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OF
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OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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ORGANIZATION
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
AND
EXTRACTS FROM ITS PROCEEDINGS,
FROM
ELEVENTH DECEMBER, A. L. 5810,
TO
JANUARY, A. L. 5813.

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CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,

December 11th, A. L. 5810.

At a meeting of delegates, in convention, from the lodges in the District of Columbia, for the purpose of considering the right and expediency of establishing and organizing a Grand Lodge in and for said District,

Were present:

From Federal Lodge, No. 15—Brothers Alexander McCormick, Patrick Magruder, C. Willis Weaver, Archd. Van Horn, and Charles Glover.

From Alexandria Brooke Lodge, No. 47—Brothers James Galt, Amos Alexander, and James Carson.

From Columbia Lodge, No. 3—Brothers Charles Jones, Orlando Cooke, and Ninian Beall.

From Washington Naval Lodge, No. 41—Brothers John Davis, of Abel; Shadrach Davis, Joseph Cassin, James Kemp, and David Dobbyn.

From Potomac Lodge, No. 4—Brothers Henry Pyfer, Daniel Kurtz, and Lewis P. W. Balch.

When Brother Alexander McCormick was chosen chairman and Brother Charles Glover secretary.

Resolved unanimously, That it is right and expedient to establish and organize a Grand Lodge in and for the District of Columbia.

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this convention be sent by the Secretary to the several lodges in the District, and that they be requested to appoint deputies in convention on the second Tuesday of January next, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the Union Lodge room, in the city of Washington, with full

powers to form a Grand Lodge and elect and install Grand Officers.

The convention then closed.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,

8th January, A. L. 5811.

At a meeting, in convention, of deputies from the lodges in the District of Columbia, for the purpose of organizing and establishing a Grand Lodge for said District, delegates, with full powers, from five lodges being present, it was

Resolved, That the installed officers of the Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia be a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, to be elected by ballot (the deputation from each lodge to have one vote), who shall be the officers of the said Grand Lodge until the first day of January, A. L. 5812, unless in case of death, removal, or inability to serve; in such case the vacancy to be filled at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge for the remainder of the term, and that not more than one of the five first named officers shall be chosen from the same lodge.

The convention then proceeded to elect officers agreeably to the above resolution, when it appeared that the following brethren were appointed, viz:

Valentine Reintzel, R. W. G. Master.

John Kinkaid, R. W. D. G. Master.

Alexander McCormick, R. W. Senior G. Warden.

Joseph Cassin, Jr., R. W. Junior G. Warden.

Charles Jones, R. W. G. Secretary.

The appointment of Grand Treasurer was postponed until the next meeting.

Resolved, That when this convention adjourn it do adjourn until the second Tuesday in February next.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare and report a constitution for the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and that they report the same at the next meeting.

Which said committee was accordingly appointed.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this convention be requested to forward to the Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Maryland and Virginia a copy of the proceedings, to be by them laid before their respective lodges, or the Grand Officers thereof.

The convention then adjourned.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,

12th day of February, A. L. 5811.

At an adjourned meeting of the delegates from the lodges in the District of Columbia, were present the delegates from all the lodges but Washington Naval Lodge, No. 41. When by consent the convention adjourned until Tuesday next, 4 o'clock p. m.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,

19th day of February, A. L. 5811.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment, deputies from the several lodges being present. The convention proceeded to ballot for a Deputy Grand

Master, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Brother John Kinkaid, when Brother John Richards was duly elected.

The convention then proceeded to the election of a Grand Treasurer, when Brother John Davis, of Abel, was duly elected.

The Secretary reported that he had, agreeably to a resolution of the 8th January, "forwarded to the Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of Maryland and Virginia a copy of the proceedings, to be by them laid before their respective lodges or the Grand Officers thereof," accompanied with the following letter:

In obedience to the directions of a convention composed of deputies from five lodges in the District of Columbia, I enclose to you a copy of their proceedings, to be laid before the Stewards and the Grand Lodges of Maryland and Virginia, or the Grand Officers thereof. The reasons which influenced the lodges here in their proceedings you may expect will be fully communicated to you after the next meeting of the convention, which will be on the second Tuesday of February next. In the mean time I will take the liberty of stating that they were not actuated by any motive unfriendly to the mother lodges, under whose warrants they worked, but from considerations resulting from the assumption of the jurisdiction by Congress over the District of Columbia, there being four lodges in that part of the District called Washington county, and two in that part called Alexandria county. You will readily see the importance of uniting the lodges in a district situated as this is, and that uniformity and harmony in their proceedings will be promoted by the formation of a Grand Lodge.

I feel authorized in stating that it is the wish of the lodges here to retain the warrants under which they now work, and that it is their intention to settle their accounts with the different Grand Lodges to such time as may be agreed on.

It will give me great pleasure to have the receipt of this acknowledged before the next meeting of the convention, with such information as may be thought necessary to communicate.

(Signed)

CHARLES GLOVER.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia then, by unanimous consent of the deputies present, was opened in ample form.

Present:

Valentine Reintzel, R. W. G. Master-elect.

John Richards, R. W. D. G. Master-elect.

Alexander McCormick, R. W. S. G. Warden-elect.

Joseph Cassin, Jr., R. W. J. G. Warden-elect.

Charles Glover, W. G. Secretary pro tem.

John Davis, of Abel, W. G. Treasurer-elect.

Brothers Daniel Kurtz, appointed W. S. Grand Deacon pro tem.; William O'Neale, W. J. Grand Deacon pro tem., and Thomas Summers, G. Tyler pro tem.

And the deputies from five lodges.

When the Grand Officers present were severally installed and proclaimed as such according to ancient form.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of a Grand Tyler, when it appeared that Brother Thomas Summers was duly elected.

The committee appointed to prepare and report a constitution for the Grand Lodge made their report, which was taken into consideration; and having made some progress therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed until the next meeting.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary prepare warrants for the several lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, by such name, and to such officers as the said lodges shall respectively request; said warrants to bear date this day, and to have therein inserted, "late Lodge, No., working under the authority of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of" (Maryland or

Virginia, as the case may be), and to be authenticated, agreeably to the provisions of the by-laws, and in case two lodges shall make choice of the same name, the senior lodge to have the preference.

It is further ordered, That Brethren Alexander McCormick, James Carson, Charles Jones, John Davis, of Abel, and Alexander L. Joncherez be a committee to regulate and fix on the form of said warrants.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary inform the W. Master, of Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22, that we have formed and constituted a Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia, respectfully inviting them to join and send delegates to represent them at our next meeting.

The Grand Lodge then closed to meet again on the second Tuesday in March next.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Tuesday, 12th day of March, A. L. 5811.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment.

Present:

Alexander McCormick, R. W. G. Master pro tem.

Shadrach Davis, R. W. S. G. Warden pro tem.

Alexander L. Joncherez, R. W. J. G. Warden pro tem.

Charles Glover, W. G. Secretary pro tem.

John Davis, of Abel, W. G. Treasurer.

Thomas Pryse, W. S. G. Deacon pro tem.

Thomas Howard, W. J. G. Deacon pro tem.

Thomas Holliday, Grand Tyler pro tem.

And the representatives from five lodges; when the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The committee appointed for that purpose made a further report on the constitution of the Grand Lodge, which was taken into consideration, amended, adopted in part, and again referred to said committee.

The committee appointed for that purpose reported the form of the warrants to be issued to the lodges under their jurisdiction; which was considered and unanimously adopted.

Brother Charles Jones, Grand Secretary-elect, appeared and was installed according to ancient form and ceremony, and duly proclaimed as such.

Resolved, That the officers of the several lodges be installed at their respective lodge rooms, with the assistance of some installed Grand Officer.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in harmony, to meet again on the 9th day of April next.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,

9th day of April, A. L. 5811.

The Grand Lodge met according to adjournment.

Present:

Valentine Reintzel, R. W. G. Master.

Alexander McCormick, R. W. D. G. Master pro tem.

Joseph Cassin, Jr., R. W. S. G. Warden pro tem.

Amos Alexander, R. W. J. G. Warden pro tem.

Charles Jones, W. G. Secretary.

Shadrach Davis, W. G. Treasurer pro tem.
 William O'Neale, W. S. G. Deacon pro tem.
 Thomas Holliday, W. J. G. Deacon pro tem.
 Thomas Summers, G. Tyler.

And a due representation from five lodges, when the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and proceeded to business.

The Grand Secretary reported that agreeably to an order of the Grand Lodge, he had informed the W. Master of Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22, that a Grand Lodge had been formed and constituted for the District of Columbia, and that he had solicited them to join, to which he had received the following answer, to wit:

ALEXANDRIA, 9th April, 1811.

Respected Brother:

I received your favor enclosing the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and laid the same before Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22, and am sorry to inform you that there is a majority of that lodge unwilling to withdraw themselves from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and for the purpose of harmony among ourselves the lodge has declined sending a deputation to your installation this evening.

With my best wishes for your welfare,

I am, with respect, your brother,

(Signed)

G. DENEALE.

Mr. CHARLES JONES,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, D. C.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia recommend to the different lodges under its jurisdiction the appointment of delegates to meet the Grand Lodges of Maryland and Virginia at their next grand convention, and that they pay their respective dues to said Grand Lodges, and do all other necessary acts and things in relation to obtaining a discharge therefrom.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of informing the R. W. Grand Lodges of Maryland and Virginia that we have organized and established a Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia, giving our reasons therefor, and that they request their concurrence therein.

Accordingly, Brothers Balch, Alexander and Glover were appointed the committee.

The delegates from the several lodges presented the names of their officers, and the names and numbers of their lodges, and prayed that warrants should issue accordingly, which was concurred in.

The Grand Lodge then closed in harmony, to meet again on the third Tuesday in May next.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Tuesday, 21st day of May, A. L. 5811.

The Grand Lodge met agreeable to adjournment.

Present:

Alexander McCormick, R. W. Grand Master, pro tem.

Amos Alexander, R. W. D. Grand Master pro tem.

Daniel Kurtz, R. W. S. Grand Warden pro tem.

Ninian Beall, R. W. J. Grand Warden pro tem.

Charles Jones, W. Grand Secretary.

John Davis, of Abel, W. Grand Treasurer.

Vincent King, S. Grand Deacon pro tem.

Thomas Holliday, J. Grand Deacon pro tem.

Thomas Summers, Grand Tyler.

And a due representation from all the lodges, when

the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and proceeded to business.

A communication was received from Thomas Summers, Grand Tyler, stating that he was about to remove from the District of Columbia, and could no longer fill his office, etc.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of subordinate officers, when it appeared that the following were chosen, to wit:

Andrew T. McCormick, Grand Chaplain.

Thomas Arbuckle, S. Grand Deacon.

Thomas Holliday, J. Grand Deacon.

Nicholas L. Queen, Grand Marshal.

Francis Clark, Grand Steward.

Ninian Beall, Grand Sword Bearer.

John McGill, Grand Pursuivant.

Barney Parsons, Grand Tyler.

Resolved, That a committee of communication and correspondence be appointed, and that the said committee forward to the Grand Lodges in the United States and elsewhere such extracts from the proceedings of this Grand Lodge as may to them appear proper.

The Grand Lodge then closed in harmony, to meet again on Tuesday, 9th day of July, A. L. 5811.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Tuesday, 9th day of July, A. L. 5811:

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment.

Present:

Alexander McCormick, R. W. Grand Master pro tem.

Amos Alexander, R. W. Deputy Grand Master pro tem.

Ninian Beall, R. W. S. Grand Warden pro tem.

Patrick Magruder, R. W. J. Grand Warden pro tem.

Charles Jones, W. Grand Secretary.

James Hewitt, W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

John Davis, of Abel, W. Grand Treasurer.

James Young, S. Grand Deacon pro tem.

Thomas Holliday, J. Grand Deacon.

John McGill, Grand Pursuivant.

Francis Clark, Grand Steward.

Barney Parsons, Grand Tyler.

A due representation from four lodges being present, the Grand Lodge proceeded to business.

The committee appointed for that purpose reported that they had prepared and transmitted an address to the Grand Lodges of Maryland and Virginia, as follows, viz:

— — —, R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of — — —:
Respected Sir and Brother:

When it becomes necessary that a separation should take place with those who have long been united in the tender ties of mutual harmony and intercourse a sense of gratitude and esteem should impel those who desire that separation freely to declare the reasons by which they are actuated. Under this impression we, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, beg leave to state the reasons which influenced the lodges in this District in the measure by them taken.

The right and expediency of establishing a Grand Lodge in this District had for a considerable time engaged the attention of the most experienced Masons of this place. Not willing, however, to confide implicitly in their own judgments in a matter of so much importance, experienced Masons from various parts of the United States were consulted, from the decisive nature of whose opinion the practicability of the measure appeared manifest. And at a meeting in convention of deputies from five lodges, after mature consideration, the right and expediency was unanimously

declared; and afterward, on the 19th day of February, 1811, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was organized and opened in due form, with full appellat and corrective powers, which, under the superintending care and direction of the Supreme Architect, will promote the interests of the craft and extend the empire of Masonry. The propriety of the measure taken was confirmed by a reference to historic facts. In England Masonry flourished but partially until the organization of the Grand Lodge at York, from which time Masonry, literature, arts, and sciences flourished. The same fruitful source of intelligence extending its benign influence across the Atlantic animated our brethren of the Eastern States, who organized Grand Lodges previous to our Revolution, under the authority of charters granted from some one of the Grand Lodges in Great Britain, after which they at once saw the impropriety of working under authority derived from a country having different laws, government, and interests from their own, and accordingly gave up the authority under which they had before acted. There then being no head to resort to, the subordinate lodges of several States, by deputies appointed for that purpose, organized Grand Lodges. It is admitted that necessity urged the adoption of this measure, and that the principle was then acknowledged, and has never since been disputed, and that the lodges of each State were entitled to equal privileges. This District being composed of parts of two States, and separated from them in the same degree as one State is from another, was a circumstance that received considerable weight, in addition to which the desire of uniting and harmonizing the citizens of a district thus situated—the expenses and dues retained among us, and the facility of decision in cases within the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge, were circumstances that received the consideration due to their importance. Also, this being the seat of government, it was supposed the most proper place to rear the standard of Masonry, that the enlightened and distinguished men of our country may meet and unite in one general system the several Grand Lodges in the United States.

The lodges here have been directed to return the warrants under which they lately worked to the authority from whom they received them, if required, and to settle their accounts. This will be attended to without delay, and experience leads us to believe that when the subject of our proceedings shall be taken into consideration our motives and conduct will receive the sanction of your approbation.

We cannot on this occasion withdraw from you without experiencing those feelings of regret which flow from a lively recollec-

tion of favors bestowed on us for a series of years, and expressing that ardent anxiety for your prosperity which will ever animate our hearts. The sensibility of our feelings is, however, somewhat assuaged with the hope that the strong claim of love will forever be preserved bright between us, and that all our designs and all our exertions will tend to promote the general good.

We are, etc.,

(Signed)

AMOS ALEXANDER,
CHAS. GLOVER,

Committee.

City of Washington, May, 1811.

A printed communication was received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, from which the following is an extract, viz:

The Committee of Communication reported that they have attentively read and considered the communications and proceedings of the Grand Lodge in the District of Columbia and find the same to be conformable to the ancient rules and landmarks of Masonry. Your committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the several lodges composing the Grand Lodge in the District of Columbia, and heretofore working under the authority of this Grand Lodge, be permitted, according to their desire, to retain their warrants; and that, upon the several lodges paying all their dues up to the time of this grand communication, except initiation fees from the time of their formation of said Grand Lodge, they be recognized as a Grand Lodge, and admitted into correspondence accordingly.”

(Signed)

J. LEWIS WAMPLER,

Grand Secretary.

6th May, A. L. 5811.

The committee appointed for that purpose reported the constitution of the Grand Lodge, with amendments; the same was taken into consideration, was further amended and finally adopted as the constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Brother Samuel B. Ellis and five others, all of whom are Master Masons, presented a petition for a warrant to form a new lodge at Washington City, to

be called Union Lodge, No. 6. The same was taken into consideration, granted, and a warrant ordered to issue to Sam'l B. Ellis, Master, William H. Ward, Senior Warden, and William Wood, Junior Warden.

The Grand Steward presented his account, which was examined and ordered to be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary cause one hundred copies of the constitution of this Grand Lodge to be printed, and that he furnish the lodges under this jurisdiction with a copy thereof.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form and harmony.

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.,

Tuesday, the 8th October, 1811, A. L. 5811.

At an extra meeting of the Grand Lodge at the Union Lodge room, called by order of the R. W. Grand Master,

Were present:

Brother Valentine Reintzel, R. W. Grand Master.

Brother Joseph Cassin, R. W. Deputy Grand Master pro tem.

Brother Amos Alexander, R. W. S. Grand Warden pro tem.

Brother Alexander D. Joncherez, R. W. J. Grand Warden pro tem.

Brother James Hewitt, W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

Brother William Wood, W. Grand Treasurer pro tem.

Brother Charles Glover, S. Grand Deacon pro tem.
 Brother Zeph. Farrell, J. Grand Deacon pro tem.
 Brother Barney Parsons Grand Tyler.

And a due representation from the following lodges, viz:

From Federal Lodge, No. 1.—Brothers Charles Glover, James Hewitt, Zeph. Farrell, and William O'Neale.

From Brooke Lodge, No. 2.—Brother Amos Alexander.

From Washington Naval Lodge, No. 4.—Brothers P. P. Provote, A. F. Shruh, Shadrach Davis.

From Potomac Lodge, No. 5.—Brother Alexander L. Joncherez.

From Union Lodge, No. 6.—Brothers William H. Ward and William Wood.

Also a number of visiting brethren from the lodges in the District of Columbia.

The Grand Lodge opened in ample form in the third degree of Masonry.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to this Lodge what provision is necessary to be made in relation to the appointment of a deputation to meet such other deputies as may be appointed by the several Grand Lodges in the United States, to assemble in grand convention.

Brothers Charles Glover and Amos Alexander were accordingly appointed that committee.

Brother Charles Glover, from said committee, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

It appears to this Grand Lodge that several of the Grand Lodges in the United States have been desirous of meeting in grand convention by deputies from the said lodges: Therefore

Resolved, That a deputation be appointed by this Grand Lodge to meet in convention such deputies as may be appointed by the said several Grand Lodges, on the 4th Monday of January next, or such other day as may be agreed on, in the city of Washington.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause the foregoing resolution to be published in the National Intelligencer for six weeks.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for five deputies to represent them in grand convention, and on counting the same it appeared that Brothers Valentine Reintzel, John Richards, Alexander McCormick, Joseph Cassin, and Amos Alexander were duly elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary forward to the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States a copy of the foregoing resolutions, and inform them of the nomination of delegates to the grand convention this day made, and offer them the use of the hall, tools, and jewels belonging to this Grand Lodge.

The following petition was received and read, viz:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge
of the District of Columbia:

The subscribers beg leave to represent that they are Master Masons and are now members of Federal Lodge, No. 1, working under your jurisdiction; that they have the highest veneration for the principles of the Craft, and are desirous of diffusing those principles according to the ancient usage and custom of the fraternity;

They therefore humbly petition your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge to grant them a warrant or charter by the name of Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, authorizing and empowering them to work as a Lodge of Masons, according to the most ancient and honorable principles of the Craft, within the city of Washington.

Should their petition be granted, they promise to conform to all the orders and regulations that have been or hereafter may be

made by your Right Worsbipful Grand Lodge. And in order to carry into effect the object of their petition, they beg leave to recommend Charles Glover as Worshipful Master, James Hewitt as Senior Warden, and John Weightman as Junior Warden of the said lodge.

(Signed)

CHARLES GLOVER,
JOHN WEIGHTMAN,
JOHN PELTZ,
PONTIUS D. STELLE,
JAMES HEWITT,
WILLIAM HEWITT,
THOMAS B. BRISCOE,
ALEX. T. McCORMICK.

Washington City, October 8, 5811.

The same being under consideration, after some discussion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and the same be and is hereby granted.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary prepare the warrant accordingly, and on the petitioners obtaining a discharge from Federal Lodge, No. 1, agreeable to the laws of said lodge, and paying to the Grand Treasurer the sum required by the constitution, he be and is hereby directed to deliver the same to the officers therein named.

No other business appearing before the Grand Lodge, the same was closed in ample form.

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.,

Tuesday, 12th of November, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

At an extra meeting of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, at the Union Lodge room, called by order of the R. W. Grand Master,

Were present:

Brother Amos Alexander, R. W. Grand Master
pro tem.

Brother Chas. Glover, R. W. Deputy Grand Master
pro tem.

Brother Orlando Cook, R. W. S. Grand Warden
pro tem.

Brother Zephaniah Farrell, R. W. J. Grand War-
den pro tem.

Brother Anthony F. Shrub W. Grand Treasurer
pro tem.

Brother James Hewitt, W. Deputy Grand Secre-
tary.

Brother John Muir, S. Grand Deacon pro tem.

Brother Patrick Kain, J. Grand Deacon pro tem.

Brother Barney Parsons, Grand Tyler.

And representation from the following lodges, viz:

From Federal Lodge, No. 1.—Brothers Patrick
Kain and Zephaniah Farrell.

From Brooke Lodge, No. 2.—Brothers Amos Alex-
ander, John Muir, and Thomas Towers.

From Columbia Lodge, No. 3.—Brother Orlando
Cook.

From Washington Naval Lodge, No. 4.—Brother
Anthony F. Shrub.

From Union Lodge, No. 6.—Brother Thomas Holli-
day.

And John Weightman and William Hewitt, visi-
tors from Lebanon Lodge, No. 7.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the third degree
of Masonry in ample form.

The R. W. Grand Master stated from the chair
that the object of the meeting was to fill the vacancy
of Grand Secretary, occasioned by the death of our

deceased brother, Charles Jones, late Grand Secretary, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge now proceed to the choice of a Grand Secretary, vacated by the decease of our brother, Charles Jones.

Accordingly the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for a Grand Secretary, and on counting the ballots it appeared that Brother James Hewitt was unanimously chosen for the remaining period of the year ending on the second Tuesday of January next.

Brother Charles Glover offered the following as an additional article to the constitution, viz:

“Art. —. Each installed Grand Officer who shall not attend the Grand Lodge at each regular or extra meeting, being duly notified thereof, shall pay a fine of five dollars, unless the Lodge may consider the excuse, if any, reasonable.

“Each lodge failing to be represented by their officers, or to send a deputation duly authorized at each meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall pay a fine of five dollars, provided the lodge, or Master or Wardens thereof, shall be duly notified of such meeting, unless satisfactory excuse shall be given to the Grand Lodge.

“The Lodge to be opened within half an hour after the time appointed in the constitution, or notification in case of an extra meeting, or as soon thereafter as a sufficient representation may appear, and such fines shall be assessed at large on the proceedings.”

The same being taken into consideration and twice read, it was, agreeably to a provision of the constitution,

Ordered to lie over until the next stated meeting.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy

of the foregoing article to the officers of the Grand Lodge, and the lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Lodge.

On motion made and seconded that the Lodge do now proceed to the choice of a Grand Steward, vacated by the death of our worthy Brother Francis Clark, it was unanimously carried in the affirmative.

Accordingly the Lodge proceeded to the choice of a Grand Steward, when it was found that Brother Barney Parsons was duly elected Grand Steward for the remaining term of the year ending on the second Tuesday in January next. No other business appearing before the Lodge, the same was closed in due form; when it was then opened in the fourth degree of Masonry in due form.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That Brother James Hewitt, Grand Secretary-elect, be now installed.

Accordingly the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation, and duly proclaimed Brother James Hewitt Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia until the second Tuesday in January next.

No other business appearing before the Lodge, the same was closed in due form.

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.,

Tuesday, 14th January, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

At a stated meeting of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, at the Union Lodge room,

Were present:

Brother Alex. McCormick, R. W. Grand Master pro tem.

Brother Joseph Cassin, R. W. Deputy Grand Master pro tem.

Brother Amos Alexander, R. W. S. G. Warden pro tem.

Brother Charles Glover, R. W. J. Grand Warden pro tem.

Brother James Hewitt, W. Grand Secretary.

Brother John Davis, of Abel, W. Grand Treasurer.

Brother Thomas Holliday, G. S. Deacon pro tem.

Brother Zephaniah Farrell, G. J. Deacon pro tem.

Brother Barney Parsons, G. Tyler.

And a due representation from the following lodges, viz:

From Federal Lodge, No. 1.—Brothers, James Young, William O'Neale, Daniel Rapine, Nicholas L. Queen, and Zephaniah Farrell.

From Alexandria Brooke Lodge, No. 2.—Brothers Amos Alexandria and James Millan.

From Columbia Lodge, No. 3.—Brothers Ninian Beall and Thomas Pryse.

From Washington Naval Lodge, No. 4.—Brothers John Davis, of Abel; Shadrach Davis, and Joseph Cassin.

From Potomac Lodge, No. 5.—Brother Alexander L. Joncherez, W. M.

From Union Lodge, No. 6.—Brothers Thomas Holliday, W. M.; William H. Ward, S. W.

From Lebanon Lodge, No. 7.—Brothers Charles Glover, John Weightman, William Hewitt, Pontius D. Stelle, and Roger C. Weightman.

Also the following visiting brethren:

Barney Doling, from Columbia Lodge, No. 3; Fred-

erick Cana and Joseph Criddle, from Union Lodge, No. 6, and Henry Whetcroft, from Lebanon Lodge, No. 7.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the third degree of Masonry in due form.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the appointment of a committee of accounts and a committee for the examination of visiting brethren.

Returns from the lodges under this jurisdiction were received, and the amount of dues from each was paid to the Grand Treasnrer.

A communication was received from Brother John Richards, of Alexandria, stating that his professional duties would not admit his attending as a delegate to the grand convention of Grand Lodges, and suggesting the propriety of appointing some brother in his place; whereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot, and on counting the same it appeared that Brother Charles Glover was duly elected to supply the said vacancy.

On motion made and seconded, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the additional article to the constitution, imposing a fine on the installed Grand Officers for non-attendance and a fine on the lodges failing to be represented, which was offered at the last meeting; and after considerable discussion, the same was passed and adopted as an additional article to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Brother Pryse stated that the warrant issued to Columbia Lodge, No. 3, had been lost or mislaid, and requested that another might issue.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary prepare a warrant for Columbia Lodge, No. 3, bearing date with the original, at the expense of said lodge.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That each lodge in the District of Columbia working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be requested to appoint three delegates to meet in convention at the Union Lodge room, in the city of Washington, on the first Tuesday in March next, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of devising and adopting a uniform mode of working; and that this convention have power to meet and adjourn from time to time until they may agree on some plan or mode of working, which they may think most consistent with the history of Masonry, and conducive to the good of the Craft; which mode so agreed on shall be reported to this Grand Lodge for their consideration at their next stated meeting.

On motion made and seconded that the Lodge now proceed to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, it was decided in the affirmative.

Accordingly the Lodge proceeded to ballot for the installed officers, and on counting the same it appeared that the following brothers were elected, viz:

Alexander McCormick, R. W. Grand Master.

Amos Alexander, R. W. D. Grand Master.

Joseph Cassin, R. W. S. Grand Warden.

Alexander L. Joncherez, R. W. J. Grand Warden.

James Hewitt, W. Grand Secretary.

Thomas Holliday, W. Grand Treasurer.

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of the subordinate officers, by nomination, when the following brothers were duly elected, viz:

Andrew T. McCormick, Grand Chaplain.

Ninian Beall, S. Grand Deacon.

Shadrach Davis, J. Grand Deacon.

William O'Neale, Grand Marshal.

Vincent King, Grand Sword Bearer.

P. D. Stelle, Grand Pursuivant.

Barney Parsons, Grand Steward and Grand Tyler.

Brother O'Neale offered the following as an additional article to the constitution of the Grand Lodge, viz:

"Art. —. Each officer of the Grand Lodge appointed by the Grand Lodge shall be individually entitled to a vote on all questions."

The same having been read, it was ordered to lie over until the next stated meeting, and that the Grand Secretary transmit copies thereof to the several lodges under this jurisdiction.

Brother Joseph Cassin submitted the following amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge, viz:

"Whereas in the opinion of a number of Master Masons, the supplement to the laws of the Grand Lodge which exacts a pecuniary fine from officers and lodges not attending the Grand Lodge is inconsistent with the tenets of Masonry and practice of all Grand Lodges,

Resolved, That such part of the laws of the Grand Lodge as exacts a pecuniary fine on Grand Officers and lodges not attending be repealed."

The same having been read, it was ordered that the Grand Secretary transmit copies thereof to the several lodges under this jurisdiction and to the officers of the Grand Lodge.

No other business appearing before the Lodge, the same was closed in due form, and

A Pass Master's Lodge was opened in ample form, when Alexander McCormick, R. W. Grand Master-elect, appeared, was duly installed and proclaimed

according to ancient form R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia for the ensuing year. Brothers Amos Alexander, R. W. D. Grand Master-elect; Joseph Cassin, R. W. S. Grand Warden-elect; Alexander L. Joncherez, R. W. J. Grand Warden-elect; James Hewitt, W. Grand Secretary-elect, and Thomas Holliday, W. Grand Treasurer-elect, severally appeared, were duly installed in their several offices, and proclaimed as such according to ancient form.

No other business appearing before the Lodge, the same was closed in ample form.

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.,

Tuesday, the 14th day of July, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812.

At a stated meeting of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, begun and holden at the Union Lodge room, in said city,

Were present:

Brother Alexander McCormick, R. W. Grand Master.

Brother Amos Alexander, R. W. D. Grand Master.

Brother Joseph Cassin, R. W. S. Grand Warden.

Brother Alexander L. Joncherez, R. W. J. Grand Warden.

Brother James Hewitt, W. Grand Secretary.

Brother Thomas Holliday, W. Grand Treasurer.

Brother Ninian Beall, S. Grand Deacon.

Brother Shadrach Davis, J. Grand Deacon.

Brother William O'Neale, Grand Marshal.

Brother James Young, Grand Pursuivant pro tem.

Brother Barney Parsons, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Also a due representation from the following lodges, viz:

From Federal Lodge, No. 1.—Brothers William O'Neale, James Young, and Benj. G. Orr.

From Brooke Lodge, No. 2.—Brother Amos Alexander.

From Columbia Lodge, No. 3.—Brothers Ninian Beall and Orlando Cook.

From Washington Naval Lodge, No. 4.—Brothers J. Davis, of Abel, W. M.; Shadrach Davis, and Joseph Cassin.

From Potomac Lodge, No. 5.—Brothers John Myers and Alexander L. Joncherez.

From Union Lodge, No. 6.—Brothers Thomas Holiday and William Wood.

From Lebanon Lodge, No. 7.—Brothers Charles Glover, W. M.; James Hewitt, S. W.; John Weightman, J. W.

And P. P. Provote, from Washington Naval Lodge, No. 4, and Charles Varden, from Federal Lodge, No. 1, visitors.

When the Grand Lodge was opened in the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

Brother O'Neale presented the account of the Steward and Tyler, amounting to six dollars twenty-five cents, which was examined and passed.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of the same.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved unanimously, That a committee of accounts, a committee of correspondence, a committee of grievances, and a committee for the examination

of visiting brethren be now appointed, and that said committee be appointed by the R. W. Grand Master.

Accordingly the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the said appointments.

The Grand Secretary presented sundry communications received by him in the recess of the Grand Lodge, which were severally read and ordered to be recorded at large on the journal.

WASHINGTON, March 27th, 1812.

R. W. Grand Secretary:

Sir and Brother—In compliance with a resolution of Union Lodge, No. 6, I have the honor to communicate, through you, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia the following abstracts from our minutes.

(Signed)

FREDERICK CANA,

Secretary.

Brother JAMES HEWITT,

R. W. Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge D. C.

“ABSTRACT.

“At an extra meeting of Union Lodge, No. 6, held at their lodge room on Saturday evening, 21st March, 1812, called in consequence of a charge made by one of our members against Samuel B. Ellis and Jonathan Criddle, both members of our lodge, for un-Masonic conduct;

“A Master Mason’s Lodge was opened, and the charge being fully substantiated, the parties gave in their defence and were ordered to withdraw, and after being fully discussed, a motion was made and seconded that Jonathan Criddle be suspended from the rights and privileges of Masonry during the will and pleasure of this lodge, which was carried in the affirmative.

“A motion was also made and seconded that Samuel B. Ellis be expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry, which was also carried in the affirmative.

“It was further resolved that the Secretary be directed to notify the R. W. Grand Secretary, the different lodges in the District of Columbia, and also lodge No. 114, Philadelphia, of the suspension and expulsion.

“A true abstract from the minutes.

“Test:

(Signed)

“FREDERICK CANA,

[L. S.]

“Secretary U. Lodge, No. 6.”

WASHINGTON, April 6, A. L. 5812.

At a stated meeting of Federal Lodge, No. 1, held at the Union Lodge Room, in the city of Washington, on Monday, April 6th, 1812, among others, the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That Brother Andrew McDonald be expelled the rights and privileges of Masonry, and that the Secretary do notify the Grand Secretary and the different lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia of said expulsion."

By order of the lodge.

(Signed)

F. C. DE KRAFFT,

Secretary.

Secretary Grand Lodge, District of Columbia.

WASHINGTON, May 4th, 1812.

At a stated meeting of Federal Lodge, No. 1, held at the Union Lodge Room, in the city of Washington, on Monday, May 4th, 1812, among the proceedings, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved unanimously, That William P. Gardner and Henry Aborn, of the city of Washington, be and they are hereby expelled the rights and privileges of Masonry for gross un-Masonic conduct and contempt of this lodge.

Ordered, That the Secretary do notify the Grand Secretary and the lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia of said expulsion."

By order of the lodge.

(Signed)

F. C. DE KRAFFT,

Secretary.

Secretary of the Grand Lodge, District of Columbia.

On motion made and seconded, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the additional article to the constitution, offered by Brother William O'Neale at the last meeting, in the following words, viz:

"Art. —. Each officer of the Grand Lodge, appointed by the Grand Lodge, shall be individually entitled to a vote on all questions."

And on the question, "Shall the same pass?"

It was decided in the affirmative.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of an amendment to the constitution, repealing the additional article imposing fines on the Grand Officers for non-attendance and lodges failing to be represented, which was offered by Brother Joseph Cassin, at the last meeting, and, after discussion, the same was rejected.

The committee of accounts reported as follows, viz:

The Committee of Accounts, to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they had the same under consideration and compared them with the entries made in the books of the Grand Secretary and found the whole correct.

A committee from the delegates appointed by the several lodges under this jurisdiction, agreeably to a request of the Grand Lodge, to take into consideration the propriety of establishing an uniform mode of working, having reported on that subject, it was

Resolved, In the opinion of the Grand Lodge, that it is now unnecessary to make any change in the long established usages of each lodge, and that each lodge be at liberty to use such rules and ceremonies as they shall see fit: *Provided*, That they do not infringe any of the ancient land marks of the Craft.

The Committee of Grievances reported that they had the pleasure of stating that no business had come before them, from which it would appear that all the lodges under this jurisdiction are in harmony and brotherly love.

No other business appearing before the Lodge, the same was closed in ample form and in great harmony.

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.,

Tuesday, 12th day of January, A. L. 5813.

At a grand semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, begun and held at the Union Lodge room in said city,

Were present:

Alexander McCormick, R. W. Grand Master.

Amos Alexander, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Joseph Cassin, R. W. S. Grand Warden.

Alexander L. Joncherez, R. W. J. Grand Warden.

James Hewitt, W. Grand Secretary.

Thomas Holliday, W. Grand Treasurer.

Shadrach Davis, S. Grand Deacon pro tem.

Zephaniah Farrell, J. Grand Deacon pro tem.

William O'Neale, Grand Marshal.

Pontius D. Stelle, Grand Pursuivant.

Barney Parsons, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Also a due representation from the following lodges, viz:

From Federal Lodge, No. 1.—William O'Neale and James Young.

From Brooke Lodge, No. 2.—John Muir and Amos Alexander.

From Columbia Lodge, No. 3.—Thomas Pryse, Zephaniah Farrell, and Isaac Willson.

From Potomac Lodge, No. 5.—Alexander L. Joncherez, Vincent King, and Henry Pyfer.

From Union Lodge, No. 6.—William Wood, John W. Brashears, and Benjamin Dyer.

From Lebanon Lodge, No. 7.—John Davidson, William Hewitt, Charles Glover, David Ott, and Pontius D. Stelle.

Returns from the several lodges under this juris-

diction were received, and the amount of dues from each paid to the Grand Treasurer.

On motion,

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the appointment of a committee of correspondence, a committee of grievances, a committee of accounts, and a committee for the examination of visitors.

The Grand Secretary presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, received by him during the recess, which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

On motion, made and seconded,

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to enter into a communication and correspondence with the Grand Lodges of the United States.

On motion that the Grand Lodge do come to the following resolution, it was decided in the affirmative:

Resolved, That it be the duty of the officers of this Grand Lodge to visit, at least once a year, the different lodges under its jurisdiction, giving ten days' previous notice to the Master of the lodge they intend to visit.

The Committee of Accounts reported that they had examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, had found them correct, and that there remained in his hands, subject to the control of the Grand Lodge, the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to procure a seal and jewels for this Grand Lodge.

Accordingly said committee was appointed.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Accordingly the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of installed officers, by ballot, when it appeared that the following brethren were duly elected, viz:

Alexander McCormick, R. W. Grand Master.
 Amos Alexander, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 Shadrach Davis, R. W. S. Grand Warden.
 Zephaniah Farrell, R. W. J. Grand Warden.
 Thomas Holliday, W. Grand Treasurer.
 James Hewitt, W. Grand Secretary. •

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of subordinate officers, by nomination, when the following brethren were duly elected, viz:

Andrew T. McCormick, Grand Chaplain.
 James Carson, S. Grand Deacon.
 William O'Neale, J. Grand Deacon.
 Nicholas L. Queen, Grand Marshal.
 Vincent King, Grand Sword Bearer.
 William Wood, Grand Pursuivant.
 Barney Parsons, Grand Steward and Tyler.

A Past Master's Lodge was then opened,

When Alexander McCormick, R. W. Grand Master-elect; Amos Alexander, R. W. Deputy Grand Master-elect; Shadrach Davis, R. W. S. Grand Warden-elect; Zephaniah Farrel, R. W. J. Grand Warden-elect; Thomas Holliday, W. Grand Treasurer-elect, and James Hewitt, W. Grand Secretary-elect, severally appeared and were installed in their respective offices for the ensuing year according to ancient custom, and duly proclaimed as such in ample form.

The Grand Lodge then closed in harmony.