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OF THE
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OF THE
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National Grand Lodge
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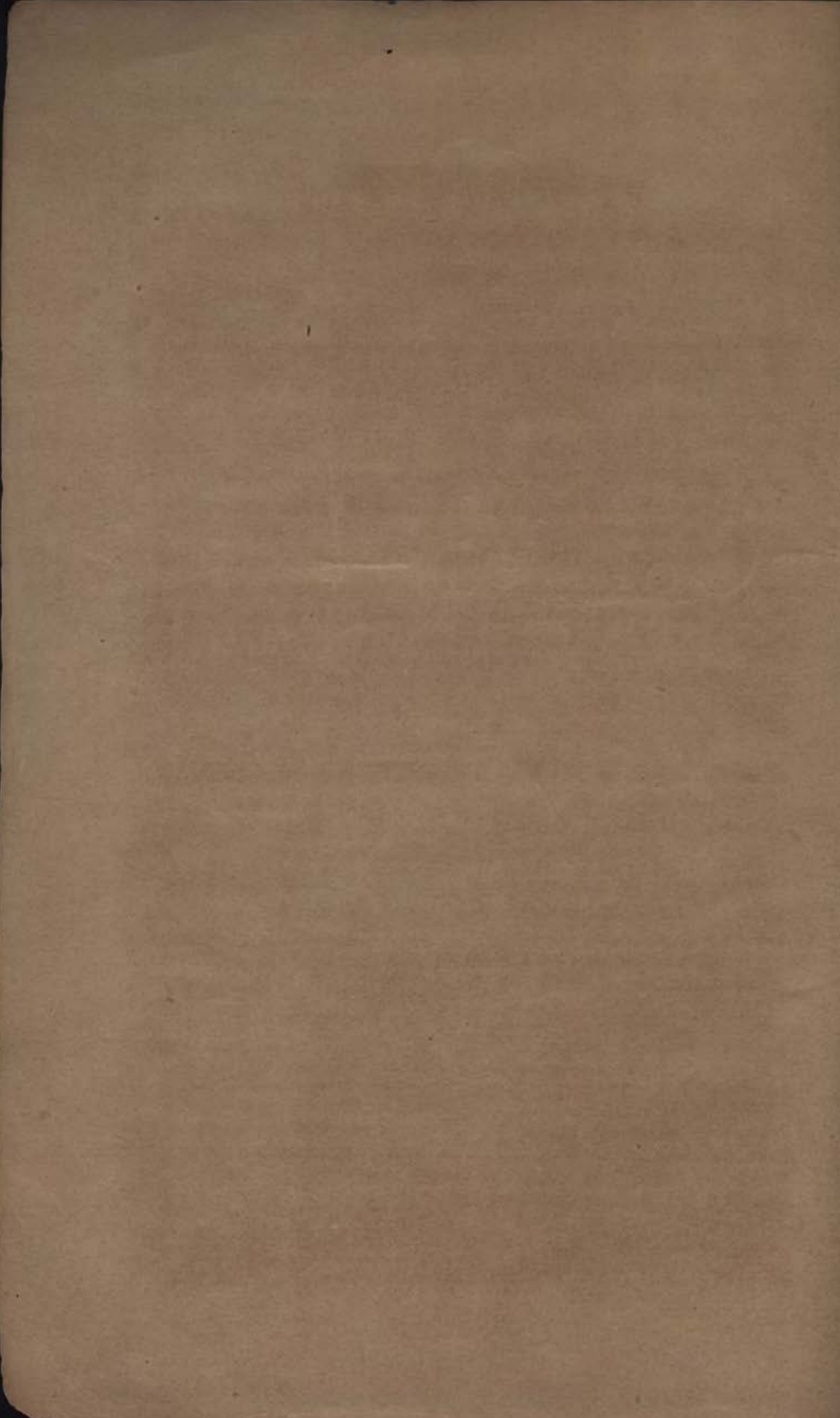
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M. W. GRAND LODGE FOR THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.
Holden in the City of Norfolk.

Constituted A. L. 5866.

M.W. Bro. ANTHONY A. PORTLOCK, G. Master. R.W. Bro. J. W. JASPER, G. Secretary.

M. W. GRAND LODGE FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.
Constituted October, A. L. 5865.

M. W. Bro. JOHN W. HARRISON, G. Master. R.W. Bro. J. BURDINE, G. Secretary.

M. W. GRAND LODGE FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI.
Constituted June, A. L. 5866.

M. W. Bro. HENRY MCGEE ALEXANDER, G. Master. R. W. Bro. WM. ROBERSON, G. Secretary.

M.W.N. Grand Master, R. H. Gleaves, 1028 Lombard Street, Philad'a, Pa.
M.W.N. Grand Secretary, Jonathan Davis, M.D., 733 S. 11th St., Philad'a.

P R O C E E D I N G S

OF THE

MOST WORSHIPFUL

N A T I O N A L G R A N D L O D G E .

SIXTH TRIENNIAL SESSION, A. L. 5865.

Monday, October 16th, A. L. 5865.

The Sixth Triennial Session of the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, assembled in the Hall of the M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland, corner of Saratoga and Davis Streets, in the City of Baltimore, and was opened in ample form, in the Third Degree of Free Masonry.

Officers, Representatives, and Members present, viz :—

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton,	N. G. Master, Presiding.
“ “ Richard H. Gleaves,	N. D. G. Master.
“ “ John W. Harrison, of Indiana,	N. G. S. Warden, <i>pro tem.</i>
“ “ George W. Milbourn,	N. J. G. Warden, “
“ “ James B. Berry, of La.,	N. G. Treasurer, “
“ “ Ezra J. Morris,	N. G. Secretary.
“ “ Samuel W. Chase,	N. G. Chaplain.
R. W. “ Peter Hawkins, of Mass.,	as N. G. S. Deacon.
“ “ John Beam, of N. J.,	as N. G. J. Deacon.
M. W. “ John W. Addison, of R. I.,	as N. G. S. Steward.
“ “ Henry Mackey, of N. J.,	as N. G. J. Steward.
R. W. “ John B. Smith, M. D., of Mass.,	as N. G. S. Bearer.
M. W. “ James Dolphin, of N. J.,	as N. G. Marshal.
R. W. “ John W. Creck, M. D., of Md.,	as N. G. Pursuivant.
“ “ H. P. Sorrell, of Md.,	as N. G. Tyler.
“ “ N. B. Lewis, of N. Y.,	James P. Hawkins, of Mass.,
Jonathan Davis, M. D., of Penna., Edward B. Hebrew and James Westley, of R. I., John H. Butler, of Md.	

Visiting Brothers—James Lewis, John Butler, Senior Watson, John Peck, John L. Hudson, of N. Y., A. B. Coleman, of Mass., Walter Sorrell, H. E. Smith, Henry Bush and Thomas Bradford, of Md., Wm. A. R. Smith, of Penna.

The M. W. National Grand Master delivered his address.

On motion of Bro. Jonathan Davis, it was resolved, that the M. W. N. Grand Master be, and is hereby requested to furnish the N. Grand

Lodge with a copy of his address, and that the same be referred to a committee, consisting of five brothers, who are instructed to report thereon.

The N. G. Master then appointed the following Committee on Credentials, viz: M. W. Bros., R. H. Gleaves, John L. Hudson, George W. Milbourn, Edward B. Hebrew and John Beam.

On motion, it was resolved, that the regular sessions of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, shall be from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 1 o'clock, P. M., and from 3 to 6 o'clock, P. M., which motion was adopted.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock, P. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, N. G. Sec'y.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Monday, October 16th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. Grand Lodge was called on at 3 o'clock.

M. W. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. M. W. James Needham, N. G. Treasurer, appeared and took his seat. Other officers in their stations as in the morning.

Representatives and Members who were not at the morning session: W. Brothers Joseph G. Walker, David H. Gustis, Wm. H. Colwell, Abraham E. Vezey and John Dillahay, of Del.; Joseph H. Doyer and James Needham, of Penna.; Henry H. Williams, of N. J.

Visiting Brothers—Henry Camby, of Del., and Jacob Johnson, of Maryland.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following, as Representatives, and entitled to the number of votes set opposite to their names respectively, viz.:

M. W. Grand Lodge for Pennsylvania.

M. W. Jonathan Davis, M. D., G. Master,	.	.	.	2
For Wm. H. Riley, P. N. G. Master,	.	.	.	1
David Leary—Edward W. Carney,	.	.	.	2
James B. Saunders—William Williams,	.	.	.	2
James H. Smith, P. N. G. Treasurer,	.	.	.	1
Philip Buchanan, P. G. M.,	.	.	.	1—9
R. W. Nath. L. Durham, D. G. M.,	.	.	.	1
" Aaron P. Faucett, G. S. W.,	.	.	.	1
" Ralph G. Gilmore, G. J. W.,	.	.	.	1
" John G. Dutton, G. Treasurer,	.	.	.	1
" Alfred S. Cassey, G. Secretary,	.	.	.	1—5
M. W. Joseph H. Doyer, P. G. N. G. Marshal,	.	.	.	1
" For Theodore Yound,	.	.	.	1—2
Wm. A. K. Smith—Major Robinson,	.	.	.	1
Wm. Cooper—Wm. G. Cooper,	.	.	.	1

M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge for R. I.

Ezra J. Morris, P. G. M.,	.	.	.	4
Edward B. Hebrew, P. G. M.,	.	.	.	4—8
James Wesley,	"	.	.	1
John W. Addison,	"	.	.	1

M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of N. J.

M. W. James Dolphin, G. M.,	.	.	.	1
For John H. Romeo,	.	.	.	1
Benjamin Jackson,	.	.	.	1
Joshua Woodland, P. N. G. W. and G. Sec'y,	.	.	.	2—5
R. W. John H. Beam, D. G. M.,	.	.	.	1
" Henry Carter, G. S. W.,	.	.	.	1
" Wm. H. Longfellow, G. J. W.,	.	.	.	1
M. W. Obadiah L. Davis, G. Treasurer,	.	.	.	2
For Freeman Gould,	.	.	.	2
George Walton,	.	.	.	1
H. H. Williams,	.	.	.	1—5
Henry Mackey,	1

M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge for Massachusetts.

M. W. Lewis Hayden, P. G. M. and G. M.,	.	.	.	1
For the M. W. G. Lodge,	.	.	.	5
Aaron Gaul,	.	.	.	1
Henry Harris,	.	.	.	1—8
Peter Hawkins,	.	.	.	1
John B. Smith, M. D.,	.	.	.	
For Thomas Dalton,	.	.	.	1

M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge for Delaware.

M. W. Joseph G. Walker, P. G. M. and G. M.,	.	.	.	2
" Abraham E. Vezey, D. G. M.,	.	.	.	1
John Dillihay, P. G. M. and G. S. W.,	.	.	.	2
Isaac P. Carty, " G. J. W.,	.	.	.	2
For David H. Gustis, P. G. M.,	.	.	.	1
John Batson,	"	.	.	1
Absalom Black,	"	.	.	1—5

M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the D. of C.

M. W. Wm. H. Thomas, G. M.,	.	.	.	1
For Charles Hunts,	.	.	.	1—2
Adolphus Hall, D. G. Master,	.	.	.	1
John F. Cook, G. S. W.,	.	.	.	1
Thomas Brown, G. J. W.,	.	.	.	1
James Davenport, G. Treasurer,	.	.	.	1
Solomon G. Brown, G. Secretary,	.	.	.	1

M. W. Union Grand Lodge for Maryland.

M. W. George W. Milbourn, G. M.	.	.	.	1
Benjamin Burley, D. G. M.,	.	.	.	1
John T. Pierce, G. S. W.,	.	.	.	1
R. W. Henderson P. Sorrell, G. J. Warden,	.	.	.	1
Charles Howard, G. Treasurer,	.	.	.	1
Samuel W. Chase, Sr., G. Secretary,	.	.	.	2
Samuel B. Hutchins, P. G. M.,	.	.	.	1
For David P. Jones,	.	.	.	1
" Abraham Berry,	.	.	.	1—3

M. W. Grand Lodge for New York.

M. W. Lewis A. Hood, G. M.,	.	.	.	1
Samuel J. Scottron, D. G. M.,	.	.	.	1
Walter Burr, G. S. W.,	.	.	.	1
Isaac Baily, G. J. W.,	.	.	.	1
Nath. B. Lewis, G. Treasurer,	.	.	.	1
T. S. W. Titus, G. Secretary,	.	.	.	1—6

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Credentials, was approved.

The question, whether Masters of Subordinate Lodges can be proper Representatives to this M. W. N. G. Lodge, was submitted to the N. G. Master, who decided in the negative.

On motion of Bros. J. B. Smith and Joseph H. Doyer, that no member be allowed to speak more than twice on the same question or subject, except by permission of the N. G. Master. Motion adopted.

Resolved, that a committee consisting of three members be appointed, whose duty shall be to prepare the minutes of this Sixth Triennial Session for publication. Thereupon, the N. G. Master appointed Brothers John B. Smith, Samuel W. Chase, Sr., and Wm. H. Longfellow, said committee.

The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the N. G. Lodge was called off.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

MORNING SESSION.

Tuesday, October 17th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. Grand Lodge was called on at 9½ o'clock, M. W., Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding.

M. W. Brother Lewis Hayden, N. G. S. W., and R. W. Nath. L. Durham, N. G. S. Steward, appeared and took their seats. Other officers in their stations, as yesterday.

R. W. Brothers Ralph G. Gilmore, Aaron P. Faucett and Thomas D. Jorden, of Penna., O. L. Davis, of N. J., Lewis A. Hood and Wal-

ter Burr, of N. Y., Thomas A. Franklin, S. B. Hutchins, Edward T. Crew, David P. Jones and John P. Pearce, of Maryland, Thomas Brown, of D. of C., also appeared and took their seats.

Visiting Brothers.—Bazil Owens, James Lewis and James B. Hill.

The minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday were read, and, on motion to approve, an amendment was offered, to strike from the minutes so much as relates to the Brothers from Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va. The N. G. Master decided the amendment out of order. The minutes were then approved.

Motion, by M. W. Brothers Samuel W. Chase, Sr., and Nath. L. Durham, that Peter Wilson, W. M., of Rising Sun Lodge, of Norfolk, Va., and John W. Jasper, W. M., of Morning Star Lodge, of Portsmouth, Va., working under authority from the M. W. Union Grand Lodge, for the State of Maryland, be admitted to honorary membership of this M. W. N. G. Lodge. After considerable discussion the motion was lost.

Motion, by Brother J. B. Smith, M. D., that no motion shall be entertained in this M. W. N. G. Lodge except the same be submitted in writing.

Amendment, by Brother Nath. L. Durham, that the word *motion* be stricken out, and the word "Resolution," be inserted; and that the words, "excepting motions on rules of order and business," be added thereto. After discussion, the amendment and motion was withdrawn by common consent.

The N. G. Master announced the following appointments, to fill the vacancies caused by absentees, viz; *On Charity*—S. W. Chase and Lewis A. Hood; *On Charts*—Jno. B. Smith, M. D., and John H. Beam; *On Unfinished Business*—John Addison, John W. Harrison and John H. Butler; *On Correspondence*—Nath. L. Durham; *On Ways and Means*—Richard H. Gleaves; *On Grand Lodge Returns*—Jonathan Davis, M. D., Lewis Hayden and Obadiah L. Davis; *On N. G. Master's Address*—Jonathan Davis, M. D., Ezra J. Morris, John L. Hudson, Wm. H. Longfellow and Joseph G. Walker.

The Committee on Credentials stated through their chairman that they had ascertained that the credentials of Bro. Peter Hawkins, from M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, are not regular, he not being a P. G. Master; therefore can represent but one vote for said Grand Lodge.

On motion, by Jonathan Davis and R. H. Gleaves, that whereas the credentials of Bro. Peter Hawkins are not in accordance with the letter and spirit of the resolution passed in National Grand Lodge, October 9, 1862, therefore, resolved, that the approval of the credentials of Bro. Hawkins be and is hereby reconsidered.

Pending the consideration of the above preamble and resolution the morning hour expired, and the M. W. N. Grand Lodge was called off until 3 o'clock, P. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, October 17th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. Grand Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock. M. W. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. Other officers in the stations as in the morning. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The preamble and resolution pending at the close of the morning session was taken up. Thereupon it was resolved, that the question be taken without further debate. Motion carried.

Resolved, that the credentials of Brother Peter Hawkins be returned to him, and that the Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge cast the votes of the Representatives of said Grand Lodge, who are not in attendance on this triennial session. Resolution carried.

The N. G. Master called for the reports from the Grand Lodges, which were handed to the Committee on Grand Lodge reports.

A communication purporting to be from a General Assembly of F. A. M., convened at the City of Philadelphia, on the 10th, 11th and 12th days of October, was read, to wit:

*"To all whom it may concern:—*GREETING:*—*At the General Assembly of Grand Lodges, F. A. M., convened in the City of Philadelphia, on the 10th, 11th and 12th days of October, A. L. 5865—A. D. 1865, the following report of the Committee on Masonic Union, and the resolutions appended were adopted.

"REPORT.

"That there exists an unhappy disunion in the Masonic fraternity is a source of deep regret. The cause of this division, we think, is no doubt attributable to the irregularities that have crept into the fraternity, for the want of proper instructions relating to the laws and principles of the institution, especially in the organization of the 'National Grand Lodge,' which destroyed, we think, one of the great principles of the Fraternity in the government of the Craft, by claiming the right to hold Grand Lodges and Grand Masters subordinate to its decrees. We are fully satisfied that the time has arrived when there should be a unity of feeling and sentiment on this question among Masons, because we are placed in a very different position from any other class of men in the country, and for the additional reason that no matter what may be our differences to-day, we all emanated from the same original source, and are laboring to attain the same common end—the elevation of our fellow-men.

"Your committee are of the opinion, that an honorable *union*, without compromising any cardinal principle of the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity, ought to be formed. They think, that should the system of government known as the 'National Grand Lodge,' be abandoned by that body, the Grand Lodges in the several states could immediately take measures to unite upon the basis of common Masonic usage, for the government of the craft.

"That the question of Grand Lodge sovereignty is one that is generally conceded by both parties; this being the case, we hence fully believe, that should the 'National Grand Lodge' adopt the proper measures whereby all can meet on a common platform, the Grand Lodges here represented, should encourage and promote all efforts made to reconcile the difficulties which unfortunately divide a fraternity, that, above all others, should be united.

"Your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions:—

"Resolved, That this General Assembly of Grand Lodges, after a mature consideration of our Masonic difficulties, think, that the only obstacle which stands in the way of a perfectly consistent Masonic Union, is the organization of the 'National Grand Lodge.'

"Resolved, That in union there is strength, and any obstacle or obstacles which stand in the way of our presenting an unbroken Masonic front, should be immediately removed.

"Resolved, That the Representatives here assembled, be requested to present, agitate and encourage in their respective Grand Lodges, fraternal visitations throughout the Fraternity.

"Resolved, That a copy of this report be prepared and transmitted to the National Grand Lodge, for their consideration.

"JAMES H. TOWNSEND, New York.

L. G. GRIFFIN, Maryland.

"JACOB JENKINS, Pennsylvania.

J. HARPER, New Jersey.

"———, Delaware.

Committee.

"Philadelphia, October 13, 1865.

"The above is a correct copy of the Report of the Committee on Masonic Union.

"PATRICK H. REASON, *Ch'n General Assembly.*

"Attest, JACOB JENKINS, *Secretary.*"

After the reading of the communication the following resolutions were submitted by Bros. John B. Smith, M. D., and R. H. Gleaves, viz:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the proposition presented to this Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, through a committee appointed by the Convention recently held in the City of Philadelphia, demanding, as it does, such concessions and action on the part of this Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, as would not only be incompatible with the position of this Most Worshipful body, but also subversive of the proposed objects of the aforesaid proposition, and the purposes which the existence and character of this Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge is designed to accomplish.

Resolved, That the proposition of the aforesaid Convention is not of a character to be entertained by this Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, and that it therefore be returned to the Committee from which it came, accompanied by correct copies of these resolutions.

The afternoon hours having expired, the M. W. National Grand Lodge was called off, until the 18th, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

MORNING SESSION.

October 18th, A. L. 5865.

The M.W. N. Grand Lodge was called on at 9 o'clock.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton,	N. Grand Master, Presiding.
" " R. H. Gleaves,	N. D. G. Master.
" " Lewis Hayden,	N. G. S. Warden.
" " Wm. E. Gipson,	N. G. S. Warden.
" " James Needham,	N. G. Treasurer.
" " Ezra J. Morris,	N. G. Secretary.
" " Samuel W. Chase,	N. G. Chaplain.
" " Peter Hawkins,	N. G. S. Deacon, <i>pro tem.</i>
R. W. Bro. John H. Beam,	N. G. J. Deacon, "
" " Nath. L. Durham,	N. G. S. Steward.
M. W. Bro. John W. Addison,	N. G. J. Steward, <i>pro tem.</i>
" " Jonathan C. Miller,	N. G. Marshal.
R. W. Bro. John W. Creek, M. D.,	N. G. Pursuivant, <i>pro tem.</i>
" " John B. Smith, M. D.,	N. G. S. Bearer,
" " H. P. Sorrell,	N. G. Tyler, "

Visiting Brothers—William Simpson, Samuel Griggins and Parris Burley, of Pittsburg, Pa., Thomas Bradford, George A. Hackett, Stephen Glasgow and James Jackson, of Md., John W. Jasper, of Portsmouth, Va.

M.W. Brothers W. E. Gipson and Jonathan C. Miller, offered apologies for being absent at the previous sessions, which were accepted.

The minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday, were read, and approved.

The resolutions of Brothers J. B. Smith and R. H. Gleaves, were taken up, on which speeches were made, participated in by most of the Representatives from the several Grand Lodges here represented, and on the question being taken on said resolutions, they were unanimously adopted.

The morning hours having terminated, thereupon the N. G. Lodge was called off until 3 o'clock, P. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M.W. N. G. Sec'y.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, October 18th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. National Grand Lodge was called on at 3 o'clock.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. Other officers in their stations, as in the morning. Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were presented by Brothers J. B. Smith and Jonathan Davis :—

Whereas, pursuant to circular call, issued by the African Grand

Lodge of the State of Massachusetts, Delegates from all the Grand Lodges of Masons, (colored,) in the United States of America, convened in the City of Boston, State of Massachusetts, on the 24th day of June, A. L. 5847, A. D. 1847, for the purpose of establishing a National Grand Lodge, as the most proper and efficient means of effecting and maintaining the principles of Masonic harmony and *Union* among the different Lodges of Masons throughout the country; and,

Whereas, all the said Grand Lodges of Masons, through and by their Delegates, in Convention assembled, did enter into a solemn covenant, to form, erect, constitute and establish a National Grand Lodge of the United States of North America, and to be subject to its jurisdiction; and,

Whereas, certain parties in and of the States of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and California, have, in violation of their most sacred and solemn covenant, rebelled against the rightful authority of the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge thus formed and constituted, and do still refuse to submit to its jurisdiction; therefore, be it, and it is, hereby

Resolved, That the said parties and persons as above, by the perpetration of this great Masonic crime, have placed themselves beyond the limits of proper Masonic recognition, and so long as they persist in occupying their present position, they can have no Masonic standing with this National Grand Lodge, nor can those under its jurisdiction acknowledge or respect them as Free and Accepted Masons; and all the members of this Most Worshipful N. G. Lodge, and all those working under its compact or jurisdiction, are hereby prohibited from countenancing the said assumed Lodges or persons as such, or those in any way connected with them, as Masons.

Resolved, That, as the purposes of the organization and maintenance of the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, was, and still is, to promote and effect the proposed *Union of all Colored Masons in this country*, we do hereby declare, that our hands continue to be extended towards all true and worthy brother Masons, and that we are also ready to receive into our fellowship, even those who are disaffected, whenever the proper application shall be made on their part to be thus affiliated.

After the reading of the above preamble and resolutions, it was on motion, they be adopted. Motion carried, unanimously.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Reports submitted the following, viz :

To the M. W. N. Grand Lodge of the U. S. of N. A. of Free and Accepted A. Y. M., greeting :

Your committee to whom was referred the report from Grand Lodges, respectfully submit the following report, showing the location, membership and standing of the subordinate Lodges under their respective jurisdictions :

M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge for the State of Massachusetts.

Has under its jurisdiction four Lodges, including a membership of 109, viz :

Union	Lodge,	No. 2,	Boston,	-	20 Members.
Rising Sun	"	- 3,	"	-	30 "
Celestial	"	- 4,	"	-	39 "
Union	"	- 5,	New Bedford,	-	20 "

M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge for the State of Rhode Island.

Has under its jurisdiction four Lodges, including a membership of 92, viz :

Harmony	Lodge,	No. 1,	Providence,	-	— Members.
Celestial	"	- 2,	"	-	— "
Stone Mill	"	- 3,	Newport,	-	— "
King Solomon	"	- 4,	Providence,	-	— "

M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of New York.

Widow's Son	Lodge,	- No. 1,	Brooklyn,	-	— Members.
Celestial	"	- 2,	N. Y. City,	-	— "
Meridian	"	- 3,	"	-	— "
King Solomon	"	- 4,	"	-	— "
Western Light	"	- 6,	Lockport,	-	— "
Covenant	"	- 7,	N. Y. City,	-	— "
Widow's Son	"	- 10,	N. Haven, Ct.,	-	— "
Mount Olive	"	- 11,	N. Y. City,	-	— "
Mount Calvary	"	- 12,	Lansingburg,	-	— "
Ureka	"	- 15,	Norwich, Ct.,	-	— "
Excelsior	"	- 16,	Hartford, Ct.,	-	— "
Jeptha	"	- 17,	Albany,	-	— "
Morning Star	"	- 19,	Williamsburg,	-	— "
St. John's	"	- 20,	Buffalo,	-	— "
Fidelity	"	-	U. D., Norwich, Chenango Co.	-	— "
Membership,	-	-	-	-	347
Stone Square	"	- 5,	Brooklyn, E. D.,	-	suspended.
Mount Nebo	"	- 8,	Elmira,	-	ceased working.
Evening Star	"	- 9,	Owego,	-	"
Mount Zion	"	- 13,	Stapleton, S. I.,	-	"
North Star	"	- 14,	Terrytown,	-	"
Mount Moriah	"	-	U. D.	-	"

M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Pennsylvania.

Laurel	Lodge,	No. 2,	Philadelphia,	-	44 Members.
Phoenix	"	- 3,	"	-	16 "
Widow's Son	"	- 4,	"	-	25 "
Hiram	"	- 5,	"	-	71 "
Mount Lebanon	"	- 9,	"	-	65 "
Prudence	"	- 11,	"	-	45 "
St. Cyprian	"	- 13,	Pittsburg,	-	53 "
Fidelity	"	- 15,	Lewistown,	-	22 "

Nehemiah	Lodge,	No. 16,	Harrisburg,	36 Members.
Norman	"	23,	Bellfonte,	11 "
Athenian	"	24,	Philadelphia,	52 "
Pythagoras	"	25,	"	33 "
Mount Olive	"	27,	"	37 "
Emanuel	"	30,	"	28 "
Mount Pisgah	"	32,	Norristown,	12 "
Mount Moriah	"	35,	Pittsburg,	19 "

Membership, - - - - - 569

Prince Edward	"	28,	Harrisburg, cha'r	surrendered.
Harrisburg	"	33,	" ch'r	"
Carlisle Star	"	18,	Carlisle,	- suspended.
Purity	"	20,	Hollidaysburg,	"
King Solomon	"	22,	Lancaster,	- "
St. John's	"	26,	Williamsport,	"
Aurora	"	31,	Chambersburg,	"
Evening Star	"	29,	Mercersburg	"
West Hempfield	"	34,	Columbia,	- "

M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of New Jersey

Unity	Lodge,	No. 2,	Burlington,	— Members.
Mount Moriah	"	3,	Salem,	- suspended.
Rising Sun	"	4,	Camden,	-
Mount Moriah	"	5,	Mt. Holly,	- suspended.
Phoenix	"	6,	Greenwich,	-
Mount Nebo	"	7,	Bushtown,	-
King Solomon	"	8,	Bordentown,	- suspended.
Aurora	"	9,	Camden,	-
Jerusalem	"	—,	Trenton,	-
Van Brakle	"	11,	Woodbury,	-
Covenant	"	—,	New Brunswick,	-
King David	"	—,	Newark,	-
Mount Moriah	"	—,	Cape May,	-
-	-	-	Frogtown,	-

Membership, - - - - - 109

M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Delaware.

King Solomon	Lodge,	No. 1,	Wilmington,	— Members.
Mount Lebanon	"	3,	"	- "
Jerusalem	"	6,	"	- 35 "
St. James	"	2,	"	- suspended.
Eastern Star	"	7,	"	- "
Pythagoras	"	4,	Camden,	- ceased.
Union	"	5,	Frederica.	- "

Pythagoras and Union Lodges ceased working on account of the laws prohibiting them from doing so.

M. W. Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia.

Reports five Lodges and 246 members.

Social	Lodge,	No. 1,	Washington.
Universal	"	2,	Alexandria, Va.
Felix	"	3,	Washington.
Hiram	"	4,	Georgetown.
Eureka	"	5,	"

M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland.

Friendship	Lodge,	No. 1,	Baltimore,	33 Members.
St. John's	"	- 2,	"	23 "
Enterprise	"	- 3,	"	49 "
Zion	"	- 4,	"	20 "
King Solomon	"	- 5,	"	60 "
Hannibal	"	- 6,	"	
Federal	"	- 7,	"	25 "
Rising Sun	"	- 8,	Norfolk, Va.,	30 "
Hiram	"	- 9,	Liberty Town,	19 "
Fredericktonian	"	- 10,	Frederick City,	15 "
Morning Star	"	- 11,	Portsmouth, Va.,	20 "
Eastern Light	"	- 12,	Norfolk, Va.,	15 "
Willow Spring	"	- 13,	Hagerstown,	9 "
Easton Star	"	- U. D.,	Easton	
Membership,	-	-	-	318.

M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Ohio.

Corinthian	Lodge,	No. 1,	Cincinnati,	41 Members.
True American	"	- 2,	"	35 "
St. John's	"	- 3,	"	22 "
Ambush	"	- 4,	Toledo,	17 "
Boyd	"	- 5,	Salem,	14 "
Mount Moriah	"	- 6,	Louisville, Ky.,	31 "
St. Marks	"	- 7,	Columbus,	45 "
H. McGee	"	- 8,	St. Louis, Mo.,	12 "
Fulton	"	- 9,	Memphis, Tenn.,	41 "
Prince Hall	"	- 10,	St. Louis, Mo.,	46 "
Excelsior	"	- U. D.,	Cleveland.	
North Star	"	- 12,	Chicago, Ill.,	38 "
Eureka	"	- 14,	Cleveland,	27 "
G. T. Watson	"	- 16,	Alton, Ill.,	41 "
Central	"	- 19,	Springfield, Ill.,	28 "
St. Thomas	"	- 20,	Louisville, Ky.,	22 "
Wilberforce	"	- 21,	Xenia,	40 "
Lone Star	"	- 22,	St. Louis, Mo.,	24 "

Membership, - - - - 531.

Total number of members reported to date, 2356.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGES FOR A. D. 1865—A. L. 5865.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge for Massachusetts.

M.W. Bro. Lewis Hayden, G. M.	R.W. Bro. H. Greenland, G. J. W.
R.W. Bro. R. Morris, Esq., D. G. M.	" Peter Hawkins, G. T.
" John J. Smith, G. S. W.	" Ed. C. Ruhler, G. Sec.

Grand Lodge for the State of Pennsylvania.

M.W. Bro. Jon. Davis, M.D., G. M.	R.W. Bro. R. G. Gilmore, G. J. W.
R.W. Bro. N. L. Durham, D. G. M.	" John G. Dunton, G. T.
" A. P. Faucett, G. S. W.	" Alf. S. Cassey, G. Sec.

Grand Lodge for the State of New York.

M.W. Bro. Lewis A. Hood, G. M.	R.W. Bro. Isaac Bailey, G. J. W.
R.W. Bro. S. J. Scottron, D. G. M.	" Nath. B. Lewis, G. T.
" W. H. Burr, G. S. W.	" T. S. W. Titus, G. Sec.

Grand Lodge for the State of New Jersey.

M.W. Bro. James Dolphin, G. M.	R.W. Br. W. H. Longfellow, G. J. W.
R.W. Bro. John H. Beam, D. G. M.	M.W. Br. O. L. Davis, G. T.
" Henry Carter, G. S. W.	" Josh. Woodland, G. Sec.

Union Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia.

M.W. Bro. Wm. H. Thomas, G. M.	R.W. Bro. Thos. Brown, G. J. W.
R.W. Bro. Adolph. Hall, D. G. M.	" Jas. Davenport, G. T.
" John F. Cook, G. S. W.	" Sol. G. Brown, G. Sec.

Harmony Grand Lodge for the State of Delaware.

M.W. Bro. Jos. G. Walker, G. M.	R.W. Bro. Isaac P. Carty, G. J. W.
R.W. Bro. A. E. Vezey, D. G. M.	" James Williams, G. T.
" John Dillehay, G. S. W.	" W. H. Colwell, G. Sec.

Harmony Grand Lodge for the State of Rhode Island.

M.W. Bro. J. A. Creighton, G. M.	R.W. Bro. Jb. Robinson, G. J. W.
R.W. Bro. W. G. Wamsley, D. G. M.	M.W. Bro. Ezra J. Morris, G. T.
" Thos. Young, G. S. W.	" E. B. Hebrew, G. Sec.

Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland.

M.W. Bro. G. W. Milbourn, G. M.	R.W. Bro. H. P. Sorrell, G. J. W.
R.W. Bro. Benj. Burley, D. G. M.	" Charles Howard, G. T.
" J. T. Pierce, G. S. W.	M.W. Bro. S. W. Chase, sr., G. Sec.

Grand Lodge for the State of Ohio.

M.W. Bro. John Jones, D. M.	R.W. Bro. E. R. Williams, G. J. W.
R.W. Bro. Wm. D. Goff, D. G. M.	" John Cousins, G. T.
" Thos. Carter, G. S. W.	" J. R. Blackburn, G. Sec.

Your Committee respectfully report, that they find a very great deficiency in the forms of reports submitted by the various Grand Lodges, many of them do not contain such information as, in the opinion of your committee, ought to be reported. Some do not mention the names and numbers of the subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction, or where located, and neglect furnishing much other information which would be of great interest to the fraternity. Therefore, your committee recommend that there be prepared by the National Grand Secretary, or some other brother or brothers whom this body may appoint, a form of Grand Lodge Report, and that each Grand Lodge be required to make report in accordance therewith; and that said form shall be published with the proceedings of this triennial session.

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN DAVIS, }
LEWIS HAYDEN, } *Committee.*
OBADIAH L. DAVIS, }

Motion, that the report of the Committee on Reports be approved.
Motion carried.

The Committee on Charts, made report, recommending the granting of a Warrant of Constitution, authorizing the opening and holding a M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Michigan, under the authority of this M. W. N. Grand Lodge.

J. B. SMITH, }
J. H. BEAM, } *Committee.*
ISAAC P. CARTY. }

On motion, the report of the Committee on Charts, was approved, and a Warrant ordered to issue in the usual form, to M. W. Brothers John W. Harrison, David Miles, Thomas Jones, James Hays, John J. Evans, J. Burdine, and their successors.

A communication from a body styled "Eureka Grand Lodge," State of Louisiana, was read, and on motion, it was laid upon the table until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

A motion that the M. W. N. Grand Lodge hold evening sessions, was lost.

Letters of recognition from Eugene Bourjolly, (33d) Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Haiti, and Representative of the Grand Orient of France, were read and referred to the committee on correspondence.

The following named M. W. Brothers were reported as Past-Grand Masters of the M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia, viz.: Charles T. Datcher, Charles Hunt, R. H. Booker, Ananias Herbert, C. A. Stewart, A. Hall, William Anderson, John T. Costin, R. H. Robinson, and Edward Evans.

The M. W. N. Grand Lodge was called from labor until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, October 19th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. Grand Lodge was called to labor at 9 o'clock.

M. W. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. Other officers in their stations as yesterday.

After the calling of the roll of members, the minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday were read and approved.

Thereupon, the M. W. G. Master appointed M. W. Brothers, Ezra J. Morris, Jonathan Davis, M. D., and Lewis Hayden, a committee to prepare a form of Grand Lodge Report.

Motion, by M. W. Wm. E. Gipson, that the Committee on Form of Grand Lodge Reports, be, and is hereby instructed, when a form shall be prepared and agreed upon by them, that they submit the same to the officers of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge, and if they shall approve of said form, that it shall be published with the minutes.

Amendment by M. W. John H. Butler, that one Past-Grand Master from each Grand Lodge herein represented, be added to the committee.

A vote being taken on the amendment, it was lost.

Motion of M. W. Wm. E. Gipson, adopted.

Motion of R. W. Nath. L. Durham, that not more than ten minutes be allowed to each speaker.

Motion to amend, by striking out *ten* and inserting *five*. Amendment carried.

Motion as amended, carried.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the communication from the "Eureka Grand Lodge," which was laid upon the table, was taken up for consideration.

It was moved to refer said communication to the Committee on Grievances; during the discussion of which, it was moved and carried, that the rules regulating debates be suspended one hour.

Pending the consideration of the motion to refer to the Committee on Grievances, the M. W. N. G. Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock, P. M.

·EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, October 19th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. Grand Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock, P. M.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding.

Other officers in their stations, as in the morning

Visiting brothers admitted:—James H. Jones, of Delaware; Wm. Waters, Philadelphia, Pa.; George A. Hacket, Wm. Scroggins, and D. Kelley, of Maryland; P. Burley and Sampson, of Pittsburg, Pa.; and Franklin Jones, N. Y.

On motion, the time allotted to each speaker was extended to ten minutes.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The question being on the reference to the Committee on Grievances, a motion was offered as a substitute, that the whole matter be referred to M. W. Bro. R. H. Gleaves, who is authorized to correspond with the officers of said "Eureka Grand Lodge," with a view to a satisfactory adjustment of the disaffection of said Grand Lodge.

On the question being taken, the substituted motion was adopted.

An invitation from the M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland, inviting the M. W. N. Grand Lodge to attend Bethel Church on Sabbath afternoon next, at 8 o'clock, P. M., to hear a Masonic Sermon, was, on motion, accepted.

An invitation from said Lodge to attend a levee, on Friday evening, 24th inst., was read.

The question arising as to the legality of Bro. J. B. Smith as proxy for Thomas Daultin, after considerable discussion, the M. W. N. Grand Master decided Bro. J. B. Smith to be a legal proxy of Bro. Daultin.

A motion to sustain the decision of the M. W. N. Grand Master was by him ruled out of order.

The report of the M. W. Bro. Jonathan Davis, Past N. G. Secretary, was presented, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following report was then submitted by the M. W. N. Grand Treasurer, viz :

James Needham, in account with the M. W. N. Grand Lodge.

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October 9th, 1862.	To Cash,	\$51 51
February, 1863.	To Cash, M. W. G. for Ohio,	10 00
March, 1863.	To Cash, M. W. G. for New York,	10 00
1864.	To Cash, M. W. G. for New Jersey,	6 00
January, 1865.	To Cash, M. W. G. for Penn'a.	10 00
Cash of M. W. N. G. Secretary, E. J. Morris,		30 00
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October 9th, 1862.	By order paid,	\$51 51
January 27th, 1865.	By order of P. N. G. Sec'y, J. Davis,	36 00
September, 1865.	By order of P. N. G. Sec'y, J. Davis,	5 00
By balance,		25 00
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On motion, the report of the N. G. Treasurer was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bro. Carter A. Steward presented the following resolutions, seconded by Bro. Edward T. Crew :

1st. Resolved, That the power of organizing Subordinate Lodges in the several States and Territories, where there are no State Grand Lodges, shall be confined to the several State Grand Lodges already existing by the authority of the M. W. N. G. Lodge.

2d. Resolved, That when a constitutional number of Subordinate Lodges are thus formed in the aforesaid States, the M. W. N. G. Lodge shall form them into a regular Grand Lodge, according to the Constitution of the M. W. N. G. Lodge, as specified in Article VII.

The resolutions were ably discussed up to the close of the session, when the M. W. N. G. Lodge was called off until to-morrow, Friday, 9 o'clock A. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

MORNING SESSION.

Friday, October 20th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 9 o'clock.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding.

Other officers in their respective stations.

Visiting brothers reported and admitted :—Wm. Waters and James Prosser, of Philadelphia, and John M. Brown, of D. C.

Minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday read and approved.

M. W. Bro R. H. Gleaves, N. D. G. Master, made a lengthy report of his official transactions. Report, on motion, was received.

Motion, that the report of the M. W. N. D. G. Master be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Amendment, by Bro. S. W. Chase, that so much of it as relates to the finances be so referred, and that the other portion of it be referred to the Committee on Reports.

The amendment was adopted; thereupon the motion, as amended, was carried.

The resolution offered by Bro. C. A. Steward was called up, which was discussed until the morning hours had expired, when the M. W. N. G. Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock P. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Friday, October 20th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding.

Other officers in their respective stations, as in the morning.

Visiting Brothers reported and admitted :—J. Stewart, A. Smith, and James Gorden, of Maryland.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The resolutions under discussion at the close of the morning session were then taken up and further discussed.

Bro. James Needham offered the following preamble and resolutions as a substitute for the resolutions under discussion :

Whereas, There appears to be a misunderstanding, by some of the Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction of this M. W. N. Grand Lodge, in regard to the right of opening and constituting new Lodges out of the districts of the Subordinate Grand Lodges;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That it shall not be lawful for any Grand Lodge, or any member thereof, working under the jurisdiction of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, to open or constitute any Subordinate Lodge or Lodges in any place whatever out of their respective districts or jurisdiction, unless by the special direction of the M. W. N. G. Lodge or M. W. N. G. Master. And further, that the M. W. N. G. Master be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to delegate to any one or more of the M. W. N. G. Officers, to the M. W. G. Master, or other officer or officers of any Subordinate Grand Lodge, the authority to open and to constitute new Lodges in any district or parts of the United States of America, where there is no Grand Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this M. W. N. G. Lodge.

And be it further resolved, that it shall be the duty of the M. W. N. G. Master to make a full report of all such Lodges which may be opened and constituted in accordance with this preamble and resolutions, at the next communication of the M. W. N. G. Lodge, succeeding the opening and constituting such Lodge or Lodges, as aforesaid.

Resolved, that in all cases where there may be a constitutional number of Master Masons wishing to be constituted into a Lodge of such, and to be located in a State or Territory where there is no Grand Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, such Master Masons shall make application to the nearest M. W. Grand Lodge, for a recommendation, and when the application shall have been received by such Grand Lodge, and after having become fully satisfied that the applicants are properly and well qualified, shall recommend them to the M. W. N. Grand Master, for authority to open and hold a Lodge, and when such recommendation shall have been received by the M. W. N. G. Master, he may authorize the Grand Lodge so recommending to proceed and open and constitute the applicants into a regular Lodge of Master Masons under the authority of this M. W. N. Grand Lodge.

A very animated discussion took place on the foregoing proposed substitute.

Motion to lay the substitute upon the table, was lost.

Motion, that the question be taken without further debate. Carried.

Thereupon, the M. W. N. G. J. Warden, announced the hour, and the M. W. N. G. Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow, Saturday, at 9 o'clock, A. M. EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, October 21st, A. L. 5865

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 9 o'clock.

M. W. Brother Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. Other officers in their respective stations.

Admitted: Brother John F. Cook, G. J. W., for D. of C.

Visiting Brothers—James Butler, of N. Y.; Franklin L. Jones, N. Y.; Brothers Burley, Simpson and Gugine, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Harris Smith and W. H. Scroggins, of Maryland.

Minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday read and approved.

The vote on the substitute offered by Bro. Needham was taken and lost.

M. W. Brother O. L. Davis was received as the proxy of M. W. Bro. H. H. Williams, P. G. M. of N. J.; M. W. Bro. George W. Milbourn, G. W. of Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland, proxy for M. W. James W. Pinkney, P. G. M.; M. W. Isaac P. Carty, proxy for P. G. M's David H. Justis, A. Black and John Batson, of Delaware; M. W. Jonathan Davis, proxy for P. G. M. James Needham, N. G. T.; M. W. Robert H. Booker, proxy for Wm. Anderson, Adolphus Hall, R. H. Roberson, Charles T. Datcher, John T. Coston and Carter A. Stewart, P. G. M's of D. of C.

The N. G. M. announced the question to be the adoption of the resolutions of Brother Carter A. Stewart.

The morning hour having been consumed under its discussion, the N. G. Master announced that the question would be taken on said resolutions at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock, P. M.
EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Saturday, October 21st, A. L. 1865.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding.

Other officers in their stations, as in the morning.

The N. G. Master appointed Bro. Wm. H. Longfellow on the Committee of Finance, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Bro. Hans Shadd.

The minutes of the morning session read, and, on motion, approved.

The discussion on the resolutions of Bro. Carter A. Stewart was continued until 4 o'clock, when a vote was taken thereupon, and the resolutions were adopted.

Bro. John F. Cook offered the following resolution, seconded by Bro. James Wesley.

Resolved, That the M. W. N. Grand Lodge, now assembled in Baltimore, October, 1865, do now affirm, that so much of the report of the proceedings of the Grand Convention in Philadelphia, July, 1856, relative to the action of her Subordinate Grand Lodges, in the establishment of Lodges, until otherwise ordered.

After a spirited discussion on the above resolution, Bro. Jonathan Davis offered the following as a substitute, which was seconded by Bro. John H. Butler.

Resolved, That the exclusive right of Grand Lodges to establish Subordinate Lodges in States or Territories where there are no Grand

Lodges, under the authority of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, resides in the nearest Grand Lodge to said State or Territory.

A spirited debate ensued, when it was, on motion, decided that a vote on the substitute be taken without further debate. Motion carried.

The vote being taken on the substitute, it was lost.

Motion to extend the time ten minutes.

Amendment, to extend the time until the disposal of the resolution now under consideration.

On the question of the amendment being taken, it was lost.

The motion to extend the time to ten minutes was carried.

Further debate on the resolution of Bro. J. F. Cook was suspended, for the purpose of receiving the following :

Resolved, That there be a Committee appointed, consisting of one from each State Grand Lodge, to draft resolutions of condolence on the demise of M. W. Brother John T. Hilton, P. M. W. N. G. Master, and M. W. Brother Edward M. Thomas, late N. G. Secretary, and M. W. Bro. Wm. Tunion, late G. Master of the M. W. Union G. Lodge for the District of Columbia.

Resolution adopted.

Thereupon M. W. Brothers John B. Smith, of Massachusetts ; Lewis A. Hood, of New York ; Edward B. Hebrew, of Rhode Island ; Obadiah L. Davis, of New Jersey ; Joseph G. Walker, of Delaware ; Sam'l W. Chase, of Maryland ; Wm. H. Thomas, of District of Columbia ; John W. Harrison, of Indiana ; Samuel Van Brakle, of Pennsylvania ; and Richard Howell Gleaves, of Ohio, were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That a page be inscribed in the minutes for each of the above named deceased brothers. Adopted.

The M. W. N. Grand Lodge was called from labor until Monday morning, 9 o'clock, A. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M.W. N. G. Sec'y.

MORNING SESSION.

Monday, October 23d, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 9 o'clock.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding.

The minutes of the afternoon session of Saturday were read and approved.

A vote being taken on the adoption of the resolution of Bro. J. F. Cook, it was lost.

On motion, the proposed new Constitution was read.

Thereupon M. W. Bro. R. H. Gleaves offered the following :

Resolved, That the Constitution just read, which has been submitted by the committee for the government of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, be received, and laid over until the Seventh Triennial Session (1868) of this M. W. N. G. Lodge for final action, and that said Constitution be printed with the proceedings of this Triennial Session.

And be it further Resolved, That the adoption of the aforesaid Con-

stitution shall be the first business in order after report of Committee on Credentials.

The above resolutions were, on motion, adopted.

Motion by Bro. Lewis Hayden :

Resolved, That Constitutions and enactments inconsistent with the new Constitution shall, on the adoption thereof, be, and the same is hereby repealed. Adopted.

Motion by Bros. N. L. Durham and Wm. E. Gipson :

Resolved, That any member of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, who shall delegate a Brother to this M. W. N. G. Lodge as his proxy, and subsequently present himself at any stage of the session, shall be allowed to withdraw his proxy thus delegated, but should he withdraw before the conclusion of the Triennial Session he cannot again delegate his privileges to the same session. Adopted.

The names of the original founders of the M. W. N. G. Lodge were called for, and, on motion, their names were read.

A communication from M. W. Bro. John Jones, G. M. of the M. W. G. Lodge for the State of Ohio, appointing M. W. Bro. R. H. Gleaves proxy to represent said M. W. G. Lodge, was read, and, on motion, it was received.

The morning hour having expired, the M. W. N. G. Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock P. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Monday, October 23d, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding.

W. Bro. Rev. Wm. D. W. Schureman, as N. G. Chaplain, and M. W. Bro. John H. Butler as N. G. Marshal.

Other officers in their stations, as in the morning.

Minutes of the morning session read, and, on motion, approved.

A petition from the Baltimore Publishing Company was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

W. Bro. Jonathan C. Miller, N. G. Marshal, having been excused from further attendance on this session, M. W. Bro. R. H. Gleaves was received as his proxy.

The printed proceedings of the M. W. G. Lodge for the State of Ohio, having been referred to the Committee on Returns made the following report, viz :

The committee to whom was referred the printed proceedings of the M. W. G. Lodge for the State of Ohio, report, that they have examined the same, and find that there are eighteen chartered Lodges under its authority, and two under dispensation, with a total membership of 531. Total number of degrees conferred, 330.

The Lodges under dispensation, are styled Fulton Lodge, No. 9, and Excelsior Lodge, No. 11.

Your committee are of the opinion, that the practice of numbering Lodges while under dispensation, ought to be discontinued. We would also call your attention to a resolution offered by Brother W. D. Goff, recommending the calling of a convention of Grand Lodges, &c., &c., which was, however, indefinitely postponed. [See page 15.]

Also, to the report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, [page 19,] with reference to settlement of dues, and of the establishment of a Grand Lodge for the State of Louisiana; and to the report of the Committee on Grand Master's communication, and the resolutions thereunto annexed. In the opinion of your committee, the practice spoken of is a just cause of complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN DAVIS, }
O. L. Davis, } Committee.
LEWIS HAYDEN. }

On motion, the report was adopted.

Thereupon the N. G. Lodge was called off until Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M.W. N. G. Sec'y.

MORNING SESSION.

Tuesday, October 24th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 9 o'clock.

M. W. Brother Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. Other officers in their respective stations.

The minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday were read, and on motion, approved.

M. W. Brother R. H. Gleaves having been accepted as the representative of the M. W. G. Lodge for the State of Ohio, was appointed on the Committee of Condolence.

The committee appointed on the M. W. N. G. Master's address, submitted the following report, viz. :

To the Officers, Representatives and Members of the M. W. N. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted A. Y. M., of the United States of North America, and the Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

We, your committee, to whom was referred the Address of the M. W. N. G. Master, respectfully submit the following for your consideration :

1st. We recommend the approval of the reasons assigned by the M. W. N. G. Master, for convening the M. W. N. G. Lodge in the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, instead of the City of Boston, State of Massachusetts, as per vote of the M. W. N. G. Lodge, October, A. L. 5862, believing that the change has conduced to the best interest of the Fraternity.

2d. We deem it unnecessary to consider that part of the address which refers to the establishment of Lodges in the States of North and

South Carolina, the subject having already been considered by the M.W. N. Grand Lodge.

3d. With regard to that part of the address which refers to the necessity of a uniformity of work throughout our jurisdiction, we recommend that an expert and judicious committee be appointed, who shall be charged with the duty of arranging and preparing the work of the Order in such a manner as in their judgment shall be conducive to the best interest of the Craft, and report the same to the next Triennial Session of this M.W. N. G. Lodge.

4th, That portion which relates to Military Lodges : we respectfully recommend the adoption of the following regulations, for the government of any and all such Lodges as may be warranted or chartered by any M.W. Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of this M.W. N. G. Lodge.

REGULATIONS OF MILITARY LODGES.

It being essential to the interests of the Craft, that all military Lodges should be strictly confined to the purposes for which their warrants were originally obtained, and as very great abuse may arise from the improper initiation of Masons by such Lodges, every warrant, therefore, which is held by a military Lodge, shall be forfeited, unless the following laws be complied with, in addition to those specified under the rule regulating subordinate Lodges.

1st. No warrant shall be granted for the establishment of a military Lodge, without the consent of the commanding officer of the regiment, battalion or company, to which it is to be attached, having been first obtained.

2d. No military Lodge shall, on any pretence, initiate into Masonry, any inhabitant or sojourner at any town or place at which its members may be stationed, or through which they may be marching, or any person who does not, at the time, belong to the military profession, nor any military person below the rank of a corporal, except as serving brethren or by dispensation from the Grand Master.

3d. When any military Lodge under the Constitution of a M.W. G. Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this M.W. N. G. Lodge, shall be in foreign parts, it shall conduct itself so as not to give offence to the Masonic authority of the country or place in which it may sojourn, never losing sight of the duties it owes to the Grand Lodge, to which communication is ever to be made, and all fees and dues regularly transmitted.

4th. If the regiment, battalion, or military company to which a military Lodge is attached, be disbanded or reduced, the brethren shall take care that the warrant be carefully transmitted to the Grand Lodge, that it may not fall into improper hands ; but if a competent number of the brethren remain together, they may apply for another warrant, of the same number, to be holden as a civil Lodge, at such place as may be convenient, and which may be approved by the Grand Master. Such warrant to be granted without any additional expense.

Your committee deem it inexpedient to consider that part of the address which refers to the recognition of this M. W. N. G. Lodge by the Grand Orient of Haiti, that part of it having already been submitted to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but that part of the address referring to the visitation of the Brother of high standing in the Fraternity of the Republic of Haiti, who visited the M. W. G. Lodges for the States of New York and Pennsylvania, and who was made the subject of special consideration by the aforementioned Grand Lodges, we have been favored with the loan of the following papers and official documents, and their translation. [See Appendix.]

JONATHAN DAVIS,	} Committee.
EZRA J. MORRIS,	
JOHN L. HUDSON,	
JOSEPH H. WALKER,	
WM. H. LONGFELLOW,	

On motion, the report was received.

On motion to adopt the report, a discussion ensued, participated in by Bros. J. F. Cook and Lewis Hayden against, and Jonathan Davis and Nathaniel L. Durham for that part of the committee's report which relates to the establishment of military lodges.

Bro. J. F. Cook offered the following amendment: that the terms "corporal and serving brothers" be stricken out; proper and acceptable material only to be the standard, and the report and regulations to be made to harmonize with this amendment. Adopted.

Thereupon the report was adopted as amended.

Bro. R. H. Booker offered the following:

Resolved, That Bros. C. A. Stewart and Charles T. Datcher, P. G. Masters of Union G. Lodge for the District of Columbia, for whom I, R. H. Booker, have been acting as proxy, be rescinded during their visit to the M. W. N. G. Lodge. Adopted.

M. W. Bro. Wm. H. Riley, P. N. G. Master, was announced at the door, and was admitted with due honors.

Bro. Wm. H. Thomas presented a bill for the sum of \$12, in favor of P. N. D. D. Grand Master John T. Costin, and, on motion, the amount was ordered to be paid.

The Committee of Finance made report, as follows:

BALTIMORE, October 24th, A. L. 5865.

To the M. W. N. G. Master, Wardens and Members of the M. W. N. G. Lodge of the U. S. of N. A.:

We, the Committee of Finance, have examined and audited the accounts which have been referred to us, and beg leave to submit the following report as the result of our labors:

NATIONAL GRAND LODGE.

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R. H. Gleaves, N. D. G. Master, in account.

DR.

By cash received from Hamilton Lodge, Portsmouth, Va.,	\$25 00
" " " Union Grand Lodge for Maryland,	10 00
" " " " Grand Lodge for New Jersey,	4 00
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	\$39 00

CR.

To Cash paid to Bro. J. Davis, for printing,	\$24 00
" " " for writing dispensation,	5 00
" " " for stationery and postage stamps,	2 39
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	\$31 39
N. G. Lodge By Cash, Dr. to balance account,	7 61
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	\$39 00

Jonathan Davis, P. N. G. Secretary.

DR.

By cash received from James Needham, N. G. Treasurer,	\$41 00
" " " R. H. Gleaves, N. D. G. Master,	29 00
" " " Edw. C. Ruhler, G. Sec. for P. Hall G. L.,	10 00
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	\$80 00

CR.

To Cash for printing proceedings of 1862, 250 copies,	\$50 80
" " preparing " "	10 00
" " writing Dispensation for Hamilton L., Portsmouth,	5 00
" " Expressing Books and Seal and Portage,	1 50
" " Stationery and Postage Stamps,	2 70
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	\$70 00
By Cash, to balance account,	10 00
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	\$80 00

M. W. N. G. Lodge in account with Jonathan Davis.

DR.

By balance due October 9th, 1862,	\$57 16
To travelling expenses from Ohio to Philadelphia,	20 00
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	\$77 16

CR.

To Cash on account,	\$10 00
By cash, to balance account,	67 16
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	\$77 16

James C. Needham, N. G. Treas., in account with the N. G. Lodge.

DR.

October 9th, 1862.	By cash received,	\$51 51
February, 1863.	From Grand Lodge of Ohio,	10 00
March, 1863.	From Grand Lodge of New York,	10 00
1864.	From Grand Lodge of New Jersey,	6 00
January, 1865.	From Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,	10 00
	From E. J. Morris, N. G. Secretary,	10 00
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		\$117 51

CR.

October 9th, 1862.	Per orders,	\$51 51
January 27th, 1865.	Per order P. N. G. Sec'y, J. Davis,	36 00
	Per order P. N. G. Sec'y, J. Davis,	5 00
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		\$92 51
By Cash, balance,		25 00
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		\$117 51

M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge for Massachusetts.

DR.

July 1853.	Tax on 40 members, 6 years,	\$15 00
" 1860.	" 88 " 7 "	38 50
" 1862.	" 94 " 2 "	11 75
" 1865.	" 109 " 3 "	20 43 $\frac{3}{4}$
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		\$85 68 $\frac{3}{4}$

CR.

July 7, 1856.	Cash,	\$16 00
October 9, 1862.	Per bill of Lewis Hayden,	35 00
" "	Expense of delegates,	22 00
" "	Printing Minutes,	10 00
1865.	Travelling expenses of Lewis Hayden,	35 00
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		\$118 00

M. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

DR.

Per balance due, 1862,	\$152 41 $\frac{3}{4}$
Per tax due on 569 members, three years,	106 68 $\frac{3}{4}$
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	\$259 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

CR.

By cash, per receipt of E. J. Morris, N. G. Secretary,	\$259 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
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M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of New York.

DR.

Per balance on former account,	\$118 93 $\frac{3}{4}$
Tax due on returns of 1865,	57 68 $\frac{3}{4}$
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	\$176 62 $\frac{1}{2}$

CR.

By cash, October, 1862,	\$30 00
July 13, 1864. To M. W. N. G. M. Paul Drayton,	40 00
July 13, 1864. To N. G. Treasurer, for printing Minutes,	10 00
Oct. 1865. Order in favor of M. W. N. G. M. Paul Drayton,	62 15
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	\$142 15
Grand Lodge for the State of New York, Dr., to bal. ac't,	34 47 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	\$176 62 $\frac{1}{2}$

M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of New Jersey

DR.

Per balance due, 1859,	\$21 14
Returns for 6 years, 1865,	37 31 $\frac{1}{4}$
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	\$58 45 $\frac{1}{4}$

CR.

Cash on account, for printing Minutes of 1862,	\$10 00
Expenses of two delegates to and from Baltimore, Md., 1865,	42 90
Cash received per N. G. Secretary, E. J. Morris,	5 55
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	\$58 45

M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Delaware.

DR.

To tax on 26 members for six years, at 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. each,	9 75
To tax on 9 members for one year, at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ cts. each,	56 $\frac{1}{4}$
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	\$10 31 $\frac{1}{4}$

CR.

Per balance cash, 1859,	71
To delegates, 1865,	9 60
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	\$10 31

M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia.

DR.

To balance per report of 1861,	\$52 44 $\frac{1}{2}$
To tax on 125 members, 1862,	7 81 $\frac{1}{4}$
To tax on 144 members, 1863,	9 00
To tax on 191 members, 1864,	11 93 $\frac{3}{4}$
To tax on 246 members, 1865,	15 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	\$96 31 $\frac{1}{4}$

CR.

Oct. 9, 1862.	By cash per E. M. Thomas, . . .	\$15 63
Oct. 9, 1862.	Per bill in favor of E. M. Thomas, . . .	21 50
Oct. 8, 1862.	To cash paid E. M. Thomas for printing Minutes, 10 00	
Oct. 19, 1865.	A. Herbert, as per orders, . . .	36 36
Oct. 19, 1865.	To E. J. Morris, N. G. Secretary, . . .	35 31
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		\$118 80
Oct. 19, 1865.	Balance due Union G. L. of D. C., \$22 48 $\frac{1}{4}$	

M. W. Harmony Grand Lodge for the State of Rhode Island.

DR.

To balance, Oct. 9, 1862, as per report, . . .	\$5 88
Tax on 92 members for three years, at 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ cts. each, . . .	17 25
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	\$23 13

CR.

By cash, Oct. 9, 1862,	\$5 88
Per order in favor of E. J. Morris,	12 00
Per cash, 1863, to M. W. N. G. M. Paul Drayton, for seal relative to Hayti,	5 00
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	\$22 88

M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Ohio.

DR.

To balance due, per report of 1862,	\$124 50
To tax on 284 members, 1863,	17 75
To tax on 381 members, 1864,	23 81 $\frac{1}{4}$
To tax on 531 members, 1865,	33 18 $\frac{3}{4}$
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	\$199 25

CR.

By cash, for printing Minutes,	\$10 00
To balance,	\$189 25

M. W. N. National Grand Lodge.

DR.

To M. W. Brother James Needham, Grand Treasurer,	\$13 80
To Committee on Constitution,	40 00
To M. W. Bro. S. W. Chase, P. N. G. Secretary, 3 years salary to 1859,	75 00
Balance due per account,	1 67
Travelling expenses to and from Ohio,	40 00
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	\$116 67

CR.

October 27. Per order on Grand Lodge of Maryland,	\$116 67
To balance due M. W. P. G. M. W. H. Riley, 1862,	\$4 50

M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland.

DR.

To balance due, 1859,	\$56 81 $\frac{1}{4}$
To tax on 250 members, 1860,	15 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
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To tax on 250 members, 1862,	15 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
To tax on 250 members, 1863,	15 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
To tax on 262 members, 1864,	16 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
To tax on 318 members, 1865,	19 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>\$155 56$\frac{1}{4}$</u>

CR.

By cash, to printing Proceedings of 1862,	\$10 00
By order in favor of S. W. Chase, P. N. G. Secretary,	116 67
By order in favor of H. Sorrell,	15 00
	<u>\$141 67</u>
Dr. by Cash, to balance account,	13 89 $\frac{1}{4}$
	<u><u>\$155 56$\frac{1}{4}$</u></u>

M. W. N. G. Lodge,

DR.

CR.

To J. W. Creek, for Stationery,	\$1 85	\$1 85
1865, Oct. To R. W. G. L. for Pennsylvania, for two representatives,	<u>\$21 40</u>	
1865, Oct. To Ezra J. Morris, N. G. Sec'y, for services, two years, \$50 00 for travelling expenses, 36 00—\$86 00 By cash, per receipt,		75 00
N. G. L., Dr. to balance account,		11 00
		<u>\$86 00</u>
N. G. L. To H. Sorrell, for Tying,	\$15 00	\$15 00
" " S. Van Brakle, travelling expenses,	10 50	3 00
Due " to balance account,		7 50
	<u>\$25 50</u>	<u>\$25 50</u>
N. G. L. To James B. Berry, 1859,	\$52 50	\$10 18
" " " by Proceedings of 1856,		9 00
" Due " to balance account, 1865,		33 32
	<u>\$52 50</u>	<u>\$52 50</u>
N. G. L. To David P. Jones, 1859,	\$18 20	
N. G. L. By amount paid David P. Jones, 1865,		\$18 20
	<u>\$18 20</u>	<u>\$18 20</u>

<i>M. W. N. G. Lodge, (continued,)</i>		DR.	CR.
Bro W. E. Gipson, N. G. J. Warden, trav'g expenses,		\$21 40	\$17 00
Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. M., Seal for N. G. Lodge,		11 00	
" " " " " for Legation,		8 00	
Expenses on book and seal from Philadelphia.		1 00	
" " " " " from Baltimore,		1 25	
Translation of Haytien Document,		3 00	
To Publishing of Appointments,		2 50	
To Publishing Notices to Grand Lodges,		1 50	
Communications from Grand Orient of Hayti,		5 00	
Postage and Stationery,		15 00	
Printing 300 Notices,		8 00	
Publishing Notices of N. G. Lodge meeting,		15 00	
Mileage to Philadelphia and return,		6 00	
Mileage from New York to Baltimore,		9 20	
Mileage from Baltimore to New York,		9 20	
Boarding,		21 50	
		<u>\$117 15</u>	
Cash from M. W. G. Lodge for Rhode Island,			5 00
" " " " " New York,			50 00
Order on " " " "			62 15
			<u>\$117 15</u>

N. G. Lodge to R. H. Gleaves.

To travelling expenses,		\$8 40	
To balance due, 1862,		5 50	
To expenses, present session,		21 00	
		<u>\$34 90</u>	
To cash balance, per report,			\$7 61
By balance due,			27 29
			<u>\$34 90</u>

RECAPITULATION.

<i>M. W. National Grand Lodge</i>	Dr.
To Prince Hall Grand Lodge,	\$33 11½
To Union Grand Lodge for District of Columbia,	22 48½
Committee on Constitution,	40 00
Wm. H. Riley, balance due 1862,	4 50
Two Delegates from Philadelphia,	21 40
Ezra J. Morris, balance,	11 00
Samuel Van Brakle, balance,	7 50
James B. Berry, balance,	33 32
Wm. E. Gipson, balance,	4 40
R. H. Gleaves, balance,	27 29
	<u>\$205 00½</u>

NATIONAL GRAND LODGE.

33

<i>M. W. National Grand Lodge</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Due by M. W. Bro. James Needham, N. G. Treasurer, .	\$11 20
Grand Lodge for the State of New York, .	34 47
Grand Lodge for the State of Rhode Island, .	25
Grand Lodge for the State of Ohio, .	189 25
Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland, .	13 89
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	\$249 06

M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Indiana, no report.

R. H. GLEAVES,
J. B. BERRY,
WM. H. LONGFELLOW, } *Committee.*

On motion, the report of the Committee on Finance was approved.

The hour for the morning session having expired, the M. W. N. Grand Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock, P. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M.W. N. G. Sec'y.

[Recorded by Jonathan Davis.]

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, October 24th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. Other officers in their respective stations, as in the morning.

Minutes of the morning session were read, and, on motion, approved.

Motion by Bro. Wm. E. Gipson, that a committee, consisting of three members, be appointed to wait upon the M. W. G. Master and inquire whether his Worship will do the Fraternity the great kindness of continuing in his office another term, and report to-morrow morning.

After some considerable discussion, the motion was lost.

Thereupon, a motion that the M. W. N. G. Lodge proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing term, was not entertained. Motion to extend the time until 7 o'clock, P. M., was lost.

By request of Bro. Samuel W. Chase, Secretary of the M. W. Union Grand Lodge for Maryland, he read the returns from said Grand Lodge, and, on motion, said returns were referred to the Committee on Returns.

The time having expired, the M. W. N. G. Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow, Wednesday, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M.W. N. G. Sec'y.

[Recorded by Jonathan Davis.]

MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, October 25th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 9½ o'clock.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. Other officers in their stations, as yesterday.

Admitted :—M. W. Bro. John A. Gray, of the D. of C. ; Visiting Brothers, George A. Hacket, of Maryland, and Butler, of New York.

Minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday read, and, on motion, approved.

M. W. Bro. George W. Milborn was accepted as the proxy of M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Franklin.

The Committee on Returns made report that the returns from the M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland only included one year. Thereupon, Bro. Wm. E. Gipson moved that the returns from the Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland be returned to the proper officers of said Grand Lodge. After some discussion, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland received permission to retire with the Committee on Reports, for the purpose of making the needful corrections to the report.

The M. W. N. G. Secretary made the following report, viz :

To THE M. W. N. G. LODGE OF THE U. S. OF N. A., GREETING :

The following report of the N. G. Secretary is most respectfully submitted :

Ezra J. Morris, N. G. Sec'y, in account with the M. W. N. G. Lodge.

DR.

March 8th, 1865.	Cash rec'd from G. L. for Indiana,	\$30 70
October 19th, 1865.	“ “ “ “ D. of Columbia,	35 31
October 19th, 1865.	Receipt rec'd from M. W. A. Hurbert,	
	P. N. D. D. G. M.,	36 36
Oct. 19th, 1865.	Cash rec'd for warrant of G. L. of Michigan,	50 00
Oct. 19th, 1865.	Cash rec'd to balance ac't of G. L. for Pa.,	259 10
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		\$411 47

CR.

June, 1863.	Expenses to and from New York, . . .	\$8 00
	Postage Stamps and Envelopes, . . .	1 50
	Letter Paper, &c., . . .	75
March, 1864.	Cash paid to James Needham, N. G. Treas.,	30 25
	“ “ Money-order department, . . .	20
	“ “ for package from Indiana, . . .	25
	“ “ Parchment, . . .	50
	“ “ Postage, . . .	15
August 23d, 1865.	Cash paid to express Dispensation,	55
August 5th, 1865.	Cash paid to express Circulars, . . .	55
	“ “ Cash paid for Postage, . . .	50
October, 1865.	Cash paid for writing warrant for Michigan,	5 00
	Cash paid, pr rec't of M. W. Br. A. Herbert,	36 36
	Cash paid to P. N. G. Secretary, . . .	67 16
	Cash paid, per bill of G. Lodge for Pa.,	150 00
	Cash on hand, to balance account,	109 75
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		\$411 47

On motion, the report of the M. W. N. G. Secretary was received and approved.

On motion, Resolved, That the matter presented by Bro. Wm. H. Longfellow, in relation to the M. W. G. Lodge for the State of New Jersey, be referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report forthwith.

The Committee on Finance subsequently reported as follows :

M. W. N. Grand Lodge to the Union Grand Lodge for the State of New Jersey

DR.

Expenses for two Delegates to and from Baltimore,	
Boarding, 10 days, at \$1 50 each per day,	\$30 00
Mileage,	12 80
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	\$42 80

CR.

M. W. Union Grand Lodge for New Jersey, Dr.	\$48 35
" " " " Dr. to balance ac't, 5 55	
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	\$42 80

On motion, the account was approved.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by M. W. Bro. George W. Milborn, and seconded by M. W. Bro. Samuel W. Chase :

Whereas, It is one of the fundamental principles of Masonry that all preference in office is founded upon personal merit ; therefore,

Resolved, That the elective officers who are members proper of this M. W. N. G. Lodge shall be entitled to free suffrage and equal privileges.

Motion by Bro. Jonathan Davis, That the foregoing preamble and resolution be laid over until the next Triennial Session of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, to be called up with the Constitution for adoption.

The morning hours having expired, the M. W. N. G. Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock, P. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

[Recorded by Jonathan Davis.]

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, October 25th, A.L. 5865.

The M.W. N. Grand Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. Other officers in their stations, as in the morning.

The question on the motion of Bro. Jonathan Davis, to lay the preamble and resolution of Bro. George W. Milborn upon the table, was taken, and lost.

The question recurring on the preamble and resolution of Bro. Geo W. Milborn was also taken, and lost.

The Committee on Reports made the following report on the report from the M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland, viz :

Number of Lodges under the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland,				14
Under Dispensation,				1
Dormant Lodges, (Hannibal Lodge, No. 6,)				1
Number of members from 1860 to 1863,				250
" " in 1864,				262
" " in 1865,				318

Grand Officers for 1865—M. W. Bro. George W. Milborn, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Benjamin Burley, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John T. Price, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Bro. H. P. Sorrell, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Bro. Charles Howard, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bro. Samuel W. Chase, Grand Secretary

Past Grand Masters—M. W. Brothers David P. Jones, Samuel B. Hutchins, Thomas A. Franklin, Wm Watkins, Richard Bush, Edward T. Crew, Abraham Berry, James H. Pinkney, and John Henry Butler.

Thereupon, on motion, the report was approved.

The Committee on Ways and Means submitted the following report :

To the M. W. N. Grand Lodge :

Your Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to report, that measures had been entered into, in the city of Boston, to raise funds for the liquidation of the debt of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, but in consequence of the change from Boston, Massachusetts, to Baltimore, Maryland, of the place of meeting, your committee were unable to carry out the plans that were proposed, which, in our opinion, would have liquidated the entire indebtedness of this M. W. body.

To meet the necessary expenses which naturally occur at the meetings of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, we recommend that the several Grand Lodges enter on some plan by which a sinking fund can be established in their several States, and that the fund thus raised be presented to this M. W. N. G. Lodge at each Triennial Session.

LEWIS HAYDEN,	} Committee.
JOHN H. BUTLER,	
O. L. DAVIS,	
EZRA J. MORRIS,	
WM. E. GIPSON,	

On motion, the report of the Committee on Ways and Means was received.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following report :—

Baltimore, October, A. L. 5865.

To the M. W. N. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted A. Y. Masons, of the U. S. of N. A., greeting :

We, the Committee appointed on Correspondence, respectfully report to this Most Worshipful body, at this Sixth Triennial Session, that we have considered the matter submitted to us, as follows :

1st. A document dated Port au Prince, July 20, 1864, to Paul Drayton, Esq., signed, J. Theodore Holly.

2d. A document dated Orient of Port au Prince, Sept. 8, 1864, by Eugene Bourjolly, G. Secretary and Representative, to J. Theodore Holly, Representative of the M. W. N. G. Lodge, near the Grand Orient of Haiti, and attested by J. Theodore Holly, Masonic Legation of the N. G. L., U. S.

3d. A document dated Orient of Port au Prince, Oct. 18, 1864, to M. W. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master of Masons for the United States, and signed J. Theodore Holly.

4th. A document addressed to the National Grand Lodge of the United States, signed Eugene Bourjolly, Secretary of Grand Orient of Haiti, and Representative of the Grand Orient of France, and of many National Lodges, dated Orient of Port au Prince, October 18, 1864.

5th. A document numbered 68, dated Orient of Port au Prince, Nov. 7, 1864, Vulg. E. From the Worshipful Lodge of the Friendship of United Brothers, No. 1, to the most Ill. and Puis. Brother, Wm. H. Riley, Sov. G. Comm. of the Sov. Chapter 33d East, at Philadelphia.

6th. Document dated Port au Prince, Dec. 11, 1864, to M. W. Grand Master, Paul Drayton, signed, Fenelon Duplesses, recommending certain brothers to be appointed Representatives in Lodges numbered 5, 22 and 24, at Port au Prince, Haiti.

7th. Document from M. W. Brother Wm. Darnes, P. N. G. Master.

8th. A petition from the Baltimore Publishing Company to the M. W. N. G. Lodge ; which petition the committee report back for final action thereon. Petition signed, James W. Hill, President of the Baltimore Publishing Company.

Your committee recommend to this M. W. N. G. Lodge the necessity of recognizing the fraternal sentiments enunciated in the documents received from our distinguished correspondent from the Orients of Haiti and of France.

We further recommend that the documents numbered one to six be placed in the hands of the Publishing Committee, to be printed with the minutes of this Triennial Session, and that the officers of this M. W. N. G. Lodge hold correspondence with our Brethren of Haiti, coherent and regular, and seek to open such correspondence with other foreign bodies.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

R. H. GLEAVES,	} Committee.
LEWIS HAYDEN,	
NATH. L. DURHAM.	

On motion, the above report was received and adopted.

Resolved, That Brother R. H. Gleaves be, and is hereby, authorised to receive vouchers from Brother Wm. Darnes, P. N. G. Master. Adopted.

On motion, the M.W. N. G. Lodge took a recess for the space of fifteen minutes, after which,

On motion, the time of the session was extended to 7 o'clock.

Resolved, that the M.W. N. G. Lodge proceed to an election of officers for the next ensuing three years. Adopted.

M. W. Brothers R. H. Gleaves, John H. Butler and Charles T. Datcher, were placed in nomination for the office of M.W. N. G. Master.

Brothers Ananias Herbert and John L. Hudson were appointed tellers.

The ballot for National Grand Master was proceeded with, and resulted as follows :

Whole number of votes cast, 105. For Gleaves 60, for Butler 29, for Datcher 16. Gleaves majority, 15.

M.W. Brother R. H. Gleaves having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast was declared to be duly elected N. G. Master for the next ensuing three years.

M.W. Brothers Lewis Hayden, Charles T. Datcher and Edward T. Crew, were nominated for the office of N. D. G. Master. On a ballot the whole number of votes cast was 107. For Lewis Hayden 56, for Charles T. Datcher 19, for Edward T. Crew 32. Hayden's majority, 5. Thereupon, M.W. Brother Lewis Hayden was declared to be duly elected N. D. G. Master for the next ensuing three years.

M.W. Brothers Isaac P. Carty, Wm. E. Gipson and Ananias Herbert were nominated for the office of N. G. S. Warden. Whole number of votes cast, 103. For Wm. E. Gipson 56, for Ananias Herbert 47. Majority for Wm. E. Gipson 9; who thereupon was declared to be duly elected N. G. S. Warden for the next ensuing three years.

M.W. Brothers John H. Butler, Isaac P. Carty, and Charles T. Datcher, were nominated for the office of N. G. J. Warden. The whole number of votes cast was 106. For John H. Butler, 35, for Isaac P. Carty 14, for Charles T. Datcher 57. Majority for Charles T. Datcher, 8. Thereupon M.W. Brother Charles T. Datcher was declared to be duly elected N. G. J. Warden for the next ensuing three years.

M.W. Brothers John H. Butler and Robert H. Booker, were nominated for the office of N. G. Treasurer. The whole number of votes cast was 95. For John H. Butler 77, for R. H. Booker 18. Majority for M.W. John H. Butler, 59. Thereupon, Brother John H. Butler was declared to be duly elected N. G. Treasurer for the next ensuing three years.

M.W. Brothers Ezra J. Morris and Jonathan Davis, M. D., were nominated for the office of N. G. Secretary. Whole number of votes cast 88. For Ezra J. Morris 27, for Jonathan Davis 61. Majority for Davis, 34. Thereupon, M.W. Brother Jonathan Davis, M. D., was declared to be duly elected N. G. Secretary for the next ensuing three years.

The M.W. N. G. Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow, Thursday, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M.W. N. G. Sec'y.

[Recorded by Jonathan Davis.]

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, October 26, A. L. 5865.

The M.W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 9 o'clock.

M. W. Brother Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. Other officers in their stations, as yesterday.

The minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday were read, and, on motion, approved.

On motion, that a committee consisting of three members of this M.W. N. G. Lodge be appointed, whose duty shall be to draft resolutions expressing the profound gratitude of this M.W. N. G. Lodge, for the successful efforts of M. W. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, and M.W. J. Theodore Holly, Representative of this M.W. N. G. Lodge, near the Grand Orient of Haiti, in securing a recognition of the M.W. N. G. Lodge by the Grand Orient of Haiti, and that copies be conveyed to each, and also, that said resolutions be published with the proceedings of this Triennial Session. Motion carried.

Thereupon, M.W. Brothers Samuel Van Brakle, Lewis Hayden and Jonathan Davis were appointed.

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be, and is hereby, tendered to the officers of this M.W. N. G. Lodge, severally, for the very satisfactory and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties of their office.

The M.W. N. G. Master, Paul Drayton, stated that he had distributed a number of the printed proceedings of the Fifth Triennial Session, in the following manner: to the Grand Orient of Haiti, six copies; to J. T. Holly, National Representative near the Orient of Haiti, six copies; to the Grand Orient of France, three copies; to the M.W. United Grand Lodge of England, three copies; to the Editor of the "New York Tribune," one copy; Editor of "Charleston Courier," one copy; Editor of "Newbern Times," one copy; Editor of "New York Sunday Dispatch," one copy. Which act of the M.W. N. G. Master, was, on motion, approved.

A question was raised in relation to the granting of warrants to State Grand Lodges during the recess of the M.W. N. G. Lodge.

Brother Jonathan Davis offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, that the M.W. N. Grand officers are hereby authorized to grant warrants for State Grand Lodges, *when applied for by petition*, at any time during the recess of the M.W. N. G. Lodge.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was opened in the P. M. Degree. Thereupon, the M. W. N. G. Master, assisted by his Deputy and five P. G. Masters, installed M. W. Bro. John W. Harrison, Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of Michigan.

After the Grand Honors were given, the P. M. Degree was closed.

The N. G. Secretary reported as follows :

Cash on hand, as per report,	\$109 75
Cash from Grand Lodge of New Jersey,	5 55
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	\$115 30
Cash paid to Bro. Costin,	12 00
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Cash in hand,	\$103 30

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock, P. M.

EZRA J. MORRIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

[Recorded by Jonathan Davis.]

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, October 26th, A. L. 5865.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock.

M. W. Bro. Paul Drayton, N. G. Master, presiding. Other officers in their stations, as in the morning.

Minutes of the morning session were read, and, on motion, approved.

The Committee on Condolence made their report, which, on motion, was approved, and ordered to be engrossed upon the journal.

A bill to the amount of thirty (\$30) dollars for ten days rent of Lodge room was presented from the M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland, the reading of which caused quite a sensation.

The M. W. G. Master of said Grand Lodge asked, and obtained leave, to withdraw said bill.

On invitation of the officers of the M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the M. W. N. G. Lodge hold a public procession in the City of Baltimore, Md., on the anniversary of St. John's day, in June next.

The M. W. N. Grand Master stated, that in consequence of the distracted state of the country, he had not been able to get a translation of the proceedings of the Grand Orient of Hayti.

On motion of Bro. Jonathan Davis, seconded by Bro. Lewis Hayden, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Correspondence shall, on receipt of the translation, examine and report thereupon to the N. G. Secretary, who shall enter the same upon the journal, and that it be printed with the proceedings of this Triennial Session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONDOLENCE.

An Memorial

OF

M. W. BROTHER **JOHN T. HILTON**, P. N. G. MASTER.

Whereas, The pleasure which we usually enjoy at such fraternal gatherings as the present, is not unfrequently diminished by the sad intelligence of the demise of some of our esteemed and beloved brethren of the mystic tie, whose counsels and labors have so often gladdened our hearts.

At this Triennial Session, we mourn the loss of that most worthy and excellent Brother, **JOHN T. HILTON**, the first Grand Master of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, a wise ruler, a judicious counsellor, and a consistent Christian, who, for more than forty years, manifested the most commendable interest in the cause of the craft, and in the Kingdom of our common Lord.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge cannot allow the present occasion to pass without bearing a faithful testimony in favor of the great virtue and invaluable services of one so generally admired and beloved; therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the widow and children of our Brother, in this their sad bereavement, and the Fraternity of which he was such an honorable member, in the loss sustained by his death.

Resolved, That it is not only our duty to bow in humble submission to the afflicting dispensation of an All-wise Providence, but also to profit by the lesson which it teaches.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be sent to the widow of our deceased Brother, signed by the M. W. N. G. Master and the M. W. N. G. Secretary.

J. B. SMITH, Massachusetts.	L. A. HOOD, New York.
EDWARD B. HEBREW, R. Island.	O. L. DAVIS, New Jersey.
SAMUEL VAN BRAKLE, Penna.	J. G. WALKER, Delaware.
S. W. CHASE, Maryland.	WM. H. THOMAS, D. of Columbia.
R. H. GLEAVES, Rept. of Ohio.	JOHN W. HARRISON, Michigan.
WM. WALDIN, Indiana.	Committee.

SAMUEL VAN BRAKLE, *Chairman.*

S. W. CHASE, *Secretary.*

Baltimore, October 26th, A. L. 5865, A. D. 1865.

In Memorial

OF

M. W. BROTHER EDWARD M. THOMAS, N. G. SECRETARY.

Whereas, The pleasure we usually enjoy on occasions like the present is not unfrequently diminished by the sad intelligence of the demise of some of our brethren of the mystic tie, whose counsels and labors have so often gladdened our hearts.

At this Triennial Session, we mourn the loss of our worthy and excellent Brother, EDWARD M. THOMAS, who, at the time of his death, was the Secretary of the M. W. N. G. Lodge, and who was ever strongly devoted to the interest of the craft and the general welfare of humanity.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge cannot allow the present occasion to pass without testifying to the many virtues of one so devoted to the cause of Art, the Craft, and to the interest of the Kingdom of our Great Geometrician; therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the widow and orphan, of which he was guardian, in this sad bereavement, and the Fraternity of which he was such a useful and honorable member, in the loss sustained by his death.

Resolved, That it is not only our duty to bow in humble submission to this afflicting dispensation, but also to profit by the lesson which it teaches.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be sent to the widow of our deceased Brother, signed by the M. W. N. G. Master and the M. W. N. G. Secretary.

J. B. SMITH, Massachusetts.	L. A. HOOD, New York.
EDWARD B. HEBREW, R. Island.	O. L. DAVIS, New Jersey.
SAMUEL VAN BRAKLE, Penna.	J. G. WALKER, Delaware.
S. W. CHASE, Maryland.	WM. H. THOMAS, D. of Columbia.
R. H. GLEAVES, Rept. of Ohio.	JOHN W. HARRISON, Michigan.
WM. WALDIN, Indiana.	<i>Committee.</i>

SAMUEL VAN BRAKLE, *Chairman.*

S. W. CHASE, *Secretary.*

Baltimore, October 26th, A. L. 5865, A. D. 1865.

An Memorial

OF

M. W. BROTHER WILLIAM TUNION, P. G. MASTER

OF UNION GRAND LODGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Whereas, The pleasure we usually enjoy on occasions like the present is not unfrequently diminished by the sad intelligence of the demise of some brother of the mystic tie, whose counsels and labors have so often gladdened our hearts.

At this Triennial Session, we mourn the loss of our worthy and excellent Brother, WILLIAM TUNION, P. G. Master of the M. W. Union Grand Lodge for the District of Columbia, who was one strongly devoted to the interest of the Craft and of the general welfare of humanity.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge cannot allow the present occasion to pass without testifying to the many virtues of one so devoted to the cause of the Craft, and to the interest of the Great Geometrician; therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the widow and children of our deceased Brother, and with the Fraternity of which he was such a useful and honorable member, in the loss they have sustained by his death.

Resolved, That it is not only our duty to bow in humble submission to this afflicting dispensation, but also to profit by the lesson which it teaches.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be sent to the widow of our deceased Brother, signed by the M. W. N. G. Master and the M. W. N. G. Secretary.

J. B. SMITH, Massachusetts.	L. A. HOOD, New York.
EDWARD B. HEBREW, R. Island.	O. L. DAVIS, New Jersey.
SAMUEL VAN BRAKLE, Penna.	J. G. WALKER, Delaware.
S. W. CHASE, Maryland.	WM. H. THOMAS, D. of Columbia.
R. H. GLEAVES, Rept. of Ohio.	JOHN W. HARRISON, Michigan.
WM. WALDIN, Indiana.	<i>Committee.</i>

SAMUEL VAN BRAKLE, *Chairman.*

SAMUEL W. CHASE, *Secretary.*

Baltimore, Oct. 26th, A. L. 5865, A. D. 1865.

The M. W. N. G. Lodge was opened in the P. M.'s Degree, and proceeded to the installation of the M. W. N. G. Officers elect, to wit :

M. W. Bro.	R. H. GLEAVES, of Penna.,	N. G. Master.
" "	LEWIS HAYDEN, of Mass.,	N. D. G. Master.
" "	WM. E. GIPSON, of Penna.,	N. G. S. Warden.
" "	CHARLES T. DATCHER, of D. of C.,	N. G. J. Warden.
" "	JOHN H. BUTLER, of Md.,	N. G. Treasurer.
" "	JONATHAN DAVIS, M. D., of Penna.,	N. G. Secretary.

M. W. R. H. Gleaves, Grand Master, then delivered an able and eloquent address, indicating his policy in the government of the M. W. N. G. Lodge, after which he was pleased to announce the following appointments :

Rev. Brothers S. W. Chase, J. R. V. Thomas and A. L. Stanford, M. W. N. G. Chaplains.

M. W. Brothers Lewis A. Hood, of N. Y., N. G. S. Deacon ; Nath. L. Durham, of Penna., N. G. J. Deacon ; James Dolphin, of N. J., N. G. S. Steward ; George W. Melbourn, of Md., N. G. J. Steward ; Joseph H. Doyer, of Pennsylvania, N. G. Marshal ; Joseph G. Walker, of Delaware, N. G. S. Bearer ; Wm. A. K. Smith, of Pa., N. G. Pursuivant ; James B. Berry, of La., N. G. Tyler ; Samuel Van Brakle, of Penna., N. G. Lecturer.

Committee of Finance.—Brothers J. B. Smith, M. D., of Mass., Hans Shadd, of Penna., and David L. Gorden, of N. Y.

Committee of Correspondence.—Brothers Jonathan Davis, M. D., of Penna., Wm. H. Longfellow, of N. J., and John Jones, of Ohio.

Committee of Grievances.—Brothers John G. Britton, of Indiana, Robert Booker, of D. of C., and John H. Beam, of N. J.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Brothers John J. Smith, of Mass., Edward B. Hebrew, of R. I., and John L. Hudson, of N. Y.

Committee of Charts.—Brothers Nath. L. Durham, of Penna., Wm. E. Ambush, of Ohio, and Walter Burr, of N. Y.

Committee on Ways and Means.—Brothers Wm. E. Gipson, of Pa., Jacob Vanderbeck, of N. Y., W. H. Longfellow, of N. J., John W. Harrison, of Mich., David H. Gustus, of Del., J. V. De Grasse, M. D., of Mass., Carter A. Stewart, of D. of C., S. P. Hutchins, of Md., John G. Britton, of Ind., and E. Fulton, of Ohio.

Committee on Jurisprudence.—Brothers S. Van Brakle, of Penna., E. J. Morris, of R. I., Wm. H. Riley, of Penna., Wm. H. Thomas, of D. of C., and Lewis Hayden, of Mass.

On motion of Brother Wm. E. Gipson, the M. W. N. G. Master was requested to furnish a copy of his address for publication.

Resolved, that the M. W. N. G. Lodge accede to the request of the Baltimore Publishing Company.

Resolved, that the election of officers be published in the following journals, viz.: Anglo-African, Colored Citizen and Christian Recorder.

Resolved, that an order on the M.W. Union Grand Lodge, for the State of Maryland, be given to Brother Samuel W. Chase, for the amount of the bill due him, which is *one hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-seven cents*, (\$116.67,) and that credit be given to said Grand Lodge, for the same.

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be, and is hereby, tendered the M.W. Union Grand Lodge for the State of Maryland, for the use of their hall during the Triennial Session.

Resolved, that a unanimous vote of thanks be, and is hereby, tendered the ladies of the City of Baltimore, for their uniform kindness towards the Officers, Representatives and Members of this M.W. N. G. Lodge, during its sitting in this city.

After the usual ceremonies, the most Worshipful National Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

JONATHAN DAVIS, M.W. N. G. Sec'y.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Friday, October 27, A. L. 5865.—A. D. 1865.

The Officers and Past-Officers of the M.W. N. Grand Lodge assembled at the Hall, corner of Davis and Saratoga Streets, at 10 o'clock.

The Past M.W. N. Grand Secretary, Brother Ezra J. Morris, having placed in the hands of Brother J. Davis, N. G. Secretary, a receipt for the sum of seventy-five (\$75) dollars, on account of the indebtedness of the N. G. Lodge to him, and the sum of twenty-eight dollars and thirty cents, (\$28.30,) making, as per report, one hundred and three dollars, thirty cents. (\$103.30)

Jonathan Davis, N. G. Sec'y, in account with the M. W. N. G. Lodge.

DR.

Oct. 20th, '65.	Cash rec'd from E. J. Morris, P. N. G. Sec'y,	\$28 30
Oct. 27th, '65.	“ “ Union G. Lodge, for Md.,	10 00
	Total,	<u>\$38 30</u>

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Oct. 27th, 1865.	Cash to J. W. Creek, for Stationary, &c.	\$ 1 85
“ “ “	Wm. E. Gipson, on account of bill,	17 00
“ “ “	J. B. Berry,	16 45
“ “ “	S. Van Brakle,	3 00
	Total,	<u>\$38 30</u>

Orders were drawn on Grand Lodges in favor of the following named M. W. Brothers, in settlement of their bills:

On Prince Hall Grand Lodge, in favor of L. Hayden, . .	\$ 35 80
On Union Grand Lodge for Md., in favor of S. W. Chase, . .	116 67
On " " in favor of H. Sorrell, . .	15 00
On Grand Lodge for New York, in favor of P. Drayton, . .	62 15
Total,	<u>\$229 62</u>

DR.

Nov. 21, '65. Cash rec'd from Jas. Needham, P.N.G.T., . .	\$ 11 20
M'h 16, '66. Cash rec'd from Grand Lodge for Cal'a, on ac't, . .	25 00
Aug. 9, '66. C'h rec'd from G. Lodge for Ohio, in full to J'e '65 . .	189 25
Total,	<u>\$225 45</u>

CR.

October 30th, 1865. Cash for Stationery,	\$0 50
Novem'r 21st, 1865. Cash for half ream Cap paper,	3 50
" " " half ream Letter paper,	3 00
" " " box Pens,	1 00
Decem'r 9th, 1865. Cash for printing Headings and cutting Die, 2 . .	75
" " " Postage stamps to Dec. 31st,	90
Total for 1865,	<u>\$11 65</u>
August 9th, 1866. Cash to American Express Co. on \$189.25, . .	1 50
" " " for Envelopes,	1 00
" " " for Postage stamps to Oct. 1,	1 32
Total for 1865-6,	<u>\$ 15 47</u>
To balance account,	209 98
	<u>\$225 45</u>

J. B. SMITH, M. D.	} <i>Publishing Committee.</i>
S. W. CHASE,	
W. M. H. LONGFELLOW.	

JONATHAN DAVIS, M. W. N. G. Sec'y.

ADDRESS

OF THE

M. W. N. G. MASTER.

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Brethren of the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge of the United States of America, greeting :

You have, by your suffrage, seen proper to place us in the Oriental Chair, to preside over the craft in general, for the term of three Masonic years.

We thank you kindly for the high and exalted honor that you have conferred upon us. We, therefore, pledge ourselves this day to you, to act for the whole craft during our term ; and we ask a full co-operation on the part of the brethren in every State to assist us in carrying out the principles of our beloved Order.

We will endeavor, with our utmost exertions, to cement the craft in every State in the Union ; and we desire your united assistance in improving the condition of the craft in general.

Our aim will chiefly be, to cement the brotherhood of our National compact into one common band of Masonic workmen. None shall disagree, if it be in our power to prevent it. You will find us adhering strictly to the rules, regulations, landmarks and usages of the National Grand Lodge.

We ask, brethren of the mystic tie, your assistance in carrying out this great work now before us. Only give us your cheerful support in all matters pertaining to the interest of the craft, and we will promise you, that before the end of our term we will be enabled to turn over to your care and keeping State Grand Lodges from two-thirds of these United States.

We would recommend, brethren, that you make ample provision for the publication of the Minutes and Constitution submitted by the Committee, so as to enable us, at an early day, to present them to the craft for their information.

Brethren, we would further say to you, that we shall strive to deserve your respect, and we do assure you that you shall always have undivided friendship and a brother's love.

In full accordance with the rules and usages of Ancient York Masonry, we will endeavor to govern this M.W.N. G. Lodge with calmness, firmness, and impartiality, with a watchful eye to the rules, regulations and Constitution of this M.W. N. G. Lodge, and Masonry in general.

Brother Officers, we are about to enter upon new duties ; let us, as Masons, use our utmost exertions to agree in private council, ever being mindful that we are to assist each other in carrying out the true principles of the Order, and in the full performance of our several duties. Much will depend upon our actions. Let us, as the heads of the Masonic family, set good examples.

And now, brethren, our labors are almost finished for the session, and we will soon separate from each other ; and who knows, perhaps, for many of us, we have met for the last time upon earth in a Masonic convocation. Therefore, let each one carry home with him those true Masonic principles—Truth, Friendship, and Brotherly Love. And further, may we all go to our several places of abode with the full determination of defending the interests of the M.W. N G. Lodge, to which we all claim membership.

In conclusion, brethren, we would ask the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe to rest and abide with us all, forever ; and may we be so blessed as to meet, after time, in the Grand Lodge above—a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Yours Fraternally,

R. HOWELL GLEAVES.

DOCUMENTS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE
M. W. N. GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

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PORT AU PRINCE, July 20th, 1864.

Paul Drayton, Esq., Brooklyn, N. Y. :

M. W. BROTHER :—I simply drop you a line at this time to say that the Grand Orient of Haiti, at its semi-annual session, this month, took final action on its relations with the National Grand Lodge of the United States ; and confirmed the action taken by its Council of Administration last year in this respect, namely : a full and perfect recognition of the Masonic standing of the National Grand Lodge has been accorded by the Grand Orient, after a mature deliberation of more than one year on the claims of the same.

The last paper I addressed to the Grand Secretary, detailing a history of the Masonic difficulties between the National and the United Grand Lodge, and showing the respective origin of each, has cast the balance in favor of the National, and brought about this decision. The Grand Secretary told me yesterday that he is so pressed at present that he could not write me the official papers on the subject, but will do so as soon as possible. Meanwhile he gave me the official information in person, so that I might at once communicate it to you. As a vessel leaves here to-night, I lose no time in sending you word.

Mrs. Holly joins me in love to yourself and lady. Please remember me fraternally to all the brethren ; particularly to the Visiting Brother, Fenelon Duplessis, if he should be still among you.

Very fraternally yours,

J. THEODORE HOLLY.

Secretary of State of
Public Instruction.
[No. 1.]

PORT AU PRINCE,
HAITI,
November 7th, 1864.

Mr. Jonathan Davis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for Pennsylvania, Orient of Philadelphia :

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER AND FRIEND :—It is already three months since I have quitted the United States, and since then I have not received from you any news. Permit me to testify to you my regret for it, and to tell you all the pleasure which I shall have in holding with you, and the Grand Lodge which you preside over, a communication coherent and regular. The brilliant and cordial welcome which I have received from the Masons of Philadelphia has left in my heart

a grateful remembrance, which will not be effaced. I have not missed to mention to my Lodge, and in general to tell the Fraternity of Haiti the cares and kindness of which I have been the object on the part of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Council of 33d. My recital has produced a lively emotion, and I am authorized to say to you that these two Grand and Illustrious bodies count hereafter, in Haiti, only as brothers and as friends, sincere and devoted. You will find the proof of this in the resolutions which have been passed by our Lodge, and of which I send you herewith the documents relative to them. I am profoundly happy to have contributed to open some relations between your Grand Lodge and the Lodge to which I belong; I nourish the hope that I shall have the felicity to extend these relations to all the other Lodges of the country. Before quitting New York, I despatched to you a seal, which I prayed you to make accepted by the Grand and Supreme Council of 33: as a testimony of my gratitude and of my attachment. Make me to know if you have already had occasion to present it to the Supreme Council.

I make you to know, meanwhile, that the Grand Orient of Haiti has accepted the overtures of alliance which the National Grand Lodge had made to it, through the mediation of Brother, dear Brother, Holly.

These two Grand bodies are to-day in perfect relation of friendship, and as your Grand Lodge takes origin from the National Grand Lodge, it necessarily follows that the alliance between the two Grand bodies extends down to you. It is in virtue of this that the Worshipful Lodge, the Friendship of the United Brethren, No. 1, has been able, on my proposition, to tender to you a fraternal hand, and to decorate with a title of honor a Grand Mason of your Orient, the powerful Brother, Wm. H. Riley.

The Grand Orient of Haiti has two sessions a year, one in January and the other in July. When I had returned here, already the session of July was closed. I am obliged to wait until January to present the communication of which I am the bearer on your part.

I hope that they will be favorably received, since I have just told you the principle of the alliance is already adopted.

My very dear and powerful Brother, in a reunion of your Grand Lodge, which I pray you to convoke expressly, give knowledge to the craft of this letter, and of the documents which accompany it. Pray all the brothers to accept the project of union which these documents bring, and tell them that their remembrance is in my heart.

To respond to your nomination as our representative to your Grand Lodge, this one will wish, without doubt, (and I engage strongly to do it) to create a representative in our bosom. I propose you to name to this office the Brother Charles Archin, Master of the Worshipful, The Friendship No. 1. This will be a choice worthy of the two Lodges.

If my proposition is accepted, address to me directly, your letters to the address of the Lodge and of Brother Archin. By the next mail I will write to you to propose to you some overtures of alliance with the other Lodges of Port au Prince.

I have promised to bind the union between the Masons of the Orient; I will make, to arrive at this end, all my efforts.

Let us follow in common the work of the fraternity, and may the Grand Architect of the Universe bless our labors.

I am, my very dear brother and friend, your very humble and devoted servant,

F. DUPLESSIS.

[TRANSLATION.]

[No. 2.]

PORT AU PRINCE, December 11th, 1864.

Mr. J. Davis, G. M. of the Order, Philadelphia :

MY DEAR DAVIS:—My letter of the 7th of November has not been able to go in time. You will receive it with this one, notwithstanding the distance of their dates.

In my letter of the 7th of November, I was testifying to you my desire to see the Grand Lodge which you preside over enter into correspondence, not only with mine, but also with the three other Lodges of Port au Prince. When the Grand Lodge will be assembled, make to it, I pray you, some proposition of this kind, and decide there to write to the other Lodges of my city, in order to tender to them a fraternal hand. My object in thus speaking to you is to unite as much as possible, the two Grand bodies which compose themselves of children of the same origin, and called, in consequence, to unite themselves and to love one another.

Your letters will be addressed to me directly.

These other Lodges of which I speak to you, are three in number :

The Star of Haiti, No. 5 ;

The Mount Liban, No. 22 ;

The United Hearts, No. 24.

As it will be necessary for you to establish representatives in each one of these Lodges, I propose that in the case that you have no other candidates to name as representatives of the Grand Lodge, to name,

Of the Lodge No. 5, the Brother Plaisimon Solages ;

Of the Lodge No. 22, the Brother Tibere Toussaint, (Senator) ;

Of the Lodge No. 24, the Brother Benoni Sallemand.

I make sincere prayers for the prosperity of the labors of the Grand Lodge, and for the happiness of all its workmen. Receive my wishes on the occasion of the new year. May it be favorable to you and to all of yours. It is in haste that I write to you to profit by an occasion.

Do not neglect to give me your news, and believe, my dear Davis,

Your all devoted, F. DUPLESSIS.

MR. FENELON DUPLESSIS, *Port au Prince, Haiti.*

When you write to me, address your letters to the Brother Paul Drayton, Brooklyn, No. 88, Court St. The Brother Drayton will forward them to me.

Address : Mr. Fenelon Duplessis, Port au Prince, Haiti.

Do me the friendship to remit to the Brother Riley, G. Comm., the letter to his address. Press the hands of all our brothers on my part.

T. T. G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U.

IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY ST. JOHN OF J., AND UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF THE G. O. OF HAITI.

[No. 67.]

O. of Port au Prince, November 7th, 1864, Vulg. E.

THE WORSHIPFUL LODGE,

REUNITED FRIENDS AND BROTHERS, No. 1.

To the Illustrious and Puissant Brother, JONATHAN DAVIS, Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge for Pennsylvania, at the East, of
Philadelphia.

Thrice Illustrious and Puissant Brother—The Worshipful Lodge
offers to you a due acknowledgment of its high appreciation, and re-
quests you to permit it to chose you as its Representative in the Grand
Lodge over which you preside. It hopes you will not only comply
with this request, but also that you will employ your constant efforts to
maintain between the two workshops good intelligence and fraternal
reports.

The Masons of Haiti and of America are brothers of the same race,
and are called by the ties of blood and bonds of common origin to
unite most intimately in a common Brotherhood, and aim at the same
sentiments for the success of our charitable works and the triumph of
our cause in the world. We are persuaded that you will, with your own
hands, uphold the banner of concord between our two Lodges, and that
the double bond of kindred and Masonry, will, under the empire of our
common solicitude, form between us lasting blessings.

We are guaranteed by the word of our Brother Fenelon Duplessis,
who has visited your Grand Lodge, and carries with him a most lively
remembrance. He has informed us of your virtues, by which you have
merited the public esteem in your country, and won our profound
affection.

The verbal proceedings which our Worshipful Lodge has sent to
your Grand Lodge, and which is herein enclosed, have created you our
Representative, in which capacity you are authorized to act.

Receive, our dear and Worshipful Brother, the expressions of our
lively sympathy with which your good works have inspired us, and
which redound to your own glory and happiness.

May you be eternally saved in God !!!

The Worshipful,
ARCHIN.

The 1st Inspector,
ARNAUD.

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SEAL
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The Guardian of the Seals and Archives,
HERNARDSON.

2d Inspector,
HENRY BAUDEUFF.

T. T. G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U.

IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY ST. JOHN OF J., AND UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF THE G. O. OF HAITI.

[No. 1.]

O. of Port au Prince, November 7th, 1864, Vulg. E.

THE WORSHIPFUL LODGE,

REUNITED FRIENDS AND BROTHERS, No. 1.

Worshipful CHARLES ARCHIN, Presiding.

(Extract from the Minutes of the session of August 30, 1864.)

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The Worshipful inquired whether any brother had anything to offer for the good of this Lodge in particular, or of the Order in general, when Brother Fenelon Duplessis, Past Worshipful, recounted some of the circumstances of his travels in the United States. He spoke gratefully of the fraternal reception he had received from the Masons of our race in New York and Philadelphia. No brother of the Fraternity ever found upon a strange shore more sympathy, cordial attention or delicate care, bestowed with greater kindness or earnestness. Their kindness was above all expression. Every Lodge I visited was anxious to take upon themselves the expenses of my sojourn in America. They also conferred upon me the degrees I wished. In brief, my travelling expenses, though not small, yet they insisted on paying them; I had not once to open my purse. Notwithstanding the scruples which caused me to hesitate, they pressed with such delicacy, that I was at last obliged to accept their courtesies.

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After my brilliant reception in New York, a deputation of Brothers conducted me to Philadelphia, where I was attended with all honor and good will. The Grand Master, Jonathan Davis, and the Grand Commander, Wm H. Riley, received me most honorably. The Sublime Council of 33d were right willing to confer upon me the last degree of the Order, and have made me an honorary member of their Sovereign Workshop. After a brilliant reception given to me by the Grand Lodge, where many Grand Masters were present from other States and assisted, I was made their Representative in the Grand Orient of Haiti.

I wish, dear brothers, that you may have a part of the distinction which I have received; you are entitled to all the honor, for all good Masons of Haiti have been saluted and honored in me.

To give to our Philadelphia brothers a testimony of our affection, I now propose,

1st. To make overtures of alliance and fraternal correspondence to the Grand Lodge for Pennsylvania East, at Philadelphia.

2d. To constitute the Most Worshipful Grand Master Jonathan Davis our Representative in their Grand Lodge.

3d. To proclaim the Grand Eminent Commander, Wm. H. Riley, an honorary member of our Respectable Workshop.

The Worshipful consigned the above propositions to the table of labor for the day, to be acted upon at the next session.

<i>The Worshipful,</i> ARCHIN.	{ SEAL }	<i>The Guardian of the Seals and Archives.</i> HERNARDSON.
<i>The 1st Inspector,</i> ARNAUD.		<i>2d Inspector,</i> HENRY BAUDEUFF.

T. T. G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U.

IN THE NAME OF HOLY ST. JOHN OF J., AND UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE G. O. OF HAITI.

[No. 1.]

Orient of Port au Prince, the 7th Nov., 1864, Vulg. E.

THE WORSHIPFUL LODGE,

REUNITED FRIENDS AND BROTHERS, No. 1.

Presidency of the Most Worshipful CHARLES ARCHIN.

[Extract from the Report of the sitting of the 23d of October, 1864.]

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Then the Worshipful caused the following propositions to be discussed, which were proposed by Brother F. Duplessis :

1st. To make fraternal overtures of alliance and correspondence to the Grand Lodge for Pennsylvania.

2d. To constitute the Most Worshipful Grand Master Jonathan Davis our Representative to that Grand Lodge.

3d. To proclaim the Grand Eminent Commander, Wm. H. Riley, an honorary member of our respectable workshop.

The three preceding propositions are unanimously accepted.

In consequence of which the Worshipful proclaimed the Brothers J. Davis and Wm. H. Riley in their new functions and dignities.

Three guns have been fired in honor of them, and the glory of the Grand Lodge.

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<i>The Worshipful,</i> ARCHIN, <i>1st Inspector,</i> ARNAUD.	{ SEAL }	<i>The Guardian of the Seals and Archives,</i> HERNARDSON. <i>2d Inspector,</i> HENRY BAUDEUFF.
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T. T. G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U.

IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY ST. JOHN OF J., AND UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF THE G. O. OF HAITI.

[No. 66.]

Orient of Port au Prince, the 7th Nov., 1864, Vulg. E.

THE WORSHIPFUL LODGE,

REUNITED FRIENDS AND BROTHERS, No. 1.

To the Grand Lodge for Pennsylvania East, at Philadelphia:

VERY DEAR AND ESTIMABLE BROTHERS:—We have the pleasure to offer you, by the present, our fraternal salutation.

May, in future time, an alliance and sincere relation be established between your East and our Lodge. Such is our most cherished desire, of which the present letter conveys to you the cordial expression.

Issued from common origin, our duty is to live united, and to labor to the common end of the amelioration of our race.

Masonry offers us the means by which we can assure ourselves of one another, and stimulate ourselves mutually in this holy and legitimate thing.

Let us, then, drop on our knees together at the foot of the Master of Worlds, and let us swear to each other a frank and reciprocal friendship.

Promising to ourselves to follow with ardor, and in common, the work of the Fraternity, which inspires virtue and elevates the mind, we should thus powerfully have contributed to raise in the world the Flag of Africa, that great land which first shed the light which shone on divers nations. We should thus have brought the time nearer at which the momentary eclipse which veils it will be able to show the mysterious destinies which are promised to it.

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We wish that the fraternal and cordial correspondence may take place between your Institution and ours, and in order to arrive at that end, we have constituted your Grand Master, the very dear Brother Jonathan Davis, our representative at your workshop.

We beg of you to permit this step.

The Worshipful Brother, Fenelon Duplessis, has informed us of the honors which you conferred on him as a Haitian Free Mason, and we have experienced a proof that you have a desire to come nearer us.

In our turn, we anticipate your wishes, which we sincerely take a part in, and we entreat you to accept our hand, which we extend to you, for the success of our common works, and for the glory of Jehovah.

Eternal salutations in God !!!

<i>The Worshipful</i>	} SEAL }	<i>The Guardian of the Archives and Seals,</i>
C. ARCHIN.		HERNARDSON.
<i>The 1st Inspector,</i>		<i>The 2d Inspector,</i>
ARNAUD.		HENRY BAUDEUFF.

G. O. OF HAITI.

T. T. G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U.

ORIENT OF PORT AU PRINCE,
Sept. 8, 1864, Vulgar Era.*Le Grand Secretary to the Most Ill. Bro. J. Theodore Holly, 33d,
Representative of the National Grand Lodge of the U. S. of North
America, &c., &c. :*

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER :—A long tour of inspection, undertaken with His Excellency, President Geffrord, our most illustrious sovereign Grand Masonic Protector, throughout several departments of the Republic, and a serious illness that I had on my return, have prevented me from announcing to you, sooner, that the Grand Orient of Haiti, taking in high consideration the fraternal overtures made to it by the most respectable National Grand Lodge of the United States of North America, has resolved to open with that Masonic power a correspondence that will tend, I hope, to draw closer and closer the bonds which should unite the disciples of virtue ; and it is a great pleasure to acknowledge you in the quality of Representative of the said most respectable Grand Lodge, according to the credentials of which you are the bearer, being disposed to think that our brethren of America could not have made a more happy choice.

I seize this occasion, most illustrious Brother, for to send you nine copies of the Proceedings of our communication during 1863, praying you to accept them fraternally. When the Proceedings of 1864, in which is found the decision concerning your most respectable Grand Lodge, shall have been printed, I will impose on myself the duty of transmitting them.

Should it be pleasing to you, let me know when you will have an occasion direct (for writing), in order that I may have the honor also to write to your most respectable Grand Lodge.

Meanwhile, most Illustrious Brother, deign to receive, with my most distinguished sentiments, the occasion of my fraternal consideration.

{ L. S.
DE GRAND ORIENT
D'HAITI. }

EUGENE BOURJOLLY,
Representative of the Grand Orient 33 of
France, and many National Lodges
and Chapters.

{ SEAL
OF
LEGATION. }

MASONIC LEGATION OF THE N. G. L. OF
THE U. S. OF A., NEAR THE G. O. OF HAITI,
ORIENT OF PORT AU PRINCE,
18th of 8th Mas. Month, 1864, A. L. 5864.

This is to certify that the foregoing document is a correct translation of the original on file in this Masonic Legation.

JAMES THEODORE HOLLY,
33 Rep. of the N. G. L. of the U. S. of A.

TO THE GLORY OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

MASONIC LEGATION OF THE N. G. L. OF THE U. S.,
NEAR THE G. O. OF HAITI, ORIENT OF PORT AU PRINCE,
18th day of the 8th Masonic Month, A. L. 5864,
Responding to the 18th of
October, 1864, of the Vulgar Era.

To the M. W. Paul Drayton,

N. G. M. of the N. G. L. of the U. S. of A.,

Brooklyn, N. Y., U. S. A.:

S. S. S.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:—On the receipt of your last communication, indicating your willingness to receive a direct communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Haiti, touching the matter of fraternal recognition, I communicated that fact to the Grand Secretary, the Most Illustrious Brother, Eugene Bourjolly, 33d, and informed him also of your expressed determination to convoke an extraordinary session of the National Grand Lodge over which you preside, as soon as his official communication in behalf of the Grand Orient of Haiti shall reach your hands. Finally, I apprised him of a "direct occasion" to write by the steamer "City of Port au Prince," to sail from here to-morrow, the 19th, as he had requested me to do in his official communication of September 8th, ult., a translation of which, with my official certificate appended, I herewith send enclosed. Moreover, I invited him to place his communication in my hands, and I would charge myself with sending it to its destination.

In pursuance of this information, given to the Grand Secretary, I called on the Illustrious Brother at High Twelve this day for his response, and I found him busily engaged in drawing up the communication. The rough draft thereof, in pencil marks, was finished, and he obliged me by reading the same in my hearing. It is truly a soul-stirring document, recalling us to the fundamental principles of Masonry, and awakening patriotic sentiments of race within our bosoms.

As I will not receive the finished copy until it is time to mail all my letters by the steamer, I shall not be able to make even a hasty copy thereof. And as the copy of so important a document should be in this Masonic Legation, on file among its precious archives, I pray you, therefore, Most Worshipful Grand Master, send me a copy per return of steamer, in the original French. Hoping that the negotiation in which I have been engaged for the past eighteen months and more has now been brought to a satisfactory result to you and the National Grand Lodge over which you preside, I shall continue hereafter, as heretofore, to labor for the glory, the unity, and the fraternal fusion of all true men and Masons.

Saluting you with the sacred Nos., I am, M. W. N. G. M., yours very truly,

{ SEAL OF }
{ LEGATION. }

J. THEODORE HOLLY,
Gr. Representative of the N. G. Lodge
of the U. S. of A.

G. O. OF HAITI.

ADRESSE DU G. O. D'HAITI:

A. M. LE COLONEL EUGENE BOURJOLLY,

PRESIDENT DU CONSEIL MILITAIRE DE L'ARRONDISSEMENT,
CHEF DE DIVISION A LA SECRETAIREU D'ETAT DE LA JUSTICE, ETC.,

AU POURT AU PRINCE.



T. T. G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U.

[No. 668.]

ORIENT OF PORT AU PRINCE,

The 18th of October, 1864, Vulgar Era.

THE GRAND SECRETARY,

*To the Most Respectable National Grand Lodge of the United States
of North America.*

T. T. R. R. AND B. B. A. A. F. F.

I have had the honor to submit to the Grand Orient of Haiti the documents forwarded by your Most Respectable Grand Lodge, together with the history of the foundation of your Order, which the Illustrious and Worshipful Brother, J. Theodore Holly, your worthy representative, has kindly communicated to me.

Having taken into serious consideration the fraternal overtures made by the Illustrious Grand Master, Paul Drayton, and the Most Worshipful Brother, Grand Secretary Edward M. Thomas, who, we regret, is since deceased, the Grand Orient of Haiti, in its wisdom, has resolved to open an active and friendly correspondence with your National Grand Lodge, which cannot fail to bring us nearer to the object towards which our efforts are directed, viz: Peace, Concord and Fraternity, which, alone, as you know better than myself, Most Worshipful Brothers, can guarantee the happiness of all the members of the great human family. It is, therefore, with lively interest that the Haytian Grand Orient accedes to the wish which you express, of forming those intimate relations which will consolidate a people of friends and and brothers, united, moreover, by the ties of consanguinity. For the existence and security of our ancient Institution, whose salutary influence on the development of civilization is no longer a question, let us attempt, by the formation of the closest ties, to prove to the detractors of our race, that whatever may be the color of our skin, and in whatever latitude we may be placed, we are the children of the same God, whose Almighty hands pointed out to each of us his place in the life of humanity, and who, in His infinite goodness, has imparted to us a degree of intelligence as elevated, I am sure, as that which He has been pleased to accord to our inconsistent antagonist. Let us, then, labor without cessation for our moral advancement and our intellectual emancipation, by rallying with all our hearts under the banner of Fraternity.

I esteem myself very happy, M. W. Brothers, in being the official organ of the members of our National Grand Orient, to testify to you all in general, and to each one in particular, the sincere and earnest expression of their most lively and ardent sympathies.

It is with these sentiments, Most Illustrious Brothers, that I beg you to accept, with some reports of our meetings, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

{ GRAND
ORIENT }
{ D'HAITI. }

EUGENE BOURJOLLY, 33,
Representative of the Grand Orient of France,
and of many National Lodges.

PORT AU PRINCE, December 11th 1864.

Most Worshipful G. M. Paul Drayton, Brooklyn, N. Y.:

MY M.W. BROTHER AND FRIEND:—I avail myself of this opportunity which will be improved by transmitting to you some documents in accordance with the instructions of my Lodge. Among them you will likewise find one from the Sovereign Chapter of Knights Templars, by which you have been created an honorary member of its body. Before I was Worshipful of the Lodge, I had presided in the Chapter: it is from this that I reserved to myself the honor of inscribing your name upon its column. My happiness is great in bearing witness to my brothers of America, of my affection and gratitude in advance of the report of friendship between them and the Lodge from which I received the light of Masonry. The reception they gave me, and the kindness with which they received me, have left a profound impression in my heart, and I will employ all my efforts, as I have solemnly promised to do, to bring together the two branches of the Masonic Order. Tell this for me to all my brothers. I am specially happy in giving you, personally, the proof of my remembrance of you; believe that you have in me a brother and a friend. I pray you to call the Grand Lodge in general assembly, to communicate the documents addressed to it; leave also, this letter with the Assembly, to remember me, and tell all the brothers that I still cherish a fond remembrance of them. It pleases me to think the Grand Lodge will receive with pleasure the report of the proceedings of respect and friendship it will have before it from my Lodge. The Grand Lodge should create a representative here; if you have no candidate I will propose to you to name Brother Leonidas Robin, a lawyer, to represent the Grand Lodge near the Worshipful Lodge, the Friendship of United Brothers, No. 1.

We have also, in Port au Prince, three other Lodges, with which I should like to have the honor to see the Grand Lodge enter into fraternal relations. I pray you to make the proposition to the Grand Lodge, and in case it should agree, in the case of those three Lodges, you will write to me direct, or give the advice to Brother Holly. In concert with him I will work to secure the chain in the union between these three Lodges and yours. The three Lodges are,

The Star of Haiti, No. 5;

Mount Liban, No. 22;

United Hearts, No. 24.

I propose, as Representative of the Grand Lodge for the State of New York,

For No. 5, Brother Fleury Battur ;

For No. 22, Brother Joseph A. Courtois ;

For No. 24, Brother Chereman Cheri.

I have no doubt, my dear Brother, of the promptness with which you will present to the Grand Lodge the different documents, and your care to secure their success. That us two should be in unison, is the end for which I call you to follow with me with the greatest vigor.

I speak now of your good family. How are they ? I wish them health, happiness and prosperity ; likewise yourself. Tell me if you received my letter by the last packet.

Receive my most cordial greeting, I wish you a happy New Year.

F. DUPLESSIS.

TO THE GLORY
OF THE
G. A. OF THE UNIVERSE.



IN THE NAME AND UNDER
THE AUSPICES OF THE
GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

LODGE OF THE FRIENDS OF THE ORDER, OR. OF PARIS,
May 5th, 1865, Vulgar Era.

TO THE MASONIC ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
THE BROTHERS OF THE LODGE OF THE FRIENDS OF THE ORDER,
ORIENT OF PARIS,
S. S. S.

*To the Companions and Illustrious Brothers :—*The Lodge of the Friends of the Order, profoundly afflicted by the immense loss which the entire civilized world, Democracy, Liberty, and especially the Masonic Order, have just suffered in the person of the lamented Brother Lincoln, President of the Republic of the United States of America, wishes to express to you the lively grief it has felt for his cruel death, the admiration and the gratitude which it vows to the memory of this great man, and the indignation which it experiences for the cowardly and odious outrage which has removed from us him who has been justly titled the citizen of all countries, the courageous defender of justice and the rights of humanity.

But if there is not a Mason, if there is not a good man in the two hemispheres, who does not lament this frightful event, and who does not render glorious homage to the virtues of the man who has so valiantly and so gloriously striven to eradicate slavery, that hideous sore, the dishonor of the modern world—there is not one who, at the aspect of the universal regrets which the death of our illustrious Brother has excited, and the innumerable manifestations of dolorous sympathy to which expression has been spontaneously given—there is not one, I say, who does not feel his soul strengthened, his heart full of hope and

confidence in the triumphant future of the sublime principles which Masonry proclaims, and which, disseminated in the mundane world, diffuse light, science, liberty, civilization, and sentiments of justice.

These principles the illustrious and ever to be regretted Brother Lincoln has put in practice during all his life, with an admirable devotion. The death of this glorious martyr for liberty can only consecrate him for all time.

Honor, then, eternal honor, to the memory of the Great Lincoln!

For three months our banner shall remain veiled in sign of mourning.

Receive, T. T. C. C. F. F., the assurance of our most fraternal and most sympathetic sentiments.

For all the members of the Lodge. The Friends of the Order.

The Worshipful,

A. CHARPENTIER.

The 1st Overlooker,
GRANDPARRIN, (18.)

The 2d Overlooker,
E. TOUREFEE.

Orator, BOYER, (30.)

[SEAL.]

By order of the W. L.

Secretary, LEGRAND.

The Keeper of the Seal,
LODINI, (30.)

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THE LODGE RENAISSANCE, BY THE EMULATORS OF HIRAM,
SUBJECT TO THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE,

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE BROTHERS OF COLOR OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK.

ORIENT OF PARIS, the 20th of May, 1865.

T. T. C. C. F. F.

S. S. S.

The Lodge Renaissance, in its first reunion, after the news of the assassination of the President Lincoln, upon the proposition of the Worshipful, has unanimously adopted the following resolutions, after having extended a triple and warm "batterie" of mourning.

1st. That the banner of the Lodge shall be draped in crape, in sign of mourning, for three months.

2d. That the members of the Lodge shall wear crape on their hats for the same time.

3d. That an address of condolence and sympathy be sent to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, to that of the State of Illinois, and to the Grand Lodge of the Brothers of Color of the State of New York.

In virtue of this last resolution, the Lodge has unanimously voted the following fraternal address, which we hasten to remit to you.

T. T. C. C. F. F.

S. S. S.

The Lodge Renaissance has felt, like you, as much as you, the blow which has struck you.

We weep with you, in Abraham Lincoln, the worthy Mason and the true citizen.

Lincoln is henceforth a grand figure in history. He is one of the purest and most beautiful personifications of Democracy.

He has achieved three great things: he has co-operated in the strengthening of the Union; in the abolition of slavery; and he has known how, in employing force, to use it prejudice to right and liberty. And all this without parade, modestly, simply.

He had three qualities which are rarely seen united in the same man; a strict sense of equity, energy to defend it, and unchangeable goodness.

His last moments were an appeal for concord, for peace, for fraternity with the vanquished rebels; his last deed was the declaration of the political rights of the liberated negroes.

True citizen, he has not been less worthy Mason; his life is a realization of our symbols.

As Apprentice, he had purged his soul of all the subversive passions, preparatory condition of good morals, that which indicates our three journeys.

As Companion, he had learned to submit himself to order, and to observe scrupulously right and justice, that which is symbolized so well by the Rule, the Square, the Compass, and the Trowel.

Like Hiram, finally, he has succumbed under the blow of unbridled pride, for having remained inflexible in duty.

Full of honor and loyalty, like Washington; passionate lover of liberty, like Jefferson: Lincoln has consolidated the structure these great citizens founded, the stones of this universal confederation.

But he has done more; he has confirmed in the soul the ideal of Democracy, seconded in this work, it is necessary to say, by the entire American people.

This last thought has mitigated, some little, the bitterness of our regrets.

For, however deplorable this loss may have been, our confidence in the future has not been one instant disturbed.

The people who govern themselves are raised above ruin from the death of one man.

No humiliating terror reigns among them! Nothing can overturn a social edifice which right cements from roof to foundation.

Lincoln will remain one of our best models. This grandeur in simplicity ought not to die. It must be that his memory will remain always in our souls, and that in our temples and out of our temples it

will be sterile. Let us labor, like him, to abolish slavery, to model all institutions in accordance with justice, always reverencing liberty.

We present you T. T., C. C., F. F., our affectionate and fraternal salutations.

For all the members of the Lodge Renaissance, by the Emulators of Hiram.

The Worshipful,
MASSOLZ.

(14 Boul., Poissonniese, Paris.)

{ RENAISSANCE PAR LES }
EMULES D'HORUM.
{ O. DE PARIS, 5833, 5828. }

By Mandate of the Lodge.

The Secretary,

HERMANN HIRSELZ, (53.)

Keeper of Seals,
FERNER NALLIER.

DECLARATION OF SENTIMENT.

OF THE

GREAT NATIONAL CONVENTION,

HELD IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, ON THE 24TH, 25TH, 26TH AND 28TH DAYS
OF JUNE, A. L. 5847.—A. D. 1847.

SENTIMENT 1. The question has been asked, the cause of the separate organizations of white and colored Masons in the United States of America. We do not know of any good reason why there should be, and we have made several attempts, without any success, to have but one. We are, and always have been, in possession of all the ancient landmarks and regulations of the Craft; and we do acknowledge all genuine Masons, of all nations and shades of complexion, to be our brethren.

SENTIMENT 2. Therefore, in pursuance of the above call, we have met in the City of Boston, State of Massachusetts, in the year and date above mentioned, and do form in convention, and lay before the world our sentiments thereon.

SENTIMENT 3. In all stages of oppression, we have petitioned for redress, but found none; *therefore*, in solemn convention assembled, we do, in the name of the Great Masonic Body of Free and Accepted A. Y. Masons, declare ourselves a free and independent body of Masons, to be known as the National Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, (Colored,) of the United States of America, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, with full power and authority to grant warrants of constitution to all State Grand Lodges

under our jurisdiction, and that the said State Grand Lodges shall have full power and authority to grant letters of dispensation and warrants of constitution to subordinate Lodges within their several jurisdictions, and to establish as many Lodges as they may deem most expedient.

SENTIMENT 4. Not that we have been wanting in attention to our white brethren, we have from time to time solicited them to extend their jurisdiction over us, but to no effect.

We, therefore, the delegates of the several Lodges throughout these United States, in convention assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by the authority of our constituents, declare and publish the said National Grand Lodge, (Colored,) of the United States to be a *Free and Independent body*, with full powers, as named in the third article of this declaration; and for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge ourselves to each other in the solemn ties of Brotherhood.

Your committee most respectfully recommend to your honorable body, the Free Mason's Library and General Ahiman's Rezon, as published by Samuel Cole, second edition, published in 1826, for your government for the next ensuing six months, or the time being, and that the eighth article of the eighth section shall in no case or instance be departed from.

DELEGATES.

Boston, Mass.—John T. Hilton, George Gall, Wm. E. Ambush, Nathan Lewis, George C. Willis, Henry Harris, James H. Holt, Thomas Dalton.

New York.—Alexander Elston, Wm. H. Clark, L. Hayden.

Providence, R. I.—Nathan C. Willis.

Pennsylvania.—Samuel Van Brakle, Emery Cronacon, James Newman, Philip Buchanan, Jonathan Lopeman, J. W. Powell, Wm. H. Bruce, John Anderson.

JAMES J. G. BIAS, M. D.,	} Committee.
JAMES BIRD,	
JAMES J. RICHMOND.	

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
MOST WORSHIPFUL
NATIONAL GRAND LODGE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.

NAME, STYLE, AND JURISDICTION.

SEC. 1. This Grand Lodge shall be known and called by the name of "The Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons of the United States of North America;" And it is hereby declared to be the highest legitimate source of Masonic authority (colored) of and over the three Symbolic Degrees of Free Masonry within its jurisdiction; and of right "guaranteed to it by resolution adopted by the Delegates in Convention assembled, June 26th, A. L. 5847, A. D. 1847;" exercises jurisdiction and government over all Symbolic Grand Lodges (colored) within the United States of North America. And no such M. W. Grand Lodge can exist or exercise any Masonic privileges or duty, within the United States, without the sanction of this M. W. N. Grand Lodge, by warrant duly granted for that purpose. And all convocations or assemblies of persons calling themselves Lodges of Free Masons, in any of said States, of either or all of the three Symbolic Degrees, without the sanction of this M. W. N. Grand Lodge first had or obtained, are hereby declared to be spurious and clandestine, and of no Masonic authority whatever.

ARTICLE II.

THE GOVERNMENT, POWERS, AND PRIVILEGES.

The governmental powers of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge are:

- 1st. Executive.
- 2d. Legislative.
- 3d. Judicial.

The exercise of these powers and privileges is defined in the Constitution and General Regulations, which it has an inalienable right to frame and adopt at its own convenience, and alter, amend, add to, or repeal, at its pleasure, under the limitations therein imposed; and are

final and conclusive upon all parties concerned, until altered or reversed by the M. W. N. Grand Lodge. But nothing can be adopted in derogation of the ancient landmarks, nor can any legislative act or general regulation be passed affecting the interest of the whole Fraternity, except at a stated Triennial Communication of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge. These powers and privileges are supreme and exclusive within its jurisdiction, over all that appertains to Ancient Craft Masonry.

1st. All the executive powers of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge, when not in session, are reposed in the National Grand Master.

2d. The legislative powers of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge extends to every case of legislation not delegated or reserved to M. W. Grand Lodges.

3d. The judicial powers of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge are of two kinds :

1st. Original—embracing all matters of controversy which may arise between any of the M. W. Grand Lodges under its jurisdiction, or the members of different Grand Lodges, and the enforcement of discipline upon its own members, and the M. W. Grand Lodges under its jurisdiction, and upon individual Masons ; and

2d. Appellate—embracing all matters of controversy and discipline proper for Masonic investigation, arising in any M. W. Grand Lodge, and over which it has not original jurisdiction.

All governmental powers, whether executive, legislative or judicial, not expressly delegated by the M. W. N. Lodge, are inherent and reserved to it, as the supreme governing body.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge is composed of its original members, together with those appointed to office at the Triennial Session held A. L. 5850, A. D. 1850, of its Grand and Past Grand Officers, and likewise of the several Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Treasurers and Secretaries, or their proxies, shall be the only members and voters in the M. W. N. Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. No one shall be the proxy of the Grand Master except a Grand or Past Grand Master, and no one shall be the proxy of a Past Grand Master except a Grand or Past Grand Master, who may be appointed from any other jurisdiction. A proxy appointed to represent any other officer of a M. W. Grand Lodge must be a Past Officer of the same grade, and a member of the jurisdiction where appointed.

SEC. 3. Each member shall be entitled to one vote, and each M. W. Grand Lodge for a State shall be entitled to six votes, regardless of the number of its representatives which may be present.

SEC. 4. The representatives of a M. W. Grand Lodge for a State are its M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and R. W. Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE IV.

NATIONAL GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge are elected or appointed, and shall hold their office for three years, or until their successors are chosen and installed.

SEC. 2. The elective officers of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge are : the M. W. N. Grand Master, M. W. N. Deputy Grand Master, M. W. N. Grand Senior Warden, M. W. N. Grand Junior Warden, M. W. N. Grand Treasurer, and the M. W. N. Grand Secretary.

SEC. 3. The appointed officers are the M. W. N. Grand Chaplains, a N. Grand Marshal, a N. Grand Sword Bearer, a N. Grand Senior Deacon, a N. Grand Junior Deacon, a N. Grand Senior Steward, a N. Grand Junior Steward, a N. Grand Pursuivant, and a N. Grand Tyler.

The rank of the officers, both elective and appointed, is in the order here mentioned.

ARTICLE V.

The communications of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge shall be held tri-annually on the first Monday of October, at such place as may be designated by a vote of its members and representatives.

Special communications may be had upon the concurrent petition of five M. W. State Grand Lodges, parties to the national compact.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. Elective officers of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge must be chosen at each Triennial Session, by ballot, (unless it be unanimously resolved at the time to take a vote by show of hands,) and a majority of the whole number of votes given is necessary for a choice. But if, on the first ballot, no choice be made, a second shall be had, confined, where the votes are equal, to the two highest on the return ; and where there are three or more candidates, and one having a plurality of votes, and two or more an equal number of votes, then confined to such candidates ; and where the votes are equal, to those having an equal number of votes. If, on the second ballot, there be no election, the contest between the candidates being in either of the above predicaments, shall be determined by lot.

SEC. 2. The officers so elected are to be installed into their office as soon after the election as possible, to whom shall be delivered the effects of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge ; and vacancies may be filled by temporary appointments from the National Grand Master, till the next triennial election, having reference to the fitness of the brethren selected.

ARTICLE VII.

Each M. W. Grand Lodge holden under the authority of this M. W. N. G. Lodge, shall be required to make, or cause to be made to the National Grand Secretary, a regular return of the list of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, and of the number of members belonging to each Lodge, and of the resignations, suspensions, expulsions, deaths, and of the reinstatements of members suspended or expelled ; with the pay-

ment of an annual tax of $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents on each member in standing, under its jurisdiction, which sum shall be appropriated to defray the expenses of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge. Such returns and such payments to be made annually.

ARTICLE VIII.

The M. W. N. Grand Lodge shall have power to meet in any town, city, village or State within the United States, and to summon any of its officers or members to attend with any books, papers or other matters that may be in their possession, being the property of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IX.

The revenue of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge shall be derived from the following sources :

1st. For every warrant or charter for a M. W. Grand Lodge for a State, \$50.

2d. For each member in standing, under the jurisdiction of a M. W. State Grand Lodge, $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents.

Each M. W. Grand Lodge shall be accountable for the dues of each of its subordinate Lodges embraced in its returns, except such as are exempt by the constitution or the by-laws of its subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE X.

In the computation of time, relative to salaries of the Elective National Grand Officers, the year shall be considered as commencing and terminating on the day of election and installation, and such salaries to be paid at the close of each triennial session, accordingly.

ARTICLE XI.

SEC. 1. One representative from each Grand Lodge for a State shall be entitled to receive their travelling expenses, at the rates established by the proprietors of public conveyances which shall be taken in coming directly from their Grand Lodge to the place of meeting, and returning thereto, as charged by said proprietors at the time. And though he or they may represent more than one M. W. G. Lodge, he or they shall receive pay only for one Grand Lodge. Nor shall they receive more than the aggregate dues of the Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges they shall represent.

SEC. 2. The Elective National Grand Officers shall be entitled to like compensation from the funds of the N. G. Lodge. Absence of a N. G. officer or representative, before the close of the communication, or from any cause, except sickness or calamity to himself or his family, shall forfeit all claims to payment or compensation under this provision.

ARTICLE XII.

OF POWERS OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. The N. G. Master has power :

1st. To convene or order to be convened, any M. W. G. Lodge for a

State within the jurisdiction, to preside therein, to inspect their proceedings, and require their conformity to Masonic rules.

2d. To require the attendance of and information from any National Grand officer, respecting his office.

3d. To order warrants for organizing new Grand Lodges, on proper application, when the M. W. N. G. Lodge is not in session.

4th. To appoint representatives, by warrant, in foreign Grand Lodges, and receive and accredit such representatives from foreign Grand Lodges.

5th. When the National Grand Lodge is not in session, he may exercise all its executive functions.

SEC. 2. In case of the death, absence, or inability of the National Grand Master, or a vacancy in his office, the National Deputy Grand Master, National Grand Senior Warden, and National Grand Junior Warden, will, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties, for all purposes.

SEC. 3 No Past National Officer has any power or privileges as such, except the respect due to standing, skill and experience, save what is expressly given him by the Constitution of the National Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XIII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of the M. W. N. Grand Master :

1st. To preside in the National Grand Lodge at its communications ; and,

2d. To discharge all the executive functions of the National Grand Lodge, in the interval between its sessions, except as otherwise provided.

It shall be the duty of the National Grand Wardens,

1st. To assist in the affairs of the National Grand Lodge ; and,

2d. To diligently preserve the ancient landmarks throughout the jurisdiction.

It shall be the duty of the N. Grand Secretary :

1st. To record the transactions of the N. Grand Lodge.

2d. To receive, duly file, and safely keep all papers and documents, and seal of the National Grand Lodge.

3d. To sign and certify all instruments from the National Grand Lodge or N. G. Master.

4th. To receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the National Grand Lodge, and pay over the same, without delay, to the National Grand Treasurer.

5th. To report, triennially, to the National Grand Lodge, the amount of moneys received by him, by items, and the specific source from which it was received ; also, the Grand Lodges that have neglected to render proper returns of their elections, Lodges, and dues, and such general information as to the state of the Grand Lodges as may be proper for the information or action of the National Grand Lodge.

6th. To conduct the correspondence of the National Grand Lodge,

under the direction of the National Grand Master, and in a Masonic manner.

7th. To attend, with all necessary writings, under his control, all meetings of the National Grand Lodge, on the requisitions of the Acting N. G. Master, and also to attend upon the N. G. Master on Masonic business, when required.

8th. To issue summons to attend the sessions of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge.

9th. To receive all petitions and memorials intended for the National Grand Lodge, and to lay them before the National Grand Master, or other authority.

10th. To keep a register of all warrants or charters granted by the N. G. Grand Lodge; of the returns from the Grand Lodges, and of the suspensions, expulsions and rejections which may be returned from the several State Grand Lodges.

It shall be the duty of the N. G. Treasurer :

1st. To take charge of all the funds, property, securities and vouchers of the National Grand Lodge.

2d. To pay all orders duly drawn under general regulations or special directions of the N. G. Lodge.

3d. To attend on the N. G. Lodge or its presiding officer, when required, with the books and all necessary documents relating to his office; and, when required; the meeting of any committee whose duty it may be to act in relation to fiscal concerns of the N. G. Lodge.

4th. To report, triennially, to the N. G. Lodge the amount of receipts and expenditures, by items, and from whom received, and to whom paid, and the amount of securities in his hands for funds invested.

5th. To execute and file with the N. G. Secretary an official bond, with sureties, to be approved by the N. G. Master, or N. D. G. Master, conditioned that he will pay or deliver, on demand, to the N. G. Lodge, or to his successor in office, all funds and property of the N. G. Lodge that shall come to his hands as National Grand Treasurer.

6th. To pay and deliver, at the expiration of his term, to his successor in office, or such person as shall be designated by the N. G. Lodges, all monies, securities, evidences of debt, books, writings, and property of the N. G. Lodge under his control, with all proper assignments when necessary.

It shall be the duty of the National Grand Chaplains to attend the N. G. Lodge, and to perform the religious services.

It shall be the duty of the National Grand Marshal :

1st. To proclaim the National Grand Officers at their installation.

2d. To introduce the Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges, and visiting brethren of distinction; and

3d. To conduct the processions of the National Grand Lodge.

It shall be the duty of the National Grand Sword Bearer :

1st. To carry the sword in procession; and

2d. To perform such other duties as, by ancient usage, pertains to his office.

It shall be the duty of the National Grand Deacons to assist within

the body of the National Grand Lodge, in such duties as, by usage, appertain to their office.

It shall be the duty of the National Grand Stewards :

1st. To have the immediate superintendence in provisions to be made for festivals, and

2d. To perform the duties prescribed in this Constitution.

It shall be the duty of the National Grand Pursuivant :

1st. To communicate with the National Grand Tyler, and announce all applicants for admission by their names, Masonic address, and connection ; and

2d. To take charge of the regalia, under the directions of the National Grand Officers ; and

3d. To attend all meetings of the National Grand Lodge, and at other times, upon the requisition of the N. G. Master, or other presiding officer.

It shall be the duty of the National Grand Tyler :

1st. To guard the door of the National Grand Lodge on the outside, to report all persons claiming admission, and to see that none enter but such as may be duly authorized and properly clothed

2d. To perform all the customary services pertaining to his office ; and

3d. To attend all meetings of the National Grand Lodge, and at other times, upon the requisition of the National Grand Master or presiding officer.

The National Grand Tyler must be a Past Master Mason, but shall have no vote during his continuance in office.

It shall be the duty of the several officers of the National Grand Lodge, in addition to the duties herein specifically mentioned, to perform such other duties appertaining to their office, as shall from time to time be directed by the N. G. Lodge.

The National Grand Secretary and National Grand Tyler shall each receive such stated compensation for their services as the National Grand Lodge shall direct, which shall not be altered at any time so as to affect the incumbent in office.

ARTICLE XIV.

OF SUCCESSION.

In all cases of the absence of any officer of this M. W. N. Grand Lodge, the officer next in rank shall succeed his superior, unless, through courtesy, said officer should decline in favor of a Past superior officer present. And in case of the absence of all the officers from any legal meeting, the members present, according to seniority and ability, shall fill the several offices.

ARTICLE XV.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance is composed of five members. They are required to report to the National Grand Lodge, on the second day of each Triennial Session, an estimate of the probable disbursements for

the ensuing term, with a statement of the sinking fund, and the debts due to and by the National Grand Lodge, and such other matters as may be necessary to a correct view of its finances.

It is their duty to recommend to the N. G. Lodge, from time to time, such measures as they may deem expedient for collection of its dues, the economy of its funds, and increase of its revenue.

The Committee may, at all times, have access to the books and papers of the N. G. Secretary, N. G. Treasurer, and other officers or committees intrusted with moneys of the N. G. Lodge. And such officers and committees are to account with the Committee of Finance at each Triennial Session of the N. G. Lodge.

All matters relating to the finances of the N. G. Lodge are referred to the Committee, and they are to make report thereon, unless otherwise directed by the N. G. Lodge.

ARTICLE XVI.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all communications made to the National Grand Lodge on such subjects, requiring special consideration, as the N. G. Lodge may deem proper to submit to them. This committee must report all its proceedings for the approbation of the N. G. Lodge.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

Every officer and member of the National Grand Lodge must be a member of a subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of the National Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

No brother, resident in the vicinity of a Lodge, and who is not a member of some Lodge, shall be permitted to visit the National Grand Lodge, except by special invitation.

ARTICLE III.

When a duty is imposed, its neglect or violation without excuse, shall be considered an offence against Masonic law.

ARTICLE IV.

The representatives of five Grand Lodges, convened on due notice, shall be indispensably necessary to open or transact business in the National Grand Lodge, except on occasions of ceremony, when the National Grand Master or his Representative, with a sufficient number

of brethren being present, the National Grand Lodge may be opened for the transaction of the business for which it is called.

ARTICLE V.

The accounts of the National Grand Treasurer and National Grand Secretary shall be examined, and the items compared with the vouchers, triennially, by a discreet committee, to consist of three members appointed for that purpose.

ARTICLE VI.

None but members of the National Grand Lodge, (brothers of distinction from other jurisdictions excepted,) shall be present at the opening of the same, nor during an election.

ARTICLE VII.

Absence of a National Grand Officer, or either of the Representatives from a Grand Lodge (who are entitled to pay,) before the close of the session, or from any cause, except sickness or calamity to himself or to his family, shall forfeit all claim to payment or compensation.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. The National Grand Secretary shall be paid the sum of dollars per annum for his services as such, and for writing Grand Lodge charter or warrant, each \$

SEC. 2. The National Grand Tyler shall be paid the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for every day he tyles for the National Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IX.

All Free Masons who are acknowledged as such by any of the Lodges in good standing (as M.Ms.) under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges in fellowship with this National Grand Lodge, may be admitted as visiting brethren, under the restrictions imposed by this Constitution and general regulations.

ARTICLE X.

The forms of registry and returns from Grand Lodges, of the election of Grand Officers and appointments of proxies, shall be prepared in compliance with these Grand Regulations, by the National Grand Secretary, and duplicate copies published with the proceedings.

ARTICLE XI.

It is the duty of every Grand Lodge held under the jurisdiction and Masonic authority of the M.W. N. Grand Lodge, to make its returns to the National Grand Secretary annually, and of the Secretary of every such Grand Lodge to prepare such returns.

PROCEEDINGS IN NATIONAL GRAND LODGE.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. When five or more Grand Lodges are represented, the National Grand Master or other presiding officer takes the chair, and upon his call, the brethren take their seats. The Grand Masters or proxies, and Past Grand Masters of State Grand Lodges, take place on the left hand of the National Grand Master, according to seniority of their respective Lodges: and in like manner, the Wardens of the several Grand Lodges take place upon the right, unless invited to other seats by the National Grand Master.

SEC. 2. Visitors cannot be admitted after one hour has elapsed from the stated time of meeting of the National Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. At the third stroke of the N. G. Master's gavel, or when he rises and calls to order, there shall be a general silence, the members keeping in their seats under the penalty of a public reprimand.

SEC. 4. Every question, moved and seconded, (when in order,) shall be put by the presiding officer; and no matter shall be entered upon, until that under consideration be first decided.

SEC. 5. No brother shall speak more than twice to the same question without special permission, or to explain himself. The presiding officer determines all questions of order.

SEC. 6. On the call of five members, a majority of the National Grand Lodge may demand that the previous question be put.

SEC. 7. If a member be twice called to order at one session, and he offend again, the presiding officer may peremptorily command him to quit the room, and he shall be excluded during the time of meeting in which he has thus offended.

SEC. 8. Every one that speaks shall rise, and continue standing, and address himself in a proper manner to the chair. He shall not be interrupted or called to order, except by or through the presiding officer: when called to order he must sit down, but being corrected, may again proceed.

SEC. 9. The votes of the members, on all questions proposed by the chair, shall be taken by the show of hands, unless a ballot be required by any one Grand Lodge, in which case such ballot shall be taken.

SEC. 10. No vote shall be taken, at any extra session of the National Grand Lodge, touching any charge by or against any Lodge, or its pecuniary interest, unless previous reasonable notice has been given to such Lodge or its proxy.

SEC. 11. No committee charged with disbursements of monies shall

be considered as finally discharged until all the debts contracted by it have been paid.

ARTICLE II.

OF TRIALS AND THEIR INCIDENTS.

SEC. 1. When a controversy shall arise between Grand Lodges, or between a Grand Lodge and its M. W. Grand Master, or between a Grand Lodge and a member or members of another Grand Lodge; or members of different Lodges; and charges be preferred thereupon, it shall be the duty of the National Grand Lodge, when in session, by resolution, or of the National Grand Master, during the recess, by warrant, to appoint not more than seven, nor less than three, disinterested Commissioners, to hear and determine the same; Commissioners may, in like manner, be appointed at the discretion of the National Grand Master or National Grand Lodge, in case of a difference between the National Grand Lodge and one of its State Grand Lodges.

SEC. 2. The Commissioners shall have attained the rank of Grand Master or Grand Warden, and shall be selected from at least three Grand Lodges, not interested in the matter, most convenient to the parties and their witnesses.

SEC. 3. After service of the charges, the Commissioners shall appoint a time and place for the trial, convenient to all parties, and summon the parties and their witnesses at the request of either party.

SEC. 4. When a trial is concluded, the Commissioners shall, as soon as possible, make their report of the facts found by them, and their judgment upon the matter, and give notice thereof to each of the parties, and a majority of the Commissioners must concur in the judgment; a duplicate copy of which report shall be filed with the National Grand Secretary.

SEC. 5. The decision of the Commissioners shall be final, unless an appeal be taken therefrom to the National Grand Lodge at its next Triennial Session, in which case it shall be the duty of the Commissioners, upon receiving notice of such appeal, to transmit their report to the National Grand Secretary, unless they have already done so. The appellant shall also, within sixty days after notice of the decision, give notice of the appeal to the opposing party.

SEC. 6. The appeal shall be heard in National Grand Lodge, or before a committee thereof, during its session, upon the appeal and report of the Commissioners, and any documents accompanying the same; and the decision of the National Grand Lodge upon the appeal shall be conclusive upon all the parties.

SEC. 7. When charges are preferred in a Grand Lodge against a member, Commissioners shall be appointed in like manner from among its members in all respects like the preceding, so far as the same is applicable, subject to a like appeal.

SEC. 8. The expenses which may be incurred by Commissioners appointed under the provisions of this title shall be borne by one or both of the parties, as shall be decided by the Commissioners, and the amount

of such expenses, and their decision as to who shall be chargeable with the same, shall be set forth in their report, and payment may be enforced in the same manner as Grand Lodge or National Grand Lodge dues.

SEC. 9. Charges against a M. W. Grand Master of a M. W. Grand Lodge, for official misconduct while holding the office of Grand Master, shall be filed with the National Grand Secretary only during his term.

SEC. 10. In all cases when a charge is presented, the accused shall be served with an attested copy of the charges, ten days, at least, previous to the time appointed for the examination; *Provided*, the residence of the accused shall be known, and shall be within fifty miles of the place where the Lodge having the matter in hand is located. If the residence of the accused be at a greater distance than fifty miles, then, and in that case, a summons to appear and show cause, forwarded to him by mail or other conveyance, twenty days, at least, before the time of trial, shall be considered sufficient service. If his residence be out of the State, and unknown, the Lodge may proceed to examine the charges, *ex parte*; but, if otherwise, four months, at least, before the time appointed for the examination.

SEC. 11. The accused may select any brother for his counsel, and the witnesses shall testify, if Masons, on their honor as such. Hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

SEC. 12. When a trial shall go to a Grand Lodge under an appeal, the question, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" shall be distinctly put to each member of the Grand Lodge, by name, commencing with the youngest. The answer shall be given standing, and in a distinct and audible manner. The Grand Secretary shall record the answer as given.

SEC. 13. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the name of the person so suspended or expelled shall be sent to the National Grand Secretary, and if no appeal be taken, the action shall be final.

SEC. 14. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent in the mean time. In all cases, a majority of two-thirds shall be necessary to suspend or expel.

ARTICLE II.

OF PENALTIES.

SEC. 1. The penalties imposed by Masonic law, are,

1st. Suspension, which is either limited or indefinite; and,

2d. Expulsion, which always implies a termination, not only of Masonic intercourse and connection with the body inflicting it, but from the Masonic Fraternity, unless an appeal be made.

SEC. 1. Suspension applies to a Grand or subordinate Lodge, as well as individuals, and when inflicted upon a Lodge, it suspends all its members, unless expressly excepted. Suspension and expulsion imply interdiction of all Masonic intercourse with the delinquents, while in force.

SEC. 3. Suspension is only inflicted where the offence is against some police or temporary regulation of the Fraternity; expulsion follows a gross violation of the moral law, or the fundamental principles of Masonry, or attempts against any part of the framework of its government. Neither shall be published to any but Masons, except by permission of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. A Lodge may pronounce sentence of indefinite suspension, which shall be final, unless appealed from within six months of the knowledge of the sentence, and reversed or modified on such appeal by the Grand Lodge. But the Grand Lodge may, on application, after one year from the sentence, restore any one suspended or expelled by a Lodge or the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OF FUTURE AMENDMENTS AND NEW REGULATIONS.

SEC. 1. No amendment to this Constitution shall be made, or have any effect, until it shall have been proposed in the National Grand Lodge, at its triennial session, and been adopted by the National Grand Lodge at the same session; and in addition to the adoption thereof, at one such triennial session, it shall, during the next three years succeeding, and before the next triennial session thereafter, be adopted by the affirmative vote of the majority of Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction. If such amendment be adopted, it shall be appended to the published proceedings at the end, under the caption, "Amendments to the Constitution," and sent with the printed proceedings to all the Most Worshipful Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. No general regulation shall be adopted, inconsistent with this Constitution and all former written constitutions are hereby, on the adoption of this Constitution, repealed; and all general regulations heretofore made and adopted, inconsistent with this Constitution, are hereby, also repealed.

SEC. 3. The business of the National Grand Lodge is taken up in the following order:

1st. The minutes of the preceding triennial session and intervening meetings are read.

2d. Petitions read and referred.

3d. Reports of committees made and read.

4th. Returns from the Grand Lodges read.

5th. New business offered.

This order of business may be dispensed with by the presiding officer.

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN DAVIS, M. D.,	} Committee.
R. H. GLEAVES,	
EDWARD M. THOMAS,	
PAUL DRAYTON,	
O. L. DAVIS.	

July 4th, A. L. 5860.—A. D. 1860.

FORM OF A COMMISSION FOR A PROXY.

To M.W. Brother, _____ a Past Grand Master
of Masons, and Member of the M.W. Grand Lodge, for the State of _____
under the jurisdiction of the M.W. N. Grand
Lodge of the United States of North America.

At a (stated, special, or extra) Communication of the M.W. G. Lodge,
for the State of, _____ held at _____ on the
day of, _____ A. D. 18 _____, A. L. 58 _____, you were appointed
the representative of this M.W. Grand Lodge, in the said M.W. N.
Grand Lodge of the United States, to be held in the _____ of,
State of _____, on the _____ day of
next ensuing.

WITNESS our hands, and the seal of the Grand Lodge, this
day of _____ A. D. 18 _____, A. L. 58 _____.

[SEAL]

_____ *M. W. G. Master.*
ATTEST, _____ *R. W. G. Sec'y.*

PROXY OF A PAST GRAND MASTER.

I, _____ Past Grand Master of the M.W. Grand
Lodge, for the State of _____, hereby appoint our M. W.
Brother _____ a P. G. Master of the M.W. G.
Lodge for the State of _____, my proxy, to represent me
in the M.W. N. G. Lodge, to be held in the _____ of
on the _____ day of _____ next, and fully empower him to act
in my behalf, in all the transactions of the M.W. N. Grand Lodge, as
effectually as if I were personally present.

Dated at _____ the _____ day of _____ A.D. 18 _____,
A. L. 58 _____.

_____ *P. G. M.*

FORM OF GENERAL RETURN FROM M. W. GRAND LODGES FOR STATES, TO THE M. W. N. GRAND LODGE.

the A. D. 18 . Year of Masonry, 58

Annual Returns from the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of
under the authority of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge of the United States of North America, and Masonic jurisdic-
tion thereunto belonging, from June the , 18 , to the of June, 18

The number of Lodges, according to the last return on the day of , 18 . was .
Subsequently organized, constituted by charter, &c.,

Names of Lodges.	No. of Lodge.	Where Located.	Date of War'nt or D.	Number of Members.	Lodges Susp'd, When.	Lodges Exp'd, When.	War'nts Sur'd, When.	Reinstate. of Lodges Sus. or Exp'd. When	No. of Members last return, —
									" " Reinstated, —
									" " Total, —
									" " Demitted, —
									" " Suspended, —
									" " Expelled, —
MEMBER'S NAMES.	NO. OF LODGE.	DEMITTED. WHEN.	SUSPENDED. WHEN.	EXPELLED. WHEN.	REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.				Whole number of members, —
									Tax due on — members, —
									6¼ cents each, \$ —
									REMARKS.

Officers elected on the day of A.D. 18

M. W. ———, G. MASTER. R. W. ———, D. G. MASTER. R. W. ———, G. S. WARDEN.
R. W. ———, G. J. WARDEN. R. W. ———, G. TREASURER. R. W. ———, G. SECRETARY.

I, G. Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge, for the State of
of Free and Accepted A. Y. Masons, do certify to the M. W. N. Grand Lodge, that the foregoing contains a just and true return of the names and number of Lodges
under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge for the State of , and of the Lodges organized or constituted; of the suspensions and
expulsions of Lodges and Members, of Warrants surrendered, and of the reinstatement of Lodges, and of Members suspended or expelled, during the time above
mentioned: also, a just account of the dues owing from said Grand Lodge to the M. W. N. Grand Lodge during the said period. And I do further certify, that
at an election held on the day above stated, the above-named Worshipful brothers were duly elected officers of said Grand Lodge, for the term of one year suc-
ceeding said election.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, and affixed the seal of said M. W. Grand Lodge, at , this day of
A.D. 18 . A. L. 58 .

[SEAL]

— — — — M. W. G. MASTER.
ATTEST, — — — — R. W. G. SECRETARY.

NATIONAL GRAND LODGE.



