times to promote the Harmony and prosperity of the order, applauded the measure, and assisted in carrying it into execution.

The present regulation on the subject is, that in issuing charters in future, they shall be issued for the forming of ancient York Lodges, so called, but may contain the power of cumulating the other two Rites, but the ancient York Rite shall always be considered the principal or national Rite.

The effect of this arrangement has been very beneficially felt. The spirit of rivalry which must necessarily attend the existence of conflicting authority within the same jurisdiction, has been extinguished; good feeling and friendship substituted in its stead, and our means of wiping the tear from the eye of sorrow proportionately increased.

The uniting the Rites to the extent before described, has in the opinion of the committee proved to be a wise and salutary measure, interfering with none of our Masonic Land Marks, dictated by the principles of the clearest necessity, founded in the highest reason, warranted by precedents of the most approved authority, and consequently instead of affording matter of reproach, must meet the approbation of every Mason who justly reflects upon the true intent and design of the Masonic society.

The last reason given by those Brethren for desiring to secede, is, that they have learned by said experience that the Masons of Louisiana are not recognized as such by the Lodges of the other States of the Union, nor in Europe, and that if a Brother is admitted to visit, it is out of courtesy to the man and not to the Mason. This information greatly surprises your committee, for they learn here for the first time, and some of them are old Masons, that men are ever admitted into Masonic Lodges through courtesy to them as men, when they are not recognised as Masons. If it be true, that this practice exists in some countries, brethren should not be desirous of entering Lodges under such circumstances, or of holding Masonic intercourse with your bodies who are guilty of such practises. Nor have your committee ever heard it asserted before, that Masons hailing from Louisiana experienced the difficulties suggested, and we cannot but think those brothers are misinformed on the point. Masons from Louisiana, we are certain, experience no difficulties in Europe, when bearing the diplomas of this Grand Lodge, if they understand the art as they ought to do, and we believe there are few Lodges in the United States that would refuse them admittance, if they can make themselves properly known. Perhaps some of the Lodges in Mississippi might not admit them; but even this is doubtful. Upon the whole, your committee cannot perceive any thing in the communication under consideration justifying the sudden determination of Poinsett Lodge to dissolve the compact solemnly entered into with their Brethren of this State to exert their best endeavors at all times individually and collectively, to promote the prosperity of the order, and diffuse its genuine principles, by a diligent attention to the concerns of the Lodge they had formed, and to the concerns of Masonry generally, and the Grand Lodge might well withhold its consent to the measure; your committee however would not recommend that course, but would advise that the same kindness and indulgence which has

always characterized the conduct of this body towards those Brethren should be practiced on this occasion as a proof, that although the Grand Lodge is sensible that the want of a proper feeling towards its constituents is apparent in the course pursued by the Lodge; yet that this body has too much magnanimity to review their conduct with severity.

The committee recommend therefore that the surrender of the charter be accepted.

It might be expected that the jewels of the Lodge should have been surrendered with the Charter and Books; which does not appear to have been done. Ancient usage requires it, and it is believed that such is the spirit of our present regulations, but in terms, they only require the surrender of jewels by Lodges which have forfeited their charter; your committee deem it best therefore to permit the jewels to be retained, unless those Brethren believe it to be their duty to give them up.

Your committee feel great regret in consequence of being obliged to remark upon the conduct of those Brethren, in suffering themselves to be operated upon, by the suggestions of persons who have no interest in common with the citizens of this State, but they must say they are sorry that Poinsett Lodge has suffered itself to be broken up upon such improper suggestions.

Many of those Brethren are known to members of this committee, as worthy citizens, and Brethren, and in affording relief to the distressed, they have not been surpassed by any of their sister Lodges—more then is the pity that their assistance in those good works is now to be withdrawn.

The Lodge will be replaced however in all probability by a body bearing the same name, in which the labors will be conducted in the same language, and the injury done to the order by its dissolution, will be in some measure repaired by the exertions of the Brethren who will take the place of those who have seceded.

The communication herein referred to has led to the knowledge of transactions and doings of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi of a graver cast than mere declarations. It appears that the declarations referred to by Poinsett Lodge have been followed up by action, which not only tend to destroy the harmony and well being of Masonry in Louisiana, but go directly to subvert and overthrow the organic Law upon which the Government of Masonry in the United States is founded. The laws of our institution emphatically command obedience to the laws of the country in which we reside; but it appears from information given to your committee that our younger sister above mentioned regardless of this principle, has not only undertaken to annihilate the authority of her elder sister in Louisiana over the Masons of the State in which they reside, by one stroke of the pen; but has actually assumed the government of the Fraternity of this State in her stead; thereby attempting to subject an incorporated association of Louisiana to the power of Mississippi, for we find that she has not only induced the Brethren of No. 39, by insinuations against the legitimate Masonic authority of this State, to break up the Lodge in violation of their solemn engagement, but has actually sent her edicts, into our jurisdiction to the manifest

violation of good order. It is a well established fact that several new Lodges have been illegally formed in and near New Orleans by pretended dispensations from that Grand Lodge for which they have taken money, in violation of the first principles of the order.

The Grand Lodge of each State of the American Union is free and independant in its government and official authority of every other Grand Lodge of the Universe, and that no person or set of persons ought, or can use or exercise the power of erecting Lodges, making Masons, appointing officers, receiving dues, or doing any other thing which belongs to the powers or prerogatives of a Grand Lodge, within the limits of any State in which there exists a Grand Lodge established according to ancient usage by the Masons of such State, is a principle which was fully established at the first organization of a Grand Lodge in the United States after the Revolution, and has been so often confirmed by decisions of the several Grand Lodges, that it no longer admits of a doubt. Our sister of Mississippi, it is believed, is the only Grand Lodge which has ever disputed that principle. A similar attempt to the present was made by that body several years since; but it proved an abortion, and the rebuke given to our then very young sister by the several Grand lodges of the United States, was supposed to be sufficient to convince her of the impropriety of the interference; for she, on that occasion, gave up the contest and withdrew her charter from this jurisdiction.

The principles above referred to in relation to the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges, is incorporated in our constitution and must be executed by all those who are mindful of their Masonic obligations.

Article 22d, says, "the Grand Lodge will, not constitute Lodges in foreign countries, in which there is a Grand Lodge, nor within any State or Territory of the United States, where a Grand Lodge exists; nor will it permit any foreign Masonic authority, nor any Grand Lodge of any of the United States, to constitute Lodges of any of the Rites of the three first degrees, within the limits of the State of Louisiana; and declares before hand, that if such a case should occur, the Lodge so constituted, shall be declared irregular, and its members expelled; and that all Masonic communication shall cease (if any before existed) between the constituents of such Lodge, and the Masons of Louisiana."

Article 51 says, "It is forbidden to any number of Masons to assemble and form a Lodge without having obtained a warrant of constitution from the Grand Lodge, and whoever shall be convicted of contravening this Rule, shall be expelled from all the Lodges, by a Resolution of the Grand Lodge, and deprived of all Masonic privileges."

The duty of the Grand Lodge is clear therefore, as to the course to be pursued towards the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and the Lodges illegally constituted by that body in this State.

Your committee are in possession of a pamphlet, published to the world as the By-Laws of one of the bodies pretending to act under the sanction of the General Grand Lodge of Mississippi, with a list of the members, they are:

- W. P. COLEMAN, Tr. M.
- C. D. LEHMAN, S. W.

- WILLIAM THOMPSON, J. . . W. .
- JOHN GEDER, Treasurer.
- E. L. HYAMS Secretary.
- GLEDDING GORIN, Chaplain.
- A. C. LABAT, ... Marshal.
- WILLIS COLEMAN, Tyler.
- EDWARD BURNETT, }
- JACOB SORIA, } MEMBERS.
- A. LAFLIN, }

Your committee after having duly considered all the circumstances attending the matters which have come to their knowledge, connected with the business before them, offer the following Resolutions for your consideration.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to retain and deposit in the Archives of this Grand Lodge, the Charter and Books of the Grand Lodge Poinsett No. 39, and that the said Lodge Poinsett, be, and is forever dissolved.

Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi has lately constituted several Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in violation of the constitutional principles which regulate the jurisdiction of the several Grand Lodges of the United States, and in violation of the 22d article of the constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that Masonic communication be, and is hereby interdicted and forbidden, between the Masons of the three first degrees of this State, and the members of the said Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi.

Whereas it has been made known to this Grand Lodge, that W. P. Coleman a master Mason, residing in the City of New Orleans, and sundry master Masons, his associates, have assembled together in the said City of New Orleans, and opened a Lodge of master Masons, for the purpose of making Masons, and otherwise practicing Masonic rites, in violation of the 22d and 51st articles of the constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the said W. P. Coleman who pretends to act as Worshipful Master of the said Lodge and his said associates, composing the same, be cited to appear before this Grand Lodge, at the next quarterly communication, to be holden on the fourth Saturday in June next at seven o'clock P. M., there to show cause why they should not be expelled from the order and deprived of the privileges of Masonry. That in the mean time all Masonic communication between the said Mr. P. Coleman and his said associates before referred to, and the regular Masons of this State, be, and the same is hereby interdicted and forbidden.

Resolved, That Masonic intercourse is hereby interdicted and forbidden between the Masons of this State and every collection or body of persons, who assume to hold Masonic Lodges within this State without a dispensation or warrant of constitution from this Grand Lodge.

Resolved that 1,000 copies of the foregoing Report and Resolutions,

be printed and forwarded to the Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and to the several Lodges of this jurisdiction.



The following report and resolutions which were submitted in approbation of the most worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana are signed by Brethren, Jn. H. Holland, Chairman, Canonge, G. A. Montmain, and L. A. Frymier. They were unanimously adopted by the said Grand Lodge at its last sitting of April 21st, A. S. D. 1847 and ordered to be immediately carried into execution.

Attest: F. VERRIER, GRAND SECRETARY.

A true copy from the original, by order of the Grand Lodge.

F. VERRIER, GRAND SECRETARY.

NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 23d, 1847.

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

[Extract from the minutes of said Grand Lodge.]

Whereas, a certain advertisement, published in the newspapers of this city, was brought to the particular notice of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, at its sitting of the nineteenth day of the third masonic month, 1847, (14th of May, A. S. D. 1847,) which advertisement is in the following words—“Masonic Hall, at the corner of Baronne and Perdreaux streets, will be dedicated with the usual ceremonies, on Monday, 31st May, 1847, at which time Regular Masons are invited to participate in the ceremonies of that occasion, of which a program will, in due time, be published. A. J. Adams, W. H. Howard, Committee of Arrangements.”

Whereas, the temple which is to be dedicated, pursuant to the advertisement just cited, is intended for the meetings of a pretended Lodge, said to hold its meetings under the name of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, the very formation of such a body is a flagrant violation of article 51 of the general regulations, which it is expressly prohibited to any number of Masons to work together or form a Lodge, without having previously obtained from this Grand Lodge a charter, warrant or dispensation to that effect; and by which it is moreover provided, that any person convicted of such a contravention, shall be expelled from all the Lodges, by a decree of this Grand Lodge, and forever deprived of the privileges of Masonry:

Whereas, there is a principle so universally recognized as to exclude hereafter any serious discussion on the subject, to wit: That the several Grand Lodges in the United States of America, as well as in the other parts of the globe, are the sole, supreme and sovereign regulators of Masonry within the whole extent of the territory subject to their jurisdiction, and that any violation of this principle is an unjustifiable usurpation of power: Whereas, by article 22 of the general regulations, the Most Worshipful G. S. L. has not only sanctioned the propriety and proclaimed the justice of this principle, but has actually expressly denied itself the right of granting charters to Lodges created in foreign countries, wherein there exists a supreme Masonic authority, or in any of the States or Territories of the American Union, wherein there is a Grand Lodge:

Whereas, the same article most emphatically declares, that this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will not allow any foreign Masonic power, or any other Grand Lodge in the United States, to constitute Masonic Lodges, of whatever rite, within the State of Louisiana, and adds that, in the event of such an occurrence, the Lodge so constituted shall be held irregular; all its members expelled from the order, and all communications which may have previously existed between this Most Worshipful G. S. L. and the authority which shall have so constituted within the State, immediately cease:

Whereas, on a very recent occasion, the Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi arrogated to itself the right of granting warrants to constitute Lodges within this State, contrary to all usages and to the best settled rules of comity, and also in open violation of the principle above referred to—a principle eminently calculated to preserve unimpaired that respect for the legitimate authority, that regularity of proceedings and uniformity of feelings which are the most essential elements of the prosperity of the craft; and this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, sensible that she could not be so forgetful of what she owed to herself, as to suffer such a glaring encroachment upon her attributes and prerogatives to go unpunished, passed a resolution, commanding all the Masons under her jurisdiction, under penalty of being deprived of their titles, qualities and privileges, to break up and cease all brotherly communications with the said Grand Lodge, as well as with the members of the several bodies, assemblages, associations or would-be Lodges that might form themselves, congregate or work under its auspices, and at the same time pronouncing a total deprivation of their rights and expulsion from the order against all Masons embraced in this last category:

Whereas, while, on the one hand, the good administration, harmony and future welfare of the craft within this State, the promoting of which is entrusted to this Grand Lodge, require that the resolution alluded to in the preceding paragraph, as well as the provisions of articles 22 and 51 of the general regulations, be carried into effect in all their tenor; on the other hand, justice commands that a fair warning shall be given to all persons interested, so that no one have a right to plead ignorance of the penalty to which he might have made himself liable were he to contravene the same, that is to say: in order that those persons who have already formed or may have it in contemplation to form Lodges, or might work masonically under any other auspices but those of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, together with such regular Masons within this State as would be inclined to visit the said pretended Lodges, meetings or associations, or keep up Masonic connections and communications with their members, may be made fully aware of the nature of the punishment which they would subject themselves to:

Be it Resolved, That not only is the resolution adopted by this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge against the Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi, maintained and ordered to be carried into execution in all its force and vigor, but it is hereby made applicable to every such Grand Lodge in the American Union, and other supreme Masonic authority located in any part of the world, that may have arrogated or shall hereafter arrogate to itself the right of granting charters, warrants or dispensations to establish and constitute Lodges

within the limits of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana—that is to say, within the territorial limits of this State: therefore, it is expressly ordered to all and every one of the regular masons, residing within the said limits, to break up and cease all fraternal intercourse with such G. L. in Union, or any other supreme masonic authority as would be guilty of such a usurpation of power.

And be it further Resolved, That any Lodge already formed or constituted, or which may be formed or constituted hereafter, as well as any congregation of Masons that has already commenced working, or which shall work in future within this State, under any other auspices but those of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge—that is, by virtue of any charter, warrant, dispensation, or other constitutive title, be its denomination whatever it may, emanating from any Grand Lodge, Grand Orient, or other supreme Masonic authority sitting out of the limits of Louisiana—shall be deemed, and is hereby declared to be in open rebellion against the legitimate authority, irregular and without a legal existence; and the persons composing it are hereby ejected from the pale of Masonry—expelled from all the regular Lodges, and forever deprived of their Masonic titles and of all brotherly intercourse and communication with the members of the fraternity.

And be it further Resolved, That all the regular Lodges, as bodies, as well as the Masons residing within this State, whether or not they belong to any particular Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, are hereby expressly prohibited from holding and maintaining any Masonic connection or intercourse with any pretended Lodge, association or assemblage of Masons embraced in the category contemplated by the preceding resolution; and any infraction of the present provision shall be punished, if committed

by a Lodge, by depriving that body from all rights, benefits and privileges resulting from its charter, which shall, *ipso facto*, become null and void; and, if by one or more Masons, by ejecting him or them from the pale of Masonry, and depriving him or them forever of all brotherly communication and intercourse with the members of the fraternity, and of his or their Masonic titles.

And be it further Resolved, That the Members and Representatives of the several Lodges in this city, be and they are hereby requested to call a meeting of the same, respectively, within a delay which shall not exceed ten days, in order to lay before their members, and make them fully sensible of the contents of the resolutions, and of the severity of the punishment to which they would expose themselves, were they to accept inconsiderately of the general invitation directed to all Masons to attend to the dedication of the pretended temple alluded to in the advertisement before mentioned; or were they to maintain any fraternal intercourse with any associations of Masons stamped with irregularity. That, moreover, a copy of the said resolutions and preamble shall be transmitted and forwarded to each and every one of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and finally, that the same shall be inserted in all of the newspapers published in New Orleans, having the most extensive circulation.

And be it further Resolved, That one thousand copies of these resolutions and preamble be printed and added to the report previously adopted by this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, to be forwarded and transmitted, together with it, to all the Masonic bodies both in Europe and America.

Attested: New Orleans, May 17th, 1847.
By order of the Grand Lodge.

F. VERRIER, Grand Secretary

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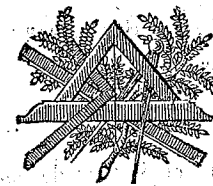
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