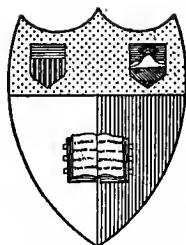




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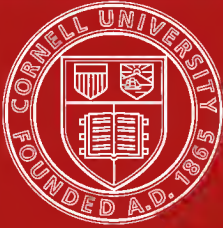
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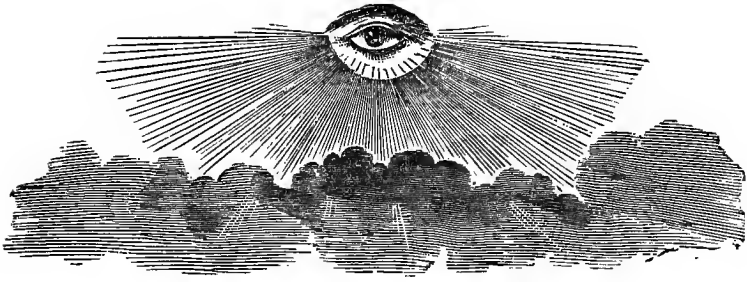
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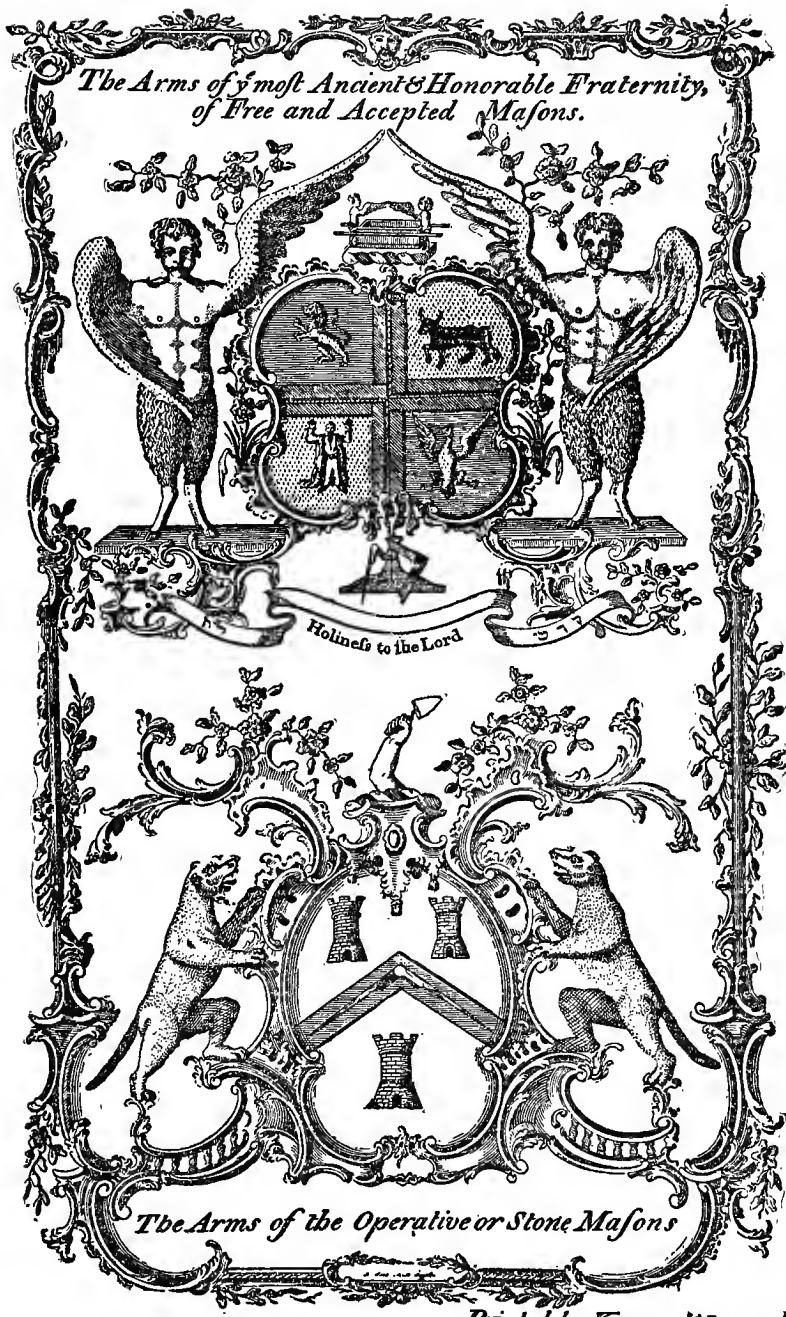
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FOREWORD.

THE first volume of the History of the Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania, "Moderns and Ancients," from 1730 to 1800, brought us down to June 19, 1778, when Philadelphia was evacuated by the British, and the Stars and Stripes again floated over the Independence Hall. We there gave the story of the "Moderns"—how the Altar of Freemasonry was set up in Penn's Sylvan City on the Delaware in the year 1730—the town then consisting of a strip of houses from Vine to Walnut Streets, and from the Delaware River to Fourth Street. It also tells the story of the Grand Lodge of "Moderns," as presided over by Grand Masters Allen, Murray, Franklin, Hamilton, Hopkinson, Plumstead and Syng and the four Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of "Ancients" with its twenty Subordinate Lodges, the last warranted being the Military Lodge in the Seventeenth Regiment of Foot in the British Army, which was granted during the British occupation of Philadelphia in the Revolutionary War.

The second volume begins with the reconstruction, as it were, of the Provincial Grand Lodge, after the British had passed beyond the Delaware. The vicinity of Philadelphia, however, for some time thereafter, was the center of military activity, and it was almost a year later before the city assumed its normal conditions. One of the first results of the situation



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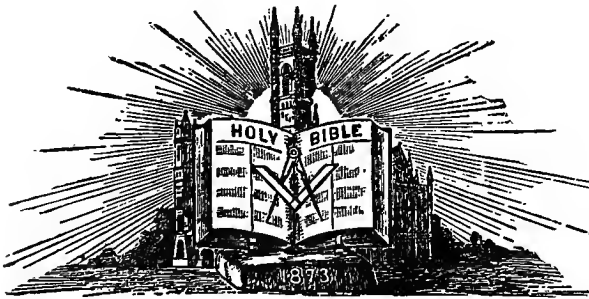
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which our Provincial Grand Lodge cast off its foreign allegiance and emerged into the present "R. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging."

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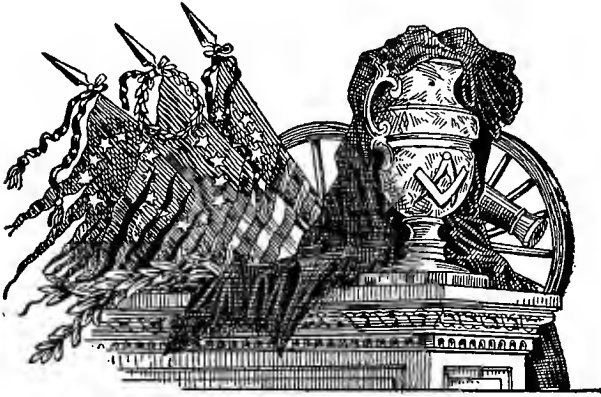
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down to us. As stated in the preface to our oldest Minute Book, the Minutes prior to July 29, 1779, "were either mislaid or carried away by some enemies to the Royal art, during the confusions of the War."

This was the second regimental Warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and was granted for a Lodge in the Pennsylvania Artillery, and given the Number 19 on the Roster. It, however, was the first Warrant of that character to be regularly issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. By a strange coincidence, it was also the first Military Lodge of the "Ancients" to be connected with the Continental Army.¹

The other Lodge to be so connected was the American Union Lodge, No. 1, warranted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, "Moderns," February 15, 1776, some of whose papers, with a copy of their original Warrant, are now in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.²

The first regimental Warrant issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was during the British occupation of

¹ There were no less than ten military Lodges working under regimental Warrants in the Continental Army, viz.:

1. St. John's Regimental Lodge in the United States Battalion, July 24, 1775, warranted by the old Provincial Grand Lodge of New York, "Moderns."

2. American Union Lodge, February 15, 1776, in the Connecticut Line, warranted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, "Moderns."

4. Washington Lodge, in the Massachusetts Line, October 6, 1779, warranted by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, "Ancients."

Under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, "Ancients"—

3. No. 19, Pennsylvania Artillery, May 18, 1779.

5. No. 20, North Carolina Line, 1779.

6. No. 27, Maryland Line, April 4, 1780.

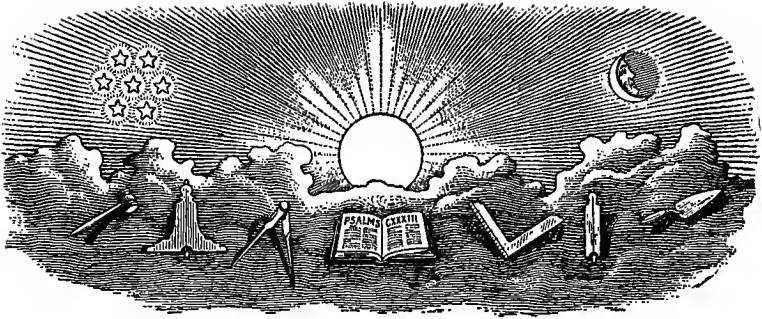
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9. No. 30, Hiram Delaware Regiment.

10. No. 36, New Jersey Line, March 26, 1781.

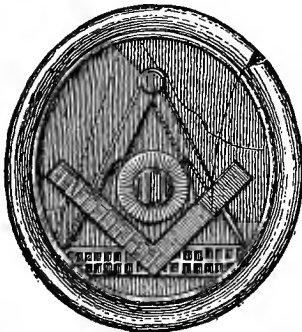
² MSS., Vol. L, paquet 73, folio 11-24.



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CHAPTER XXVI.

LODGE NO. 19, A. Y. M., A REGIMENTAL WARRANT FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA ARTILLERY.



THE first Masonic Warrant granted in Pennsylvania after the evacuation of Philadelphia by the British forces, in June, 1778, was a "Regimental Warrant for the Pennsylvania Artillery, in the Service of the United States." It bore the date May 18, 1779. The immediate circumstances under which this Warrant was granted are not definitely known, as no Minutes or records of the Grand Lodge covering that period have come

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down to us. As stated in the preface to our oldest Minute Book, the Minutes prior to July 29, 1779, "were either mislaid or carried away by some enemies to the Royal art, during the confusions of the War."

This was the second regimental Warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and was granted for a Lodge in the Pennsylvania Artillery, and given the Number 19 on the Roster. It, however, was the first Warrant of that character to be regularly issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. By a strange coincidence, it was also the first Military Lodge of the "Ancients" to be connected with the Continental Army.¹

The other Lodge to be so connected was the American Union Lodge, No. 1, warranted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, "Moderns," February 15, 1776, some of whose papers, with a copy of their original Warrant, are now in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.²

The first regimental Warrant issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was during the British occupation of

¹ There were no less than ten military Lodges working under regimental Warrants in the Continental Army, viz.:

1. St. John's Regimental Lodge in the United States Battalion, July 24, 1775, warranted by the old Provincial Grand Lodge of New York, "Moderns."

2. American Union Lodge, February 15, 1776, in the Connecticut Line, warranted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, "Moderns."

4. Washington Lodge, in the Massachusetts Line, October 6, 1779, warranted by the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, "Ancients."

Under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, "Ancients"—

3. No. 19, Pennsylvania Artillery, May 18, 1779.

5. No. 20, North Carolina Line, 1779.

6. No. 27, Maryland Line, April 4, 1780.

7. No. 28, Pennsylvania Line, 1780.

8. No. 29, Pennsylvania Line, July 27, 1780.

9. No. 30, Hiram Delaware Regiment.

10. No. 36, New Jersey Line, March 26, 1781.

² MSS., Vol. L, paquet 73, folio 11-24.

Thayendanega

Philadelphia, 1777-1778, and was granted to the British 17th Regiment of Foot, to replace their Scotch Warrant, lost at the Battle of Princeton, January, 1777. It bore the Number 18 upon the Pennsylvania roster, and its story has been fully told in the last chapter of volume one of this work.³

It was during this unsettled period above mentioned, both Masonic and political, that Col. Procter's regimental Warrant was granted. The center valleys of Pennsylvania, during the year 1778, had been overrun by the hordes of the Loyalists and their Indian allies of the British under Butler⁴ and Brant;⁵ houses had been burned; settlers killed, and women

³ Vol. I, chapter XXV, pp. 361-389.

⁴ Col. John Butler, of Tryon, now Montgomery County, N. Y. At the breaking out of hostilities, he commanded a regiment of New York militia, and entered at once into the military service of the Crown. He commanded the sixteen hundred incarnate fiends who desolated Wyoming, Pennsylvania. The outrages which were perpetrated by Butler's corps cannot be related here. He was attainted during the contest, by the Act of New York, and his property confiscated. Cf. Sabin's "Loyalists of the American Revolution," Vol. 1, p. 278.

⁵ Joseph Brant (Thayendanega, the Mohawk Indian) was a man of considerable culture and education. He was a religious man and a consistent Freemason, having been initiated at London, April 26, 1776. His certificate was signed by James Heseltine, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, "Moderns." He let no opportunity pass of saving the life or liberty of any Brother Mason, if within his power. The case of the American, Major Wood, is a matter of history; also that of Capt. John McKinstrey. In 1783, after the Revolution, Brant, with the loyal Mohawks, settled in Canada, where he built the first Protestant church in either Upper or Lower Canada.

In nearly all histories it has been asserted that this celebrated Mohawk Indian chieftain was the Indian leader at Wyoming. He himself always denied any participation in this bloody expedition, and his assertions were corroborated by the British officers. In the subsequent wars upon the northwestern frontier, Brant and other individual chiefs were upon the warpath until Gen. Wayne's treaty with the northwestern tribes put an end to Brant's ambitious designs.

After the close of the war, President Washington adopted the policy of attaching the Indians to the interests of the United States, and, at the same time, of persuading them to exchange the savage state for one

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and children carried off captives. These outrages had culminated in what is known as "the Battle of Wyoming." To punish the Indians for these atrocities, an expedition was planned under Gen. Sullivan against the Six Nations of Indians. Bro. Procter, with his artillery, was detailed to join this expedition. Strange as it may seem, upon the very day that this regimental Warrant was granted (May 18, 1779), Bro. Procter, the Warrant Master,⁶ was commissioned by Congress, as "Colonel of Artillery in the Army of the United States."

Upon the day after the granting of both Warrant and commission, Bro. Procter, with his warrant, left for Easton, where he joined Gen. Sullivan, the commander of the proposed expedition, upon the following day, May 20, 1779.

During the previous month a small company of soldiers, under the command of Major Prowell, was sent out to reinforce the garrison at Wyoming and relieve the distressed

of civilization. Audiences were given to various Indian chiefs. The greatest difficulty of the government was to induce Joseph Brant (Thayendanega) to come to Philadelphia. It was, however, accomplished by the aid of Bro. Col. Thomas Procter, who arrived in the City with the redoubtable Indian chief on Wednesday evening, June 20, 1792, the meeting with Washington taking place upon the next day.

The present writer has not been able to verify the tradition that Bro. Joseph Brant attended a Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia during his stay in the City; but, being in charge of Col. Procter, it is quite probable that they sat together within the tyled portals of a Philadelphia Lodge.

Vide "Pennsylvania-German in the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783," by H. M. M. Richards, Lancaster, 1908; "Hazard's Register," Vol. XIV, pp. 73, *et seq.*; "Pennsylvania Historical Collection," by Sherman Day, pp. 317, 438-9; Stone's "Life of Brant"; "Washington After the Revolution," W. S. Baker, 1896; Dunlop's *American Daily Advertiser*, June 21, 1792.

⁶The name of the Colonel of the Pennsylvania artillery has almost invariably been spelled Procter in historical, military and Masonic documents. The proper spelling of his name, however, is Procter. This spelling is followed throughout this work. *Vide* autograph on page 23, *infra*.



THAYENDANEGEA (JOSEPH BRANT) SAVING THE
LIFE OF CAPT. JOHN MCKINSTREY, A BROTHER FREEMASON.
FROM A CONTEMPORARY FRENCH PRINT.

Roslin Castle

Andante espressivo

The image displays a musical score for the piece "Roslin Castle". It is written for piano and consists of seven systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo and mood are indicated as "Andante espressivo". The score begins with a dynamic marking of *mp* (mezzo-piano) and includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like *p* (piano) and *f* (forte). The piece concludes with a final cadence.

DIRGE PLAYED BY COL. PROCTER'S BAND, WHEN PASSING THE GRAVES OF
BROS. CAPT. DAVIS AND LIEUT. JONES. IT WAS ALSO PLAYED AFTER THE
READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS, AND AT THE FUNERALS
OF WASHINGTON AND E. W. GRAND MASTER WILLIAM BALL.

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inhabitants in that section. When they were about three and a half miles from their goal an advance detachment was ambushed, and Capt. Joseph Davis and Lieut. William Jones, two officers who were brother Masons, together with Corporal Butler and four privates, were scalped, tomahawked and speared by the savages. The bodies were left upon the ground by the Indians, and later buried by their surviving comrades.⁷

Two months later (June 23, 1779), when Gen. Sullivan with the main body of the army passed the spot (according to the diary of Chaplain William Rogers),⁸ two boards had been fixed at the spot where Davis and Jones fell.

Over the grave of Bro. Davis there was set up a piece of board, bearing these words, written with a piece of charred wood: "The place where Capt. Davis was murdered by the savages, April 23, 1779." At the grave of Bro. Jones there was also placed a board, which was smeared with his blood, and had inscribed upon it: "The blood of Lt. Jones."

*Adm^l Hubbley of Lewt. Colo Corn interred
the service the 28th day of Sept. 1775 was
deranged 1st January 1780 —*

AUTOGRAPH OF BRO. ADAM HUBLEY, WHO DREW PLAN OF ENCAMPMENT
OPPOSITE.

"In passing this Melancholy Vale, a universal gloom appeared on the countenances of both officers and men without distinction, and from the eyes of many, as by a sudden impulse, dropped the sympathizing tear. Colonel Procter, out of respect to the deceased,

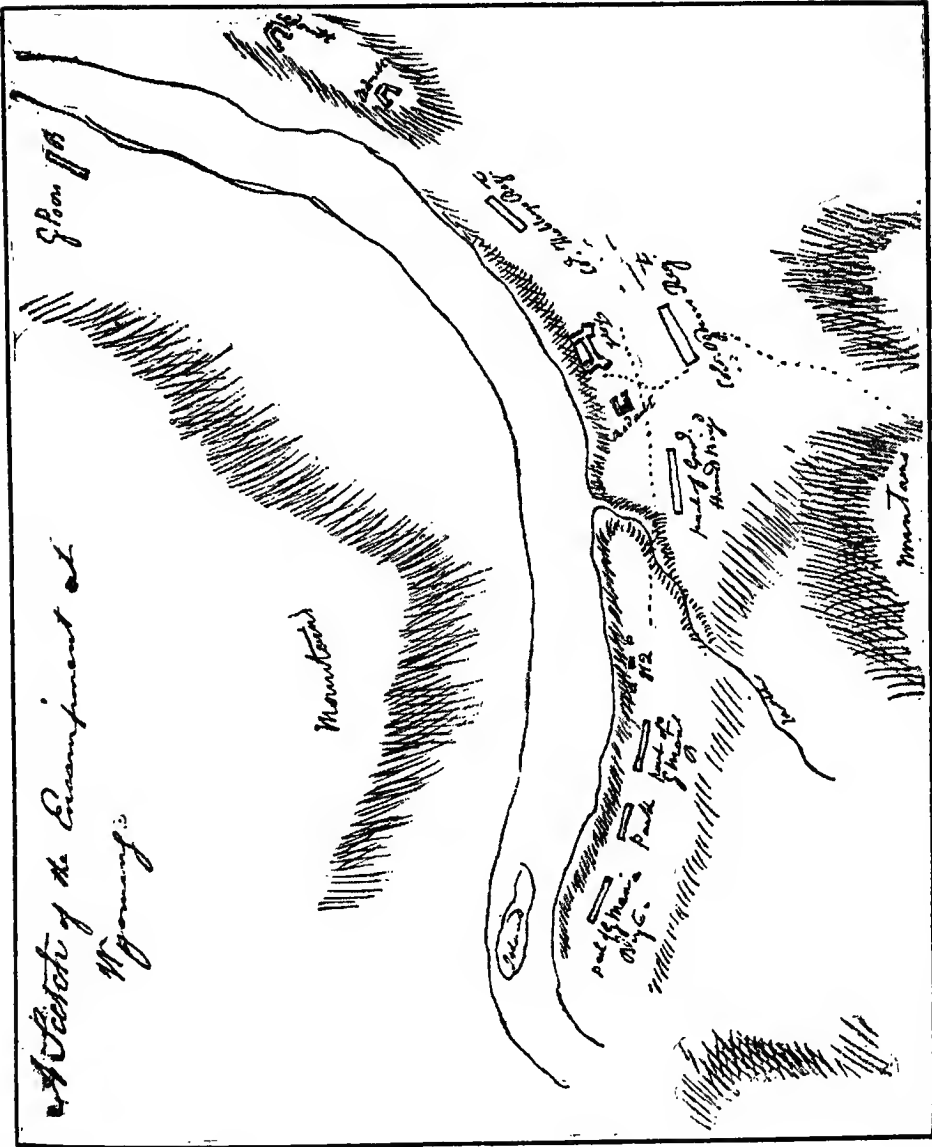
⁷ *Vide* "History of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania," by Bro. Oscar Jewell Harvey, A.M., Wilkes-Barre, 1909, Volume II, p. 1167.

⁸ *Vide ibid.*, p. 1182, also "Journals of Sullivan's Military Expedition," Albany, 1887, p. 248.



BATTLE AT WYOMING, JULY 3, 1778.

Encampment of Wyoming



REPRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL SKETCH OF GEN. SULLIVAN'S ENCAMPMENT AT WILKES-BARRE, SHOWING PROCTER'S ARTILLERY PARK, WHERE MASONIC SERVICES WERE HELD, ST. JOHN'S DAY, JUNE 24, 1779. DRAWN BY BRO. ADAM HUBLEY.

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ordered the music to play the tune of 'Roslin Castle,' the soft and moving notes of which, together with what so forcibly struck the eye, tended greatly to fill our breasts with pity, and to renew our grief for worthy departed friends and brethren."^{8a}

The next day being St. John the Baptist's Day, and the whole army encamped on the shores of the Susquehanna, the Masonic Brethren assembled at Col. Procter's quarters on the bank of the river below the bend, within the present limits of the Tenth Ward of Wilkes-Barre, almost, if not exactly, on the spot where, twenty years before, the Indian village of Teedyuscung had been situated. A Masonic Lodge was opened in Procter's marquee, under his Pennsylvania regimental Warrant No. 19. Thus was the first Masonic Lodge erected in the central valleys of Pennsylvania, June 24, 1779.

After the Lodge was closed Rev. William Rogers,⁹ the

^{8a} " 'Roslin Castle' " was always played by the military bands when a dead soldier was borne to his grave. After the reading of Washington's Farewell Address to the army in 1783, the bands struck up "Roslin Castle," and as the mournful strains lingered on the air the soldiers broke ranks for the last time. Vide "History of Lodge No. 61, F. & A. M.," by Oscar Jewell Harvey, Wilkes-Barre, 1897, p. 22.

The castle of Roslin is an ancient ruin near Edinburgh, Scotland. It was the seat of the St. Clair family, Lords of Roslin. Sir Walter Scott refers to it in one of his poems.

⁹ Bro. William Rogers was born in Newport, R. I., July 22, 1751. He was the first student entered in Brown University. He graduated in 1769, and in May, 1772, was ordained Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia, then in La Grange Place, a narrow court on the west side of Second Street below Arch Street. He continued in charge until March, 1776, when he was appointed sole Chaplain of three battalions of Pennsylvania foot, and in January, 1778, was appointed Brigade Chaplain of the Continental Army, and as such preached the sermon on St. John's Day, June 24, 1779, although not yet a member of the Fraternity. Rev. Rogers was made a Mason shortly afterwards in Procter's Military Lodge, and became an active Mason. Bro. Rogers continued as Brigade Chaplain of the Continental Army until June, 1781. In 1780 Yale, and in 1786 Princeton, made Bro. Rogers a Master of Arts. After his resignation from the army, and his return to Philadelphia, he took an active interest in Masonic affairs, and on September 19, 1786, petitioned Lodge



REV. BRO. WILLIAM ROGERS, D. D.
BORN NEWPORT, R. I., JULY 22, 1751; DIED PHILADELPHIA, APRIL 7 1824.
GRAND CHAPLAIN 1803 TO 1824.

Memorial Services

Brigade Chaplain (who was not then a Mason), by invitation of the W. M. Bro. Procter, read to the assembled Brethren the

*Wm Rogers. Chapl. 3^d P B. Enderly }
March 1776 Dec: 1781 Philad^a }*

sermon which had been preached on the previous St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 1778, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, by the Rev. William Smith, Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and previously Grand Chaplain of the old Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, "Moderns."

No. 3 for membership, as stated in their minutes—"A Petition was received from Brother Rogers an Ancient York Mason, soliciting to become a member of this Lodge." He was admitted to membership, October 17, 1786.

At the Washington memorial services held by the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati, Saturday, February 22, 1800, in the German Reformed Church, Race Street below Fourth, Philadelphia, Bro. Rogers delivered the prayer. This was afterwards published by "particular request."

In December, 1803, Bro. Rogers was appointed Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, an office which he held consecutively until 1824, the year of his death. At the dedication of the Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street, north side, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, at St. John's Lutheran Church on Race Street below Sixth Street, Rev. Bro. Rogers offered the prayer and gave the benediction. He performed the same service in Zion Church, corner of Fourth and Cherry Streets, November 1, 1820, when the building was re-dedicated after the destruction by fire, March 9, 1819.

This prayer and benediction was printed, together with an address by T. B. Freeman before Hiram Lodge, No. 81, June 23, 1821.

Bro. William Rogers was the last surviving Chaplain of the Revolution. He was one of the original members of the Society of the Cincinnati. He lived at No. 198 (old number) Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. He was a man of middle stature, and in his habits and manners was more than ordinarily refined. He died April 7, 1824, aged 73, and was buried in the church yard adjacent to the church.

The Society of the Cincinnati was particularly invited to attend the funeral of their late fellow member, the Rev. Dr. Rogers, and the clergy of the City were also particularly invited to attend.

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This sermon had been preached by the Rev. Dr. Smith in 1778 in the presence of General Washington, and afterwards printed and dedicated to him. It was one of these printed copies which was used by the Rev. Dr. Rogers upon this occasion.¹⁰

The text of this sermon was from 1 Peter II 16: "As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God."

Toward the close of July, 1779, orders were issued for the army to break camp at Wyoming.¹¹ Before leaving the valley the Brethren resolved to give the two Brethren, slain during the previous April, a Masonic burial in consecrated ground.

On the 28th of July, the Brethren of Col. Procter's Lodge, accompanied by the regimental band, proceeded to the mountain brow, where the graves of the slain were opened, the bodies raised with untold ceremonies and conveyed down the valley, in readiness for the services set for the next day.¹²

The following account of this, the first Masonic funeral held in the Wyoming Valley, was prepared at the time by a Brother and forwarded to John Carter, Esq., of Providence, R. I., who published it on *Saturday, September 18, 1779*, in his *Providence Gazette and County Journal*:

"Wyoming, July 31st, 1770. On Thursday last, the 28th inst., agreeable to previous determination, the bodies of our Brethren Capt. Joseph Davis and Lieut. William Jones, who were massacred by the savages near this Post on the 23rd of April last, were reinterred. This mark of respect we thought necessary for the following reasons: It being expressive of our esteem, and their not being buried in the proper grave-yard."

¹⁰ Copy in Grand Lodge Library.

¹¹ For an extended account of Sullivan's Expedition, vide Diary of Sergt. Maj. George Grant of 3d New Jersey Regt., in "Hazard's Register," Vol. XIV, pp. 72 *et seq.*

¹² Cf. Harvey's "History of Lodge No. 61, F. & A. M.," before quoted, p. 24.

Sermon for the Benefit of the Poor

S E R M O N

PREACHED IN

CHRIST-CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,

[For the Benefit of THE POOR]

BY APPOINTMENT OF AND BEFORE

THE GENERAL COMMUNICATION

O F

FREE AND ACCEPTED

M A S O N S

O F T H E

STATE of PENNSYLVANIA,

On M O N D A Y December 28, 1778.

Celebrated, agreeable to their Constitution,
as the Anniversary of

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

By WILLIAM SMITH, D. D.

Professor of the College and Academy of Philadelphia.

P H I L A D E L P H I A :

PRINTED BY JOHN DUNLAP.

M D C C L X X I X .

SERMON READ BY THE REV. WILLIAM ROGERS TO THE ASSEMBLED BRETHREN
ON THE SHORES OF THE SUSQUEHANNA, ST. JOHN'S DAY, JUNE 24, 1779.

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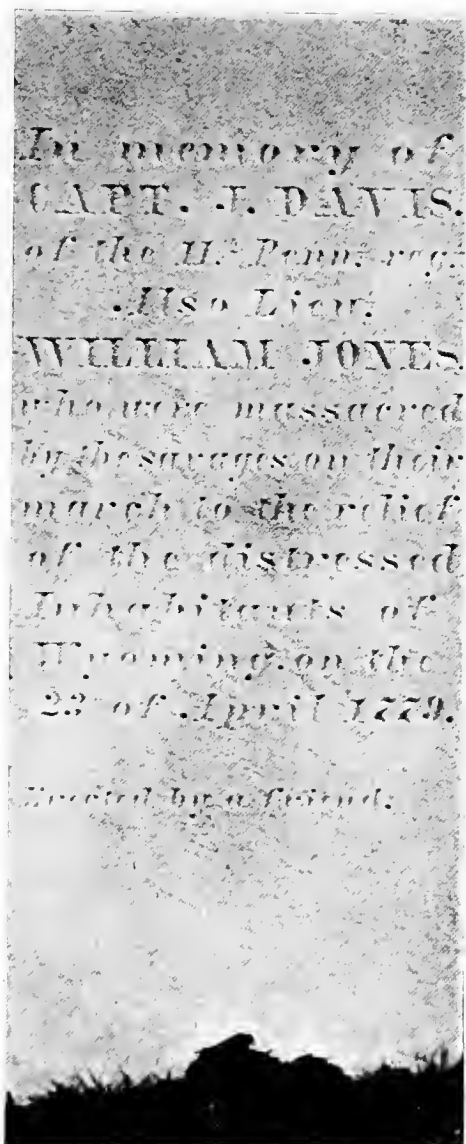
The form of procession, being fixed on by Lodge No. 19, was as follows:

24 Musketeers with reversed arms
2 Tylers bearing their swords
A band of music
2 Deacons with wands
2 Brethren bearing Orders
The Holy Bible and Book of Constitutions
supported by two Brethren
The Reverend Brethren
The Worshipful Master, with the Hon. Maj. Gen'l Sullivan
Senior and Junior Wardens bearing their Columns
The Treasurer and Secretary
Past Masters
The Brethren, two and two
Brothers of the Army, two and two
2 corps of drums (muffled) and fifes, playing a solemn dirge.

"The Brethren were neatly clothed, with jewels, etc., and were in numbers odds of one hundred and fifty. Just as we arrived at the grave, an exceedingly heavy gust of rain coming up prevented the delivery of a discourse which had been prepared for the occasion by Brother [sic] Rogers. A short prayer being by him offered up,¹⁸ we then committed their bodies in Masonic form to the dust; afterwards three volleys of small arms were discharged. The Brotherhood were attended by the Pennsylvania Infantry, commanded by Colonel Hubley, as likewise by a great concourse of people,—both inhabitants and soldiery. The melancholy scene was closed with that decorum usual among the Brethren, and the satisfaction of all the

¹⁸ Here the remains of the two Brethren rested in the old Wilkes-Barre graveyard for 88 years, until 1867, when, in view of the fact that the ground was to be abandoned as a place of interment, it was decided by the Brethren of Lodge No. 61, F. & A. M., to remove them to Hollenback Cemetery. This was accomplished on June 24, 1867, with imposing ceremonies, both military and Masonic. For a full account of these ceremonies, vide "History of Wilkes-Barre," Vol. II, pp. 1198-1199, before quoted.

In the summer of 1896 Mrs. Martha (Bennett) Phelps, of Wilkes-Barre, caused to be erected, at her expense, on her property on Wilkes-Barre Mountain, a substantial stone monument to mark the site where the above two Brethren fell. Vide Harvey.



In memory of
CAPT. J. DAVIS.

of the H. Penn. regt.

Also Lieut.

WILLIAM JONES

who were massacred

by the savages on their

march to the relief

of the distressed

Inhabitants of

Wyoming, on the

23^d of April 1779.

Erected by a friend.

STONE, ORIGINALLY MARKING THE GRAVE OF BROS. DAVIS AND JONES IN THE OLD WILKES-BARRE GRAVEYARD. NOW IN HOLLENBACK CEMETERY.

CUT MADE FROM PHOTO. SPECIALLY TAKEN IN FEB., 1919, FOR THIS HISTORY.



MEMORIAL ERECTED IN 1896 BY MRS. MARTHA B. PHELPS OF WILKES-BARRE ON WILKES-BARRE MOUNTAIN, NEAR LAUREL RUN, WHERE BROS. DAVIS AND JONES FELL.

CUT LOANED BY THE WYOMING HISTORICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Services at Tioga Point

bystanders. A stone being prepared by our Brethren, Forrest¹⁴ and Story,¹⁵ with a suitable inscription, was fixed at the head of their grave.¹⁶

Two days after these burial ceremonies General Sullivan and his army left Wyoming.

As before stated, the sermon prepared for the occasion by Rev. Dr. Rogers could not be delivered on account of a heavy downpour of rain.

After the expedition was encamped at Tioga Point, the Rev. Dr. Rogers preached the funeral sermon in "Masonic form," Wednesday, August 18, 1779, at the request of the Military Lodge No. 19. The text chosen was from Job VII 7: "Oh! remember that my life is wind."¹⁷ In his diary Bro. Rogers states:

"At eleven o'clock A.M. preached a sermon at our encampment in commemoration of the death of Captain Davis and Lieutenant Jones, *vide* observations of Thursday, July 29. Present General Sullivan¹⁸

¹⁴ Thomas Forrest, commissioned Captain in the Pennsylvania artillery battalion commanded by Major Procter, October 5, 1776; promoted Major, Pennsylvania State Regiment of Artillery (Procter's), February 5, 1777; promoted Lieutenant Colonel, December 2, 1778; resigned from the service, October 7, 1781; member of Congress, 1819-23; died in Germantown, Pa., March 20, 1825, aged eighty-three years.

¹⁵ Samuel Story was an Englishman who joined the American army after the British evacuated Philadelphia, and was commissioned Third Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania state regiment of artillery, commanded by Colonel Procter. Later he was promoted Second Lieutenant, and May 13, 1779, he was promoted First Lieutenant. He was appointed Adjutant of the regiment, February 13, 1780, and was promoted Captain-Lieutenant, October 7, 1781. He died in service in South Carolina, October 4, 1782.

¹⁶ "In Memory of Capt. J. Davis of the 11th Penna. Regt., also Lieut. William Jones, who were massacred by the savages on their march to the relief of the distressed inhabitants of Wyoming, April 23, 1779." Erected by the Brotherhood, July 25, the same year (1779).

¹⁷ Cf. "History of Lodge No. 61, F. & A. M.," before quoted, p. 26.

¹⁸ Gen. John Sullivan was a Mason previous to the Revolution; he later became the first Grand Master of New Hampshire.

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and family; General Maxwell¹⁹ and family; the 11th Pennsylvania regiment, artillery; members of Lodge No. 19, with many other gentlemen of the army.”²⁰

The results of this expedition and the part taken therein by Col. Procter and his artillery are well known. The strongholds of the Indians were broken, and henceforth the safety of the settlers was assured.

Col. Thomas Procter, commander of the Pennsylvania Artillery regiment, who was named in the Warrant as Master of the New Lodge, was one of the most prominent Freemasons of that day. At the time when this Warrant was applied for, he was Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 2, in Philadelphia. He resigned his office as Master, June 8, 1779, but not his membership in Lodge No. 2, “being under the necessity of leaving the city with his regiment.” The Military Lodge No. 19, under the guidance of Col. Procter as Worshipful Master, became an active body, dispensing Masonic light in the army, wherever stationed, among the officers of different regiments. We know that Lodges were held in the wilderness under Sullivan, also at Pittsburgh, and later at Easton, Northampton County, Pa., where it is stated that Col. Procter “has opened his military warrant in this Town,”²¹ and in divers other places.

Col. Procter as a soldier was brave, devoted, zealous and determined, occasionally stubborn. His unreasonable Irish

¹⁹ General William Maxwell, of New Jersey.

²⁰ Cf. “The Pennsylvania-German in the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783,” by H. M. M. Richards, p. 317; *Pennsylvania Magazine of History*, Vol. 4, pp. 462-469; Hayden’s “Washington and his Masonic Compeers,” pp. 333-335, *Proceedings of the Pennsylvania-German Society*, Vol. XVII.

²¹ *Vide* petition for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Easton, MSS., Vol. F, paquet 71, folio 11.



GENERAL JOHN SULLIVAN.

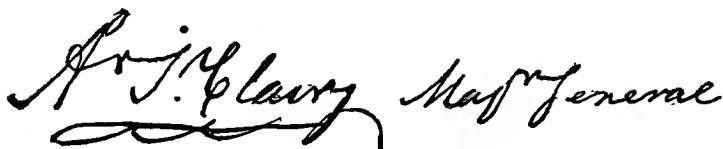
B. FEBRUARY 17, 1740; D. JULY 23, 1795.

FIRST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, A.D. 1780.

Col. Procter's Demands

temper frequently made trouble for him. One incident in his career will suffice to show this.

Upon the occasion of the detail of his regiment to General Sullivan's command in the expedition against the Indians, Procter demanded of President Reed new uniforms for a portion of his regiment, and at the same time insisted upon his officers wearing their original provincial uniforms, blue, although the regulation colors for American Continental artillery were black and red. President Reed entertaining, as may be surmised, no very kindly feeling for Procter, on account of the dictatorial and independent manner in which it was his custom to demand supplies from the State, reported this breach of discipline to both Washington and St. Clair. So well did these officers know Procter, that they deemed it best



A. J. Murray Major General

to make this concession. St. Clair writes to Reed: "The uniforms of Procter's officers are blue, the General consents to it this year, but hereafter they must conform in uniform, as to color, to the corps they are in."²²

Unfortunately no official records or Minutes of this Lodge have thus far been found, and the story here presented is gleaned from the meager notices in the Minutes of the Grand Lodge and the fragmentary papers in the Archives. What few names we have of the Brethren of the original Lodge No. 19 are gleaned from these papers, and show the kind of material composing this Military Lodge, which followed the vicissitudes of Washington and the Continental Army.

²² *Pennsylvania Magazine of History*, Vol. 4, p. 464.

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The present writer, however, has been unable to verify the current statements that "Col. Thomas Procter was at the camp at Morristown, N. J., during the winter of 1779-1780," and that "he was succeeded in the Oriental Chair by Gen. Edward Hand."²³ Had Col. Procter been present upon that occasion, he would certainly have attended the Lodge meetings and been one of the signers to the celebrated address, issued at Morristown, N. J., February 2, 1780, having for its object

Edw: Hand Major General

the election of Gen. Washington as General Grand Master of the United States.²⁴

Col. Procter, when in the vicinity of the City, and as opportunity offered, represented his Lodge at the Communications of the Grand Lodge. Thus the first official notice we have of Lodge No. 19 is at the Grand Lodge of Emergency, held *February 10, 1780*, when Col. Thomas Procter, Master of the Regimental Lodge No. 19, and acting Junior Grand Deacon, "generously paid, as an acknowledgment to this Grand Lodge, 150 Pounds, the receipt of which is acknowledged by the Grand Treasurer. Bro. Procter also offer'd very satisfactory

²³ "History of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19," by A. H. Morgan, Lancaster, 1887, pp. 25-27. This is probably an error, as no record substantiating this statement can be found.—J. F. S.

²⁴ For a full account of this incident, vide: "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," as shown by the Records of Lodge No. 2, F. and A. M., of Philadelphia, from the year A. L. 5727, A. D. 1727. Compiled from original sources by Norris S. Barratt, Past Master Lodge No. 2, and Julius F. Sachse, Past Master Lodge No. 91, Philadelphia, 1908, Vol. I, Chapter XII, pp. 399 *et seq.* Also "Origin of Masonry in the State of New Jersey," Trenton, N. J., 1870, pp. xviii-xxii.

Masonic Certificates

reasons for not attending the last general Quarterly Communication, having been detained by business of a public Nature.”

December 18, 1780. At the Grand Quarterly Communication, “Col. Procter, Mast’r of No. 19, reports that agreeable to order he has install’d the Officers of the New Military Lodge, No. 29, held among the Brethren of the Pennsylvania Line, but having been some time from his own Lodge, it is not of his power to make the proper returns at present.”

During the year 1780 the following certificates of membership were issued to the Brethren named:

“*Dear Sir*

“The bearer hereof, Lt. John Kean, waits on you to receive Mr. Thos. Armstrong’s Certificat. You will please to issue the same and oblige²⁵

“your Hbl. Servt.

“THOS. PROCTER.

“*Master No. 19.*”

“TO REVD. DR. SMITH

“*Grand Secretary.*”

“These are to Certifie that Mr. Thos. Armstrong A. Q. M., is a regular registered Member of Lodge No. 19, under the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and that he has during his stay amongst us behaved as become a Worthy Br., and recommend him for a Grand Certificate.”²⁶

“THOS. PROCTER

“*Master No. 19.*”

“Philadelphia

“Feby. 4th 1780.”

“We do certify that Brother John Van Anglon is a regular Registered Master Mason of Lodge No. 19 of the State of Pennsylvania and has during his Stay Amongst us behaved himself as become an

²⁵ MSS., Vol. J, paquet 55, folio 48.

²⁶ *Ibid.*

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Honest & Worthy Brother & do Recommend him to the Right Worshipful grand Lodge as such for their Certificate.”

“ Given under our Hands at

“ Philadelphia 13th April, 1780.

“ THOS. PROCTER, *Master*

“ ISAAC CRAIG, *S. W.*

“ F. PROCTER, *J. W.*”

“ P. Duffie

Secretary P. T.”

“ We do Certify That the following Brethren are regularly Register'd Master Masons of Lodge No. 19 under the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania, Viz.: General, William Maxwell, Col. Elias Dayton, Revd. Doctor Andrew Hunter, Major John Hollingshead, Captain Aaron Ogden, Captain Joseph T. Anderson, Captain John Stantford, Lieutenant Derrick Lane, Lieutenant John Peck, Lieutenant Anthony Maxwell, Lieutenant Peter Tallman, Lieut. Will'm Piatt who has paid the Lodge dues, & during their Continuance among us have behav'd in a becoming Manner, We therefore Request that Grand Lodge Certificates be granted them.”²⁷

“ THOS. PROCTER, *Master.*”

“ DOCTOR WILLIAM SMITH ”

The above certificates were granted September 27, 1780.

“ This is to Certifie that Capt'n Jas. Pendleton of Artill'y has been Inoperly Entered, Passed & Raised as Master Mason, in Lodge No. 19 of the State of Pennsylvania, and since has behaved himself as Becometh a worthy Brother, and we do hereby Recommend him to the R. W. Gd. Secy. for a Grand Certificate agreeable to the Constitution of Masonry.”²⁸

“ THOS. PROCTER, *Mr.*

“ WILLIAM ADAMS *S: W: P. T.*”

“ THE REVD. DOCTOR W. SMITH.”

During the year 1780, Bro. Procter, as shown above, was Master of the Lodge, and Bro. Isaac Craig the Senior Warden.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, fol. 47.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, fol. 46.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, fol. 47.



Elias Dayton

B. ELIZABETHTOWN, N. J., JULY, 1737; D. ELIZABETHTOWN, N. J., JULY 17, 1807.

Washington's Letter

Misunderstandings between Procter and President Reed of the Continental Congress were frequent, the status of the regiment and the method of its subsistence, it seems, being the principal causes of disagreement. The differences of opinion at length culminated in a downright quarrel, upon the occasion of a protest to Council by Procter and his regiment against the promotion of certain officers in it, which quarrel resulted in Procter's withdrawal from the army. His resignation was sent to General Washington on the ninth of April, 1781, and was accepted on the eighteenth of the same month. The acceptance of Procter's resignation was accompanied with the following letter from the General who, although vexed at the Colonel for his hot-headed conduct, would not refuse to accord to him his due as a soldier:⁸⁰

“HEADQUARTERS, NEW WINDSOR, 20 April, 1781.

“*Sir*: Your favor of the 9th did not reach me until the 18th inst. I am sorry to find the situation of your domestic affairs renders it necessary for you to quit the service. It always gives me pain to part with an officer, but particularly so with one whose experience and attention have made him useful in his profession. I cannot in justice to you permit you to leave the army without expressing my approbation of your conduct upon every occasion since you joined me in 1776, and wish you success in the line of life which you have now embraced.

“I have signified my acceptance of your resignation which bears date of 18th inst. to the Board of War.”

“I am, sir,

“Yr. most obt. and hble. servt.,

“G. WASHINGTON.”

Bro. Procter, after his resignation from the army, at once resumed his activity in the Grand Lodge and Lodge No. 2, at

⁸⁰ “By-Laws of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, A. Y. M., Philadelphia,” 1868, pp. 49-50.

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the same time acting as representative of his old Military Lodge No. 19.

Thus in the records of the Grand Lodge we find Bro. Procter in the following positions: Junior Grand Warden, p. t., February 10, 1780, July 27, 1780, August 6, 1782; Senior Grand Warden, p. t., December 27, 1782, June 24, July 8, July 12, September 29, December 25, 1783. Elected Senior Grand Warden, December 27, 1783, and served during the year 1784; Deputy Grand Master, p. t., March 31, 1783; Proxy of Lodge No. 38, Charleston, S. C., December 27, 1783; Representative of Lodge No. 46 in South Carolina, December 27, 1783.

June 11, 1783. Bro. Procter was again elected as Master of Lodge No. 2 for the ensuing six months. Thus he continued an active member of Lodge No. 2 until January 13, 1787, when he was installed Master of a new Lodge erected in the city of Philadelphia, bearing the same number as his old Military Lodge.

After the close of the Revolutionary War and the treaty of peace, the various regiments were disbanded and the Warrants of the Lodges attached thereto were either surrendered or vacated. The former was undoubtedly the case with Lodge No. 19. The Warrant remained dormant until after the Provincial Grand Lodge asserted its independence in September, 1786, when it was found that a new Lodge was needed in Philadelphia, whereupon Bro. Thomas Procter petitioned the Grand Lodge to issue a new Warrant to him and a number of Brethren of Lodge No. 2, bearing the number of his old military Warrant.

At the first Quarterly Communication of the Independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, September 25, 1786, "a petition was received from a number of Brethren, Members of

Warrant for Lodge No. 19

different Warranted Lodges, held under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, praying a Warrant might be granted for holding a Lodge in this City, was read, and the same held under advisement.”

December 18, 1786, at a Grand Lodge, “A recommendation from a Number of the Brethren of Lodge No. 2, was read in favor of Bros. Thomas Procter, Young & Melbank for holding a Lodge in this City, N. 19, as mentioned in their petition last Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, it was unanimously Resolved, that the prayer of the said petitioners, with others, be granted, and the Secy. is hereby required to make out a warrant in the name of the Brethren as mentioned heretofore.”

January 13, 1787. An extra Grand Lodge was convened, and the following action was taken:^{30a}

“A Master Mason’s Lodge opened in due form:—It appearing from information of the Senior Grand Warden that this Lodge was convened for the purpose of constituting a new Lodge, N. 19, for which a Warrant has been granted and signed, Whereupon, Thomas Procter was duly install’d Master; Charles Young, S. W., and J. Melbeck, J. W. of said Lodge, according to ancient form.”

Thus was the number of the old military Lodge revived, and down to the present day it is one of the most active Lodges in the Pennsylvania Masonic constellation.

How the memories of the old Lodge in the Pennsylvania artillery lingered in the Jurisdiction, is shown by the following certificate found in the Archives of the Grand Lodge:

“I hereby Certify that John Webster Esquire and late Captain Lt. of Artillery hath been regularly entered, passed, and Raised to the degree of Master Mason, in Lodge No. 19 being a Travelling warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the 4th

^{30a} Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 106.

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Regiment of Artillery and of which I was Honored as the leader thereof.³¹

“THOS. PROCTER LATE M.”

“Philad: April 16th 1794

“To BR. PETER DE BARBIER DUPLESSIS

“Grand Secretary.”

Shortly after the formation of Lodge No. 19 in 1787, a serious difference arose between Bros. Thomas Procter and Charles Young, the Master and Senior Warden of the new Lodge, about financial matters. This trouble, on account of the prominence of the two Brethren, came before the Grand Lodge, which appointed a committee to try the case. All of the voluminous depositions and reports on this case are in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.³²

December 15, 1788. At the Grand Quarterly Communication a petition was presented by several Brethren, Members of this Grand Lodge, in behalf of Brother Charles Young, being Read, “Ordered, on Motion and Seconded, that the following Brethren be a Committee to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said petition, but that such Committee do not proceed upon the Business ’till the Return of Brother Procter who is absent, to this City, and not without giving Brother Procter personal notice of the place and time of meeting, viz.: J. Bankson, W^m. Kidd, Ed. Fox, P. Wadman, and W^m. Williams, who, or any three of them may proceed on the Business.”

December 18, 1789. The Committee in the Case of Bro. Young and Procter presented their report, which was taken up and read, the same was then considered, adopted and con-

³¹ MSS., Vol. K, paquet 55, folio 29.

³² MSS., Vol. H, paquet 51, folios 1 to 20.



MASONIC CERTIFICATE OF BRO. COL. THOMAS PROCTOR.

LODGE No. 2, MAY 20, 1779.

firmed, And on motion and seconded, the same Committee were appointed to carry the said report into Execution.⁸⁸

According to the Minutes of the Grand Lodge, three days later this action was reversed.

December 21, 1789. "On Motion and Seconded, That the resolve of this Lodge upon the report of the Committee in the Case of Procter and Young be reconsidered, and in the meantime the Committee appointed to carry the said report into effect, be directed not to proceed until further Orders, Whereupon, Ordered, that the same be adopted."

This is the last mention of this celebrated case in the Minutes of the Grand Lodge. Just what the outcome was does not appear. That it was adverse to Bro. Charles Young is evident from the fact that his name does not appear as an active factor in the Grand Lodge after the above date.

Bro. Procter, however, continued his active interest in the Grand Lodge. By the Minutes of the Grand Lodge we find that Bro. Procter filled the following stations: Junior Grand



Thos. Procter, Major
of Artillery

Warden, p. t., December 28, 1789; Senior Grand Warden, p. t., September 24, 1787, June 24, December 18, 24, 1789; December 6, 1790, he was elected Senior Grand Warden, and re-elected the following year.

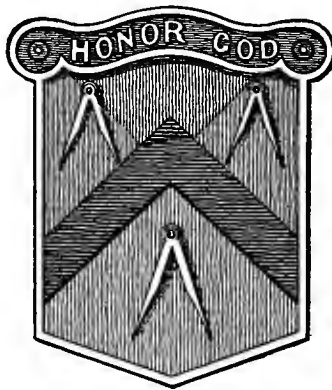
⁸⁸ For report in full, *vide* "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, pp. 153 *et seq.*

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December 5, 1791. He was one of the committee that presented an address to President Washington.

December 27, 1796. Bro. Procter was appointed Grand Marshal. This office he filled until his death in April, 1806.³⁴

³⁴ Bro. Thomas Procter was elected a member of the Carpenter's Company in 1772; two years later he was elected one of the wardens of the



ARMS OF THE CARPENTER'S COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

company, and was instrumental in obtaining the use of the hall for the meetings of the Continental Congress. After his retirement from the army, Col. Procter became an active member of the various social, political and military organizations in Philadelphia.

Col. Procter was one of the prominent members of the "*Society of the Sons of Saint Tammany of Philadelphia*," and was chosen one of the chiefs of the society, May 21, 1785, and sachem, May 1, 1786. This society was originally instituted as a benevolent society on the commencement of our government in order to protect our red brethren and induce them to enter into treaties of peace with us and give up a savage border warfare. They were originally called Sons of Liberty and later Friends of the Constitution and Union of the States.

Col. Procter was also one of the original members of the state society of Pennsylvania of the "*SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI*," his name being the fortieth signature to the roll.

Twenty-five years of life were vouchsafed to Col. Procter after the close of his revolutionary career, most of which was spent in the public service.

Col. Thomas Procter

In this position he marshaled the various processions of the Grand Lodge, the most important of which were the Washington funeral obsequies, December 26, 1799, and February 22, 1800.

After the resignation of Col. Procter from the army, the Warrant of Number 19 was left for a time in the hands of Major Isaac Craig^{34a} of the artillery, and Senior Warden of the Lodge, who succeeded Col. Procter as Master of the Regimental Lodge No. 19. Bro. Craig had taken a notable part in both the Monmouth and Sullivan campaigns of 1779. In 1780 Major Craig and a part of the artillery regiment were ordered to Fort Pitt with stores and cannon. They left

By commission of Congress Bro. Procter served as Major of artillery from December 25, 1782, until October 22, 1783; Major of the artillery battalion of "Militia of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia," under commission from Governor Mifflin, from May 12, 1792, until April 12, 1793, when he was promoted to be Brigadier General of the brigade composed of the "Militia of the City of Philadelphia."

At the outbreak of the "Whiskey Insurrection," Brig. Genl. Thomas Procter was placed in command of the first brigade, which marched August 7, 1794. His last military commission bore date June 7, 1796, and appointed him Major General of the militia of the "City and County of Philadelphia."

In civil life he filled many public and private positions—High Sheriff from October 20, 1783, to October 14, 1785; elected, September 10, 1790, City Lieutenant of Philadelphia, in which capacity he superintended the celebration of the arrival of Gen. Washington, November 23, 1790.

Bro. Procter died, Sunday morning, March 16, 1806, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, at his residence in Arch Street, between Fourth and Fifth, and was buried at 3 o'clock on the following Tuesday afternoon, in the yard adjoining St. Paul's P. E. Church, on Third Street below Walnut.

His funeral appears to have been strictly a military one. In the public papers the Cincinnati are invited, the members to wear the ribband of the order with a strip of black passing along the center and a crape for thirty days upon the left arm. The officers of the first division of Pennsylvania militia, together with the legionary orders, were also invited. A careful search fails to find any mention of Masonic services, or even any notice of his death in the Masonic records.

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Carlisle, May 23, 1780, arriving at their destination, the present Pittsburgh, on the twenty-fifth of June, 1780.

It appears that Major Craig, as Senior Warden, took the Warrant with him, to the extreme western part of the State, and there erected upon the banks of the Ohio the first altar of Freemasonry under the Regimental warrant of Lodge No. 19.

In the year 1781, the artillery detachment under Bro. Craig was ordered to join Gen. George Rodgers Clark, at the falls of the Ohio,³⁵ with the view of attacking Detroit. They left Fort Pitt July 29 and joined Gen. Clark at the falls; but the General being disappointed by the non-arrival of reinforcements, he was forced to abandon the expedition and the detachment returned to Fort Pitt, December 26, 1781.³⁶

There can be but little doubt that the Warrant of No. 19 was taken along on this expedition, and that upon more than one occasion a Lodge was opened, and the Brethren met in what was then the wilderness of the Northwest Territory, and that after the return of the Brethren to Fort Pitt meetings were held as regularly as the exigency of the service would permit, and they were attended by officers and soldiers from the other organizations at the garrison. This latter fact is clearly established by the following petition, which was presented to the commanding general early in the following spring, quoted by Bro. Rommel in his Memorial history of Lodge 45: F. & A. M., Pittsburgh, Penna.³⁷

“The Humble Petition of a party of Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers belonging to the different Corps in the Garrison of Fort Pitt:—^{37a}

³⁵ In 1778 George Rogers Clark camped at the falls on his way to Illinois, and the garrison he established there grew into the town of Louisville, Kentucky. Vide Wither's "Chronicles of Border Warfare," revised edition, p. 146.

³⁶ *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. IV, p. 260.

³⁷ "History of Lodge No. 45, F. & A. M., 1785-1910," Pittsburgh, 1912.

^{37a} This document was found among the papers of Gen. Irvine, in the

Petition to Gen. Irvine

"Honourable General:—

"We, the Non-Commissioned Officers aforementioned, most humbly beg leave to lay our Petition before the General, hoping your Gracious Consideration, and Vouchsafe to grant us our request.

"Your Honor's Humble Petitioners, being a party of men, who has had the happiness, to Obtain a matter of great moment, from a most Ancient Society, that is kept up in all nations, and Kingdoms, in Christendom, and where no exception is made of any Man providing he is found worthy of Obtaining it—

"We your Honors, Humble Petitioners, Begeth Leave (as all places is not fit or Useful for us to sit or assemble in) that your honor would grant us that Privilege of Absenting ourselves with your Gracious Permission twice a Month out of the Garrison (Viz.) every first and third Monday evening in every month, So that we Can Unmolested by any Person Secretly and Unanimously Assemble together Under the Secret Rules and Ordinances that is no way Perjudicial to Country, State, or any Individual, there unto belonging, But shall always Indeavor to Distinguish ourselves by our Conduct and Integrity with our duty towards our Officers that is or shall be set over us.

"And we most Humbly beg if it Please your Honor most Graciously to Grant us our request, to return an answer in writing Privately so that it may not raise any Jealousy in the Breasts of the rest of our Brother Soldiers; And Likewise a pass Directed to the Officer of the day or Guard, So that we can pass at these times Aforemen-

Wm Irvine Brig Genl

tioned without troubleing your Honor Excepting at a time when any emergency requires our particular attention Strictly to our duty of which we are all Evidently Senceable it may be required—Whereof your Honour will be pleased to Acquaint any one of us the Under-signers so that we may be forever obedient to your Honours most Gracious Orders.

hands of his grandson, Dr. W. A. Irvine, of Warren County, Pa., and copied in 1859 by Hon. James Weeks, of Uniontown, for Bro. Sidney Hayden. This copy is now in the Archives of Lodge No. 45, F. & A. M., at Pittsburgh.

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“And may your Honour be forever Induced with the same Wisdom to rule and Govern with same Justice & Equity as we have Always found since we have Been Under your Honours Command.

“H. LEE *Sergt. Majr. Pennsa. Detachment.*

“THOS. WOOD *Serg. Maj.*

“SIMON FLETCHER of ye Pa. Reg.

Q: M: Detachment P. line

“WILLIAM SEMPLE *Sergt.*

“JOHN HARRIS *Corprl.^{37b}*

“MATHEW FOUT *Sergt.*

“MICHAEL HAULEY

“MATHW. MCAFEE *Corpl.*

“JOHN HUTCHSON

“MARTIN SHERIDON

“JOHN KEAN

“J. WILLIAMS *Sergt. 7th V. R.*

“Fort Pitt April ye 15th 1782.

“To the HONBLE. WM. IRVINE Esqr.

Brigadier General Commanding”

Some months after the presentation of the above petition, which was undoubtedly granted, Bro. Major Isaac Craig, who had become noted for his energy, activity and integrity, to be absolutely regular in his position as Master, made the following application to the Grand Lodge:

September 2, 1782. At a meeting of the Grand Lodge, an application from Captain Isaac Craig, at Fort Pitt, for a “Dispensation to act there, the said Captain Craig being Legal

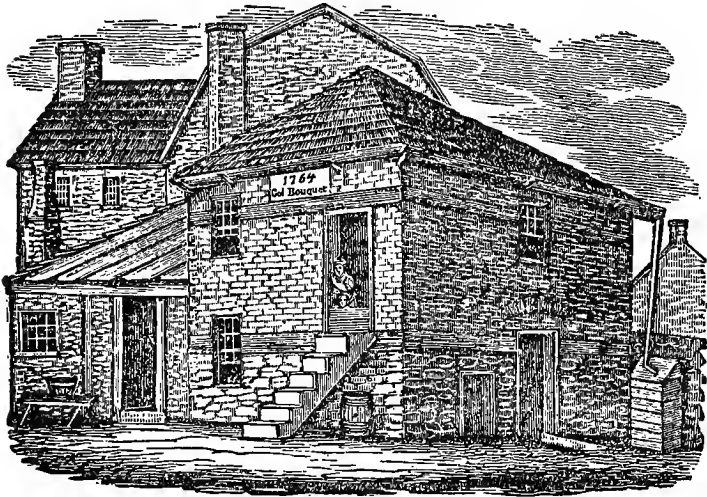
^{37b} The John Harris who signed the above petition belonged to Procter’ regiment.

The copy of the petition is correct in capitals, punctuation and orthography.

Although the petition does not name the Ancient Society referred to, there is no room to doubt from the internal evidence that the writer was a Freemason possessing considerable knowledge of the institution. Gen. Irvine, who was very indulgent to those of his soldiers who were well-behaved and obedient to duty and discipline, promptly complied with the request. That none of the commissioned officers signed the petition is no doubt owing to the fact that they already enjoyed the privilege prayed for.

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successor to the Master of No. 19, and in possession of the Warrant, but never legally installed, it was order'd and Resolved, that there is no necessity of a Dispensation to Capt. Craig, he being the Master elect and in possession of the War-



THE OLD REDOUBT. ALLEGED PLACE OF MEETING OF THE MILITARY LODGE NO. 19, A. Y. M., AT PITTSBURGH, 1780-81.

rant of Lodge No. 19, but that a Dispensation go to some Past Master to install him.”

How the seed sown by the Brethren of Lodge No. 19 took root in central and western Pennsylvania, is shown by the various petitions to the Grand Lodge for Warrants to open Lodges at different places, both before and after peace was declared.

It is not known how long Masonic Lodges were held in Pittsburgh under this travelling Warrant of the Pennsylvania artillery, as there has been no positive record found as to just when this Warrant was surrendered, whether before or after

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the edict of December 27, 1783,³⁸ calling in all of these military or travelling Warrants. There is a strong presumption, however, that this Warrant was used by the Brethren on the Ohio until they applied for a new Warrant, which was granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, December 27, 1785, under the following conditions:

A few days before the December Meeting of that year, R. W. Grand Master William Adcock was handed a letter³⁹ addressed to him by Bro. Michael Huffnagle⁴⁰ from Pittsburgh, viz.:

“PITTSBURGH, Nov. 22nd, 1785.

“*Sir*: Mr. Huffnagle will deliver you a minute of the proceedings of a number of Brethren Assembled in this place last evening for the purpose of obtaining a Warrant for holding a Lodge in this place and as they have done me the honor of Electing me to the Chair, I think it necessary to request leave to resign the Office I have the honor to hold in the Grand Lodge I can Vouch for all the Brethren then Assembled. Mr. Huffnagle the Senior Elect will be in Philada. Mr. McClery Junior Elect is known in No. 3.

“The R. W. William Adcock, Esq.

“I am, sir,

“Your most Obt. Serv.

“WM. TILTON.”⁴¹

³⁸ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Philadelphia, 1895, Vol. I, p. 68.

³⁹ Original in Archives of the Grand Lodge.

⁴⁰ Bro. Michael Huffnagle was initiated in Lodge No. 2, together with Cols. Doherty and Espie, June 6, 1783, and raised by Col. Procter to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He served as Adjutant, 1st Continental Infantry, and later as Captain in the 8th Pennsylvania. He was one of the most prominent men in Pittsburgh. For a full account of Bro. Huffnagle *vide* Frederick C. Rommel's "History of Lodge No. 45, F. & A. M., 1785-1910," Pittsburgh, 1912, p. 90; also "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. II, pp. 44-45.

⁴¹ Bro. William Tilton, a Past Master of Lodge No. 3 in Philadelphia, was a prominent member of the Fraternity and serving in different stations prior to his departure to and settlement in Pittsburgh, as Junior and Senior Wardens, and upon at least one occasion occupied the station as Grand Master. For biographical sketch, *vide* Bro. Rommel's "History" before quoted, pp. 89-90.

Bro. Maj. Isaac Craig

The enclosed minute was as follows:

"PITTSBURGH, Nov. 21, 5785.

"At a meeting of the Brethren A. York, Master Masons.

"Brs. Willm. Tilton
"Mich. Huffnagle
"Willm. McClery"
"Willm. Butler"
"Isaac Craig"
"Joseph Asheton"
"Thomas Wylie"

"Bro. William McCleary, mentioned as Junior Warden in the warrant, according to Bro. Tilton's letter, also came from Philadelphia. No record of him has thus far been found.

"Bro. William Butler, Captain in 2d Pennsylvania Battalion, 1776, promoted to Major and Lieutenant-Colonel, 4th Pennsylvania, September, 1776; Lieutenant-Colonel, 1779.

"Bro. Isaac Craig was a native of County Down, Ireland, in 1741. He came to Philadelphia in the fall of 1765, working as a house carpenter. At the outbreak of the Revolution, he was appointed Lieutenant of Marines in the American navy, and was present at the descent upon New Providence in the West Indies by the expedition under Commodore Hopkins. After the return of this expedition Bro. Craig was promoted to a Captaincy of Marines, and in November, 1776, was ordered to join the army, doing duty as infantry. In this capacity Bro. Craig was present at the battles of Trenton and Princeton. March 3, 1777, Bro. Craig was appointed a Captain of Artillery in the regiment then formed under the command of Bro. Procter. In this capacity he was engaged in the battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777, where he was wounded. In the next month he was present at the battle of Germantown, and it was his battery which cannonaded Chew's house. He spent the winter of 1777-8 at Valley Forge, and in the spring was ordered to Carlisle, to learn the art of the laboratory in preparing munitions, in which Bro. Craig became an expert. He was appointed Major of artillery, October 7, 1781, and served until June 17, 1783. He was one of the original members of the state society of the Cincinnati. Bro. Craig was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society, January 19, 1787.

Bro. Craig after the war remained in Pittsburgh, and became one of its most influential citizens. For a full biographical sketch of his career, Masonic, military and civil, *vide* "History of Lodge No. 45," before quoted, pp. 92 *et seq.*, also "Life and Services of Major Isaac Craig," by Neville B. Craig, Esq., Pittsburgh, 1854.

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"It was unanimously agreed to apply to the Right Worshipfull the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a warrant to hold a Lodge in Pittsburgh for the Benefit of the Brethren present, as well as those who

Isaac Craig Mgr Junr, Secretary

may be hereafter brought to Light. We therefore humbly hope that our earnest Application will meet with encouragement.

"The Brethren then proceeded to the election of Officers for Sd. Lodge, When

"Bro. Tilton, was elected Master

"Br. Huffnagle, Senr. Warden &

"Br. McClery, Junr. Warden.

"Sign'd by order of the Master

"JOSEPH TILTON, *Secretary.*"

"Endorsed 1785 Nov. 21.

"Application for a

"Warrt. for holding Lodge

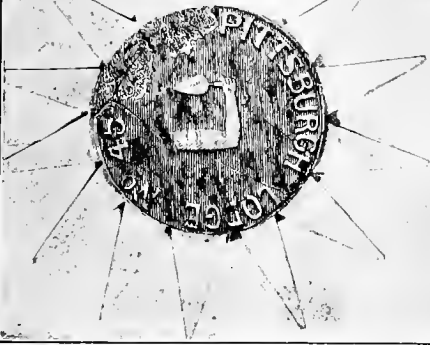
"at Pittsburgh

"No 45."

This petition and letter were presented and read before the Grand Lodge on St. John's Day, December 27, 1785, and it was agreed that the same be granted. Then the Secretary produced a Warrant constituting and appointing the three aforesaid Brethren officers of Lodge No. 45. It will be noticed that Bro. William Tilton at that time was Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, and for several years an active factor of that Grand Body. Bro. Tilton, however, does not appear to have filled any office in the Grand Lodge after his appointment as Warrant Master of Lodge 45.

^a *Vide p. 34 infra.*

^a Bro. Thomas Wylie, one of the charter members, supposed to have been a Presbyterian clergyman. Nothing definite is known of his Masonic history.



We the Members of Lodge No. 45 do hereby certify that we hath known William Thorn, for some time, during his Residence in the Borough of Pittsburgh, and take it upon ourselves to say, that he hath behaved himself as an industrious, sober, Carefull, worthy Citizen. Given under our hands at Pittsburgh the 6th of November 1798.

Attest.
Wm. Washhoff Secy

Geo. Robinson
Thos. Baird J W

Lodge No. 45, A. F. M., Pittsburgh

It will also be noted that the charter members were but nine in number, one of whom was Past Master Bro. Major Isaac Craig of Lodge No. 19 in the Pennsylvania artillery, and who erected the first Masonic Lodge on the banks of the Ohio. The present writer has not been able to trace the Masonic affilia-



ANCIENT SEAL OF LODGE NO. 45, ON CERTIFICATE OF BRO. WM. THORN,
NOVEMBER 6, 1798. IN ARCHIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

tion of the Brethren, except where noted, but some if not all had undoubtedly been brought to Masonic light on the banks of the Ohio, under the authority of the old military Warrant of No. 19. Lodge 45, as the logical successor of No. 19, is one of the few Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania which, since her first organization, has continued uninterruptedly in her work through storms and persecutions, remaining firm in her faith, and now for over a century and a quarter shedding the light of wisdom and Fraternity in what is to-day the second city of our great Commonwealth.

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MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY LODGE, No. 19, A. Y. M., WITH THE
PENNSYLVANIA ARTILLERY SO FAR AS CAN BE GLEANED
FROM THE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS IN THE ARCHIVES.

- BRO. WILLIAM ADAMS, Surgeon, 4th Continental Artillery.
BRO. JOSEPH T. ANDERSON, Regimental Paymaster and Brevet
Major of New Jersey Brigade.
BRO. JOHN VAN ANGLON, Captain in 1st New Jersey Regiment.
BRO. THOMAS ARMSTRONG, First Lieutenant, 5th Regiment in
North Carolina Line.

Joseph Ashton Capt. N. Y. Artillery

- BRO. JOSEPH ASHTON, 1st Sergeant, New York Artillery, later
Captain Lieutenant, 2d Continental Artillery.
BRO. ISAAC CRAIG, Major, Pennsylvania Artillery.
BRO. ELIAS DAYTON, Colonel of 3d New Jersey, later Brigadier
General in Continental Army.
BRO. PATRICK DUFFIE, 3d Lieutenant in Procter's Artillery,
later 1st Lieutenant and Captain, 4th Continental Ar-
tillery.
BRO. THOMAS FORREST, Captain of Procter's Artillery; Major,
4th Continental Artillery; resigned as Lieutenant Colonel,
1781.
BRO. JOHN HOLLINGSHEAD, Major of 2d New Jersey Regiment.
BRO. ANDREW HUNTER, Chaplain, 3d New Jersey; afterwards
Brigade Chaplain; served to close of the war. Warrant
Master, Lodge No. 36 in New Jersey Line.
BRO. JOHN KEAN, Lieutenant.
BRO. DERRICK LANE, Captain in New Jersey Battalion; later
served as Captain in the U. S. Infantry until 1785.
BRO. ANTHONY MAXWELL, Lieutenant in Spencer's New York
Regiment, promoted from Sergeant to Ensign and Lieu-
tenant.

Roster of Lodge No. 19

- BRO. WILLIAM MAXWELL, Brigadier General, Continental Army, Colonel of 2d New Jersey.
- BRO. JAMES McCLURE, Adjutant, New Hampshire Militia, later Captain, 4th Continental Artillery.
- BRO. AARON OGDEN, Regimental Paymaster, New Jersey Brigade, later Brigade Major to Maxwell's Brigade; served to close of war; Lieutenant Colonel, 11th U. S. Infantry. Honorably discharged June 15, 1800.
- BRO. EZRA PATTERSON, Lieutenant, 2d Continental Artillery; a native of New York.
- BRO. JOHN PECK, Captain in the New Jersey Battalion to November, 1783; also in New Jersey Militia.
- BRO. JAMES PENDLETON, Ensign and Lieutenant in 7th Virginia; later Captain, 1st Continental Artillery.
- BRO. WILLIAM PIATT, enlisted as private in 1st New Jersey Regiment, promoted Sergeant, Second and First Lieutenant, and Captain; served to close of the war.

Andrew Porter Lt Col Comm't. C. Regt Artillery

- BRO. ANDREW PORTER, Lieutenant, 4th Maryland Battalion, later Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Continental Artillery.

Francis Procter Maj Penn Artillery

- BRO. FRANCIS PROCTER, nephew of Col. Thomas Procter, Lieutenant of Procter's Artillery; retired with rank as Major, January 1, 1783.
- BRO. THOMAS PROCTER, Colonel, Pennsylvania Artillery.
- BRO. JEREMIAH SIMMONS.

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BRO. SAMUEL STORY, Regimental Adjutant, and Captain Lieutenant, 4th Continental Artillery.

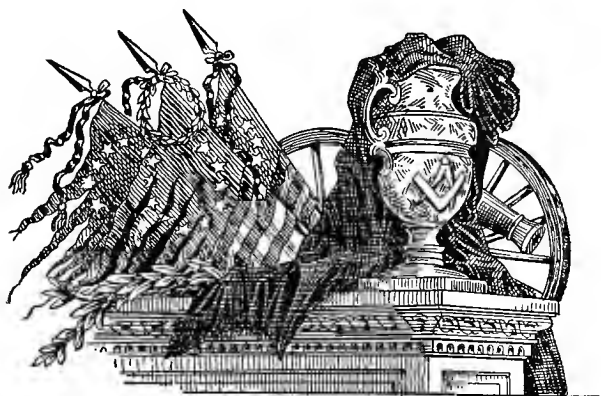
BRO. JOHN STANTFORD.

BRO. PETER TALLMAN.

John B Webster Capt. P. Artillery

BRO. JOHN WEBSTER, Sergeant in Procter's Artillery, later Quarter Master Sergeant, 4th Continental Artillery. Discharged as Captain Lieutenant, June, 1783.

*Robert Porter Lieut. Penn's^a
Reg^{mt} Artillery*





FLAG CARRIED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BRETHERN DURING THE REVOLUTION.

COURTESY OF BRO. A. B. ANDREWS, JR., RALEIGH, N. C.



CHAPTER XXVII.

LODGE NO. 20, A. Y. M., GRANTED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LINE.



THE third regimental Warrant issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was granted to the North Carolina contingent in the Continental Army. This Lodge was No. 20 on the Roster. Owing to the loss of all Minutes of the Grand Lodge prior to July 29, 1779, it is impossible to give the particulars under which it was granted, the names of the petitioners, or the date of the Warrant, which however, if not May 18, 1779, must have been on or prior to October 4, 1779.

The Minutes of the Grand Lodge of this date, upon which Pennsylvania Lodges, No. 21, then held in Lower Paxton, Lancaster County, now Perseverance Lodge held at Harrisburg, Dauphin County (that county having been formed out of Lancaster County) and No. 22 held at Sunbury, Northumberland County, were warranted, are also missing. A memorandum in the rough Minutes of the Grand Lodge states: "Leave room for Minutes of Oct. 4 in the hands of Cronin." Stephen

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Cronin was acting Grand Secretary and evidently never furnished the Minutes of this Communication. There is no mention whatever of this communication in the regular Minutes.

Lodge No. 20 is mentioned in several of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge as not having responded, nor is there any record that the North Carolina Brethren ever made any returns to the Grand Lodge; consequently the Warrant was finally vacated.

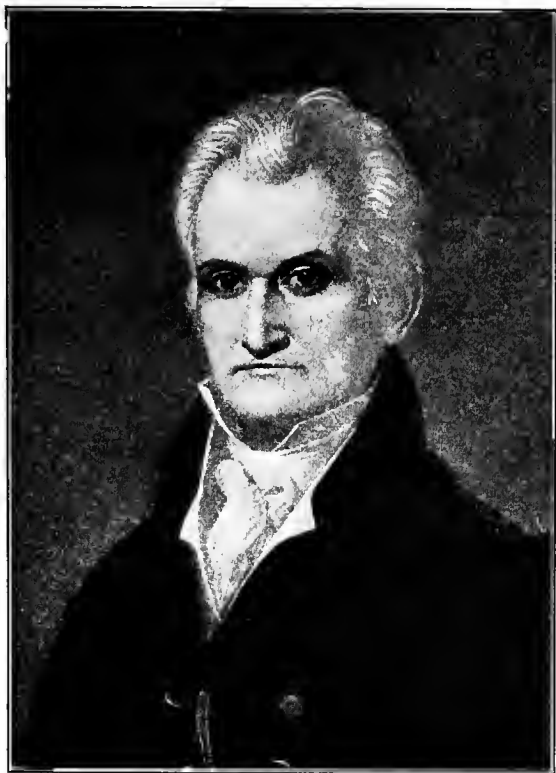
The question naturally arises how it happened that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was petitioned to issue a Warrant for the North Carolina Line in the Continental Army, as there was a Provincial Grand Lodge in their native State. This may be explained by the intimacy that existed between the members of the North Carolina brigade and the Pennsylvania troops in the Continental Army.

The North Carolina Continentals reached Washington's Camp at Middlebrook, in Somerset County, New Jersey, on the Raritan River, fifteen miles south of Morristown,¹ about the last of June, 1777, and were placed under the command of Maj. Gen. William Alexander (Lord Sterling). They took a prominent part in the Battle of Brandywine, and carried off the laurels at Germantown, October 4, 1777, where Maj. William Polk² was badly wounded, but recovered and afterwards (1799-1801) became Grand Master of North Carolina.

The North Carolina Line, greatly reduced by the casualties of war, shared the sufferings of the army in the huddled camp

¹ "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of North Carolina, 125th Annual Communication," Raleigh, 1912, pp. 76-78.

² Bro. William Polk, Major of 9th North Carolina Regiment, later served under Generals Richard, Caswell, Davidson, Pickens and Sumpter, and saw much active service. He was the father of Bishop Leonidas Polk, the Confederate General. Bro. Polk died January 14, 1834.



William Hall

B. MECKLENBURG CO., N. C., JULY 9, 1758.
D. RALEIGH, N. C., JANUARY 4, 1804.
GRAND MASTER OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1799-1801.

The North Carolina Line

at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78, and were subsequently present at Monmouth, and later at Stony Point, after which they were ordered, early in the year 1780, to join Gen. Lincoln at Charleston, South Carolina.

It appears that Freemasonry was strongly represented among the North Carolina troops while in the South. The same undoubtedly was the case when the brigade served in the vicinity of Philadelphia. The petition for this Warrant may have been presented at the same date as Col. Procter's and issued at the same time, or it may have been granted October 4, 1779, the date of the original Warrant of Lodge No. 21 as suggested above.

Bro. Marshall De Lancey Haywood, historian of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in his report, January, 1912, gives a full list of the soldiers of the Revolution who were members of the Fraternity, in which he recites the names and Masonic affiliations of no less than seventy-three Brethren.

How many of these were brought to true Masonic light under the Pennsylvania regimental Warrant No. 20, it is impossible to even surmise at the present day, owing to the loss or absence of all reports, Minutes or documents from the old regimental Lodge.

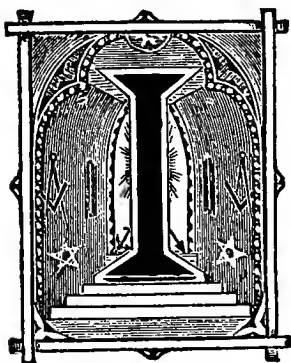
As the records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania show no report from this Lodge at all, all the members of that regimental Lodge must have gone south with the North Carolina troops, and hence were unable to make reports.

It is not improbable that the Warrant, papers and paraphernalia of Lodge No. 20, fell into the hands of the enemy at the capitulation of Charleston, May 12, 1780, meeting the same fate as those of the Brethren of the Delaware regimental Lodge No. 30, at the battle of Camden, August 16, 1780, there being a report to that effect.



CHAPTER XXVIII.

LODGE NO. 23, A. Y. M., HELD AT MIDDLETOWN,
MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.



It was not until the close of the year 1779 that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania fully recovered from the confusions brought about by the British occupation of Philadelphia, 1777-1778, and the subsequent military movements, and disquieting rumors relative to the opposing forces.

The loss of the former Minutes¹ and papers of this Grand Lodge, the attainting for treason of some of the prominent Brethren in Philadelphia, and the departure of others from the City with the British soldiery, June, 1778, all tended to unsettle the affairs of the Grand Lodge, which still nominally owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England.

However, towards the close of the eventful year 1779, political affairs had assumed such shape in this vicinity, that it

¹ Preface of earliest Minute Book of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of July 29, 1779. *Vide* Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Volume 1.

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was thought prudent to again open the Grand Lodge, and elect and install the proper officers. As has been already set forth, during the previous July a number of the Brethren assembled, and determined that steps should be taken to again hold regular Communications of the Grand Lodge for the government of the Craft. The first movement to that effect was to send out the following circular notice to every Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The W^pfull Master and Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge No. — are requested to meet the R. W. Grand Master at Philad^a., on the 20th. day of Dec^r., at which time he proposes to hold a General Communication of all the Lodges under the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania, agreeable to the late Resolve of a Grand Lodge held in this City to chuse Grand Officers for the ensuing year, in conformity to the ancient and laudable usage of the hon. fraternity of *free and accepted Masons*. At which time you are directed to produce your Warrant and Book of transactions and to pay all acknowledgments due from you to this Grand Lodge.—By order &c.

WM. SMITH, *G. Sec.*

December 20, 1779. “A Grand Lodge of Communication was opened in due form, with Prayer by the Grand Secretary, Rev. Bro. William Smith, D.D., and an Anthem by Bros. Matthew Whitehead and Jacob Diegel” of Lodge No. 4. At this memorable Communication, the following officers were present:

The Rt. W^pfull Wm Ball, Esqr. Grand Master in the Chair.

John Coats, Deputy Grand Master;
William Shute, Senior Grand Warden;
John Howard, Junior Grand Warden;
William Smith, Grand Secretary;
Stephen Cronin, Senior Grand Deacon;
Bernard, Junior Grand Deacon.

It was at this Communication that a petition was presented, signed by Isaiah Wool and five other Brethren from Monmouth County, New Jersey, praying for a Warrant for

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holding a new Lodge. This "being read, the petition was unanimously granted, and a Warrant ordered to be made out, when they shall have elected the proper officers."

This suggestion was promptly acted upon, and at the Grand Lodge of Emergency held December 29, 1779, "Agreeable to the Unanimous Resolution of this Grand Lodge, to grant a Warrant for a New Lodge, to be held at Middleton, in Monmouth County in New Jersey, Brother Wm. Bostwich,² the Master elect, received his Warrant, No. 23, and was accordingly installed Master, and saluted in proper form. He was instructed how to install Br. Isaiah Wool,³ S. Warden, and Br. John Motte,⁴ Jr. Warden, of said Lodge."

The location of this new Lodge was at Middleton (now Middletown), Monmouth County, one of the oldest settlements in the northeastern part of east New Jersey. Most of the early settlers were Baptists, and here in 1668 the first Baptist Church in New Jersey was built.

Lodge No. 23, it appears, never made any returns or reports to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, nor was the Lodge ever represented at any of the subsequent Communications. The only additional mention of Lodge 23 to be found in the Minutes of the Grand Lodge is in a report of the committee on the state of country Lodges, made October 16, 1809: "No. 23, Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Granted 29th December, 1779. Joined the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. No Returns."

² Bro. William Bostwich had been a First Lieutenant in the 3d New Jersey. He served until June 1, 1778.

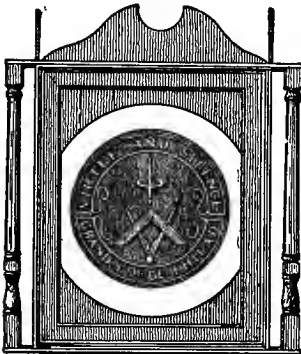
³ Bro. Isaiah Wool, a native of New York, Lieutenant in Col. Lamb's New York Artillery, Captain 2d Continental Artillery, resigned, August 21, 1780. He is said to have been made a Mason in Procter's Lodge, No. 19.

⁴ Bro. John Mott, First Lieutenant 3d New Jersey, later Captain, retired January 1, 1781, served also as Captain New Jersey Militia. Died May 31, 1831.



CHAPTER XXIX.

LODGE NO. 24, A. Y. M., HELD IN THE TOWN OF
READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



AT a Grand Lodge of Emergency, held January 26, 1780, a petition was received from a number of Brethren of the town of Reading, and County of Berks, praying a Warrant for erecting and holding a new Lodge for the said town and a convenient distance round the same.

Reading, on the left bank of the Schuylkill River, about 53 miles from Philadelphia, was laid out in 1748 by the agents of Thomas and Richard Penn, and became the county seat of Berks County, which was formed from Philadelphia, Chester and Lancaster Counties, March 11, 1752. The county was principally settled by Germans. In the town of Reading, however, at the time of petitioning for this Warrant, there was quite a sprinkling of the Quaker element, together with a number of Scotch Royalists, who had been captured and subdued in North Carolina. In addition to the above, Reading, during the Revolution, was a favorite place of resort for Philadelphians who wished to get away from the stormy

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political atmosphere of Philadelphia, and at the same time be out of the reach of any British marauding parties.

The petition signed by seven Brethren in Reading was presented to the Grand Lodge at a Grand Lodge of Emergency held January 26, 1780, as follows:

“READING 10th Jan^r. 1780

“*To the Right Worshipfull Grand Master of the antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free & accepted Masons in the state of Pennsylvania—*

“The Humble Petition¹ of the Brethren of the antient Society residing in the Town of Reading Humbley Sheweth

“That we the subscribers having the good of the Fraternity at Heart, and labouring under many inconveniences on account of our distance from Philadelphia, most humbly desire your Warrent to constitute and hold a Lodge according to antient form in this Town of Reading to extend the Noble Arts to strengthen its pillars, and support the Royal Order, and we beg leave to recommend our worthy B^r. Jonathⁿ Potts Master, B^r Geo: Nagel, Senior and B^r. James Diemer Jun^r. Wardens; your complying with this our humble petition and ardent request will ever be esteemed as a singular act of Brotherly Friendship and Love, by your most sincere Brethren and most obedient humble Servants

“J. W. BATTEN A: M^R²

“DONALD M LEOD A: M^R³

“CH: SOBBE

“JA. DIEMER A: M^R

“THO^S WHITE A: M^R⁴

“GEO: NAGEL A: M.⁵

“JON^N POTTS.”⁶

¹ MSS., Vol. No. 164, folio 40.

² Bro. John William Batten was a Sergeant in the British Artillery, and a member of one of the Military Lodges in the British army. He was captured by the Americans and sent as a prisoner of war to Philadelphia, in the fall of the year 1779, where he was imprisoned in the old Walnut Street prison. September 14, 1779, he presented a petition to Lodge No. 2, praying that the Brethren of this Lodge would endeavor to get him his parole, and thus release him from durance. This petition was read and put to vote, when it was, by a majority, agreed that the interest of Lodge No. 2 should be exerted in favor of the above petitioner to get him his parole. (*Vide* “Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-

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After the petition from Reading was read, "the ballot was put whether the Petition from Reading be granted, the same was unanimously agreed to, and it was order'd that a Warrant be made out for constituting a New Lodge at Reading to be number'd 24.

"Brother Jonathan Potts, the proposed Master of the new Lodge, No. 24, being introduced and found duly qualified,

1907," Vol. I, p. 353.) This effort proved successful. Bro. Batten was released from gaol, upon his parole, and sent into the interior at Reading. Less than four months later, we find Bro. Batten's name heading a petition to erect an altar of Freemasonry in that interior town on the Schuylkill River.

*Bro. Donald McLeod, one of the Scotch Royalists from North Carolina.

*Bro. Thomas White had been First Lieutenant of Montgomery's Pennsylvania Battalion of the Flying Camp. He was taken prisoner at Fort Washington, November 16, 1776, and exchanged in 1778, and did not rejoin the army.

*Bro. George Nagel, named in the Warrant of Lodge No. 24, as Senior Warden, a member of Lodge No. 3 in Philadelphia, had served in the Continental army from June 25, 1775, when he was commissioned Captain in Thompson's Pennsylvania Rifle Battalion until July 1, 1778, when he retired as Colonel of the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment. His Masonic certificate, as member of Lodge No. 3, A. Y. M., dated April 18, 1777, is in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

*Bro. Jonathan Potts, named in the Warrant of Lodge No. 24 as Worshipful Master of the new Lodge to be erected in the borough of Reading, was one of the chief Surgeons in the Continental Army. He was with the troops on the Canadian Expedition in 1776, and during the following year was appointed Deputy Director-General of Hospital of the Northern Department. By act of Congress, November 6, 1778, it was resolved, "that the unremitted attention shown by Dr. Potts, of the General Hospital in the Northern Department, as represented in Gen. Gates's letter to Congress of the twentieth of October, to the sick and wounded under his care, is a proof not only of his humanity, but of the zeal for the service of the United States, so deeply interested in the preservation of the health and lives of the gallant asserters of their country's cause, and that Congress therefore can not but entertain a high sense of Dr. Potts's services, which he has rendered during this campaign, by the diligent discharge of his respective functions. January 22, 1778, Bro. Potts was transferred to the Middle Department, wherein he served with honor until October 6, 1780, when he retired from the service. During

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was regularly installed as Master of the said new Lodge, to be held in the Town of Reading, and five Miles round the same, and the Grand Secretary is Order'd to prepare a Warrant accordingly."''

The Warrant for No. 24 was duly made out, signed and sealed:

"NOW KNOW YE that We, William Ball, Grand Master, John Coats Deputy Grand Master, Alexander Rutherford Senior Grand Warden, and Jacob Samuel Howel Junior Grand Warden present and legal Successors to the above named Provincial Grand Officers, as by the Grand Lodge Books, Reference being to them had may appear, by Virtue of the power to us granted by the above in part recited Warrant, do hereby authorise and impower our trusty and well beloved Brethren Jonathan Potts Esquire Master, George Nagel Esquire Senior Warden, and James Diemer Esquire Junior Warden of a New Lodge, Numb. Twenty-four to be held in the town of Reading in the State of Pennsylvania, or anywhere within five Miles of the said Town.—And We do further authorise and impower our said trusty and well-beloved Brethren Jonathan Potts, George Nagel, and James Diemer Esquires to admit and make free Masons, according to the most ancient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known World, and not contrarywise. And We do further impower and appoint the said Jonathan Potts, George Nagel and James Diemer and their Successors to hear and determine all and singular, Matters and Things relating to the Craft, within the Jurisdiction of the said Lodge Number Twenty-four. And lastly, We do hereby authorise and impower our said trusty and well beloved Brethren Jonathan Potts, George Nagel and James Diemer to nominate, chuse and install their Successors to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with all the powers and Dignities as Free Masons, and such Successors shall in

a part of this time the second story of the Freemason's Lodge in Lodge Alley was occupied by the Medical Department of the Army, and was under the direction of Bro. Jonathan Potts. (*Vide* "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, p. 384.)

Bro. Potts died in October, 1781, at the early age of thirty-six, at his home in Reading, and was buried in the family grave yard at Pottstown, but without a stone to mark his grave.

' MSS., Vol. 164, p. 39. Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 21.

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like manner nominate chuse and install their Successors &c. &c. &c. Such Installation to be upon, or near St John the Evangelist's Day, during the Continuance of this Lodge forever. Provided always that the said above named Brethren, and their Successors pay due Respect to the Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge from whom they have their Authority, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or Virtue. Given under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia this fifteenth Day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty and of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty.*

“WILLIAM SMITH *Grand Sec*”

“JN^o WOOD *G. Treasurer*”

Nothing is known as to the proceedings of Lodge No. 24. From a Minute of the Grand Lodge, November 22, 1781, it appears that the Warrant Master, Bro. Jonathan Potts, had died during the year, and the Warrant was in the possession of his executors. It was thereupon resolved, that Bro. George Nagel, the Senior Warden of No. 24, at Reading, procure the Warrant, and after calling the members together, that they elect officers for the ensuing year, and attend the next Communication to be installed.

It does not appear that any action was taken by the Brethren of No. 24 upon this resolution of the Grand Lodge. As the Lodge was not represented after the above date and no returns were ever made, it is surmised that the Brethren could not maintain their organization, and surrendered their Warrant, which is now in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

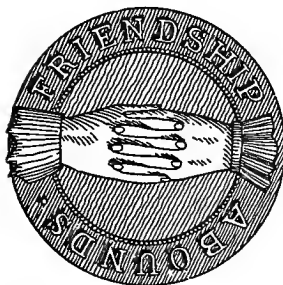
* Original Warrant in Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.





CHAPTER XXX.

LODGE NO. 26, A. Y. M., HELD AT CARLISLE,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



THE first petition for a Warrant for a Lodge to be held west of the Susquehanna, was presented at a Grand Lodge of Emergency, held January 7, 1780, viz.:

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL WM BALL GRAND MASTER, the Worshipfull John Howard Sen^r Grand Warden, the Worshipfull John Wood Jun^r Grand Warden, and the Rest of the Officers of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia—

“The Petition of divers brethren in the town of Carlisle in the County of Cumberland

“Respectfully sheweth

“That your Petitioners have been each of them made under the sanction of a just & lawful Warrant and are solicitous of working in their Craft and promoting the benefits of it to Others, but they find they have no Authority so to do, unless by soliciting the Right Worshipfull The Grand Lodge for a Warrant for that purpose, and they flatter themselves, that upon brotherly Masonic principles they shall be indulged in their request: that they conceive Masonry to be Universal in its Nature and extent, and they do therefore most earnestly pray that a Warrant may be granted them in the Usual form to exercise the duties of the Craft in the said town of Carlisle and County of Cumberland; and do beg leave to recommend Brother

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George Noarth Esq. as their Master: Brother Mathew Atkinson as their Senior Warden and Brother Charles Jenkins as their Junior Warden, Most Respectfully assuring the Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge that they shall ever Esteem it their Duty: as it is their inclination, to conform themselves to the Orders, injunctions and Rules of the Grand Lodge, from which they shall derive their Origin.

“Signed at Carlisle the 5th Nov^r 1779, by the brethren following, viz:—

“MOSES FAREYS
“JOHN HUNTER
“PERCIVAL KEAN
“JOHN PEDDON
“G. NOARTH (by request)
“MATHEW ATKINSON (by request)
“CHAS^S LUKINS (by request)¹
“ARCHI^D CAMPBELL²
“GEORGE BROWN
“HUGH ALEXANDER.”

The petition is endorsed on the back:

“Petition from Carlisle, Warrant ordered Nov 5, 1779.

“No Twenty six, to be held in the County of Cumberland, State of Pennsylvania or any where within ——— miles of said town.”³

After the reading of the petition it was ordered to lie over for the determination of the next Grand Lodge, which met a week hence, January 13, 1780, when the petition for a new Lodge in the County of Cumberland came “again under consideration, and the Grand Secretary is directed to acquaint the proposed Officers, that on their personal application, or the personal application of the Master elect, and satisfying the Grand Lodge of all necessary requisites a Warrant will be granted according to the Pray’r of the Petition.”

¹Bro. Charles Lukens, Major and Commissary of Military Stores, also Major of Flower’s Artillery Artificer Regiment, retired from service at his own request, August 30, 1780.

²Bro. Archibald Campbell, formerly Lieutenant in the 6th Pennsylvania Infantry. Died, 1788.

³MSS., Vol. F, paquet 88, folios 39–40.

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These conditions being complied with, the Warrant was granted, it appears, March 19, 1780, and the Lodge was represented by the Warrant Master, Bro. George Noarth, in the Grand Lodge on June 24, July 27 and on September 25, 1780.

Carlisle, where the new Lodge was to be located, was an ancient borough in the midst of Cumberland County, known for its wide streets and spacious public square in the center, which was crossed by the main road from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and the road to Baltimore.

During the Revolution, Carlisle was made a place of rendezvous for the American troops, and in consequence of being located at a distance from the theater of war, British prisoners were also sent hither for secure confinement.

At the Grand Communication, September 25, 1780, the question was raised "whether Br^o Noarth as Master-elect of No. 26, never yet having attended at Carlisle to open his new Lodge or instal any of the officers, was entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge, it was Ordered, as Six Months have not yet expired since the date of his Warrant, that he write to his Wardens at Carlisle to attend the Grand Lodge in due time, in order to be installed, that the Lodge may be open'd in due form without Loss of time."

Bro. Noarth, acting upon this suggestion wrote the following letter to the Brethren named as Wardens in the Warrant.

"PHILAD^A October 10th 1780

"*Esteemed Sirs:*

"You may recollect that during the last Winter we unitedly signed a petition to the grand Lodge for a Warrant to empower us to make Masons in the town of Carlisle and its vicinity. Our views in such a proceedure were laudable and calculated to check the growth of Clandestine Masonry which was making a rapid progress there. You were pleased to honor me with your good opinion so far as to put me in nomination for Master, and the brethren present shewed a similar

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degree of confidence in naming you to the other offices. If I rightly recollect we each subscribed Seventy Dollars for the purpose proposed, which was lodged in the hands of Brother Hunter and for which I took his receipt; and altho my Letter to the Rec^d. Grand Secretary enclosing the petition did not reach him so early as I wished and expected, the right Worshipful Body to whom it was addressed were pleased to approve of your motives & choice, and upon my personal application directed that the Warrant should issue which was accordingly done. Since that time until the present it has lain in the secretary's hands ready for delivery, but as a number of months have elapsed since the time of their indulgence and no business been done they have called upon me to know cause of it. I have assigned them the genuine reasons and they have directed me to write to the brotherhood upon the Occasion.

“ A variety of causes have prevented me from attending at Carlisle during the summer and fall, least the same causes should continue to the detriment of the Craft, and frustrate the motives that led to the petition, I must earnestly request & direct that you would call the brethren together and fall on some expeditious mode of sending down for the Warrant as well as of attending for the purposes of Installation. The fees are, by a regulation of the Grand Lodge, six Hund^d Dollars, and I herewith enclose an order on the Treasurer for that sum for the purpose. I expect to be in your Town some time in the next month, but should anything intervene to prevent it, I beg you will lay the Letter before the brethren and require their assistance which I am sure will be complied with. The money when sent may be directed to the Rev^d Dr. W^m. Smith or Mr Alexander Rutherford Dep. G^d. M^r.

“ I feel a peculiar pleasure in assuring you of the expectation I have of its tending to the prevention of Clandestine Masonry in your Country, as every B^r. must know that those men are detrimental to the original charitable purposes of the Craft.

“ I am with the purest affection

“ Esteemed Brothers

“ Your obedient Hble Serv^t

“ G. NOARTH.”

“ To

“ Mathew Atkinson & }
“ Charles Lukens Esq^{rs} }

A copy of this letter was presented to the Grand Lodge,

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October 16, 1780, when upon "further consideration of the Warrant granted to B^r. Noarth, as Master of No. 26 at Carlile, it is ordered that he be allowed till next Quarterly Communication to pay the fees on the Warrant and to have the Officers regularly installed, and the Lodge open'd in due form, and if these requisites are not complied with the Warrant to be forfeited."

As no action appears to have been taken upon the letter sent by Bro. Noarth to the Brethren of Lodge No. 26, beyond the Susquehanna, the Lodge was presumably never properly constituted, and the Warrant was forfeited.



VIGNETTE FROM CERTIFICATE OF GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the W. Worshippfull Wm Ballier
Grand Master & the brethren of the G. Lodge
of Pent. —

The humble petition of —
number of Brethren belonging to the
Maryland Troops —

Sheweth that your pet^r being
anxious to increase the royal art
but ~~being~~ not having it in our power
to meet together without proper authority
and as we are now on our way to S^c Carolina
humbly request a warrant to ~~enable us~~
~~to perform our duty as Brethren~~ for that
purpose which if granted care shall
be taken to pay all respect & debts to this
Grand Lodge by your pet^r &c

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Petition of Mary
Lund Line -

~~Mordecai Green Esq.
Asst. Andrew S W
and Brauff - S W
Mordecai Gist Esq.
H. Williams - S W
Anderson - S W~~

New Lodge erected

Mordecai Gist Master
to Holland Williams S W
Richard Anderson - S W

Went off to refreshment - Lodge opened again
with Mordecai Gist the new constituted Master
was installed in due form - Lodge closed
Harmony at 10 o'clock



CHAPTER XXXI.

LODGE NO. 27, A. Y. M., A REGIMENTAL LODGE IN THE MARYLAND LINE.



AT a Grand Lodge of Emergency, opened in due form, April 4, 1780, the following petition presented by Bro. Arch^d Anderson “and a number of Brethren of the Maryland Line was read, praying a Warrant to hold a new Lodge.”

“TO THE R. WORSHIPFULL WM. BALL, Esq., GRAND MASTER & THE BRETHREN OF THE G. LODGE OF PEN.¹”

“The humble petition of a number of Brethren belonging to the Maryland Troops

“Sheweth that your peti^r. being anxious to increase the royal art, but not having it in our power to meet together without proper authority, and as we are now on our way to So. Carolina humbly request a Warrant for that purpose, which if granted care shall be taken to pay all respect & dues to this Grand Lodge. & your pet^r. &c.”

This petition was signed by :

M. GIST
ARCH^D. ANDERSON
JOHN DAVIDSON
JOHN STEWART

JOHN HAMILTON
JOHN LYNCH
OTHO H. WILLIAMS

¹ MSS., Vol. O, paquet 89, folio 38.

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The rough draft of this Petition, which is reproduced in fac-simile, further states:—

“If a Warrant should be granted the following Brethren are appointed officers

“Brigadier General MORDECAI GIST,² *Master*.

“Col. OTHO HOLLAND WILLIAMS,³ *Senior Warden*.

“Major ARCHIBALD ANDERSON,⁴ *Junior Warden*.”

“The Lodge to be numbered Twenty-Seven, to be held as a Military Lodge for the Benefit of the Brethren of the Maryland Line, without interfering with the Rights of any fix'd or stated Lodges, where the said Brethren may happen to be quartered. The Ballot being put it was unanimously carried in the affirmative.

“The Lodge then call'd to refreshment, after which the Lodge opened again when B^r Mordecai Gist, the new constituted Master of N^o. 27, was installed in form.”

The only original matter in our possession relating to Lodge

² Bro. Mordecai Gist, born in Baltimore, Md., in 1743, died in Charleston, S. C., in 1792. Brigadier-General Continental Army, January 9, 1779. By the Act of October 14, 1780, it was “Resolved, that the thanks of Congress be given to Brigadier-Generals Smallwood and Gist and to the officers and soldiers in the Maryland and Delaware Lines, the different corps of Artillery, Colonel Porterfield's and Major Armstrong's corps of Light Infantry and Colonel Armand's Cavalry, for their bravery and good conduct displayed in the action of the 16th of August last, near Camden, in the State of South Carolina.” Bro. Gist served until the close of the war.

³ Bro. Otho Holland Williams, born in Prince George County, Md., March, 1749, died about 1800; he enlisted in 1775, wounded and was taken prisoner at capture of Fort Washington, November 16, 1776. During his captivity he was promoted to Colonel of 6th Maryland, and to be Brigadier-General, Continental Army, May 9, 1782. Retired January 16, 1783. Died July 16, 1794.

⁴ Bro. Archibald Anderson, 2d Lieutenant of Hindman's Independent Maryland Company, January 14, 1776; 1st Lieutenant, September, 1776, Captain of 2d Maryland, December 10, 1776; Major 3d Maryland, June 10, 1777; Brigade Major Maryland Brigade, June 16, 1778; killed at Guilford, North Carolina, March 15, 1781.



M. Gist.

GENERAL MORDECAI GIST.

B. BALTIMORE, MD., 1743. D. CHARLESTON, S. C., 1792.



O. H. Williams.

GENERAL OTHO HOLLAND WILLIAMS.

B. PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, MD., MARCH, 1749. D. ABOUT 1800.

Freemasonry in Maryland

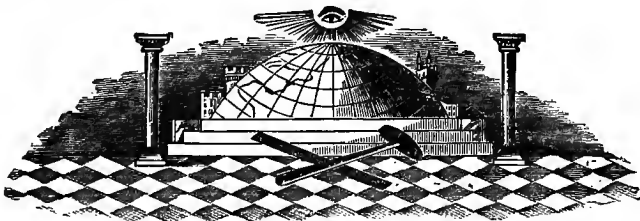
No. 27, granted for the Maryland Line, is the application or petition to the Grand Lodge for a regimental Warrant. A facsimile of this revolutionary relic is appended.

This Warrant was applied for on the eve of the departure of the troops to take part in the campaign against the British in the Southern States, and offers a good illustration of how some of the regimental Warrants were used after the independence of the Colonies was assured.

Bro. Schultz, in his "Freemasonry in Maryland," says: "It would be interesting to know who of the old Maryland Line were connected with this Lodge, but the records have been lost or misplaced, and it is perhaps impossible ever to ascertain. Many years ago I was informed by old Masons that Gen. Wm. Smallwood and Col. John Eager Howard were Masons; if so, in all probability, they were made in one of the Army Lodges, as their names are not found upon the records of the local Lodges in this State."⁴

From a letter subsequently sent to the Grand Lodge we learn that this Warrant, papers, etc., of Lodge No. 27, were captured by the British at the battle of Camden, August 16, 1780, and not recovered by Gen. Gist until after the evacuation of Charleston, December 14, 1782. What finally became of the old regimental Warrant is told in the following chapter.

⁴ Cf. Schultz, "History of Freemasonry in Maryland," Vol. I, p. 67. Cf. Note 3^a, p. 80.





CHAPTER XXXII.

LODGE NO. 27, A. Y. M., HELD AT CHARLESTON,
SOUTH CAROLINA.



BROTHER GIST after the evacuation of Charleston, December 14, 1782, recovered the Warrant, of the regimental Lodge No. 27, which the British had captured at the Battle of Camden, August 16, 1780. At the close of the War, Bro. Gist settled in South Carolina, retaining his old Military Warrant, as is shown by the following letters sent to Philadelphia, and read before the Grand Lodge, September 28, 1786, viz. :—

“ CHARLESTON 20 May 1786

“ *Sir*

“ This letter will be accompanied with an address from several respectable members of the Antient Craft, now residing in Charleston; which together with a copy of their proceedings under a Military Warrant granted me by your Right Worshipful Lodge will be laid before you.

“ The address having sufficiently explained the motives of our meeting I have only to account for my conduct in not corresponding with the Lodge before this; in which it will be necessary to go into a short detail of circumstances.

Freemasonry in Charleston, South Carolina

“ If you will be pleased to refer to the Books of the Grand Lodge you will find the Warrant granted some time in April 1780 when the Maryland Division were on their march to the Southward. The hardships of the march, and the difficulties we had to encounter left little time for Masonick improvement, and on the 16 Aug^t following the General Action near Camden, deprived me of all my Baggage, papers &c. and the Warrant has only been recovered since the evacuation of Charleston.

“ These reasons I conceive will be deem'd sufficient to clear me from any imputation of disrespect to your Right Worshipful Lodge, and place our address upon proper ground. I flatter myself that as the customary fees for the Warrant No. 27 were duly paid, and the Warrant never since recalled that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will confirm our right of working under it in Charleston, but if they should be disposed to grant a new warrant in preference, that they will judge it equitable to dispense with any additional charge, but if this is inadmissable thé Secretary will be pleased to forward an amount of the fees, which shall be remitted immediately

“ I have the Honor to be

“ Wth Respect & Esteem

“ The Right Worshipful

“ Y^r M^o Ohd^t Sev^t.

“ W^M ADCOCK Esq^r

“ M. GIST.”

Grand Master.”

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES.¹

“ AT A MEETING of ancient York Master Masons known to each other & approved as such (settled and residing in South Carolina but not belonging at the time to any standing Lodge in that State) at M^r M^cCrady's Tavern in Charleston on Saturday March 18th 1786

“ Present :

“ Bro. Mordecai Gist in the Chair

“ Ephraim Mitchell ²

“ James Mitchell ³

“ Richard Brooke Roberts ⁴

¹ MSS., Vol. O, paquet 89, folio 37.

² Bro. Ephraim Mitchell, Major, South Carolina Artillery, taken prisoner at Charleston, May 12, 1780.

³ Bro. James Mitchell, Captain South Carolina Artillery, wounded at Stone Ferry, South Carolina, June 20, 1779.

⁴ Bro. Richard Brooke Roberts, Captain, South Carolina State Artillery,

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Bro. William Graham
" William Valentine
" Edward M^cCrady
" Thomas B. Bowen⁶
" Alex. Fraser Jun^r⁶

" On Motion

" *Resolved* That the Brethren who constitute this Meeting do agree to form a Lodge of ancient York Masons & that they now proceed to appoint Officers for the same.

" The meeting proceeded to ballot for a Master and Wardens when Brother Gen^l Gist was chosen Master

" Brother T. B. Bowen S. W. Brother E. Mitchell J. W.

" Brother W. Graham Treas. Brother A. Fraser Sec^y.

" Brother Gist having laid before the Members of this Meeting a Military Warrant Number 27 granted him by the Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania requested their opinion upon the propriety of congregating under that Warrant until the Opinion of the Right Worshipfull Lodge aforesaid can be obtained on the Subject. On Motion Resolved that the Worshipfull Master Wardens Treasurer & Secretary or any three of them be & are hereby appointed a Committee to frame a letter to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania upon this business & request their Answer may be transmitted as early as possible

" Ordered That the Committee report on Monday Week. The Meeting adjourned to Monday the 27th Inst. 7 o'Clock P. M.

" A true Extract

" T. B. BOWEN."

This was evidently followed by another address, dated August 1, 1786, which was sent in duplicate. Both copies are in the Archives of the Grand Lodge,⁷ viz. :

1779; Aide-de-Camp to Gen. Lincoln in 1782; Captain, U. S. Infantry, March 4, 1791; Major, 3d Sub-Legion, 1793, 4th Infantry, 1796. Died January 19, 1797.

⁶ Bro. Thomas Bartholomew Bowen, Captain, 5th Pennsylvania. Retired January 1, 1781, and settled in South Carolina.

⁶ Bro. Alexander Fraser, 1st Lieutenant, 1st South Carolina, taken prisoner at Charleston, May 12, 1780.

⁷ MSS., Vol. O, paquet 89, folio 40.

Lodge No. 27, A. F. M., at Charleston

“ CHARLESTON, August 1st 1786.

“ To the Right Worshipful William Adcock Esquire Grand Master of Masons; The Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Others the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania: ”

“ The Subscribers Ancient York Masons in the Third Degree, known to each other and approved as True and faithful Brothers of the ancient Craft; Beg leave, with due respect,

“ Humbly to Represent,

“ That we, being settled & residing in Charleston, South Carolina, and not members of any particular Lodge therein; and being anxious to extend the benign influence of Masonry, by forming & establishing a Lodge regular in itself and respectable in its Members; have congregated together under a Warrant granted from your Right Worshipful Body to our Worshipful Brother B. G. Mordecai Gist, as Master, and others therein named; numbered Twenty-six and bearing date the fourth day of April in the year of Masonry 5780: which, by reference to your Books, will fully appear.

“ That having proceeded to the choice of Officers, We have re-elected Brother Mordecai Gist, Master; and have also elected Brother Thomas B. Bowen Senior Warden; Brother Ephraim Mitchel, junior Warden; Brother William Graham, Treasurer; and Brother Alexander Fraser, jun^r, Secretary:

“ That, willing to obviate every doubt of the legality of a Lodge so formed under a Military Warrant, we have determined to proceed no further for the present and to defer the consecration thereof, and the instalment of our said Officers, untill we are honor'd with your answer on the subject.

“ We therefore Pray that you, our Right Worshipful Brethren, in your Wisdom, and to the discouragement of the modern Scism which has too generally obtained footing in this State, Will be pleased to grant us a confirmation of the above recited Warrant; or such other Authority as you may deem sufficient to enable us to work the Works of Masonry according to the ancient Rites and Usages of the True Craft; in support of which our fervency, constancy and zeal may be depended on, as well as our obedience to the Grand Lodge.

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“ We intreat your immediate answer; and are with great deference, brotherly love, and masonic attachment

“ Right Worshipful

“ Your affectionate Brethern
and Humble Servants

“ M. GIST

“ T. B. BOWEN

“ EPHRAIM MITCHELL

“ WILLIAM GRAHAM

“ ALEX FRASER, JUN^r

“ EDWARD M^cCRADY

“ J. MITCHELL

“ JⁿO. M. DAVIS

“ ENOS REEVES^a

“ RICH^d. B. ROBERTS ”

“ We the Subscribers Masters & Pass Masters of Lodges viz.: Lodge Number 190 under the Register of Great Britain Lodge No. 38 & Lodge No. 40 under the Register of Pennsylvania Do hereby Certify that Brothers Mordecai Gist Thomas B. Bowen Ephraim Mitchell William Graham & Alexander Fraser are known & approved to us Master Masons in the ancient Craft of good Report & worthy of the Appointment of Officers in a Lodge of ancient York Masons.

“ EDWARD WEYMAN P. M. Lodge 38. PT^R. SMITH W. M. L. No. 190

“ A. ALEXANDER W. M. L. No 38

“ JERVIS HENRY STEVENS W. M. Lodge No. 40.^b

These letters were read at the first Communication of the Independent Grand Lodge, September 28, 1786, when it was ordered that the said request of the Brethren in Charleston be granted, and the Secretary desired to make the Warrant out in the name of Mordecai Gist, Master, Thomas B. Bowen, Senior Warden, Ephraim Mitchell, Junior Warden.

This Warrant evidently bore the same number as the old Military Warrant of the Maryland Line, No. 27.

^a Bro. Enos Reeves, First Lieutenant, 2nd Pennsylvania. Served to November, 1783, and settled in Charleston, S. C.

^b MSS., Vol. O, paquet 89, folio 40.

Bro. Gist's Charleston Lodge

Nothing appears to be known of the history of this Lodge. It was evidently formed for the express purpose of making a fifth Lodge of "Ancients" in South Carolina, so that an "Ancient" Grand Lodge could be legally formed in that State, in opposition to the irregular (?) Grand Lodge of "Moderns," then claiming jurisdiction in South Carolina—an act which was consummated almost immediately upon receipt of the Pennsylvania Warrant, No. 27.

No mention of this is made by Dr. Albert G. Mackey in his "History of Freemasonry in South Carolina." Bro. Gist and the Brethren of his Lodge, however, became active factors in the formation of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancients, in 1787, in which Bro. Gist became the first Deputy Grand Master, serving in that office, 1787-88-89. In 1790, he was elected Grand Master, and held the office for two years, when he was succeeded by Bro. Major Thomas B. Bowen, who had been his Senior Warden under his reissued Pennsylvania Warrant No. 27.

No reports of Lodge No. 27 at Charleston were ever made to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as the Lodge almost immediately after the Warrant was issued joined the new independent Grand Lodge of South Carolina. As a matter of fact, this Grand Lodge was formed by the five Lodges which owed their fealty to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as will appear in the history of Lodges 38, 40 and 47.

The only further notice of Bro. Gist's Charleston Lodge in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is contained in the report of the committee on "the State of Country Lodges," made to the Grand Lodge, October 16, 1809, where we find the following note:

"No. 27, Charleston, South Carolina, not known when granted. Joined the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. No Returns."

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It was while Bro. General Gist was Grand Master, in 1791, that Washington visited, as President, the Southern States—where he had never been—that he might make himself personally acquainted with his fellow citizens residing in that portion of the country.

On his arrival in South Carolina, President Washington was addressed by the Grand Lodge, A. Y. M., of South Carolina in the following language:¹⁰

“**SIR:** Induced by respect for your public and private character, as well as the relation in which you stand with the Brethren of this Society, we, the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, beg leave to offer our sincere congratulations on your arrival in this State.

“We felicitate you on the establishment and exercise of a permanent Government, whose foundation was laid, under your auspices, by military achievements, upon which have been progressively reared the pillars of the Free Republic over which you preside, supported by wisdom, strength and beauty, unrivalled among the nations of the world.

“The fabric thus raised and committed to your superintendence we earnestly wish may continue to produce order and harmony, to succeeding ages, and be the asylum of virtue to the oppressed of all parts of the universe.

“When we contemplate the distress of war, the instances of humanity displayed by the Craft afford some relief to the feeling mind: and it gives us the most pleasing sensation to recollect that, amidst the difficulties attendant on your late military stations, you still associated with and patronized the Ancient Fraternity.

“Distinguished always by your virtues more than the exalted stations in which you have moved, we exult in the opportunity you now give us in hailing you, Brother of our Order, and trust from your knowledge of our institution, to merit your countenance and support.

“With fervid zeal for your happiness, we pray that a life so dear to the bosom of this Society, and to society in general, may be long, very long preserved; and, when you leave the temporal symbolie

¹⁰ *Vide* Mackey, “History of Freemasonry in South Carolina,” pp. 80–81.

Washington's Reply

Lodge of this world, may you be received into the Celestial Lodge of light and perfection, where the Grand Master Architect of the universe presides.

“Done in behalf of Grand Lodge.

“*Charleston, 2d May 1791.*

“M. GIST, G. M.”

To this address, Washington made the following reply:

“TO THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ANCIENT YORK MASONS:

“*Gentlemen:* I am much obliged by the respect which you are so good as to declare for my public and private character. I recognize, with pleasure, my relation to the Brethren of your Society; and I accept with gratitude, your congratulations on my arrival in South Carolina.

“Your sentiments on the establishment and exercise of our equal Government are worthy of an association *whose principles lead to purity of morals, and are beneficial of action.*

“The fabric of our freedom is placed on the enduring basis of public virtue, and will, I fondly hope, long continue to protect the prosperity of the architects who raised it.

“*I shall be happy on every occasion to evince my regard for the Fraternity.* For your prosperity individually, I offer my best wishes.

“GEO. WASHINGTON.”

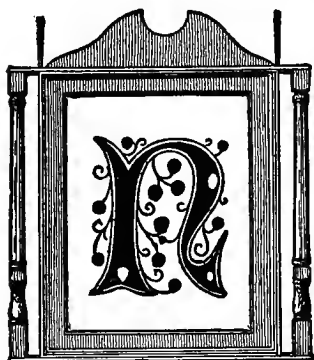
This was the last official act of Bro. Gist, of which we have any record. He died in the following year, July 9, 1792.





CHAPTER XXXIII.

LODGE NO. 28, A. Y. M., A REGIMENTAL WARRANT FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA LINE.



NOTHING is known of the regimental Warrant noted in the list as number 28, and granted to the Brethren in the Pennsylvania Line, except the short mention of the Lodge in the report of the "Committee appointed to enquire and Report what Lodges under the Jurisdiction of Your R. W. Grand Lodge have heretofore been Constituted, when they were so Constituted and their respective places of Meeting, which of the said Lodges have been otherwise Vacated or become extinct, and which of them remain in full standing, the Amount, (so far as it is practicable to be ascertained,) of the Dues owing by each Lodge when they have severally last communicated with the Grand Lodge and generally into the Circumstances and situation of all the Lodges out of the City of Philadelphia. Respectfully Report as follows, to wit: . . . That Lodge No. 28, Pennsylvania Line. Not known when granted. Vacated. No Returns."¹

¹ *Vide* Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. II, p. 416.

Rebolt of the Pennsylvania Line

The Warrant No. 28 upon the Registry of Pennsylvania, was granted to Brethren in the "Pennsylvania Line," a body of troops composed of several Pennsylvania regiments in the Continental army. At the time when both Warrants No. 28 and 29 were granted, there was considerable dissatisfaction among these troops, on account of being detained in the service, after their terms of enlistment had ceased, and they were unwilling to submit for a longer period to the usual privations of poor and uncertain pay, scanty food of bad quality, and wretchedly inadequate camp equipage and clothing. This condition culminated in a serious revolt, or mutiny, of a part of the Pennsylvania Line, at their camp at Morristown, New Jersey. On the night of January 1, 1781, they broke out in open revolt, and during the disturbance one of their officers was killed and another wounded. Under the leadership of their non-commissioned officers, they commenced a disorderly march for Philadelphia, but at Princeton were met by officers of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania; and, after a conference with the soldiers, a compromise was effected.

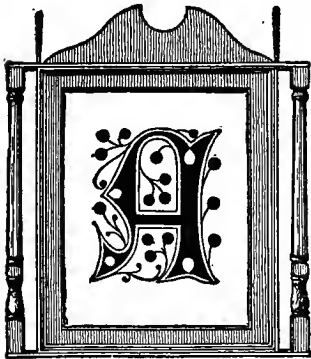
This act, however, resulted in a reorganization of the Pennsylvania Line, the retirement and shifting of some of the officers, and undoubtedly acted adversely upon the Brethren who held Warrant No. 28 and expected to introduce the beneficence of Freemasonry in their battalions wherever located.

Then again it may be that the Brethren holding this Warrant may have been ordered South early in the year 1781, and that their experience may have been the same as that of their Brethren in the Maryland, North Carolina or Delaware Lines, who lost their Warrants at the battles of Camden, Guilford Courthouse, Cowpens or Eutaw.



CHAPTER XXXIV.

PENNSYLVANIA-UNION LODGE, NO. 29, A. Y. M., IN THE PENNSYLVANIA LINE.



N almost absolute lack of documentary records confronts the investigator, who seeks information about the various regimental Masonic Lodges, in the armies of the Colonies during the Revolution.

This is due to several causes. The regiments, or battalions, to which they were attached, being in the field, were often divided, the detachments being stationed in different places. Then again, as was the case with Col. Procter's Lodge, some were composed of Brethren in different arms of the service, and members from other states and regiments, which were not always brigaded together, and often separated at short notice.

The uncertainty of holding regular stated meetings, through the needs of the service and the vicissitudes of war, all tended to interrupt the regular routine, and the sending of reports and remittances to the Grand Lodge, to which they owed allegiance.

Pennsylvania Union Lodge, No. 29, A. U. O.

Not the least duty of these Brethren was the keeping secure the Warrant, minutes and records of their Lodge from theft while on the march or in the field, and, when at the front, from falling into the hands of the enemy.

In the case of the Pennsylvania-Union Lodge, No. 29, A. Y. M., we have possibly more original authentic data than of any other regimental Lodge, giving us a complete list of the Brethren who applied for the original Warrant.

These fragmentary reports further show how these military Warrants were occasionally used in localities outside of the military organization to which they were granted, or was continued in use after the war was over, and all regimental Warrants had been called in.

At a Grand Lodge held in "due" form, July 27, 1780, the following petition was received from forty-eight Brethren of the Pennsylvania Line:¹

"To the Right Worshipfull W^m Ball Esq^r Grand Master, John Coats Esq^r Dep^y Grand Master, Mr Alex^r Rutherford Sen^r Grand Warden and Jacob Sam^l Howell Jun^r Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia.

"We the subscribers Brethren in the Penns^a Line of the American Army, have long lamented our not being invested with the Power to Meet and improve ourselves in the Antient and Honorable art of Free Masonry. In order to remedy this unhappy defect a Gen^l Meeting of the Brethren in S^d Line was conven'd, at which meeting it was unanimously determined a Petition should be drawn up praying that a Warrant might be granted to the S^d Brethren of the Penns^a Line by which they might be authoris'd to meet in Lawfull Lodge there to improve themselves. Attend to and Study such things as may prove serviceable to the S^d Lodge in particular and the craft in General.

"Your Petitioners therefore pray that a Warrant may be made out Stiled the Penns^a Union Lodge Nominating our worthy and well beloved Brother Major James Moore Master, Our Worthy B⁻other

¹ MSS., Vol. O, paquet 90, folios 43-52.

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Jn^o Rogers, Surgeon, to be Senior Warden, and our worthy brother John Pratt, Surgeon, Jun^r Warden.

“ We further pray that in case our petition meets a favourable reception the Brethren aforesaid may be furnished with a set of bye laws as shall by the Grand Lodge be esteemed necessary.”

This petition was signed by no less than forty-eight Brethren. A duplicate copy of the same was made by Bro. John Pratt, the Junior Warden named in the Warrant, and attested by Col. Procter. This copy has come down to us. The names of the Brethren are, in some cases, misspelled; in others the given name is either omitted or the first letter only given, and, in some cases, incorrectly. The present writer has endeavored to supply the missing parts, correct the errors and, further, to identify these patriotic Brethren and give a short account of their services rendered their country during the struggle for independence, and, in a few cases, against the Indians in later years.

In the following list, where no military record is appended, the Brethren were either non-commissioned officers, or the names are misspelled beyond identification; every effort has been made to identify these Brethren from the official records, without result.

MAJOR JAMES MOORE, named as Master in the Warrant, entered the service January 5, 1776, as Captain of the 4th Pennsylvania Battalion. September 20, 1777, promoted Major of 1st Pennsylvania, transferred to 2d Pennsylvania, January 1, 1783, and served to November, 1783.

JOHN ROGERS: [JOHN R. B. RODGERS], named as Senior Warden in the Warrant, was the Surgeon of the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment, served to June 3, 1783. Died January 29, 1833.

The following are the names appended to the petition at whose request it was presented:

Signers to the Petition

- WILLIAM GRAY. Captain, 4th Pennsylvania, retired January 17, 1781. Died, July 18, 1804.
- E[DWARD] SPEAR. Second Lieutenant, 6th Pennsylvania; 1781, transferred to 1st Pennsylvania; served to November, 1783; Lieutenant, U. S. Artillery Batalion, September 10, 1787; Lieutenant, Artillery U. S. Army, September, 1789; killed, November 4, 1791, in action with the Indians near Fort Recovery, Ohio (St. Clair's defeat).
- A[NDREW] JOHNSON. First Lieutenant and Regimental Quartermaster, 1st Pennsylvania.
- J[AMES] MILAGAN [MILLIGAN]. First Lieutenant, 4th Pennsylvania.
- J[OHN] BOYD. Captain Lieutenant, 12th Pennsylvania, retired January 17, 1781. Died, February 13, 1832.
- W. FERNLEAR.
- F[RANCIS] MANTZIES [MENTGES]. Lieutenant Colonel, 5th Pennsylvania, retired, January 1, 1783.
- J[OHN] HUGHES [HUGHES]. First Lieutenant, 4th Pennsylvania. Served to the close of the war.
- J[OHN] MCKENNEY [MCKINNEY]. First Lieutenant, 5th Pennsylvania, served to June 3, 1783. Deputy Commissary of Purchases, U. S. Army, April 25, 1812; honorably discharged June 1, 1821. Died, November 25, 1833.
- F[RANCIS] WHITE. Lieutenant, 10th Pennsylvania, retired, January 1, 1783.
- T. PASON.
- W[ILLIAM] MCCURDY. Captain, 11th Pennsylvania, served to June 2, 1783; Captain U. S. Infantry, August 12, 1784; resigned, June 4, 1791. Died, 1822.
- [JOHN] CHRISTER [CHRISTIE]. Captain, 5th Pennsylvania; transferred to 3d Pennsylvania; served to June 3, 1783. Affiliated with Lodge No. 8, June 15, 1784.

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J[OHN] BUSH. Captain Lieutenant, 3d Pennsylvania; retired, January 1, 1783.

J—— FERNAN.

S[AMUEL] SMITH. Captain, 5th Pennsylvania; retired, January 17, 1781; Brigadier-General, Pennsylvania Volunteers, War of 1812. Died, September 17, 1835.

E—— BEVINS [WILDER BEVINS]. First Lieutenant, 4th Pennsylvania; transferred to 1st Pennsylvania, January 1, 1783. Served to close of war. Died, August 3, 1809.

F—— MOORE.

E[ARKURIUS] BEATTY. Regimental Paymaster; wounded at Germantown, 4th Pennsylvania; served to November 3, 1783; Lieutenant, U. S. Infantry, August 12, 1784; Major in 1st Sub-Legion, September 4, 1792. Resigned, November 27, 1792. Died, February 3, 1823.

J[OHN] MCGOWAN. Brigade Major; wounded at Germantown; transferred to Invalid Regiment, February 3, 1781, and served to June, 1783. Died, November, 1805.

J[OHN] DAVIS. Captain, 9th Pennsylvania; transferred to 1st Pennsylvania, January 17, 1781, retired, January 1 1783. Died, July 10, 1827.

[SAMUEL] MORRISON. Lieutenant, 11th Pennsylvania; transferred to 6th Pennsylvania, January 17, 1781.

T[THOMAS] CAMPBELL. Captain Lieutenant, 4th Pennsylvania; wounded at Germantown. Retired. January 1. 1783. Died, 1815.

W[ILLIAM] HENDERSON. Captain, 4th Pennsylvania; taken prisoner at Long Island, August 27, 1776. Retired, January 1, 1783.

[JOSEPH] MCCLELLAN. Captain, 9th Pennsylvania. Resigned, January 17, 1781. Died, October 24, 1834.

[CALEB] NORTH. Lieutenant Colonel, 9th Pennsylvania.

Signers to the Petition

Retired, January 1, 1783. Affiliated with Lodge No. 8, June 15, 1784. Died, November 7, 1840.

— McDOWL [McDOWELL].

W[ALTER] STUART [STEWART]. Colonel, 12th Pennsylvania; retired, January 1, 1783. In 1776 Bro. Stewart was Major, Aide-de-Camp to General Gates. By Act of Congress, November 19, 1776, it was "Resolved, that Major Stewart, who brought the late intelligence from Gen. Gates, and who is recommended as a deserving officer, have the rank of Lieutenant Colonel by brevet, and be presented with a sword to the value of one hundred (100) dollars."

W[ILLIAM] BUTLER. Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding 4th Pennsylvania. Retired, January 1, 1783. Died, 1789.

J. KEIN.

W[ILLIAM] HUSTON. First Lieutenant, 11th Pennsylvania; transferred to 6th Pennsylvania, January 17, 1781; to 2d Pennsylvania, January 1, 1783, and served to June 3, 1783.

J[OHN] DOYL [DOYLE]. Captain, 6th Pennsylvania; served to June 3, 1783.

F[RANCIS] JOHNSON [JOHNSTON]. Colonel, 5th Pennsylvania. Retired, January 17, 1781. Died, February 22, 1815.

J[OSIAH] HARMER. Lieutenant Colonel, commandant, 7th Pennsylvania; served to November 3, 1783; later, Lieutenant Colonel, Commandant of U. S. Infantry Regiment, and also Commander of the U. S. Army from August 12, 1784, to March 4, 1791; Brevet Brigadier General, July 31, 1787. Resigned, January 1, 1792. Died, August 29, 1813.

A[DAM] HUBLEY. Lieutenant Colonel, commandant 11th.

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Pennsylvania. Retired, January 17, 1781. Died, May, 1793.

J. ROGERS.

J[AMES] GRIER. Major, 10th Pennsylvania; wounded at Brandywine; Brevet Lieutenant Colonel, September 30, 1783. Served to November, 1783.

J[AMES] WILSON. Captain, 1st Pennsylvania. Retired, January 1, 1781.

B[ENJAMIN] LODGE. First Lieutenant, 6th Pennsylvania. Served to June 3, 1783.

A[LEXANDER] STUART [STEWART]. Surgeon, 10th Pennsylvania. Retired, January 1, 1783.

T[HOMAS] CREIG [CRAIG]. Colonel, 3d Pennsylvania. Retired, January 1, 1783. Died, January 14, 1832.

J[AMES] PARR. Major, 7th Pennsylvania. Retired, January 17, 1781.

T[HOMAS LLOYD] MOORE. Major, 9th Pennsylvania. Retired, January 1, 1783. Later, Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Infantry. Honorably discharged, June 15, 1800. Died, 1819.

T[HOMAS] PRY. Captain, 2d Canadian (Hazen's) Regiment. Retired, January 1, 1783.

R[ICHARD] BUTLER. Colonel, 9th Pennsylvania; transferred to 3d Pennsylvania, January 1, 1783; served to November 3, 1783; Brevet Brigadier-General, September 30, 1783; Major-General United States Levies in 1791. Killed, November 4, 1791, in action with Indians near Fort Recovery, Ohio.

T[HOMAS] CHURCH. Major, 4th Pennsylvania Battalion. Retired, January 17, 1781. Installed May 16, 1786, as Warrant Master of Lodge No. 47 at Reading.²

² Cf. "Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania," Vol. I, p. 233.

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E[VAN] EDWARDS. Major, 11th Pennsylvania; former Aide-de-Camp to Gen. Lee; transferred to 4th Pennsylvania, January 17, 1781. Retired, January 1, 1783.

A[NDREW] LYTLE. Regimental Quartermaster, 12th Pennsylvania; transferred to 1st Pennsylvania, January 1, 1783.

Signed by me.

JOHN PRATT [named as Junior Warden in the Warrant].

The Brother who copied this petition was a Lieutenant in the 4th Pennsylvania, transferred to 3d Regiment, January 1, 1783; Regimental Quartermaster, May 22, 1783; Lieutenant, U. S. Infantry, July 15, 1785; Regimental Quarter Master, October 3, 1786; Lieutenant, 1st Infantry U. S. Army, September 29, 1789; Captain, March 4, 1791. Resigned, December 5, 1793.

Countersigned: THOS. PROCTER,

Camp, June 2, 1780.

The petition was countersigned and recommended by Col. Thomas Procter, Master of No. 19. After it had been read in the Grand Lodge, the ballot being put, it was unanimously voted to grant them a Warrant for a new Lodge to be numbered 29.

At the Grand Quarterly Communication, December 18, 1780, Colonel Procter, Master of No. 19, reported that, agreeable to order, he had installed the officers of the new military Lodge, No. 29, held among the Brethren of the Pennsylvania Line.

The following letter and proceedings of Lodge No. 29 were sent to Deputy Grand Master Rutherford early in the year 1781; no action appears to have been taken thereon:

“DEAR BROTHER

“I Beg leave to lay Before you the Proceedings of Lodge No. 29, concerning the Child of our Deceased Brother Bittin [Bitting] which I am sensible will meet with your aprobation & am well assured

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Nothing will be Wanting in your Power to promote our Good Intentions.

"I am informed you will call a Grand Lodge next Week, & I Regret that it will not be in my Power to Continue in the City till that time, I must therefore Request you will lay before the Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge the Proceedings of our Lodge, I ask your Influence to have it taken up by them on a Liberal footing

"When I consider the obligations we are under I can Hardly Doubt but every Lodge under your Jurisdiction will most Cheerfully Concur with us in alleviating the Distress of the Widow & orphan.

"Should the other Lodges Not Come in this affair the 10 Pounds Annually we will Not think our- selves bound to Pay.	}	"I am D ^r Brother "wishing you Every Success "Yours affectionately "F. MOORE Master "No. 29"
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"The Right Worshipfull D. G. Master
"ALEX^R RUTHERFORD."

"IN LODGE NO. 29—CONVENED IN PHILADELPHIA

"Feb^r 6, 1781

"The peculiar Situation of our late Worthy Brother Adam Bitting's Widow & three small Children, was made known to the Lodge by the Worshipful Master who requested that Ways and Means might be adopted to alleviate their present Distress as far as our Circumstances wou'd admit, and the following Method being proposed as the most eligible to answer the laudable purpose was cheerfully agreed to—

"That two, or three Brethren be appointed Guardians to take care of the eldest son of our deceased Brother, who it is our Wish should receive a genteel & Liberal Education from the Donations or Charity of the Fraternity, and the more fully to enable the Guardians to execute that Trust, We have agreed to raise the Sum of One hundred pounds in the new limited State or Continental Currency, by the first Day of May next, which we shall put into the Hands of the Guardians to be appointed & also that We consider ourselves bound to pay annually to the said Guardians for the nursing Expence of the said Boy £10 from the funds of our Lodge untill such time as his Education shall be compleated and he be able to procure a Comfortable living for himself.

"But should the said Boy die before his Education can be com-

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pleated, then the Hundred Pounds put into the hands of the Guardians shall be refunded back to the said Lodge for other charitable purposes & also the Annual Sum of £10 shall cease.

“Signed on behalf of the Lodge

“T. MOORE, *master*.”

After the battle at Yorktown and the surrender of Cornwallis, October 19, 1781, the Pennsylvania brigade became separated, a part of the line being ordered southward, while another detachment of the Pennsylvania troops were stationed in Dorchester County on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, at Cambridge, on the Choptank River. After the latter was settled in their quarters, Bro. Thomas Bourke, the Master, sent the following letter to the Grand Lodge, which was read at the Grand Quarterly Communication, December, 1781; the reasons given therein were deemed a sufficient excuse for the non-attendance of their officers at this Communication.

“CAMBRIDGE Dec^r 19, 1781

“*Right Worshipful*

“We had the honour of a Summons from the Grand Lodge sent to us under cover of a letter from Br J. Coats, which we received last night. As this is the first mark we have had of your attention to us, we felt a sensible pleasure, but lamented the impossibility of obeying the Summons. Our distance from Phila^{da}, the Season of the year, and the time of notice rendered it impracticable. Our intention to conform to the ancient Constitution, and conduct ourselves as Masons. I have already mentioned in my letter to you last June. as also our wish to receive what instruction you, in your Wisdom, thought proper to give us. We are a young Body though flourishing. What instruction we have as yet received we owe to our Worthy Br Coats who has watched us with a *paternal*, if I may be permitted the expression, *care*. He has frequently inspected our minutes and has approved of them. They are ready for your inspection. The Warrant shall be laid before you when I have the honour to meet you, which shall be, if possible, at your next communication, if you'll be so kind as to give timely notice.

“We have not heard from Br J. S. Howel who is an honorary

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member of our Lodge and is requested to represent us, however we make not the least doubt but he has acted a Brotherly part by us. Our arrearages we are ready to pay on Demand. We shall be pleased to receive a dozen Copies of the book of Constitutions and shall direct the money to be advanced to be lodged in the hands of B^r Howel.

“ I am, Right Worshipful, in behalf of Lodge No. 29,
“ Your very Hble Serv^t and Brother
“ THOM^S BOURKE^S *Master Lodge 29.*”

The following petition was read before the Grand Lodge at the Communication on the evening of St. John's Day, December 27, 1873:

“ TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL GRAND MASTER, SEN^R AND JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

“ The Petition of Sundry Members of Lodge No. 29 Granted to the officers of the Penn^a Line Humbly Sheweth

“ That your petitioners Entertain a due sense of the Honor Confer'd upon them by Granting a Warrant whereby we were Enabled to Converse with More Ease and Enjoy'd Many Benefits while the Line remain'd in an Undevided State, but the Separation that took place among us in 1781 By a Number be Necessarily Detached to the Southard, among whom was Brother Moore who took the Warrent with him, leave'g a Majority of the Members in the *State* they were there fore Depriv'd of Receiving any Benefit from it. On the Return of the Warrent and Brethren to this place a Lodge has Never Been call'd, and Major Moore who was Continued Master has taken the Warrent with him. The Jewels, Books and papers Belonging to the Lodge to his Command at Wyoming, where there is but one Member with him, who are station'd at a Great Distance, our Expenses of it are still going on with out the Least prospect of any Benefit Arrissing to Us from it. there is Money in the Hand of our old treasurer here that Cannot be appropriated to any Use. Initiation fees that we Cannot Receive and a Large Sum of Lodge Dues that we cannot Collect, and a Number of Members that want Clear-

^a Thomas Bourke, who signs himself as Master of No. 29, was a native of Maryland, and served as Captain in the 4th Maryland Battalion of the Flying Camp, July to December, 1776.

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ances that Cannot Get them. We beg our situations may be taken into Consideration, and we hope the Right Worshipfull Grand Master &c. Will Call the present Warrent to the Body of the Lodge, Call it in Intirely or Grant Clearances (to the Members that wish it) from the Lodge.

“Signed in Behalf of Eighteen Members (which is all that Could be Collected) by us their Committee

“ JOHN DOYLE

“ ENOS REEVES

“ [ERKURIUS] BEATTY

“ ANDREW LYTLE ”

“ Dec^r 26, 1783.

The Minutes of the Grand Lodge continue: “On Motion it was Unanimously Agreed, That *all* travelling Warrants heretofore granted by this Grand Lodge, be called in by the Grand Sec^y:”





CHAPTER XXXV.

LODGE NO. 29, A. Y. M., HELD AT CAMBRIDGE,
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND.



FROM a list of Warrants issued by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania it appears that a Warrant bearing the Number 29 was granted to some of the Brethren, who were stationed or resident at the close of the Revolutionary War, at Cambridge, Dorchester County, an important center

on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, situated on the south bank of the Choptank River, which was navigable at that point.

This Warrant was for a new Lodge, which grew out of the old regimental Pennsylvania-Union Lodge No. 29,¹ whose Warrant was in the hands of the Warrant Master Bro. Moore, who was stationed elsewhere with a detachment of the Pennsylvania Line.

Consequently the Brethren in the Pennsylvania Line sent a petition, signed by several of the Brethren, a committee of Lodge 29, requesting that the regimental Warrant should be called in, or that certificates may be given to the petitioners,

¹ *Vide* Chapter XXXIV, *supra*.

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as they cannot receive any benefit from said Warrant, as the Master of that Lodge is now at a great distance from this place (Cambridge, Maryland). This was read before Grand Lodge, December 27, 1783, and, upon motion, unanimously agreed, that all travelling Warrants, heretofore granted by this Grand Lodge, be called in by the Grand Secretary, as already stated in the last chapter.^{1a}

The Cambridge Brethren, however, were given the same number as the old Lodge. That there were two separate and distinct organizations at Cambridge bearing the same number, is shown by the different Communications sent to the Grand Lodge.

The second Warrant was evidently granted some time in 1782, and the Lodge was a strictly Maryland organization. The officers were :

- Bro. Thomas Bourke,² W. Master,
- “ William Jameson, Senior Warden,
- “ John Stevens, Junior Warden,
- “ Robertson Stevens, Secretary.

This Lodge became an active Masonic body, extending its influence into the surrounding counties, as is shown in the communications to the Grand Lodge, in the interest of Brethren in Somerset County, also on the Eastern Shore, resulting in the granting of another Warrant for a Lodge in that part of Maryland. This Warrant was numbered 37, and granted September 2, 1782.³

In addition to the above, at the Grand Communication, December 23, 1782,

^{1a} Reprint of Minutes of the Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 68.

² Bro. Thomas Bourke, Captain 4th Maryland Battalion of the Flying Camp, July to December, 1776.

³ *Vide* Chapter XLIII, *infra*.

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“ A dispensation for six months was given our worthy Brethren William Smith G^d Secy and John Coats, to initiate into the Mysteries of Ancient Masonry Gen. Hooper and others, Modern Masons, agreeable to a Letter from Brother Bourke, Master of N^o 29.”

Within a year after receiving the new Warrant, the Cambridge Lodge became an active factor in the abortive attempt to establish a Grand Lodge in Maryland. The first convention of Freemasons on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge independent of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was held at Talbot Court House, June 17, 1783. Upon this occasion, the Cambridge Lodge was represented by its Senior and Junior Wardens. On the thirty-first day of July a “Grand Convention” was held at the same place, when the Lodge was represented by the Master, Bro. Thomas Bourke, Bro. John Stevens, Junior Warden, and Bro. Robertson Stevens, Secretary. At this meeting Bro. Thomas Bourke was chosen Senior Grand Warden of the new organization.

On *December 18, 1783*, the convention again met at Talbot Court House and opened in due form, when a “Communication was read from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.”^{3a} Cambridge was then named for the next place of meeting, and June 17, 1784, should be the day.

However, this meeting was never held, as the movement lapsed.

The Cambridge Lodge, No. 29, continued under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and, in reply to a circular letter sent out by the Grand Lodge to all Subordinate Lodges, in reference to securing a Lodge house, December, 1785, stated:

^{3a} Letter in full, p. 130. “History of Freemasonry in Maryland,” by Bro. Edward T. Schultz; Baltimore, 1884. Cf. note 5, p. 55.

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"CAMBRIDGE DORCHESTER CO. MARYLAND, 20th March 1786

"*Sir & Brother*

"We were lately favored with a letter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, requesting a contribution from us to enable them to build a house in Philad^a for the use of that Lodge & others within its jurisdiction. This request was considered as early as possible in a full meeting of our Lodge, when it appeared to be the sense of the Brethren, that though we had held ourselves independent of the jurisdiction of the Pensylv^a Grand Lodge, yet the failure on our side in supporting one on this shore, masonically required a return to our ancient governours. And that we were bound as far as capable to contribute, not only to the aggrandizement of your Lodge, but to bestow our mite in promotion of the general good of the Fraternity.

"With this consideration in its due weight upon our minds, it remained an object of just deliberation, whether, in our present situation, we could comply with your requisition, without disabling ourselves to build a house for our own meetings. The town affords not a proper room for our reception, & difficulties, of which a want of money is not the least, have prevented us from improving a grant similar to yours, & long ago made to us by a Brother, of a lot here, to accommodate the Lodge with a suitable building. Hence it was determined that you should be informed of our present inability to comply with your demand: confident, that as general Guardians of Masonry, you would acquiesce in our request, to dispense with a compliance to the recommendation of the letter. Assuring you at the same time, that we shall always be happy to keep up such a correspondence with you, as will ensure the general good of Masons.

"We are with love & affection

"Your Brethren

"Signed by order of a committee } "JAS. MCCULLOCH⁴ Sen^r Ward^a"
"of Lodge No. 29.

"The R^t W. M. of the Grand Lodge of Pensylv^a."⁵

In the meantime, September 25, 1786, the Grand Lodge of

⁴Bro. James McCulloch had served as 1st Lieutenant 5th Pennsylvania; he retired January 1, 1783.

⁵MSS., Vol. O, paquet 90, page 49.

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Pennsylvania had declared its independence, and severed its connection with the Grand Lodge of England.

Acting upon this precedent, a new convention of deputies was called, from the several Lodges of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, at Talbot Court House, on Tuesday, April 17, 1787, and a Grand Lodge established, and the Grand Officers elected, amongst whom Bro. Thomas Bourke, of Lodge 29, was unanimously chosen Senior Grand Warden.

At that time, Bro. Nicholas Hammond was Master of the Lodge; Bro. Daniel Sulivane, Senior Warden; Bro. Nathan Wright,⁶ Junior Warden; Bro. James McCulloch, Past Master, and Bro. John Stevens, Secretary.

Upon the surrender of the Warrants to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, No. 29, located at Cambridge, became No. 5 under the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The Lodge ceased and became extinct about 1792.

⁶ Bro. Nathan Wright, Lieutenant in 3d Maryland regiment, served to close of war.





CHAPTER XXXVI.

LODGE NO. 30, A. Y. M., DELAWARE REGIMENTAL LODGE.



IN the published list of Lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the following memorandum appears:¹

“No. 30,—Altogether unknown whether there was a Warrant of this No. or not.”

The thorough examination of the old documents in the Archives of the Grand Lodge, in the interests of this publication, has brought to light the fact that No. 30 was a regimental Warrant, granted to the Delaware Regiment, naming Colonel David Hall Master. Bro. Hall was a son of Bro. David Hall, named in our Provincial Grand Warrant of July 15, 1761, as Senior Grand Warden. Colonel Hall did not march with his regiment when ordered south in 1780, having been disabled by his wounds received at the battle of Germantown.

¹“The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Its Early History and Constitutions,” Philadelphia, 1877, part 4, page 7.

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The Warrant was evidently issued in the spring of 1780, prior to the departure of the Delaware and North Carolina troops for the south, to oppose the British in the Carolinas and Georgia.

Memorandum

A Warrant of Jewells of Hiram's Del
ware Regimental Lodge were taken at the
Battle of Camden the 16 of August
1780 by the British Troops, & supposed
by some of Col. Sullivan's Legion they being
in a wagon brought into Camden the
Day after the Action
Gen. Priors. Surg to
Col. David Hall. Master } said Lodge from
Camden when a Wagon
came in

FAC SIMILE OF MEMORANDUM SENT TO THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Delaware Brethren were in the disastrous battle of Camden, fought August 16, 1780. The defeat was due to the over-confidence of Gen. Horatio Gates. It was in this battle that the baggage of the Delawarians fell into the hands of

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the British, including the Warrant, jewels and records of the regimental Lodge.

The following memorandum was sent at the first opportunity by Bro. George Purvis to Bro. Alexander Rutherford, Deputy Grand Master, at Philadelphia. Unfortunately there is no date upon the paper, as to when it was sent or received.

“ MEMMORANDUM ^{1a}

“ The Warrant & Jewells of Hiram's Delaware Regimental Lodge were taken at the Battle of Camden the 16th of August 1780 by the Brittish Troops, & supposed by some of Col^o Tarlton's Legion they being in a waggon brought into Camden the day after the action

“ GEO. PURVIS Sec^{ry} to
said Lodge & in Camden
when y^e Waggon came in ” } “ Col^o David Hall Master

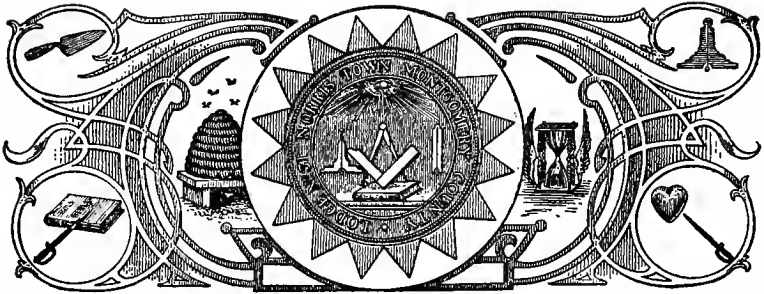
Endorsement upon the back :

“ Letter respecting Jewels of Delaware travelling Lodge, taken by the British, 1780.”

Bro. George Purvis, Secretary of the Lodge, was a native of Delaware, commissioned Second Lieutenant, Captain Patten's Company, Colonel Hall's Delaware Regiment, Continental Establishment, April 5, 1777, promoted successively First Lieutenant, Regimental Adjutant and Captain; served to close of the war, and became one of the original members of the state society of the Cincinnati. Bro. Purvis, as it appears from the certificate granted him by Lodge No. 18, June 11, 1782, was made a Mason in St. John's regimental Lodge, held in camp, near Morristown. This certificate is now in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.²

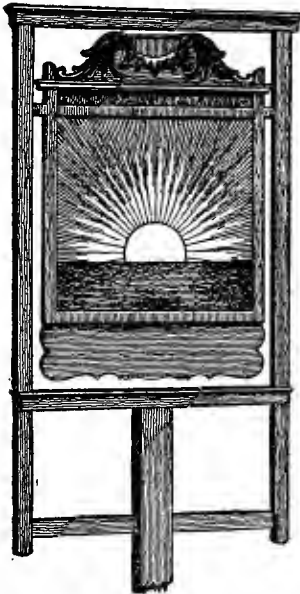
^{1a} MSS., Vol. C, paquet 138, folio 7.

² *Vide* “Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania,” Vol. I, p. 365; also MSS., Vol. J, paquet 54, folio 45.



CHAPTER XXXVII.

LODGE NO. 31, A. Y. M., HELD AT WENTZ'S TAVERN,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.



IN the register of Masonic Lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, there are two noted under Number 31, viz.:

“No. 31,—Travelling Warrant, Philadelphia County, Wentz’s Tavern.—Not known when granted. Vacated. John Church, M.; J. A. Auld, S. W.; John Wentz, J. W.

“No. 31,—Norristown,—Granted March 26, 1781. Surrendered and renewed December 14, 1789. Vacated for delinquency April 6, 1806.”

These two Lodges were one and the same Lodge. The Warrant was originally granted for the Lodge to meet at Wentz’s Tavern,¹ in Whitepaine Township, Philadelphia County. This location was a central one, for the farming community of the

¹ For full account of which noted landmark, see *The Miller’s Review*, H. L. Everett, Publisher, Philadelphia, July 15, 1911, by Miss Clara Beck, of Centre Square.

Colonel John Wentz

adjacent counties. Bro. John Wentz had inherited some property, and, in 1762, built a large brick house, to be used as an inn. Upon the sign-board, which swung in its yoke, high up in the air, there was painted a "Rising Sun," under which name the tavern was licensed. Locally, however, the house was known far and near as "Wentz's Tavern," and in later years, after Montgomery County was formed, as the "Wheat Market."¹

This old building, which faces the historic Skippack Road, in the hamlet now known as Centre Square, Montgomery County, is still practically unaltered, and is occupied as the private residence of Mr. John Morris, a descendant of Bro. James Morris, of Lodge No. 8.^{1a}

Bro. John Wentz, the Warrant Master of Lodge No. 31, was



SILHOUETTE OF BRO. JOHN WENTZ.

a man of note and prominence. He was appointed Cornet of the troop of light horse in the militia. For twenty years he

^{1a} Cf. "Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania," Vol. I, p. 226.

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served as Justice of the Peace. In 1804, he was elected Treasurer of Montgomery County, and later served in other offices of honor and profit.

Lodge No. 31, A. Y. M., was originated by a number of Brethren, who were members of Lodge No. 4, meeting in Philadelphia toward the close of the Revolutionary War. These Brethren, living in the northwestern part of Philadelphia County (since 1789 Montgomery County), found it inconvenient to attend their Lodge meetings, owing to the distance from the City, the bad state of the roads in winter, and uncertain weather conditions, together with the dangers incident to the military occupation of this territory. These Brethren first made an effort to affiliate with Lodge No. 8, which met in the vicinity of their homes, and attended the meeting held September 14, 1779, at the house of Thomas Rees, in Upper Merion Township, and signified their desire to become members of Lodge No. 8. These negotiations evidently not proving satisfactory, these Brethren, December 18, 1780, petition sent to the Grand Lodge for a separate Warrant, which was read, and a committee appointed to inquire why they cannot meet with Lodge No. 8. This petition and the subsequent favorable report of the committee is set forth in full in the history of Lodge No. 4, Volume I, Chapter VIII, pp. 148-150 of this work.

The Grand Lodge, taking the report of the committee into consideration, "Order'd a Warrant, to be Numbered 31, to be made out, which was done accordingly, when John Church was install'd Master; Ja. Auld and John Wentz, Wardens of the said Lodge. The sum of nine pounds ten shillings State Money was paid as the fees on the said Warrant." The date of this Warrant was March 26, 1781.

Renewal of Warrant

In the fall of the year, 1781, the following letter was received by the Grand Secretary:

“Worshipful Sir”

“NORRISTOWN, 23^d. Sept. 1781

“As it is out of my power to attend the grand Quarterly Communication, occasioned by a call of the Militia, I flatter myself the Worshipfull the Grand Lodge will hold me Excused at Present, have it not at Present in my Power to Transmit a Transcript of Proceedings, but will attend to next Quarterly Communication

“Am with Due Respect

“Your Obed^t. Humb^e Serv^t”

“JACOB AULD Mas^r. No. 31.”

December 23, 1782, at the Grand Communication, “No. 31, being a new Lodge, begs the indulgence of another quarter, at which time they intend to pay in full.” Although the

Lodge appears to have been represented at divers times, no returns appear to have been made while the Lodge met at Wentz's Tavern.

When the old Warrants were called by the Grand Lodge, after it had asserted its independence, September 25, 1786, Lodge No. 31 surrendered their old Warrant in 1789, and when renewed, under the date of December 14, 1789, the location of the Lodge was changed to Norristown, in Montgomery County, which, in the meantime (September 10, 1784), had been formed from a part of Philadelphia County, with the county seat at Norristown, on the Schuylkill River, which had been located and laid out by Bro. William Moore Smith.

² MSS., Vol. O, paquet 91, folio 59.

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Here the Lodge met for about seventeen years, taking the place of the old Provincial Lodge No. 8, which virtually disbanded about that time.

The officers named in the new Warrant were: Colonel George Smith, Esq., Master; Captain Amos Sturges, Senior Warden, and Jonathan Culley, Junior Warden.

The following is from the Minutes:—

“At a Meeting of Lodge No. 31 held at Norristown at the House of B^r. Moore, December 6th. 1790.³ An Entered Apprentices Lodge opened in due form and the Minutes of last Stated Lodge Night being Read, after which we Proceeded to Elect Officers for the ensuing Six Months, When

“Brother Amos Sturgis was Elected Master

“B^r. John Miller was Elected Senior Warden

“B^r. Alexander Ramsey was Elected Junior Warden

“B^r. Jn^o. Pugh was Elected Treasurer

“The Lodge not being satisfied with their Meetings being on Monday Nights Unanimously Agreed to have their Meetings for the Future on the first Saturday Night of Every Month.

“On Motion made by B^r. Moore and Seconded by B^r. Sturgis to give some Assistance out of the Lodge Fund for the Support of B^r. W^m. Gisland, now Incapable of supporting himself, and Unanimously Agreed to by the Rest of the Brethren present to give him Four Pounds to support him for Four Months to be paid to B^r. Neilson on Demand, for keeping him.

“Brethren Present

B^r. Colley, Master in the Chair;

B^r. Sturgis, S. W.

B^r. Miller, J. W.

B^r. Rice, B^r. Eastburn.

B^r. Levering, B^r. Smith.

“Visitor:—B^r. Fitzgerald

“Lectured and Closed in good Harmony at 8 O’Clock ’till next Stated Lodge Night.”

³ MSS., Vol. O, paquet 91, folio 60.

Bro. William Ghiselin

William Ghiselin was made a Mason in Philadelphia Lodge, No. 2, of the "Moderns," in August, 1752. Bro. Ghiselin was a silversmith by profession, and was an active Mason. He was elected Junior Warden of his Lodge in 1756, thence advancing to Senior Warden and Master. For several years he served as Treasurer, and is referred to in Valentz's letter to Franklin.¹

He eventually resigned from the "Modern" Lodge, and, on February 5, 1770, petitioned Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., to be admitted a member. March 23, 1770, he was raised in the "Antient" way, after having been entered and passed. Bro. Ghiselin appears to have suffered financial reverses, as he applied for the position of tyler. In this position he served for many years, tiling for the Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

July 11, 1785, he presented a bill to Lodge No. 2 for £7-16-6 for services rendered the Lodge as tyler.

July 7, 1785. An Extra Meeting of Lodge No. 2. Bro. Ghiselin, formerly "Tyler of this Lodge, was, by Bro. Howard, represented to be in Very indignant Circumstances, and that he conceived a ballance remained due to the said Bro. Ghisling for former services rendered this Lodge; whereupon it was ordered that the Secretary should examine the former minutes in order to ascertain the same, and make a report accordingly."

August 8, 1785. The committee were ordered to give an order in favor of Bro. Ghiselin on the treasurer for whatever balance that may appear due.

The old Tyler after this appears to have drifted out in the country district, as his name appears as a visitor upon the records of both Lodge No. 8 and No. 31.

The old Brother was evidently taken in charge by the

¹ *Vide* "Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania," Vol. 1, Chapter IV, p. 68.

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Brethren of Lodge No. 31, as appears from the following extracts from the Minutes of the Grand Lodge:

June 24, 1800. At the General Grand Communication, Bro. William Nelson "represented that the W. M^r. of L^o. N^o. 31 held at Norristown, having been in the City, but business not permitting his stay to attend the Communication had requested him to state to this Grand Lodge, That said Lodge N^o. 31 were indebted to this Grand Lodge for several Years Dues, but that they had supported our Ancient Brother Ghislin for a Number of Years past, which they conceived would amount to, if not exceed, their G. L. dues. That the Members of the said Lodge are now few in Number and that their Funds are low and request that in Consideration of their having so supported Bro^r. Ghislin, the said Lodge may be exonerated from the payment of their past Dues to this Grand Lodge, promising from this Time forward to be punctual in the discharge of the same."

At the Grand Quarterly Communication, December 15, 1800, "The Committee appointed on the 24th June last, on the request made by Lodge No. 31 to be exonerated from the payment of their Grand Lodge dues to that Time, in Consideration of their having supported Brother Ghislin, were discharged, and the Petition was referred to Bro^{rs}. Duplessis, Armstrong, Morton, McKarاهر and Johnson to report thereon."

The Brethren of Lodge No. 31 evidently took charge of the old Tyler, until he was summoned to the Grand Lodge Above.

March 4, 1793. Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication. The following return:

"Bro. Gr. Treasurer received £12.10. from Bro. Nelson, Master of Said Lodge, and £3.8.0 from Bro. Gr. Secretary."

was read from Lodge No. 31, held at Norristown, and ordered to be entered upon the Grand Lodge books.

Roster of Lodge No. 31, A. M. M.

“ A Return of the Names of the Members of Lodge No. 31, held at Norristown under the sanction of a Warrant, dated December 14th A. D. 1789, Granted by the right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to Colonel George Smith Esq^r. Captain Amos Sturges and M^r Jonathan Colley for to hold the said Lodge. The Return of the Present Members Names and their Grand Lodge dues given in the Grand Lodge the 2d Day of March, 1793 by Major William Nelson Master of No. 31.

<i>Name</i>	<i>When Raised</i>	
Alexander Moore	1789	
Michael Simpson		
James Adams		
William Nelson	P. M	
Benj ⁿ Eastbourne		
David McGowan		
Benjamin Markley		
George Smith	P. M	
Abraham Duffield		
Amos Sturges	P. M	
John Miller		
John Pugh		
Jonathan Colley	P. M	
Alexander Ramsey		
Thomas Smith	1790	March 1
John Whiteman	“	May 3
Benjamin Levering	“	Oct 4
Joseph Ramsey	“	“ “
John Armstrong	1791	May 7
William Armstrong	“	Nov. 5
Joseph Peterman	“	Sept 3
Joseph Levering	“	“ “
Israel Jones	“	Dec “
Anthony Bitting	“	“ “
Amos Stull	1792	April 7
William Fitzgerald	“	Aug 4
Archibald Currie	1793	June 1
James Chunnell	“	“ “
Nathan M ^c Veagh	“	“ “
Philip Crickbourn		
John Bleaney	1794	Jan 4

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James Peterman 1794 Mar 1
 James Kirkpatrick

March 3, 1794. The following additional return was received from the Lodge, read and ordered to be filed.

“A Return of Our Initiations Since the Last Return March y^e 2^d 1793 until the time being March 1, 1794:”

<i>Members Names.</i>	<i>Enter'd</i>	<i>Past</i>	<i>Raised</i>
Archabald Currie	April 6	May 4	June 1, 1793
James Chunnell	ditto	June 1	ditto
Nathan M ^c Veough	do	do	do
Philip Criebbaum	Sep ^r 7	March 1	. . .
John Bleaney	do	Oct ^r 5	Jan ^r 4, 1794
James Peterman	Feb. 1	March 1	March 1
James Kirkpatrick	March 1

“WM. FITZGERALD, Sec^y.”

December 1, 1794. The following letter was read before the Grand Lodge:

“NORRISTOWN November 6th 1794

“Dear Sir

“I am Requested by the Master of Lodge N^o 31 to write to you to Know what the amount of the dues are from said Lodge to the Grand Lodge in order that they may be collected for the purpose of payment

“if you will please to write a note by the Bearer hereof M^r Kinsley to me respecting said dues you will

“much oblige your

“most obe^t. and very

“humble Serv^t”

“SAM D. SHOEMAKER, Sec^y pro tem.

“Peter Le barbier Duplessis Esq.”^s

Upon a sultry night in August, in the year of grace 1795, a

^s MSS., Vol. O, paquet 91, folio 55.

^s *Ibid.*, folio 56.

Brother James Milnor

young lawyer, scarce twenty-two years old, was approved, and entered in Lodge No. 31, at Norristown. This young man of Quaker parentage, a Philadelphian by birth, settled soon after his admission to the Bar, in the young town of Norristown, and began the practice of law. The name of this young Brother was James Milnor, who, in after years, became one of the brightest luminaries in the Masonic horizon, serving as Grand Master of the State, as Representative in Congress, and later, for years, as a minister of the Gospel.

It appears that Bro. Milnor was elected Master of Lodge No. 31, shortly after he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. During or after his six months' term as Master, he removed to Philadelphia, and, on September 6, 1796, affiliated with Lodge No. 3, A. Y. M. On St. John's Day, December 27, 1796, the R. W. Grand Master Bro. William Moore Smith appointed Bro. James Milnor, Junior Grand Deacon, which office he filled until December 27, 1798, when he was elected Senior Grand Warden. In 1799 and 1800, he was reëlected to the same office; in 1801 and 1803, he was Deputy Grand Master, and in 1805 he was elected Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and continued in that office by annual reëlection, until the close of 1813.

During his Grand Mastership, the old Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street was erected, and, on its dedication, on June 24, 1811, he delivered at St. John's Lutheran Church, in Race Street, Philadelphia, a public oration, at the close of which a distinguished friend and Brother said to him, as they were leaving the church: "Why, Right Worshipful, you are cut out for a clergyman." Little did that Brother then dream that the thought would one day be realized.

June 6, 1796. At a Grand Quarterly Communication a petition "was received and read, signed by some Brethren

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who had withdrawn from Lodge No. 31 at Norristown, praying a Warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia. On motion and seconded, agreed that the same be Continued over to the next Quarterly Communication.”

September 5, 1796. The petition “which had been continued over from last Communication, signed by a number of Brethren who had withdrawn from Lodge 31, praying a Warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia by the name of Orange Lodge, and that William Nelson may be constituted Master; Alexander Moore, Sen^r. W., and John Thompson, Jun^r. W., was now taken under Consideration, and the prayer of the said Petition was granted, and B^r. Grand Sec^r. requested to make out a Warrant accordingly, and to be Numbered 71.”⁶

This was the genesis of the present Lafayette Lodge, No. 71, one of our old and flourishing Lodges. When the Warrant was granted, the Lodge was named Orange Lodge, as most of its members were Irish Presbyterians. The name of the Lodge was changed to Lafayette, by virtue of a dispensation from James Harper, R. W. Grand Master, September 26, 1825, in honor of Bro. Gilbert Motier Marquis de Lafayette, who during his visit to the country in 1824, attended an Extra Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on October 2, at which time he was elected an honorary member of the Grand Lodge; and, in acknowledging this action, he assured the Brethren that he should never forget this mark of their kind distinction, by which he was “made a member of a body of which Franklin and Washington were associated.”

⁶ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 259.

Orange Lodge No. 71, A. M. M.

The following Brethren were the charter members of Orange, now Lafayette, Lodge, No. 71:

SEPTEMBER, 1796.

Bro. Blair Joseph,

“ Caney Hugh, P. M.

“ Donagon Neil, P. M.

“ Dolen Barney, P. M.

“ Gilbraith Andrew, P. M.

“ Higgins Charles, P. M.

“ Hamilton Samuel,

“ Mc Donald James, P. M.

Bro. McKnight Matthew,

“ McGurk Edward,

“ Moore Alexander, P. M.

“ Murphy John,

“ Nelson William, P. M.

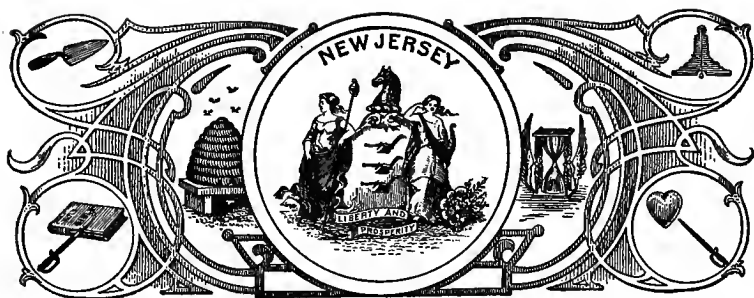
“ Stuart George, P. M.

“ Thompson John, P. M.

The Warrant of Lodge No. 31 was vacated for delinquency, April 6, 1806.

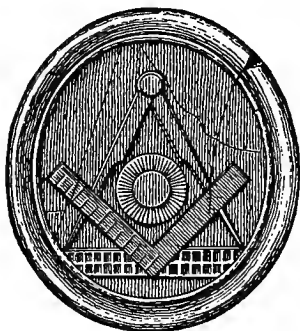


SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE ADOPTED JUNE 7, 1790.



CHAPTER XXXVIII.

LODGE NO. 32, A. Y. M., HELD AT BURLINGTON,
NEW JERSEY.



MARCH 26, 1781, at a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, the following petition was read from a number of Brethren in New Jersey, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Burlington, one of the oldest settlements in West Jersey, the town being laid out in 1667. It was on the Delaware River, twenty miles northeast of Philadelphia.

Burlington was the home and burial place of Col. Daniel Coxe, who was appointed by the Duke of Norfolk, Provincial Grand Master in 1730 of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Being the first person appointed to that station in North America, the full story of Daniel Coxe is told in Chapter I, Volume I, of this history. Col. Daniel Coxe is buried in St. Mary's P. E. Church in Burlington.

The original petition in the Archives of the Grand Lodge sets forth:

¹ MSS., Vol. O, paquet 92, folio 61-68.

“ To the Right Worshipful William Ball Esq^r Grand
“ Master of the State of Pennsylvania
“ The petition of the Subscribers¹

“ humbly Sheweth That being at present wandering without Protection, and some Distance from the necessary Communication with the Brethren (as our meeting Lodge 25 at Bristol is attended with much Difficulty and is frequently impassible at this Season of the Year) and being equally desirous to promote the Craft, have presumed to apply to the R^t Worshipful Grand Lodge, hoping that our Conduct and Station in Life, together with the Situation of the Place will induce that R^t Wor^{ful} Body to indulge us with their Protection. As further Reason for this our Hope, we have applied to our worthy Brother Blathwaite Jones to examine the Subscribers, and give your R^t Wor^{ful} Lodge his Sentiments concerning the Premises, but wether he will write by this Conveyance we are not certain; Upon the whole we shall wait with Impatience the Determination of the R^t Wor^{ful} Grand Lodge, and in the mean Time pray

“ Your affec^{nte} Brothers

“ JOSEPH ELLIS²

“ SAMUEL BULLUS

“ BETHANATH HODGKINSON

“ JOHN PHILLIPS³

“ JAMES CRAFT ”

“ Burlington

“ Jan^y 22^d 1781 ”

This petition was accompanied with the following warm recommendation from Bro. Blaithwaite Jones:

“ RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM BALL ESQ^R GRAND MASTER FOR THE
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

“ *Right Worshipful Bro^r*

“ Sundry Gentⁿ of the City of Burlington having communicated their sentiments to me as Masons & being desirous of having a protection, but altogether unacquainted with the Right Worshipful the

² Bro. Joseph Ellis, Colonel, New Jersey Militia in 1776; Brigadier General, New Jersey Militia, February, 1777.

³ Bro. John Phillips, Ensign, 2d New Jersey; resigned, November 14, 1777; died, May 25, 1831.

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Grand Master, have desired that (for your better information & satisfaction) I would write your Worshipful on that head. As their Characters are well known in this place to be good, I have with more boldness ventured to indulge their request, having Personal Knowledge of every one of them, and I flatter myself that your knowledge of my sentiments of the Craft will not admit of a doubt that should hinder their obtaining your protection; as a lasting Superstruction can be raised but on a good Foundation a Body without a head makes but a poor figure. I doubt not when you consider that the nearest lodge to them is at Bristol & crossing the Water is not only expensive, but very inconvenient. The reasonableness of their petition will speak for itself. Burlington is a place that I think may answer to promote the Craft in the Jerseys, and your protection may raise up such as may take the lead in a future Day. However what I have said on this head will be weighed by the Right Worshipful Body in which you preside, whose determination we wait. I shall conclude that they are Worthy for whom they shall do this. Pray make my good wishes acceptable to your Right Worshipful Body & the Craft in General & am Right Worshipful Sir

“Your affect^o hum^lo Serv^t &

“faithfull Bro

“BLATHW^{TE} JONES

“If their request shall take place, they desire that the following Brothers may be mentioned in the Warrant, viz:

“Joseph Ellis, Master

“Samuel Bullus, Sen^r W.

“Bethanath Hodgkinson, Jun^r W.

“Burlington Jan^y 22^d 1781.”

The Grand Lodge taking the same into consideration, it was unanimously granted, and the Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden were requested to go to Burlington and install the officers of the said new Lodge.

As it appears from the minutes of the new Lodge No. 32, “that on the 30th day of March, 1781, an Emergent Grand Lodge was held in Ample Form, at Burlington, for the purpose of constituting the new Lodge. The members of the

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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania who were present, were Bros. R. W. Alexander Rutherford, D. G. M. in the chair; R. W. Blaithwaite Jones late D. G. M., acting as such p. t.; R. W. Jacob Bankson, S. G. W.; and R. W. John Clark, acting as J. G. W. The Lodge was duly constituted, and Joseph Ellis was duly installed Master by R. W. Blaithwaite Jones, and when seated in the chair, was presented by R. W. Alexander Rutherford, with the jewels of his office, the Book of Constitutions and the Warrant of his Lodge. Samuel Bullus as Senior Warden, and Bethanath Hodgkinson as Junior Warden, were then installed by the new Master and invested with the 'jewels and *accomplishments* of their respective offices.' "

This is the first record we have of the Grand Lodge opening a Grand Lodge outside of Philadelphia. No record of this Emergency Grand Lodge, held at Burlington, March 30, 1781, appears upon the Minutes of the Grand Lodge; as a matter of fact few minutes of any Communications of this kind have ever been noted in the records of the Grand Lodge.

The following extract of this old Provincial Warrant shows the powers and limitations of that document:

" Now Know Ye, that we, William Ball, Grand Master; Alexander Rutherford, Deputy Grand Master; William Adeock, Senior Grand Warden, and Matthew Whitehead, Junior Grand Warden, present and legal successors to the above named Provincial Grand Officers, as by the Grand Lodge Books may appear, by virtue of the power to us granted by the above part recited Warrant, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well beloved brethren Joseph Ellis, Master; Samuel Bullus, Senior Warden, and Bethanath Hodgkinson, Junior Warden of a new Lodge, number thirty-two, to be held in the city of Burlington, in the state of New Jersey, or within five miles of the same, and we do further authorize and empower our trusty and well beloved brethren Joseph Ellis, Master; Samuel Bullus, Senior Warden, and Bethanath Hodgkinson, Junior Warden, to admit and make Free Masons according to the Most Ancient and Honorable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations thro'out the world and not contrariwise. And we do further empower and

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appoint the said Joseph Ellis, Master; Samuel Bullus, Senior Warden, and Bethanath Hodgkinson, Junior Warden, and their successors, to hear and determine all and singular matters and things relating to the Craft, within the jurisdiction of Lodge No 32. And lastly, we do authorize and empower our said trusty and well beloved brethren Joseph Ellis, Master; Samuel Bullus, Senior Warden, and Bethanath Hodgkinson, Junior Warden, to nominate, chuse and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant and invest them with all their powers and dignities as Free Masons, and such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse and install their successors, &c. &c., &c., such installation to be on or near St. John the Evangelist's day, during the continuance of this Lodge forever. *Provided always*, that the above named brethren and their successors pay due respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge from whom they have their authority. Otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

“Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, this twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and of Masonry five thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

“WM. SMITH, *Grand Secretary*

Upon the reverse of the Minutes of the meeting held March 30th, 1781, is endorsed the following receipt:

“Received March 30th 1781, from the Worshipful Joseph Ellis, New Install'd Master under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Number Thirty & two, Two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars the dues to the Grand Lodge for granting their Warrant

“JACO. BANKSON.

“2160 Doll'rs Con'l Curr'y.”

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF LODGE NO. 32^{8a}

“Stated Lodge Night Thursday April 19, 1781
“Enter'd Apprentices Lodge open'd with the Usual Penalties The Petitions of John Barker, John How, Lieut. Sam^l Conn⁴ and Andrew

^{8a} MSS., Vol. O, paquet 92, folio 63.

⁴Bro. Samuel Conn, 2d Lieutenant, 4th New Jersey; transferred to 2d New Jersey, July 1, 1778; retained in New Jersey Battalion, April, 1783; served to November 3d, 1783.

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Bankson⁵ praying to become Members of this Lodge, were Severally red; Order'd to lie on the Books the Usual Time, and a Committee appointed to enquire into the Characters of the Persons (applying as aforesaid) and make report thereof at the next Stated Lodge Night

“Lodge clos'd &c.

“Stated Lodge Night, Thursday May 17, 1781.

“Ent^d Apprentices Lodge Open'd &c.

“The Committee appointed the last Stated Lodge Night to enquire into the Characters of the Persons aforesaid, make report as follows, viz: That agreeable to their Appointment they have carefully enquired into the Several Characters aforesaid, and find them to be Persons well known and of good Credit. Whereupon the Members present proceeded to Ballot for the Entrance of John Barker, John How, Lieut. Sam^l Conn & Andrew Bankson, separately, who were unanimously approved of: And accordingly M^r John Barker M^r John How and Lieut. Sam^l Conn were initiated in the first Step of Masonry. Lodge clos'd &c.

“Lodge of Emergency Tuesday May 29, 1781.

“Fellow Crafts Lodge Open'd &c.

“Brothers John Barker, John How, and Lieut. Conn were pass'd from an Enter'd Apprentice to a Fellow Craft. Lodge closed and an Enter'd Apprentices Open'd. M^r Andrew Bankson jun^r. having been balloted for, and approved of, the last Stated Lodge Night, was initiated in the first Step of Masonry. Lodge clos'd &c.

“Stated Lodge Night, Thursday June 21, 1781.

“Enter'd Apprentices Lodge was open'd with the Usual Penalties M^r. Anthony Heckless was proposed to become a Member of this Lodge by Brother How and his Petition presented for that Purpose. Whereupon a Committee was appointed &c. Lodge clos'd & an Ent^d Apprentices open'd. Bro^r A. Bankson jun^r was pass'd from an Enter'd Apprentice to a Fellow Craft. Lodge clos'd and a Master Masons open'd &c. Brother John Barker was rais'd from a Fellow Craft to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, Lodge clos'd &c.”

⁵Bro. Andrew Bankson, Ensign 2d New Jersey; discharged, February 5, 1777.

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“ Sir & Brother

“ Inclosed I send you the Extracts of the Proceedings of our Lodge No. 32 which I must take the Liberty to request you will lay before the Grand Lodge.

“ Whether the Secretary has drawn them right or not I don't know; if he has not shall take it as a fav^r if you will put them so.

“ I am with Esteem

“ Your friend & Brother

“ Jos. ELLIS.”

“ Jacob Bankson Esq^r.

“ Burlington June 29th '81.

“ Fees due to the Grand Lodge from No 32 for the last Quarter:

“ Joseph Ellis	£ 1
Samuel Bullus	1
Bethaneth Hodgkinson	1
John Phillips	1
James Craft	1
4 Initiations	1 -
	“ £1. 5 ”

“ Fees due Grand Lodge from St John's Day Dec^r. 1781

“ to St John's Day Dec^r 1782

s

“ March 21, 1782.

“ Initiation of Henry Cunningham	5/—
d ^o Ab ^{rm} Hewlings	5/—
April 18 th	
d ^o John Smith	5/—
d ^o Michael Wetzell ^o	5/—
Emergency April 28	
d ^o Thomas Kimble	5/—
Emergency Aug ^t 1	
d ^o Captain Shaddock	5/—
	£1 " 10—
	s

“ Quarterly dues from Worship ^f	J. Ellis	4/
d ^o	S. Bullus	4/
	J. Phillips	4/

^o Bro. Michael Wetzell, 2d Lieutenant, 2d Continental Artillery; transferred to Corps of Artillery, June 17, 1783; served to November, 1783.

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	J. Craft	4/
	B. Hodgkinson	4/
	John How	4/
	And. Bankson	4/
	D. Rhea	4/
	G. Brearley	4/
from March '82 to—	A. Hewlings	3/
d ^o to June	W. Cunningham	1/
	J. Smith	1/
	M. Wetzell	1/
12 ^r	Cap. Shaddock	1/
		£2" 3
	Initiations	1" 10
	Totals	£3" 13

To Expences in sending a Member of this Lodge
to the Communication in June last. This
charge not allowed.

	1" 15
" Total dues	£1" 18

In the Minutes of the Grand Lodge, under date December, 1781, it states:

"No. 32 paid all dues to this day and the advance for nine books [Constitutions] amounting in all to forty-nine shillings and Sixpence to the Grand Treasurer."

"Lodge of Emergency Wednesday Jan^r 9, 1782

Members Present:

"R^t W. Blaithwaite Jones Esq^r in the Chair
S. Bullus acting as S. W.
J. Phillips J. W.
J. Craft S. D
Capt^t. Taubman J. D
John Barker

"B^r Sam^l Bullus having been elected Master of this Lodge & B^r John Phillips Jun^r Warden to serve till next S^t John's Day, they were install'd as such by the R^t Worshipful B^r Blathw^{te} Jones Esq. and presented With their Jewells of office.

^r Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 44.

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“ Stated Lodge Night Thursday Jan^r 17, 1782

“ Present as above & B^r Hodgkinson & J. How

Visiting Bro^{rs}

Capt. Guion

Hubble

Lieut. Bradford

D^r Tunison

Capt. Harvey

Lieut. Giles

Woodward

Price

Ford

“ B^r Hodgkinson having been elected Sen^r Warden of this Lodge, Was install'd as such by the Worshipful & presented with his Jewell of Office.

“ Stated Lodge Night Feb^r. 21, 1782

“ Present as above. A Fellow Crafts Lodge was open'd with the usual Formalities. After a Lecture from the Chair the Lodge closed in good Harmony.

“ March 21, 1782.

“ Lieut Cunningham & Ab^m Hewlings receiv'd the first Step of Masonry

“ April 18, 1782.

“ Lieut^s. Smith & Wetzell enter'd as above.

“ Emergency Ap^l 28, 1782.

“ Tho. Kemble enter'd as above.

“ Stated Lodge May 16, 1782

“ Master Masons Lodge open'd & clos'd in due Form with Harmony.

“ Emergency June 5, 1782

“ Fellow Crafts Lodge open'd and clos'd in good Harmony

“ Stated Lodge June 1782

“ Members present proceeded to Ballot for the Officers of this Lodge to serve till next S^t John's Day, when the following Persons were elected:

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John Phillips	W. Master
James Craft	S. Warden
John How	J. Warden
J. Ellis	Treasurer
J. Hewlinge	Sec ^r

“ W. Master appointed A. Bankson S. Deacon; H. Cunningham J. D.

“ Emergency June 24, 1782.

“ The Master & Wardens were install'd and presented with their Jewells & accomplishments

“ Stated Lodge July 18, 1782

“ A charge was brought against Br Kimble by Br Smith & supported by Brs Hewlings & Wetzell. The charge being of such a nature that it could not be overlook'd by the Lodge, and the Culprit having nothing to say in his own Defence, by the unanimous consent of the Lodge he was Expell'd after admonition from our Worshipful Br Phillips and Advice for his future Behaviour.

“ Emergency Aug^t 1, 1782

“ Capt. Shaddock received the first Step of Masonry.

“ Stated Lodge Aug^t 18, 1782

“ Master Masons Lodge open'd & clos'd in good Harmony.

“ Stated Lodge Sep^t 19, 1782

“ An enter'd Apprentices Lodge was open'd with the Usual Formalities. A Letter was presented by the W. Master from the R^t. W. Grand Master respecting the Initiation of Bryan Hynes purporting that if he Wanted but a few Months of the Age of 21, and should be found Worthy he saw Nothing improper in his receiving the first Step of Masonry. But this Lodge being sufficiently informed that he was not more than 19 years of Age thought it most advisable not to proceed without a Special Dispensation for that Purpose.

“ Stated Lodge Oct^r 17, 1782

“ Fellow Crafts Lodge open'd & closed in good Harmony.

“ Stated Lodge Nov^r 21, 1782

“ A Master Masons Lodge was open'd & closed in good Harmony.

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“ Stated Lodge Dec^r 19, 1782.

“ Members proceeded to the Election of Officers for the next Six Months when the following Persons were Elected :

J. Ellis W. M.

J. How S. W.

B. Hodgkinson J. W.

“ The Worshipful appointed B^r Craft S. Deacon, B^r Bankson, J. D. A motion was made, seconded & thirded that B^r Phillips request the Grand Lodge to allow the Expences of sending a B^r to meet them at Philadelphia in June, last when the Grand Lodge did not meet agreeable to their Advertisement.

December 23, 1782, we find upon the Minutes of the Grand Lodge :

“ No. 32 produced their proceedings and a return of the Members with the dues to this day Am ^t to	£3.13
Paid by Bro. Philips to Bro. Young G ^d Treas.	1.18.4
Due this day from No. 32	<u>£1.14.8</u>

The next information we have about Lodge No. 32, appears in the Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication, held June 12, 1786.

“ It is reported to this Grand Lodge that the Warrant granted for holding a Lodge in City of Burlington, No. 32, is in some person's hands in that place and is made no use of. Ordered, that the Sec^r. be requested to write to some Brother residing in that place, and requesting him to use his endeavors to find the same and transmit it to the Grand Lodge.⁸

“ Burlington Lodge, No 32, does not appear to have been represented at the New Brunswick Convention of 1786, when the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was formed. The agreement, however, entered into and signed by such as were present at the Convention was subsequently signed in behalf of No. 32, by Samuel Bullis, P. M., John How, Bethanath Hodgkinson and James Craft.⁹

“ The Penna. Warrant was surrendered in April, 1787, to join the G. L. of New Jersey.¹⁰

⁸ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 92.

⁹ *Vide* “Origin of Masonry in New Jersey, 1786-1857,” p. xxvi.

¹⁰ *Vide* Reprint of Minutes of the Grand Lodge, Vol. II, p. 417.



CHAPTER XXXIX.

LODGE NO. 33, HELD AT NEW CASTLE AND AT CHRISTIANA BRIDGE, DELAWARE.



AT the Grand Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held December 18, 1780, a petition from some Brethren in New Castle, Delaware, belonging to Lodge No. 5, held at Cantwell's Bridge, was read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge alternately, at New Castle and Christiana Bridge, both places being in New Castle County, Delaware. This petition was accompanied by a very warm recommendation in their favor, from the Master of No. 5,¹ whereupon the petition was unanimously granted. The Warrant was No. 33 upon the Roster of the Grand Lodge.

New Castle was one of the oldest settlements on the Delaware, being at the head of Delaware Bay. When the English obtained possession in 1664, New Castle became the seat of government and a port of entry.

Christiana Bridge, now the village of Christiana, on Christiana Creek, at the head of tide water navigation, is about ten

¹ Cf. Vol. I, Chapter IX, p. 177.

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miles southwest of Wilmington, and, before railroad days, was an important stage stand on the highway between Philadelphia and Baltimore. That and its situation on Christiana Creek, made the place one of double strategic importance, during the revolutionary period.

The officers named in the Warrant were: Bro. Joseph Israel, Master; Joseph Kilkead, Senior Warden, and John Clark, Junior Warden.

At the Communication held March 26, 1781, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Rutherford, was requested, as soon as convenient, to go down to New Castle and install the officers.

Bro. Rutherford evidently attended to this duty, and the new Lodge entered upon a successful year, as is shown by the following letter:

“NEW CASTLE May 14th 1781

“*Brother Rutherford*²

“I have the Pleasure of informing you by Brother Arch^d Alexander, that Lodge No. 33 has been twice in due form opened agreeable to the time fixed for holding the same at its institution and that from the good order and regularity with which its Members conducted themselves, the particular attention and respect paid to the Chair, and several other favorable appearances, I flatter myself we shall be able to support the Dignity of Masonry, and add to the Number of worthy Brethren; and likewise careful of preserving the good opinion and Esteem, which I hope is entertained of us by the Grand Body. Brother Alexander will deliver you seven pounds and ten shillings in specie, for the Warrant and other expenses incurred at the instituting of our Lodge; which the several Members have been very diligent to collect that it might be sent up before your next Quarterly Communication. If that sum should not be look'd upon sufficient, please to inform us by Brother Alexander, and we shall be very careful to procure the remainder; by whom we shall be very glad to receive a Letter from you with information when the Quar-

² MSS., Vol. F, paquet 93 folio 15.

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terly Communication will be held. I have the pleasure of subscribing myself with all due respect; by order of our Worshipful Master,

“Your sincere friend

“and Brother

“R. M. WILLIAM Jun^r. Secret^y.”

“To Bro^r. Alex^r. Rutherford.”

The plan of holding the Lodge at a different place on alternate years, does not appear to have been a success. As a majority of the Brethren preferred New Castle, they appealed to the Grand Lodge, December, 1781, for a modification of that part of their Warrant; when, on representation from the Master of Lodge No. 33, that it would be extremely inconvenient to alter their plan of meeting from New Castle, as most of the Members had removed there, permission was granted to hold it at whichever of the above places a majority of the Brethren should think most convenient.

Monday, September 2, 1782. A letter from Lodge No. 33 was read before the Grand Lodge, containing satisfactory reasons for their non-attendance. They also informed the Grand Lodge that No. 33, had been under the necessity of expelling from their Body, one of their members.

March 31, 1783. Brother John Stockton, Master of Lodge No. 33, paid the sum of Nine dollars into the hands of Bro. Joseph Howell, Jun., on account of dues for s^d Lodge.

Lodge No. 33 was one of the twelve Lodges represented upon that memorable September 25, 1786, when the Grand Lodge declared itself independent of “Great Britain or any other Authority whatever.”

The Lodge does not appear to have been represented in the Grand Lodge, after the above meeting until March, 1790.

The next notice of the Lodge appears June 2, 1792, when the Grand Secretary presented a return of the members of

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Lodge No. 33, which was sent to him with five pounds, nineteen shillings, in full for their dues to the first day of December 1791. It appears by the said return that there are nineteen members. "On Motion and Seconded, the same was ordered to be filed and entered on the Minutes as followeth, (to wit) :"

"NEW CASTLE, March, 1792.

"A List of the Officers and other Members of Lodge No. 33, with their Quarterly Dues, &c., to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from the first of March, 1790, to the first of December 1791.

Wors ^d Edward Roche, Master.	John Stockton.
Henry Darby, S. Warden	George Monro.
James Riddle, J. Warden.	James Boothe.
Joseph Israel, Treas ^r .	James M ^c Cullough.
Henry Barry, Secretary.	James M ^c Calmont.
Kensey Johns.	Levi Adams.
William M ^c Kennan.	William M ^c Clay.
Archihald Alexander.	

"Fifteen Members before the first day of March, 1790, and @ 1/p ^r quarter each, is	£5.5.0.
"William Dixon, admitted August 5, 1790, @ Do. p ^r Do...	0.5.0.
"James Monro, raised in Feb ^r 1791, @ Do. p ^r Do.....	0.3.0.
"Of James Monro's initiation fees appropriated to the use of the Grand Lodge	0.5.0.
"Matthew Pierce, admitted August, 1791, Quarterly Dues ..	0.1.0.
"George Read Jun ^r , admitted Feby 2 ^d , 1792.	
"Total amount of Dues to the Grand Lodge	£5.19.0.

" (Errors excepted.)

"Signed, HENRY BARRY, Sect^y, Lodge No. 33.^s

April 20, 1779. The following letter was sent to the R. W. Grand Master, inviting him and the Grand Officers to visit the Lodge :

^s MSS., Vol. F, paquet 93, folio 17.

Lodge No. 33, A. M. M.

" Right Worshipfull

" Brother

" I am directed by Lodge No. 33 to Inform you and the officers of the Grand Lodge that Lodge No 33 would be hapy in Receiving a visit from the officers of the Grand Lodge when ever it will suit your convenience I am with due Respect your Brother^t

" JOHN CROW Secretary

" April 20, 1799."

" of Lodge No. 33.

(Endorsement on back.)

" 20 April 1799

" Invitation from Lodge No 33 to the Grand Officers to visit said Lodge."

Upon receipt of this, Deputy Grand Master Israel, Acting Grand Master, sent the following order to Grand Secretary Baker :

" Dr Sr

" I am unacquanted with the presiding Master of the Wilmington Loge but Recomend to Rite to Colⁿ. Thom^s. Keane how I think has bin Master of that Loge. I send by your son a Letter from the Sect^r of No. 33 I segest to you the propriaty of meeting at Chester on Tusday; Willmington, Wedndsday; Newcastle on Thursday, & for the purpose of sifting of in a proper time to meet at my house on Tusday at 2 Oelock. Thay will have to Call the Willmington Loge Speshelly, but the two others meet on thare stated nights

" I am Sir with Respect yours &c

" George A. Baker Esq.^r."

" ISRAEL ISRAEL

The R. W. Grand Secretary wrote as follows :

" I am direct by y^e R. W. G. M. to inform y^e W. M. of L. No. 14 that he tog^r wth his G. Off^{rs} proposes making y^e L. a G. V. on W y^e 1st of May next. No ret^s have been rec^d from y^e Lo for a long time past & I do not know who at present is W. M. of y^e same. I therefore make free to request y^e fav^r of your com: this to y^e W. M. of s^d L. No. 14

" I am GEORGE A. BAKER,^t

" Gr Sec'y."

^t MSS., Vol. F, paquet 93, folio 19.

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This Grand Visitation was evidently made. No account of it, however, has come down to us. The following is the complete roster of Lodge 33, as recorded upon the Register of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :⁵

" REGISTER OF LODGE No 33 HELD AT NEW CASTLE DEL.

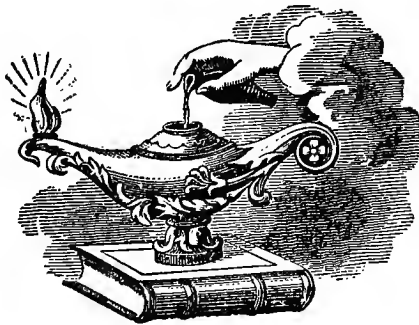
Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
Joseph Israel,	A. 1790, Mar. 1, W. M. 1790, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98.
George Monro,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
Henry Darby,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
William McKinnan,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
Edward Roche,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
Arch ^d Alexander,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
John Stockton,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
James McCullough,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
James Riddle,	A. 1790, Mar. 1, W. M. 1799.
James Booth,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
Kensy Johns,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
Jacob Webb,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
James M ^c Callmont,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
Henry Barry,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
Levi Adams,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
William M ^c Clay,	A. 1790, Mar. 1.
William Dixon,	A. 1790, Aug. 5.
James Monro.	
Mathew Pierce,	A. 1791, Aug.
George Read, Jur.,	A. 1792, Feb. 2.
Jediah Davidson,	A. 1793, Dec.
Maxwell Biens,	I. 1792, June, W. M. 1799.
John Bird,	I. 1797, Feb., W. M. 1800, '01, '02, '03.
John Darragh,	I. 1797, Feb.
Thomas Shallercross,	I. 1797, Feb.
Thos M ^c Kean Thomson,	I. 1797, May.
John Crow,	I. 1797, June.
John Baptist.	

⁵ Register of Members, Vol. I, page 202.

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Maxwell Biens,	A. 1796, Dec.	
William Ruth,	I. 1799, Feb.,	W. M. 1802.
John Smith,	I. 1799, Mar.	
Jacob Colesberry,	I. 1799, Mar.	
Michael King,	I. 1799, Mar.	
James Darby,	I. 1799, March.	
Alexander Forrest,	A. 1799, July.	
Evan Thomas,	A. 1800, May 1.	
Thomas Moore,	A. 1799, Sept. 5.	
Thomas Janvier,	I. 1799, Nov. 7.	
William Brady,	I. 1799, Dec. 5.	
Antrim Conaro,	A. 1800, Jan. 2.	
John Adams,	I. 1800, Feb. 6.	
John Janvier,	I. 1800, Mar. 6.	
Alex ^r . Duncan,	I. 1800, Mar. 6.	
W ^m . Clark Carpenter.		
Alexander Cowan,	A. 1801, Feb.	
Francis Haughey,	I. 1801, Feb.	
Christopher Weaker,	A. 1801, May.	
William Irwin,	I. 1801, July.	
William Pusey,	I. 1801, July.	
Hugh Mercer,	A. 1801, Sept.	

The Warrant of this Lodge was vacated for unmasonic conduct the fifteenth day of September, 1806.





CHAPTER XL.

LODGE NO. 34, A. Y. M., HELD AT TALBOT COURT HOUSE, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND.



ON June 24, 1780, a petition from a number of Brethren in Talbot County, Maryland, praying for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Talbot Court House, now the town of Easton, was presented before the Grand Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. John Coats. This was accompanied by the following personal letter,¹

which, on account of the interesting revolutionary matter it contains, is here given in full:

"Dear Brother [Coats]

"Some few Weeks past I was favoured with yours by our Brother Stevens informing me that you had understood a few of the Brotherhood in Talbot were inclined to procure a Warrant and form a Lodge at the Courthouse which was truly the case and from the Friendly and Brotherly hint you was pleased to give, we drew up a Petition in legal form to the Grand Lodge (of whom give me leave to congratulate you as one) for you to procure us a Dispensation which cannot fail of succeeding if your Approbation go along with it. The hurry of Business at the time prevented my answering your Letter which I hope will sufficiently appologise for the neglect. We delivered the

¹ MSS., Vol. C, paquet 138, folio 12.

Investment of Charleston, South Carolina

Petition to Brother Stevens addressed to you, since which we have not heard any thing more about it. Pray have you had an Opportunity of doing any thing for us or is there a Prospect of our succeeding. I am anxious to have the Warrant effected that we may be doing something more particularly as the Distance is so very considerable from us to No. 17. Should we be so Happy as to obtain a Warrant we Purpose before we go to Labour to repair to our respective Lodges and part on even Ground. Whatever the expence may be the Money shall be remitted whenever you think Proper with our grateful thanks for the favour. I hope your Lady and dear little Daughter are well which I sincerely congratulate you of. By a Gentleman from Annapolis a few days past who is lately from North Carolina we learn that the Enemy have beyond a doubt surrounded Charles Town. That General Clinton had sent in a summons to demand Possession of the Town. That General Lincoln had returned for answer that he would surrender provided he would be permitted to come out with the Honors of War. Should this be true and the offer accepted on the part of Clinton we are inclined to believe that Clinton will violate his Contract and make a Saratoga affair of it. Some Gentlemen are of Opinion that Lincoln will make an obstinate defence and keep possession if possible. His Army being superior in number, good health, good Spirits and Nine Months Provisions; should this be the case it may be of infinite Advantage to us, although I confess my fears are that it is not in our possession at this time. Some ground less reports have lately prevailed among us that a French fleet had appeared to the Northward with Eight or Ten thousand Land forces on board and that General Washington had put his Army in Motion and that New York was the object; they have not yet appeared and suppose they should have arrived is it good policy to bring the forces to the Northward when we are in want of them to the Southward. You perhaps may be better advised, if so and time permits I should be glad to be informed. The Business of the Courts and Land Office commands most of my Time so that I may with Truth say I live in a State of Slavery, but could I have the Opportunity of entering the Threshold of the Temple once more it would afford great refreshment to me. I hope it will not be long before I shall be that much Happy which is the hearty wish and desire of Dear Sir Your Affectionate Brother &

“ Very humble Servant

“ CHARLES GARDINER ”

“ Talbot Court House June 8th. 1780.

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After the petition and letter were read, Bro. Coats left the matter for the consideration of the next Grand Lodge.

July 2, 1781. The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the petition from Talbot County, Maryland, which was unanimously granted. The Warrant was Number 34 upon the Roster, and the Lodge was to be held at the village known as Talbot Court House, or within five miles of the same.

Bro. John Coats, Deputy Grand Master, and the Rev. Bro. William Smith, Grand Secretary, were appointed to go to Maryland and install the officers, to wit:

Bro. Charles Gardner, *Master.*

“ Richard Skinner, *S. W.*

“ John Stevens, *J. W.*

A Letter of Deputation from Lodge No. 34 to Bro. W^m. Moore Smith, to represent the said Lodge in the Grand Lodge, was read at the Quarterly Communication, December, 1781, and allowed.

This appears to have been the last communication from Lodge No. 34, to the Grand Lodge. Talbot Court House appears to have been the chief center for the abortive attempt to establish a Grand Lodge on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, a full account of which is given in the history of Lodge No. 6 (Volume I, p. 195 of this work), and strange as it may appear two of the most prominent factors in this movement were Bro. John Coats, R. W. Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Bro. William Smith, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Upon the surrender of its Warrant to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in 1787, the Lodge joined the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was finally formed on April 17, 1787, and became No. 6 of that Jurisdiction. The Lodge ceased about 1794.

Let there be Light

To all Her shipfull Masters and Wardens of Regular

Judges Meeting

We the Master and Wardens of Lodge, No. 2, Baltimore County Maryland, do
Recommend unto you our Brother Ephraim Howard of the said Degree
(E.D) and as appears by our By-laws, and that you will accept of him
if on Trial and Examination he shall be so found. Given at Lodge in
Joppa the 25. Day of August. 1764. W. S. P. H. and under the Seal
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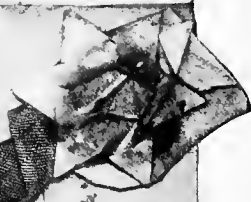
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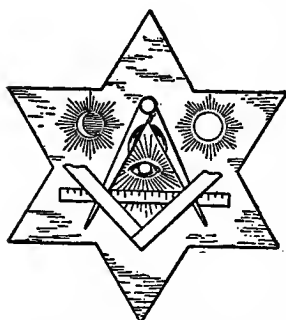
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CHAPTER XLI.

LODGE NO. 35, A. Y. M., HELD AT JOPPA, HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND.



SEAL OF JOPPA LODGE, NO. 2.

THE oldest known records, relating to Freemasonry in former Baltimore County, Maryland, are in the hands of General Thomas J. Shryock, M. W. Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & M. of Maryland, and consist of a Certificate and receipt given by the Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 2, located in Joppa,¹

Baltimore (now Harford) County, Maryland, viz. :—

“LET THERE BE LIGHT.

“To All Worshipful Masters and Wardens of Regular

“LODGES GREETING

“We the Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 2 Baltimore County Maryland Do recommend unto You Our Brother Ephrain Howard of the Frst Degree (E P) and as appears by our Redgester; And that you will accept of him if on Trial and examination he shall be

¹ Joppa is an old settlement near the Gunpowder River, about half way between Baltimore and the Susquehanna River.

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so found. Given at Lodge in Joppa the 25th. Day of August A D 1764 A M 5764 and under the Seal thereof.

“RICHARD WAGSTAFFE, *Master*

“SAMUEL PARSONS

“JOHN BOYD

Attached is a curious Seal of Square and Compass.

On the back is endorsed:—

“JAMES ARMSTRONG, Secty pro tempore”

“Admitted 1764, Ephraim Howard
Certificate”

Also:—

“Ephraim Howard debtor to General Charity
for impression of the Seal.

“THOS. GASSAWAY HOWARD
“*Treasurer.*”

This certificate is accompanied by a receipt, as follows:

“Received August 11th. 1764 A M 5764 Brother Ephraim Howard 1/13s for fee admitted to the Degree of Entered Apprentice at our Lodge in Joppa.

“THOS. G. HOWARD”

In the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Maryland there is the Warrant for a Masonic Lodge to be held at the old town of Joppa, in Baltimore (New Harford) County, Maryland.

This Warrant, according to Bro. Schultz, the historian of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, bears the date of August 8, 1765, and was granted by Lord Blaney, of Castle Blaney, who was the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the *Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons* of England. This, it will be noted, was the Grand Lodge of the so-called “Moderns.”

²Book of Proceedings in Grand Lodge of Maryland. Cf. Schultz, “Freemasonry in Maryland,” p. 33 *et seq.*

Joppa Lodge, No. 1, "Moderns"

By virtue of said Warrant, Lodge No. 1 was opened² at Joppa, November 21, 1765, the officers being:

Rev. Bro. Samuel Howard, *Master*.

“ Richard Wagstaff, *Senior Warden*.

“ John Hammond Dorsey, *Junior Warden*.

There were present upon that occasion,

Master Masons:

Bro. Edward Fell,
“ Thomas Ward,
“ Daniel Barnet,

Bro. James Wetherall,
“ Joseph Eeroyd,
“ Joseph Smith.

Fellow Crafts:

Bro. Richard Wells,
“ Hammond John Cromwell,
“ Freeborn Brown,

Bro. John Norris, Jr.,
“ Samuel Cross.

It will be noted that the above certificate is dated before the Warrant of this Lodge in Bro. Schultz' history. In the Lodge in Bro. Schultz' history of Joppa, Bro. Wagstaffe was one of the Wardens. In this Lodge he is the Worshipful Master.

Accordingly there must have been at least two Masonic Lodges in Baltimore County, Maryland, prior to the granting of the Blaney Warrant or Charter.

It will be noted that the Joppa Lodge, according to its Warrant, was of the "Moderns." This fact, for some unknown reason, appears to have been overlooked by the members, who either knew nothing of the two English Grand Lodges—so-called "Moderns" and "Ancients"—or else supposed there was no difference between the various Lodges; and an effort was made, early in the year 1766, to enter into communication with the Philadelphia Brethren—"Ancients." For this purpose, Richard Wagstaff, Senior Warden of Joppa Lodge No. 1, went to Philadelphia, and, upon his return,

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“Made report that he lately had been at Philadelphia and that he was desired by the Master and Brethern of Lodge No. 3 Ancient York Masons in the Aforesaid City to make a motion to this Lodge that they should be glad to carry on a regular Correspondence with Lodge No 1 Ancient Masons Joppa which desire was Immediately agreed to. Master and Brethern names and place of meeting are taken down as follows

“Held at John Kelleys in “Pewter Platter Alley Philadel- phia.”	}	“JOHN FALLWELL, M:
		“HENRY DAWKINS, S: W.
		“THOMAS BEDMAN, J: W.”

It will be seen by the above report, that the Philadelphia Brethren of Lodge No. 3 supposed the Joppa Lodge No. 1, to be of the “Ancients.”

When Bro. Wagstaff came to Philadelphia, he first attempted to visit Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., but was not admitted, as appears from the Minutes of that Lodge, viz. :³

May 13, 1766. “One Richard Wagstaffe a person from Maryland desired to visit us, whereupon Bros. Jones & Lennox were ordered to examine him and upon tryal he was not found worthy, the principal reason Being Examined whether he had not been concerned in Clandestanly making. Acknowledged he had & for other sufficient reasons was refused admittance.”

Afterwards Bro. Wagstaff applied to Lodge No. 3, with better success, as is shown by the above extracts from the Minutes of Joppa Lodge.⁴

The Brethren of Joppa Lodge, No. 1, meeting occasionally at Harford Town, and subsequently alternating at “Joppa” and Belle Air (Belair), continued to work under the authority of the “Moderns,” until the outbreak of the Revolution, when, it appears, the Lodge suspended its labors until May 2, 1781, when it was again opened “in the Town of Joppa and carried on with decorum and regularity, by the following

³ Cf. “Freemasonry in Pennsylvania,” Vol. I, p. 165.

⁴ The Early Minutes of Lodge No. 3, A. Y. M., covering 1766, are lost.

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elected officers: Reverend George Hughes Worsley, Master, Richard Mills, Senior Warden, and William Allender, Junior Warden and their successors till November following; about which time, one of the Brethren made application to No. 15, Fells Point, to be admitted as a visitor and was rejected for being a ‘Modern’ Brother, therefore the Brethren of the Joppa Lodge were unwilling to continue Modern Masons any longer and for their Satisfaction sent their Warrant by the hands of Mr Robert Moore of Baltimore Town, to the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia to have their important opinion of the matter. It was their opinion that it was a Modern Warrant.”⁵

Bro. Robert Moore arrived in Philadelphia with the Warrant, and reported to Bro. Rutherford, and the latter, as Acting Grand Master, at once summoned a Grand Lodge of Emergency, which convened, October 18, 1781.

When a letter from Mr. William Allender was read to the Grand Master “enclosing a Warrant from Lord Blaney to hold a Lodge at Joppa, praying advice and Directions from this Grand Lodge.

“Whereupon, Resolved, That it appears to this Grand Lodge that the Warrant is a modern one; but that if on proper application, some of the members of the Modern Lodge so held at Joppa are found worthy, and enter’d, pass’d, and rais’d in one of the ancient Lodges at Baltimore, that then, on the Recommendation of that ancient Lodge to this Grand Lodge, we shall think it conducive to the Benefit of the Craft to grant them a new Warrant if they Surrender their Modern one, and in the mean time, We recommend it to the Lodges to be cautious in not admitting them to sit with them while remaining Moderns.”⁶

⁵ Book of Proceedings in Grand Lodge of Maryland. Cf. Schultz, “Freemasonry in Maryland,” Vol. I, p. 302.

⁶ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 42.

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After the close of the Grand Lodge, the following letters of advice were sent to Bro. Moore and Mr. Allender :

“PHILAD^A Oct^r. 22, 1781.

“MR. ROBERT MOOR^r

“*Sir*—If Mr William Allenden or any other of the Gentlemen of the Body to which he belongs applies to you to go over the ground in a proper manner, I request you will render him any assistance in your power to Confirm the business he is embarked in, you paying that attention which is necessary, & let me hear from you as Soon as Convenient on the Occasion.

“I am Sir

“Y^r humble Serv^t.

“ALEX^R RUTHERFORD

“Baltimore”

“D. G. M.

“PHILAD^A Oct^r. 22, 1781.

“*Sir*

“Your favor of the 14 Curr^t was handed me by Mr. Robert Moore; agreeable to what you mention I desired the Grand Lodge to be Called, which was accordingly done, I presented your letter to the body, at same time Mr Moore laid your Warrant before them, when after Strict tryal, & examination every member then present gave their Opinion—the Warrant was *Modern*,—You desire me to give my advice of the mater; from what hath been Say^d in the foregoing tis *just* in my opinion, the Warrant is MODERN, it is the Wish & desire of the Grand Lodge, if agreeable to you & the other Gentlemen that you & not less than two or three more of your body apply to either of the bodies in Baltimore for permission to go over the ground again—& as Soon as that is done Mr Moore will give you and the other Gentlemen his opinion & advice in what manner to apply for an Antient Warrant to the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, which I am pretty well Convinced will be Complied with^s

“I am Sir

“Your Humble Serv^t

“ALEX^R RUTHERFORD

“Copy

“D. G. M.

“Mr William Allenden

“near Baltimore”

^r Vide MSS., Vol. C, paquet 138, folio 17.

^s *Ibid.*, folio 18.

Petition for Warrant

The Brethren in Harford County acted upon the advice of Bro. Rutherford, to qualify the requisite number of Brethren in Lodge No. 16 in Baltimore, as appears by the following letter from Bro. Robert Moore to Bro. Rutherford:

“BALTIMORE January 9th 1782

“*Dear Sir:*

“The letter you deliver^d to my care for M^r W^m Allender of Joppa I had the pleasure to deliver before I reacht home, haveing accidentally met with that Gentleman and one of the other Concern^d at M^r Philips^s on the road, at the same time gave them verbal Instructions how to proceed if they agreed on to apply for an Antient Warrant. —in a few days after three petitions were presented to Lodge No 16 at our monthly meeting by M^r Allender, M^r Bretbury & M^r Gods-grace, they were in due time accepted, and going over the Ground became Antient Master Masons. Soon after at their request I went to Joppa with two more Brothers and assisted by one Doctor Budd (who near lives near Joppa) an old acquaintance of mine in the Masonic way, where we sett two more of the Modern Gentlemen Right viz. M^r Day & M^r Weston. Doctor Budd I found as he was settle^d. there intended to joyne as soon as an Antient Warrant was got, and I was assure^d of one or two more who I know to be Antient, and lives not far from Joppa that will Joyn them. So that it is my opinion there is sufficient of them to do business. Br. Allender who they appoint Mast^r. has been often with me. I have examin^d and instructed him, I find his knowledge of Masonry is such that there wants only to erase some few footsteps of the Modern tract, when (as he is both anxious and industrious) I have not the least doubt he will be able to Rule govern and instruct as he ought to do, I have promis^d them that every assistance in my power shall not be wanting, which they shall have at any time only applying.

“Their petition will go with this which I make no doubt will be granted, I declare myself satisfie^d it shou^d the more so as I know the characters of Several of the Gentlemen particularly the subscribers.—I shall write by this opportunity to Brot^r Bernard and send some acknowledgement to the G. Lodge from No. 16 in regard to which I shall write fully to him. I am D^r S^r your very Respectful & affect^d friend & Broth^r ⁹

“ROB^T MOORE.”

The following petition accompanied the above letter:

⁹ MSS., Vol. O, paquet 85, folio 32.

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“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, GRAND WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT YORK MASONS IN PHILADELPHIA.

“The Humble Petition of William Allender, George Gouldsmith Presbury, William Godsgrace, Edward Day, John Weston and several others have for these Sixteen Years past met and Assembled together as Free Masons: under a Warrant granted in the Year 1765, to the Rev. Samuel Howard, by a Grand Lodge in London; and have always conducted ourselves agreeable to the orders and Instructions given with said Warrant. not knowing but what we were sufficiently qualified to be admitted into any Lodge of Masons throughout the Globe; till very lately we were informed otherwise by some of the Brethren in Baltimore: yet doubting we agreed and sent the Warrant by Bro. Robert Moore of Baltimore to your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge; for full Satisfaction on the return of the Warrant which you Assured us was Modern, we were favored with a Letter of Instructions from the Right Worshipful Alexander Rutherford G. M., which Instructions we have followed in every Respect by Brother Moore and Brother Allenders Letters to Brother Rutherford, the Lodge will be particulary informed of our proceedings. . . .

“Your Petitioners now humbly hope and expect there is nothing left undone on our parts that may impede or delay your granting us a Warrant: which we would wish to have with as much expedition as may possibly be convenient to the Grand Lodge, as there are several very worthy Members of our former Lodge who wish and are impatient to be as we, and it would give us infinite pleasure if we could have it by the Bearer.

“The Grand Lodge will please to nominate Brother William Allender, Worshipful Master, Brother George Gouldsmith Presbury Esq^r., Sen^r Warden, and Brother William Godsgrace Junior Warden. the Lodge is to be held in the Town of Joppa, in Hartford County, Maryland. In humble hope of your favour for the success of Antient Masonry in General, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in particular, your petitioners shall forever Pray.

“January 4th 1782.

“N. B.—The Grand Lodge will be pleased to be more than ordinary particular to appoint Joppa to be the place specified in the Warrant to hold the Lodge in, and in very

WILLIAM ALLENDER
GEO. GOULD. PRESBURY
WILLIAM GODSGRACE
EDWARD DAY
JOHN WESTON
JOHN GWINN

Joppa Lodge No. 35, A. M. U.

strong Terms as also to make the Warrant invalid and of no effect held in any other place except the Town of Joppa, and be pleased further to make all Lodges Clandestine that is held out of Joppa by virtue of this Warrant expected which we think will sufficiently hinder any removal of our Lodge or Warrant which we humbly Pray will be agreeable to your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

“Signed by Order of your Petitioners Edward Day, Secretary.”¹⁰

This petition was read at a Grand Lodge of Emergency, held February 16, 1782, and the prayer was unanimously granted, the Lodge to be held at Joppa only, and the number to be 35.

The officers of the new Lodge were:

William Allender, *Master.*

George Goldsmith Pressbury, *Senior Warden.*

William Godsgrace, *Junior Warden.*

Bro. Godsgrace died shortly afterwards and Bro. Edward Day was selected as Junior Warden. “The officers went to No. 15, Federal Hill, Baltimore, and were there installed in a Past Master’s Lodge.”

Among the early membership were the following:

John Weston,	Maj. Samuel Caldwell,
Robert Moore,	Samuel Day,
W ^m Rae,	Capt. James Phillips,
George Budd,	Edward Carvil Tolley,
Patrick Finegan,	Capt. Samuel Budd,
Ephraim Cole,	Gabriel Vanhorn,
Edward Day M ^c Comas,	Wm. Kerr,
John Stevenson,	James Giles,
Robert Young Stokes,	Gabriel Christie,
Capt. Chas. Baker,	Ralph Bond,
Stephen Onion,	John Smith,
Maj. Samuel Smith,	Abraham Jarrett,
Gilbert Jones,	Barnet Johnson of Thomas,

¹⁰ MSS., Vol. O, paquet 94, folio 11.

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Barnet Johnson of Barnet,
Benj. Preston,
Joseph Wheeler,
James Lee,
Tolley Worthington,
Wm. M^cComas,
Archibald Robinson,
Moses Maxwell,
Clement Skerritt

James Taylor,
Wm. Welsh,
Gittings Gover,
Harry Gough,
Wm. Smith,
Robert Amos,
John Hay,
John Bull,
Mathew Snowdy,

Many of the above were members of the old Modern Lodge, and had therefore to be re-initiated.

The next notice we find of the Lodge upon the Minutes of the Grand Lodge is under date of March 29, 1784, when Bro. Rutherford acknowledges to have received £4.15.0, "being in part of Dues from Lodge No. 35, held at Joppa."

Lodge No. 35 does not appear to have joined the Grand Lodge of Maryland, or to have participated in either of the conventions held upon the Eastern Shore, to form a Grand Lodge. The Lodge appears to have existed until the year 1792.





REV. BRO. ANDREW HUNTER.

WARRANT MASTER OF LODGE No. 36, A. Y. M.

B. VIRGINIA, 1752 D. WASHINGTON, D. C., FEB. 24, 1823.



CHAPTER XLII.

LODGE NO. 36, A. Y. M., TO BE HELD AT THE RESPECTIVE CANTONMENTS OF THE NEW JERSEY BRIGADE.



AT a meeting of the Grand Lodge, held Monday, September 2, 1782, the following petition, signed by twenty Brethren, officers in the New Jersey Brigade, in the continental army, was read, praying for a warrant, to hold a traveling military warrant, to be attached to the said line:

“To the Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.¹

“The petition of the officers of the Jersey Line most respectfully Sheweth that your petitioners are deeply sensible of the advantage and utility of masonry accruing to that part of mankind who are disposed to lead their lives agreeably to the rational and benevolent rules of its constitution; and wishing to promote the honor and dignity of the craft we would most earnestly request of your worshipful body to grant us a Warrant according to the nature of our situation, that we may be enabled to proceed to business with that order and decency which are the ornaments of sober and rational men.

¹ MSS., Vol. F, paquet 95, folio 43.

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And farther we would request that our worthy Brother the Rev^d Andrew Hunter,² whom we have chosen for that purpose, may be appointed our master in masonry. Our worthy Brother Captain Joseph I. Anderson³ Senior Warden, and our worthy Brother Cap^{tn} Aaron Ogden⁴ Junior Warden. Any other favors which you in your wisdom shall Judge conducive to our reputation and well-being shall be most gratefully acknowledged and sedulously improved, And your petitioners as in duty bound shall pray.

“ Jersey Huts
“ May 25th 1782 ” }
}

The following names were signed to above petition:

MATT[HLIAS] OGDEN, Col. Served as a volunteer in the Expedition to Canada and was wounded at Quebec, December 31, 1775; Lieutenant-Colonel, 1st New Jersey, March 7, 1776; Colonel, January 1, 1777; taken prisoner at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, October 5, 1780; granted leave

² Rev. Bro. Andrew Hunter was the son of a British officer, born in Virginia in 1752. He was licensed to preach by the first Presbytery of Philadelphia in 1773. He was appointed a Brigade Chaplain in 1775, and served throughout the Revolution, receiving public thanks from General Washington for valuable aid at the Battle of Monmouth. He later became a Chaplain in the Navy. Bro. Hunter died in Washington, D. C., February 24, 1823.

³ Bro. Joseph J. Anderson, Ensign, 3d New Jersey, May, 1776; 1st Lieutenant, November 29, 1776; promoted, Captain, October 26, 1777; transferred to 1st New Jersey, January 1, 1781; Regimental Paymaster from October 26, 1777, to close of the war; Brevet Major, September 30, 1783. He died April 17, 1837.

⁴ Aaron Ogden, Paymaster, 1st New Jersey, December 8, 1775, to November, 1776; Brigade Major to Maxwell's Brigade from March, 1778 to 1780; promoted to Captain, February 2, 1779; served to close of war; Lieutenant-Colonel, 11th U. S. Infantry, January 8, 1799; honorably discharged, June 15, 1800. Captain Ogden was entrusted by Washington with the delicate commission relating to Andre and Arnold, and bringing about the surrender of the latter. After the close of his military career he studied law, and served as Presidential Elector, State Senator, and, in 1812, as Governor of New Jersey. He died in 1839, at the age of eighty-three years.

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April 21, 1783, to visit Europe and did not return to the army; Brevet Brigadier-General, September 30, 1783. He died March 21, 1791.

F[ANCIS] BARBER, Lieut. Col. Major, 3d New Jersey, January 18, 1776; Lieutenant-Colonel, November 28, 1776; wounded at Monmouth, June 28, 1778; wounded at Newtown, August 29, 1779; wounded at Yorktown, October 14, 1781; transferred to 1st New Jersey, January 1, 1781; Colonel, 2d New Jersey, 1783; accidentally killed by the falling of a tree, February 11, 1783.

G[ILES] MEAD, Capt. 1st Lieutenant, 1st New Jersey, December 10, 1775, to November 10, 1776; 1st Lieutenant, 1st New Jersey, November 29, 1776; Captain, October 29, 1777, and served to close of war.

J[OHN] N[OBLE] CUMMING, Lt Col. 1st Lieutenant, 2d New Jersey, November 29, 1775; Captain, November 30, 1776; Major, 1st New Jersey, April 16, 1780; Lieutenant-Colonel, 2d New Jersey, December 29, 1781; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandent, February 11, 1783; retained in New Jersey Battalion, April, 1783, and served to November 13, 1783.

JN^o [JOHN] HOLMES, Cap^t. 2d Lieutenant, 1st New Jersey, February 9, 1776; 1st Lieutenant, November 28, 1776; Captain, February 1, 1779, and served to June 3, 1783.

W[ILLIAM] PIATT, Cap^t. Private and Sergeant, 1st New Jersey, December, 1775, to August, 1776; 2d Lieutenant, August 20, 1776; 1st Lieutenant, January 15, 1777; Captain, March 11, 1780, and served to April, 1783.

A[BEL] WEYMAN, Capt. Ensign, 1st New Jersey, August 4 to November, 1776; Ensign, 4th New Jersey, November 28, 1776; 2d Lieutenant, February 17, 1777; 1st Lieutenant, November 1, 1777; transferred to 2d New Jersey,

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July 1, 1778; Captain-Lieutenant, April 16, 1780; transferred to 1st New Jersey, January 1, 1781; Captain, 1st New Jersey, January 1, 1781, and served to April, 1783.

The name also spelled Wayman.

SAM[UE]L SEELY, Lieut. Ensign, 1st New Jersey, October 4, 1777; 2d Lieutenant, October 29, 1778; 1st Lieutenant, March 11, 1780; retained in New Jersey Battalion, April, 1783, and served to close of war.

SILAS PARROTT, Lt. 2d Lieutenant of Spencer's Additional Continental Regiment, January 4, 1778; retired, April 23, 1779; Ensign 1st New Jersey, June 1, 1780; to rank from January 4, 1778, and served to April, 1783.

EDEN BURROWES, Lt. Sergeant, 1st New Jersey, December, 1776; 2d Lieutenant, March, 1777; 1st Lieutenant, January 4, 1778; retained in New Jersey Battalion, April, 1783, and served to November 3, 1783.

ABSALOM MARTIN, Lieut. Paymaster, 4th New Jersey, November 28, 1776; Lieutenant, 1st New Jersey, November 2, 1777; Regimental Paymaster, February 1, 1779, to June, 1783; Captain, January 6, 1783, and served to close of war; Captain, 27th United States Infantry, May 20, 1813; honorably discharged, June 1, 1814.

DERICK LANE, Lieut. 2d Lieutenant, 4th New Jersey, November 28, 1776; 2d Lieutenant, 2d New Jersey, February 5, 1777; 1st Lieutenant, November 8, 1777; Regimental Quartermaster, April 3, 1779; Captain-Lieutenant, July 5, 1779; Captain, February 11, 1783; retained in New Jersey Battalion, April, 1783, and served to June 3, 1783; Captain, United States Infantry Regiment, August 12, 1784; resigned, November 24, 1785.

LUTHER HALSEY, Lieut. Sergeant, 2d New Jersey, November, 1775; Regimental Adjutant, 2d New Jersey, November

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28, 1777; retained in New Jersey Battalion, April, 1783; brevet Captain, September 30, 1783, and served to November 3, 1783.

JN° PECK, Lieut. 2d Lieutenant, 2d New Jersey, November 29, 1776; 1st Lieutenant, November 10, 1777; Regimental Paymaster, April 2, 1778, to January, 1783; retained in New Jersey Battalion, April, 1783; brevet Captain, September 30, 1783; served to November, 1783; served also as Captain in New Jersey Militia.

JOHN RUECASTLE [RENCASTLE]. Private, Corporal and Sergeant 3d New Jersey, December, 1775, to November, 1777; 2d Lieutenant, 3d New Jersey, November 1, 1777; 1st Lieutenant, April 7, 1779; transferred to 1st New Jersey, January 1, 1781, and served to April, 1783.

JOHN BLAIR, Lieut. Ensign 4th New Jersey, November 28, 1776; 2d Lieutenant, 3d New Jersey, May 1, 1777; 1st Lieutenant, November 1, 1779; Regimental Adjutant, November 1, 1780; transferred to 1st New Jersey, January 1, 1781, and served to April, 1783.

J[ONATHAN] RHEA, Lieut. Ensign, 2d New Jersey, January 1, 1777; 2d Lieutenant, April 1, 1778; retained in New Jersey Battalion in April, 1783, and served to November 3, 1783.

JACOB HARRIS, Surg'n. Surgeon's-Mate, 1st New Jersey, November 28, 1776; Surgeon's-Mate, 4th New Jersey, February 26, 1777; transferred to 1st New Jersey, July 1, 1778; Surgeon, November 16, 1782; retained in New Jersey Battalion, April, 1783, and served to November, 1783.

E[PHRIAM L.] WHITLOCK, Lieut. Ensign, 4th New Jersey, November 28, 1776; 2d Lieutenant, January 1, 1777; 1st Lieutenant, November 23, 1777; transferred to 1st New

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Jersey, July 1, 1778; retained in New Jersey Battalion, April, 1783; brevet Captain, September 30, 1783, and served to November, 1783; Major, 15th United States Infantry, May 1, 1812; Lieutenant-Colonel, 14th Infantry, November 14, 1813; honorably discharged, June 15, 1815.

ABSALOM BONHAM, Lieut. 2d Lieutenant, 4th New Jersey, November 1, 1777; transferred to 2d New Jersey, July 1, 1778; 1st Lieutenant, March 27, 1780, and served to April, 1783.

The prayer of the New Jersey Brethren was unanimously granted. The Warrant contains several restrictions⁵ and sets forth:

“That We, William Ball, Grand Master, Alexander Rutherford, Deputy Grand Master, William Adeock, Senior Grand Warden, William McIlvaine, Junior Grand Warden, present and legal successors to the above-named Provincial Grand Officers,⁶ as by the Grand Lodge Books may appear, by virtue of the power to us granted by the above in part recited Warrant, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, the Rev. Andrew Hunter, (present Chaplain to the New Jersey Brigade), Master, Captain Joseph Insley Anderson, Senior Warden, Captain Aaron Ogden, Junior Warden of a new travelling Lodge, Number Thirty-six, to be held in the respective Cantonments of the aforesaid New Jersey Brigade, and not elsewhere. And we do further authorize and empower our said Brethren, the Reverend Andrew Hunter, Master, Captain Joseph Insley Anderson, Senior Warden, and Captain Aaron Ogden, Junior Warden, to admit and make Free Masons according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations thro’out the known World and not contrary-wise (and this Grand Lodge doth by the Powers vested in them, strictly enjoin and require that no citizens be initiated under the said Travelling Warrant Number Thirty-six while in the vicinity of any Lodge of Ancient Free Masons within the United States of

⁵ *Vide* original Warrant in Archives of the Grand Lodge.

⁶ Alluding to names mentioned in the introductory part of the Warrant.

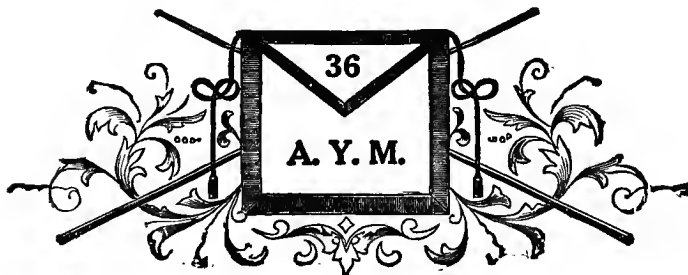
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America, excepted only when special Dispensations shall be granted for the purpose aforesaid by the Grand Master, or, in his absence, by the Deputy Grand Master of such Grand Lodge wheresoever this Lodge may be convened).”

At an extra meeting of the Grand Lodge, Philadelphia, December 11, 1782, the “Rev^d. Andrew Hunter was duly recommended in form to the R. W. Grand Master in the chair, for Installation as Master of Lodge No. 36, granted to the New Jersey Brigade, 2^d Septem^r. last, and was accordingly Installed.”

June 17, 1784. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Joseph Howell, Jr., reported that he had received £6.10.0 from Bro. Procter in full for travelling Warrant No. 36, of the Jersey line and paid the same to Hall and Sellers in part for printing 500 copies of Doctor McGaw’s sermon.

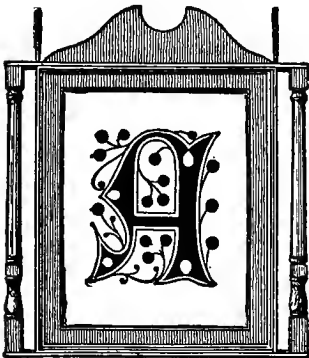
Six months later, December 20, 1784, the Warrant was surrendered to the Grand Lodge, and is now in the Archives of the Grand Lodge, and is believed to be the only original American military Warrant in existence.





CHAPTER XLIII.

LODGE NO. 37, A. Y. M., HELD AT PRINCESS ANNE,
SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND.



T a Communication of the Grand Lodge, Monday, September 2, 1782, R. W. Bro. Wiliam Ball, Grand Master, stated that a letter was received, and by him "communicated to the Grand Lodge, from B^{rs}. Bourke and Smith, respecting the situation of several very respectable and ancient Characters in the part of Maryland in which they live, who being of the modern Order wish to go over again in the ancient form, and requesting the Indulgence of a Dispensation; Whereupon, Resolved, That the Grand Master grant a Dispensation to B^r. John Coats, late D. G. M., and B^r. Smith, present G. Sec^y or either of them, taking to their assistance such Brethren as they may see proper, to enter into the Mysteries of Masonry, General Hooper and such other respectable and unexceptionable Characters as come within the description of the above Letter."

At the same Grand Communication, the following petition

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was presented and read from some Brethren in Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland.

“CAMB’G^E. 13th June 1782

“*Sir & Brother*

“I take the Liberty to inclose a Petition from some of our Brethren to your care Confident that its being granted will be of service to the Craft we earnestly request the G. L. will comply with their Prayer

“They live fifty miles from this place, are worthy members, their conduct will do honor to the Craft^t

“I am Sir & Brother

“Your very Hble Serv^t

“To

“THOMAS BOURKE

“William Moore Smith, Esq.”

Master Lodge No. 29.

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, SENIOR AND JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS OF THE GRAND LODGE IN PHILADELPHIA

“The humble petition of sundry of your Brethren, inhabitants of Somerset County in the State of Maryland, Sheweth that from a Sincere conviction of the great utility of the royal Craft, they were induced to apply, and become members of Lodge No. 29, under your Jurisdiction, which is held in Cambridge, Dorchester Cot^v, and have endeavored to improve themselves by its glorious precepts to the best of their abilities, but finding the distance so great from the place of their residence to the Lodge, that it is impractable for them to pay that attention, which is their wish, and they think their duty, they flatter themselves that the Grand Head from which they spring will countenance their desire of spreading their noble science, as farr as their influence can possibly extend, they would wish to inform you that they live in a part of the Country Genteely settled, and at the distance of fifty miles from the Lodge, they at present belong to, and have no doubt of adding a number of Worthies to the Fraternity; they can with pleasure inform you that they have met with the approbation of their own Body. Their number at present is six, who upon a meeting have chosen your Petitioners as their Officers, and should we be favor’d with your concurrence, either by dispensation (if a Warrant cannot be immedeally granted) or by a Warrant, we request

¹ MSS., Vol. O, paquet 90, folio 47.

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it may be held in Princess-Anne, Somerset County, and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

“ N. B. our Brother will obviate } “ LEV. WINDER, M.
any difficulty in forming and } “ JNO. WATERS Ju^r. S. W.
instaling us. } “ FRANCIS J. HENRY, J. W.

“ Cambridge 13th June 1782 ”

After the above petition was read, it was ordered to lie over until next Communication, and ordered that the Grand Secretary inform the petitioners, that the Grand Lodge expect a Certificate from the Officers of the Lodge, in which they were made, respecting their behaviour and the propriety of granting a Warrant to them.

At the Grand Communication, December 23, 1782, the following letter was handed from the chair, and read :

“ *Right Worshipful*
“ WM. BALL² ”

“ CAMBRIDGE Dec^r. 13th. 1782.

“ I had the honour of a letter from Brother W^m. Smith Dep^y G. Sec^r. dated Sep^r. last which the sickness of his father prevented my receiving before the last of November. A violent inflammation in my breast prevented me from answering it ere now. We have observed the contents; and I am ordered to inform you that the members of our Lodge who applied for a Warrant to hold a new Lodge in Somerset, an adjoining County, whose names we sent you in my last are good members—an honour to the Craft. Their Distance from us is our only motive for wishing a separation—and the advantage which would arise from extending our knowledge the cause of our admitting them.

“ I may, perhaps, be out of order, if I am, impute it to ignorance, by requesting that you would not order us to attend you but at such seasons of the year as will make travelling easy to us—We live at a distance and in the Winter the Weather is so severe that we cannot obey your orders without fear and trembling—We are anxious that you should have a good opinion of us—I know we deserve it—Our Zeal for the Craft and the flourishing state of what I may

² MSS., Vol. C, paquet 138, folio 23.

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call an infant Lodge will atone for any neglect on our side when I may remind you that we have received no instructions but what our own observations and the advice of Brother Coats have afforded us—I repeat it—To hear from you often will lay the Lodge under obligation.

“ I am, Right Worshipful,
“ Your aff^o. brother and hble
“ Serv^t.
“ THOM^S. BOURKE

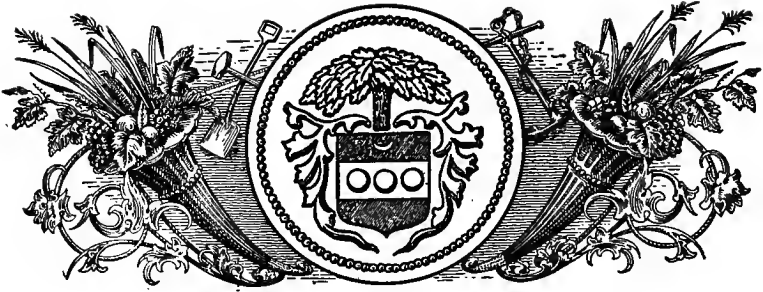
“ Bro. Smith, G^d Sec^r. being present, and giving the said Brethren a good Character. A ballot was called for and taken, and it being approved of, Ordered that the Sec^r. make out a Warrant agreeable to their Petition, the Officers to be: Levin Winder, Master; John Waters, Jun., Senior Warden; and Francis J. Henry, Junior Warden; the Warrant N^o. 37.”

This was the ninth and last Lodge warranted in Maryland by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Lodge No. 37 was one of the five Lodges which participated in the abortive attempt to establish a Grand Lodge on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, in June, 1783. Upon this occasion, the Lodge was represented by its Master, Bro. Levin Winder.

At the formation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in 1787, Lodge No. 37 was represented by Bros. John Done, Levin Winder and Richard Waters. Bro. Done, the Master of No. 37, was unanimously chosen Junior Grand Warden. Lodge No. 37 became No. 7 under the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and ceased in the year 1793.





CHAPTER XLIV.

LODGE NO. 38, A. Y. M., TO BE HELD AT EASTON,
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



AT the meeting of the Grand Lodge, on Monday, September 2, 1782, the following petition was presented, signed by a number of Brethren in Easton, in the County of Northampton, for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the town of Easton:

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT YORK MASONS FOR THE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA AND PLACES UNITED THEREWITH IN MASONIC JURISDICTION¹

“The Petition of the Subscribers

“most respectfully Sheweth

“That they are situated upwards of Fifty Miles from any warranted Lodge, and deprived of any Opportunity of communicating regularly with each other as Masons, they therefore Pray that if the Place may seem proper to the Grand Lodge, a Warrant may be granted to be held in the Town of Easton in the County of Northampton, as it will certainly tend to promote those Principles of Universal Benevolence & Philanthropy which form the great Basis on which all our Structures are erected, & to the extending the Line

¹ MSS., Vol. F, paquet 71, folio 11.

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of Beauty, Order & Harmony which so particularly characterizes the Institution. There are several very worthy Characters here & in Sussex County in Jersey, who, already enlighten'd would be happy to profit by the Warrant, & others who walk in Darkness who would rejoice to be brought to Light. Our Brother Colonel Procter, who has opened his Military Warrant once in this Town, is we believe a Proper Person to inform the Grand Lodge of the Situation of the Place & of names proper to be inserted in the Warrant for Officers

“ And your Petitioners &c

“ Proposed Officers :

“ WILL^M. M. SMITH Esq^r *Master*

“ ALEXANDER PATTERSON Esq^r *S. W.*

“ MR. THEOP. SHANNON, *J. W.*

“ WM MOORE SMITH

“ ALEX^R PATTERSON

“ PHIL. SHRAWDER, *Cap^t. of the Rifle Corps.*

“ THEOPHILUS SHANNON

“ JOHN DICK

“ JAC^B. HUMPHREY

“ JN^O. BUSH

“ Easton August 7th. 1782

“ Granted Unanimously Sep^t 2, 1782 in Grand Lodge.”

The following note, partially erased, was written at the bottom of the petition :

“ The Grand Lodge will excuse the Liberty I take in recommending the Subscribers to the within Petition in the warmest manner both as men & Masons

“ WM SMITH.”

The petition was addressed :

“ WILLIAM BALL, Esquire
“ Philadelphia.”

It is endorsed on the back :

“ Aug^t 7, 1782, Petition for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Easton No. 38. Warrant vacated.”

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The Brethren signing this petition were all prominent men, the Brother named for Master in the petition was the son of the Rev. William Smith the Grand Secretary, and later became the Grand Master, serving during the years 1796–1797. Another curious feature of this petition was the recommendation of the Rev. Grand Secretary. In the original, however, a pen was drawn through these lines.

Upon the reading of the petition it was unanimously granted, to be numbered No. 38. The proposed officers to be named in the Warrant were:

- BRO. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esq. *Master*;
- “ ALEXANDER PATTERSON Esq. *Senior Warden*
- “ THEOPHILUS SHANNON, *Junior Warden*.

Easton, the seat of justice of Northampton County, is situated at the confluence of the Delaware and Lehigh rivers. In the advantages of its position and the beauty of its surrounding scenery, it could vie with any town in the State. Easton, during the Revolution, was also a strategic point, and the starting place of the Sullivan Expedition against the Indians in 1779, on which occasion, Masonic meetings were held, under Bro. Procter's Warrant No. 19, the Lodge in the Pennsylvania Artillery Regiments, as mentioned in Chapter XXVI of this work.²

Of the history of this Warrant so auspiciously granted, we have absolutely no account. Whether a Lodge was ever opened at Easton, under the authority of this Warrant, and meetings held, has thus far remained an impenetrable mystery, so far as documentary evidence is concerned. Not a scrap or record has been found to throw any light upon the subject.

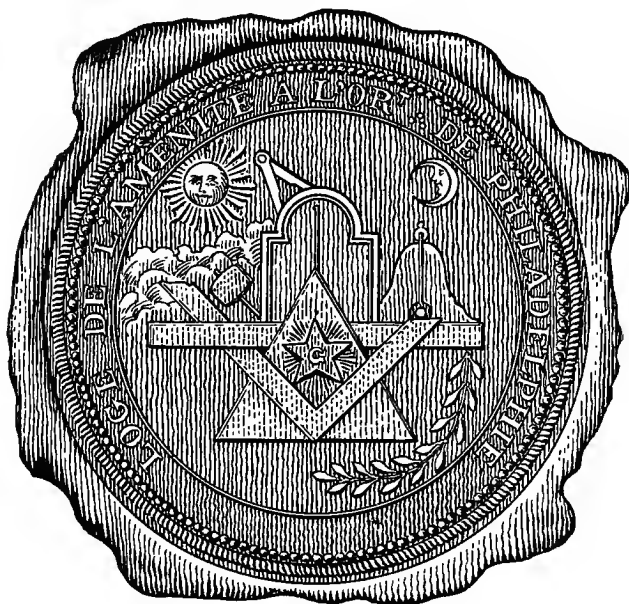
² *Vide* page 14, *supra*.

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In a report to the Grand Lodge by a Committee on the State of Country Lodges, made October 16, 1809, it is stated:

“No () On the 2nd September, 1782, the Grand Lodge Resolved, that the prayer of a Petition for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Easton. Northampton County, be granted. But it does not appear that anything further was done in the business”³

³ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 407.





CHAPTER XLV.

MARINE LODGE, NO. 38, A. Y. M., HELD AT
CHARLES TOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA,
OR THEREABOUTS.



SOUTH CAROLINA, during the colonial period, and after the close of the Revolution, proved a fertile field for the various Masonic Bodies; thus, in the early days, we find a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, "Moderns," with a number of Subordinate Lodges—the Grand Lodge of South Carolina Ancient York Masons, Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and another St. Andrew's, under a Warrant from the Grand Lodge at St.

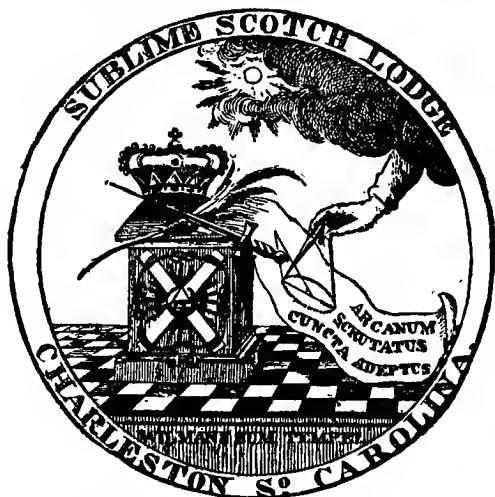
Augustine "The Grand Lodge and Sovereign Grand Council of the Sublime Princes of Masonry," "Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection," and later the Cerneau Rite of Perfection, and others of lesser importance.

Freemasonry was originally introduced into South Carolina by Bro. Thomas Whitmarsh,¹ a member of St. John's Lodge,

Marine Lodge, No. 236, "Moderns"

No. 1, of Philadelphia, whom Benjamin Franklin sent to South Carolina in 1731, to establish a branch printing office in Charleston. Little is known of the Lodge erected in 1731 or 1732, except the memorandum in Franklin's Journal, dated September, 1734, that he had sent twenty-five "Constitutions" to South Carolina² and the notice in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 480, February 15 to 21, 1737-8, of a Masonic Celebration in Charleston, South Carolina.

Marine Lodge, No. 236, at Charleston, working under the Grand Lodge of England, "Moderns," in the year 1782 had



FAC-SIMILE OF SEAL FOUND AMONG THE FRANKLIN PAPERS AT THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

upon its roster Bro. Edward Weyman, a gentleman of "high standing and much respectability, both as a Man and Mason." Toward the close of the Revolutionary War—it was in the summer of 1782—Bro. Weyman had occasion to come to Phila-

¹ Memorial Volume, Franklin Bi-Centenary Celebration, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1906, p. 125.

² *Ibid.*, page 94.

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delphia; when there he attempted to visit one of the Ancient York Lodges, supposing them to be of the same Fraternity as himself. But, on trial, he found his mistake, and resolved to become an Ancient York Mason.

Bro. Weyman, thereupon, obtained a Dispensation from Deputy Grand Master Alexander Rutherford, which he presented to Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., in Philadelphia, and asked to be entered, passed, and raised in the "Ancient" way. Shortly afterwards, in July, 1782 (the exact date is not recorded), an Extra Lodge of No. 2 was opened in due form by the Master Bro. Charles Young. Seven members and five visitors were present. An Entered Apprentis Lodge was opened and Mr. Edward Weyman was balloted for and approved. The Extra Lodge then adjourned to the following Thursday evening, July 25, 1782, at five o'clock, to comply with said dispensations, when an Entered Apprentis Lodge was opened, and Edward Wayman was entered; Entered Apprentis Lodge closed, and Fellow Craft Lodge opened, when Bro. Weyman was passed, after which a Master's Lodge was opened and Bro. Weyman was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Bro. Edward Weyman at once took an active interest in his Lodge, and perfected himself in the Ancient work.

At the Grand Communication, held at Philadelphia, December 23, 1782, the following petition was read:

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL GRAND MASTER AND WARDENS
ANTIENIT YORK MASONS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA"

"The Petition of the Subscribers most
Respectfully Sheweth

"That having the highest veneration for the welfare of the Craft
from its excellencies and Virtue, impressed over the minds of Man-

³ MSS., Volume P, paquet 96, folio 31.

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kind, have the most desirable effect, that when by its influence the most different Sects and Sentiments have been brought together, in the Bonds of Unity and Brotherly Love.

“The further to promote this desirable end by us, we your Petitioners most humbly beseech the Right Worshipfull the Grand Lodge to grant their warrant & Authorities to hold and convene the Craft and make Masons after the form of the most Antient Usages, in or near Charles Town in the state of South Carolina where we shall at all Times acknowledge a due Submission and Obedience to all the Edicts of your worshipfull Body when honor'd with them

“Prompted by Zeal of being serviceable to our fellow Creatures and having the prosperity of the Society at heart, are willing to exert their Best endeavors to promote the principles of Masonry, and have agreed to form themselves into a New Lodge to be named the Marine Lodge No. at Charles Town in the State of South Carolina, and have nominated Brother Edward Weyman to be the Master, Myer Moses to be Senior Warden & David Hamilton, to be Jun^r Warden. then and there to make, pass & Raise Masons according to the Regular forms of the Society and to execute all the other duties of a regular constituted Lodge.

“May Virtue, Wisdom & Beauty ever adorn the Craft is the sincere wish of your affectionate Brethern

“ EDWARD WEYMAN

“ MEYER MOSES

“ DAVID HAMILTON

“ PETER BOUNETHEAU

“ ALEXANDER ALEXANDER

“ ROBT HOWARD

“ PAUL PRICHARD

“ ANDREW STEWART

“ GEORGE WILLIAMS”

After the reading of above petition, it was ordered that the prayer of their petition be granted and the Warrant be Number 38.

Thereupon Bro. Weyman resigned from Lodge No. 2, and asked for a certificate. This application, with its endorsement of the Master, Bro. Richard Wistar, is now in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

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"THESE ARE TO CERTIFY that Brothers Edward Weyman and David Hamilton have discharged their Initiation Fees & Lodge Dues to this Day, Decem^r 26, 1782— WILL FISHER *Jun^r late Treas^r*

Lodge No. 2.⁴

"Bro. Joseph Howell D. G. Sec^r."

The certificate is endorsed:

"I with pleasure remit you the within testimony from B^r Fisher & can only add that as Master of No. 2 I am very sorry that the Lodge is likely to become a sufferer by Brother Weymans quitting us

RICHARD WISTAR *M^r No 2*

"To Jos. Howell "G. L. Certificate given 25 Jan^r 1783
"D. G. Secretary "J. HOWELL, D. G. S."

December 27, 1782. St. John's Day, Grand Lodge—
"Brother Edward Weyman was duly recommended in form to the R. W. Grand Master, William Adcock, in the Chair, for Installation, as Master of Lodge No. 38, to be held in Charles Town, South Carolina, and was accordingly Installed."

March 31, 1783. At the Quarterly Communication, it was unanimously agreed, "That from the peculiar situation of Bro. Weyman, Master (of a New Lodge to be held in Charles Town So. Carolina) of No. 38, this Grand Lodge do admit Brother Weyman to receive the Warrant, drawn for the said Lodge from the Grand Treasurer; Brother Weyman giving his obligation to the G^d. Treas^r. for the payment of the same as soon as may be."

June 24, 1783. St. John's Day. The following letter addressed to the R. W. Grand Master, from Brother Weyman, Master of Lodge No. 38, held at Charles Town, South Carolina, was read, informing of the undue influence of certain persons who make profession of Masonry there, and requesting advice in the same, when Brothers Rutherford, Procter and Jennings were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

⁴ MSS., Volume J, paquet 54, folio 5.

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“ CHARLES TOWN, 31st May 1783.

“ *Right worshipful Grand Master.*⁵

“ I have the pleasure to inform you, that upon my arrival at Charles Town, the wardens and myself of the Marine Lodge No. 38 have proceeded according to powers given us in and by a warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with the assistance of the Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 190 ancient York Masons, who have with due regard acknowledged the Jurisdiction by which we work, and received us in the politest manner, becoming good and faithful Masons.

“ We have entered, passed and raised five and twenty of the former members that cheerfully received the true light, and purpose in masonic order to begin our first stated meeting, on Monday the 2^d of June on the most enlarged, and universal principles, by cultivating the social virtues and improve in all that is good, and amiable; that the genius of Masonry may preside and under her sovereign sway, endeavour to act with becoming dignity.

“ Masonry is so good so valuable a science that it tends to instruct the mind, tame each unruly passion, expels rancor, hatred and envy, reconciles men of all religions and of all nations; it is an universal cement, binding its followers to charity, good will and secret friendship, calculated to promote the truest freedom, and teaches men to lead quiet lives; in short, its precepts are a complete system of moral virtue, upon these principles we shall ever be happy to see any of our brethren that may honor us with their company.

“ Our stated meetings are the first and third Mondays in every month, and I could wish to have a list of the warranted Lodges and places of meeting, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and any new regulations or books published for the good governing of the craft: I perceive great inconvenience in being so great a distance from the grand Lodge, the want of a proper Jurisdiction to settle occurrences that happen, and that require immediate interposishon.

“ There are of modern Lodges in Charles Town (viz) Sollomons No. 1, Union Lodge No. 2, a Masters Lodge No. 5. There is also a certain Doct^r George Carter, formerly a member of and Master of Lodge No. 190, hut on having some difference of a private nature with the present Master Brother Robert Knox, he thought proper to separate from the Lodge and by some undue influence is possessed of a warrant granted by the Grand Lodge at St. Augustine, for

⁵ MSS., Volume P, paquet 96, folio 33.

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pensicola, in West Florida, by the name of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1, said Carter has formed a Lodge of the same name and number in Charles Town, and make Masons, he has also discover'd the secret of the chair, and given other instructions to John Troup master of the above Union Lodge No. 2, by which means he imposed on the Master of No. 190, by telling him he was made an ancient mason in Scotland, and visited that Lodge once before I came in, upon my acquainting Brother Knox that said Troup was made in Charles Town, 1756 and never was out of it since; he has refused to see Carter or any of the members admitted in that unwarranted manner, and upon my receiving this information I thought it my duty to discourage all such unconstitutional proceedings therefore have refused said Carter and his members admittance in the Marine Lodge No. 38, untill I receive your advice on that head.

“The modern masons are very numerous and respectable, and seem inclinable to turn to the Right, having several applications to that purpose, I also find a disposition in many of the ancient masons to have a Grand Lodge form'd here, how far that may be practicable or right, cannot take upon me to Judge of, but apprehend it is my duty to inform the Grand Lodge under whose Jurisdiction I am, of all matters and things that may be done contrary to ancient usage, or that have the least tendency to subvert good order or hurt the reputation of the Craft.

“A proper Jurisdiction at hand, and a uniformity of proceeding is not only necessary but useful and pleasing, it ought always to prevail among masons, as it strengthens all the ties of friendship and equally promotes love and esteem.

“I hope, Sir, your candour will readily overlook any inaccuracies in this Letter, that you may discover, as my earnest desire is to have open and free communications with you on every occasion touching the Craft.

“Please to make my compliments to Brothers Procter, Young, Ord, Howel and all worthy brethren of our Venerable Order.

“I am, Right Worshipful,

“with the greatest respect

“your most

“Obed^t Servent

“and Brother

“EDWARD WEYMAN *Master* of

“the Marine Lodge No. 38.”

“William Addeock Esquire.

Marine Lodge, No. 38, A. M. M.

“Brethren,⁶

“I have the honour to acquaint you that at a meeting of Lodge No. 38, held at Charleston the 24th day of August 1783 acting under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, you were regularly and unanimously elected as proxies to represent them in the said Grand Lodge. Powers properly authenticated agreeable to the 2^d Rule of the 10th Section in the book of constitutions, commissioning you for that purpose will accompany this—I trust it will be unnecessary to use many arguments to induce you to accept of the appointment: your character for universal philanthropy, and your well known zeal for the the Ancient fraternity, will, I am confident be sufficient to stimulate you to manifest your affection and exert your abilities for a lodge whose local situation prevents them from having a voice in the Grand Lodge by any other mode.

“I am

“Brethren,

“Your Affectionate Brother &
Obed^t Humble Serv^t

“South Carolina

“Char^s.ton 17 October 1783 }
“Colonel Thomas Procter—Major Charles Young & Richard Wistar, Esquire.”

“EDWARD WEYMAN

“Mast^r Lodge No. 38

“SOUTH CAROLINA, CHARLESTON⁷

“Marine Lodge, No. 38, Ancient York Masons, held at the Lodge Room, Lodge Alley, August 24th, 1783.

“The Lodge proceeded to balot for brethren to represent them in the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia; on casting up the votes it appeared that Colonel Thomas Procter was regularly and unanimously Elected Master—Major Charles Young, Senior Warden and Richard Wistar Esquire Junior Warden.

Edward Weyman M:

“Resolved, That Brother Colonel Thomas Procter (as proxie) do report Lodge No. 38 in the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, as Master—Major Charles Young Senior Warden and Richard Wistar Esquire as Junior Warden—and that the Worshipful do inform them thereof

“Extract from the Journal this 18th day of

“October 1783, and in Masonry 5783

“THO GORDON, *Secretary.*”

⁶ *Ibid.*, folio 36.

⁷ *Ibid.*, folio 35.

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The above letters appear to have been the last communications received by the Grand Lodge from Marine Lodge, No. 38, although the Lodge was regularly represented by the appointed proxies.

When the "Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons," was formed by the five "Ancient" Lodges in Charleston, January 1, 1787, in which movement Marine Lodge, No. 38, was a prominent factor, it is a noteworthy fact, that at least three of the principal officers were Pennsylvania Masons, viz.: Hon. William Drayton, Grand Master; Hon. Mordecai Gist, Deupty Grand Master; Edward Weyman, Esq., Senior Grand Warden.

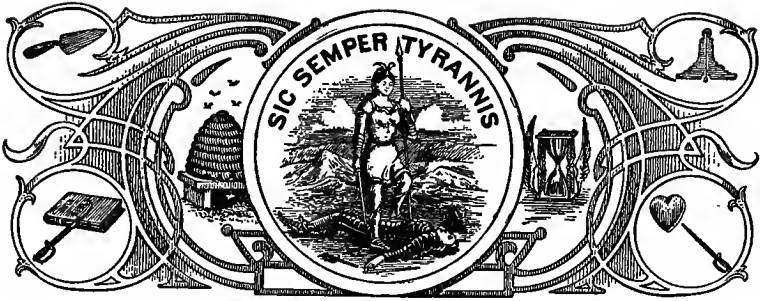
Lodge No. 38 appears to have been represented by proxy upon the September 25, 1786, when the Grand Lodge asserted its Independence. No returns or further reports from this Lodge have been found in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It is known, however, that Marine Lodge, No. 38, became an active body, spreading Masonic light and charity in the town wherein it was located, and, in 1787, became one of the five "Ancient" Lodges that formed the Grand Lodge of South Carolina Ancient York Masons.





THE MASONIC PORTRAIT OF
BROTHER GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON.

ORIGINAL PASTEL PORTRAIT FROM LIFE BY WILLIAM WILLIAMS, PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER, 1794, PAINTED AT THE REQUEST OF ALEXANDRIA LODGE, No. 39, A. Y. M., WARRANTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, FEBRUARY 3, 1783, NOW THE ALEXANDRIA-WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 22, A. F. & A. M. OF VIRGINIA. REPRODUCTION FROM THE UNIQUE COPY IN THE MUSEUM OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M. OF PENNSYLVANIA.



CHAPTER XLVI.

LODGE NO. 39, A. Y. M., HELD AT ALEXANDRIA,
FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.



SOME months after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, a number of Brethren living in Alexandria, Virginia, held a meeting to organize a local Lodge in that town on the Potomac. Robert Adam, one of the most prominent citizens, was proposed as Master

for the new Lodge, when formed, and it was resolved to petition the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a Warrant.

The Alexandria Brethren, as Bro. Lamberton, in his "Washington as a Freemason,"¹ states, "were doubtless in ignorance of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia" (which, as a matter of fact, at that time seems to have suspended operations), "and under date of April 6, 1782, sent an application for a Warrant, naming Robert Adam, a warm personal friend of Washington, as the proposed Master," viz:

¹ "Washington as a Freemason," by Bro. James M. Lamberton, P. M., Lodge No. 21, in "Memorial Volume, Washington Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, Nov. 5, 1902, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Pennsylvania," Philadelphia, 1902, p. 140.

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“ TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

“ The Pettⁿ of the Brethren of Alexandria²

“ Sheweth

“ That, veneration for the noble institution of Masonry, and a remembrance of the many happy hours spent in Company with our Worthy Brethren, joined to the deep sorrow we feel for the neglect and alarming decay of this Useful and important Science in this place, induced us first to conceive the Scheme of erecting a Lodge in this Town. As we hope, you will not only Judge our motives in thus associating, laudable, but eminently Characteristick of that peculiar spirit, which has ever distinguished the Sons of Masonry, we beg that in the fullness of your Authority you will grant us a Warrant for the holding a Lodge to be named the Alexandria Lodge and we flatter ourselves that our Work will give General Satisfaction to the Brethren.

“ JOHN ALLISON, *Sen^r Deacon*

“ DAVID STUART, *Jun^r Deacon*

“ April 6, 1782.

“ ROBERT ADAM, *Master*

“ M. RYAN, *Sen^r Warden*

“ WILL HUNTER, JR., *J. W.*

“ ROBERT MCCREA, *Sect^{ry}*

This petition was presented at the Quarterly Communication on September 2, 1782. The Warrant, however, was not granted, as it appeared that Mr. Robert Adam, named for Master, was a clandestine or irregular Mason. To overcome this difficulty Mr. Adam, at the suggestion of Bro. Elisha Cullen Dick, a member of Lodge No. 2, came to Philadelphia, early in the year 1783, and applied for a dispensation from the Grand Master, to apply to Bro. Dick's Lodge for initiation and membership. The following is the record as it appears upon the Minutes of that Lodge:

January 29, 1783. “ An Extra Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Richard Wistar, the Master of Lodge No. 2, in the City of Philadelphia, there were present, thirteen Members and seven Visitors. An Entered Apprentice Lodge opened, when a dispensation was read from William Adcock Esq. the

² Original petition in Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

R. W. Grand Master, in favor of Robert Adams, a Virginian and a Clandestine Mason. His business not permitting him to remain the usual time for initiation. He was balloted for, approved and entered. After which a F. C. Lodge was opened and Bro. Adams was passed a Fellow Craft.”

January 31, 1783. “An Extra Lodge was again opened by Bro Richard Wistar, Present seventeen Members and, eight Visitors. A Master’s Lodge was opened and Bro. Robert Adams was raised to the sublime degree.”

Bro. Robert Adam, a son of the Rev. John Adam, D.D., and Janet Campbell, of Kelbride, Scotland, was born May 4, 1731; he emigrated to America in 1753, and, after a short residence at Annapolis, Md., established himself at a pleasant country residence in Fairfax County, Virginia, about four miles from Alexandria. He was a gentleman of refined taste, cultivation and wealth, and interested himself in everything that could promote the prosperity of his adopted home.

The inference that Bro. Adam was made a Mason, during his residence at Annapolis,³ in a “Modern” Lodge, working under a Massachusetts Warrant, is without foundation, as the Minutes of Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., of Philadelphia, show that he was a clandestine, and not a “Modern,” Mason, when he applied for the Warrant at Philadelphia.

Upon Bro. Robert Adam’s return to Virginia, the plans to organize the Lodge at Alexandria were perfected.

The petition from Alexandria, however, was not acted upon by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, until an Extra Grand Lodge, held February 3, 1783, when the Minutes show:⁴

“A Petition being preferred to this Grand Lodge on the 2^d. Septem. last, from several Brethren of Alexandria, in Virginia, for

³ Cf. “The Lodge of Washington,” Alexandria, Va., G. H. Ramey & Son, 1899, p. 17, note 1.

⁴ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 59.

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a Warrant to hold a Lodge there, which was ordered to lie over to the next Communication, in consequence of Bro. Adam, the proposed Master thereof, being found to possess his knowledge of Masonry in a Clandestine Manner, since which the s^d. Bro. Adam, having gone thro' the several Steps of Ancient Masonry in Lodge N^o. 2, under the Jurisdiction of this R. W. G. Lodge, further prays that a Warrant may now be granted for the purposes mentioned in said Petition.

“Ordered, That the Prayer of said Petition be complied with, and that the Sec^y. present Bro. Adam with a Warrant to hold a Lodge of Ancient Masons in Alexandria, in Virginia, to be numbered 39.

“Bro Robert Adam was then duly recommended, and presented in form to the R. W. Grand Master in the Chair, for Installation as Master of Lodge N^o. 39, to be held in the Borough of Alexandria, in Fairfax County, Virginia, and was accordingly Installed as such.”

The first meeting of the new Lodge, for organization, was held at Alexandria, on February 25, 1783, Bro. Col. Thomas Procter and Bro. Charles Young having come from Philadelphia to organize the Lodge and install the officers.

Upon this occasion, the Minutes show, “the following persons convened and opened ‘an Entered Apprentices’ Lodge, in due form, with a prayer particularly applicable to the occasion,” viz:

- Bro. Charles Young, in the chair,
- “ Thomas Procter, *Senior Warden*,
- “ Robert Adam, *Junior Warden*,
- “ John Allison, *Senior Deacon*,
- “ Peter Dow, *Junior Deacon*,
- “ Elisha Cullen Dick, *Secretary*.

The Acting Secretary, Bro. Dr. Dick, then read the Warrant, the pertinent part of which is as follows:

“Now KNOW YE, That we, William Adeock, Esq., Grand Master, Alexander Rutherford, Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Procter, Senior Grand Warden, and George Ord, Junior Grand Warden, present, and legal successors to the above-named Provincial Grand



DR. ELISHA CULLEN DICK.

B. PENNSYLVANIA, ABOUT 1750; D. ALEXANDRIA, VA., 1825.

Lodge No. 39, A. F. M.

Officers, as the Grand Lodge books may appear, by virtue of the power to us granted by the above in part recited warrant, DO hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren, Robert Adam, Master, Michael Ryan, Senior Warden, and William Hunter, Junior Warden, of a New Lodge, No. 39, to be held in the Borough of Alexandria, in Fairfax County, Virginia, or within five miles of the same."

The first election of officers under the Pennsylvania Warrant was held on the 21st of December, 1783, when the following persons were duly elected: Robert Adam, Worshipful Master; Robert M^cCrea, Senior Warden; Elisha C. Dick, Junior Warden; William Herbert, Secretary; William Ramsay, Treasurer.⁵

On Christmas Eve of that year (December 24, 1783), Washington returned to Mount Vernon, having on the previous day, at Annapolis, resigned publicly his commission to Congress, after having previously ascertained that Congress preferred that method of a personal audience to his merely sending in his resignation in writing.⁶

The Brethren of Alexandria at once (December 26, 1783) sent Washington the following letter, signed by the officers of the Lodge:

"Sir: Whilst all denominations of people bless the happy occasion of your excellency's return to enjoy private and domestic felicity, permit us, sir, the members of Lodge No. 39, lately established in Alexandria, to assure your excellency, that we, as a mystical body, rejoice in having a brother so near us, whose preeminent benevolence has secured the happiness of millions; and that we shall esteem ourselves highly honored at all times your excellency shall be pleased to join us in the needful business.

⁵ "The Lodge of Washington," p. 19.

⁶ "Memorial Volume, Washington Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, Nov. 5, 1902," p. 141.

Mount Vernon 28th Dec. 1783

Gentlemen

With a pleasing sensibility
I received your favor of the 26th, and
beg leave to offer you my sincere thanks
for the favorable sentiments with
which it abounds. —

I shall always feel pleasure
when it may be in my power to ren-
der service to Lodge n^o. 39, and in
every act of brotherly kindness to the
Members of it; being with great truth

Your affect^d Brother

and obed^t Servant

G^o Washington

Rob^t Adam Esq^r Master,
& the Wardens & Treas^r
of Lodge n^o. 39

Invitation to General Washington

"We have the honor to be, in the name and behalf of No. 39, your excellency's

"Devoted friends and brothers

ROBERT ADAM, *M.*
E. C. DICK, *S. W.*
J. ALLISON, *J. W.*
WM. RAMSAY, *Treas.*

"His Excellency General Washington"

To this note of greeting, Washington sent the following reply (see fac-simile opposite)

"MOUNT VERNON 28th. Dec^r. 1783

"Gentlemen^r

"With a pleasing sensibility I received your favor of the 26th, and beg leave to offer you my sincere thanks for the favorable sentiments with which it abounds

"I shall always feel pleasure when it may be in my power to render service to Lodge No. 39, and in every act of brotherly kindness to the Members of it; being with great truth

"Your affect^o Brother
"and obed^t Servant
"G^o WASHINGTON

"Rob^t. Adam Esq.^r. Master
" & the Wardens & Treas^r.
" of Lodge No. 39."

The officers of Lodge No. 39 invited Washington to join the Lodge at the banquet to be given at Wise's Tavern, in Alexandria, on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1784. The invitation was accepted, and is so noted in his diary.⁸

The Minutes of the Lodge, on June 24, 1784, show "His Excellency, G. Washington," first among the "Visiting Members;" and also,

⁷ Original in the collection of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, Alexandria, Virginia.

⁸ "Washington after the Revolution, 1784-1799," by William Spohn Baker, Philadelphia, 1898, p. 9.

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“The Worshipful Master read a most instructive lecture on the rise, progress and advantages of Masonry, and concluded with a prayer suitable to the occasion.”

After dinner, the Brethren returned to the Lodge room, when the record says:—

“The Worshipful Master, with the unanimous consent of the Brethren was pleased to admit his excellency General Washington as an honorary member of Lodge No. 39. Lodge closed in perfect harmony at six o'clock.”⁹

The *Pennsylvania Packet or the General Advertiser*, published in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, July 13, 1784, contains the following, under the heading “Alexandria, July 1:”

“On Thursday, the 24th ult. the brethren of Lodge No 39 met at their lodge-room to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist, where a discourse adapted to the occasion was delivered by the worshipful master—After which they walked in procession accompanied by their illustrious brother his excellency general Washington, to Mr. Wise’s tavern, where they dined and spent the remainder of the day in enjoyments becoming their benevolent and respectable institution.”

Another item of Masonic interest, during the same year, was the visit of Bro. Lafayette to Mount Vernon, in the month of August, when he brought for Washington a Masonic apron of white satin, beautifully embroidered, with colored silks, showing a number of Masonic emblems. It is this apron that Washington wore, September 18, 1793, when he laid the Corner-stone of the Capitol at the Federal City (Washington, D. C.).

After Washington’s death, it was presented by his legatees, in 1816, to the Washington Benevolent Society of Philadel-

⁹“Memorial Volume, Washington Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, Nov. 5, 1902,” p. 141.

Washington's Masonic Apron

phia, and when that society dissolved, in 1829, it was presented to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It is carefully preserved and protected in the Museum of the Grand Lodge.

This priceless relic, for a long period, had suffered from the exposure to the light and inroads of time, the brilliant color having faded and the satin becoming discolored. A painting has lately been made under the direction of the writer, showing, as near as possible, the apron in its original colors, a reproduction of which is shown upon the opposite page.

The beautiful box which contained the apron, and also a sash, was presented to Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22; and, having been kept with the Watson-Cossoul apron, which that Lodge so justly treasures, some have been led into thinking that that apron was the one worn by Washington when he laid the Corner-stone of the National Capitol in 1793, but such is not the fact.¹⁰

The next public Masonic function after the celebration of St. John's Day, June 24, 1784, in which Washington is known to have taken part with a Lodge under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, was at the funeral of his friend, Bro. William Ramsay, of Alexandria, who was the first elected treasurer of Lodge No. 39, serving one year in that office. Bro. Ramsay died in February, 1785, and was buried with Masonic honors. Washington notes the occasion in his diary as follows:¹¹

“SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

“Received an Invitation to the Funeral of Wll^m Ramsay Esq^r of Alexandria—the oldest Inhabit^t of the Town; & went up—walked in procession as a free mason—M^r Ramsay in his life time being one & now buried with the ceremony & honors due to one.”

¹⁰ “Memorial Volume, Washington Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, Nov. 5, 1902,” p. 143.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, p. 144.

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Brother Lamberton, in his address on "Washington as a Freemason," gives the following additional items about Bro. Ramsay's funeral:¹²

"That you may see that Washington was no fair-weather Brother, I read what he writes further in his diary that day as to the weather:

"Mercury at 44 this morning—44 at noon—and 44 at night.

The Sun rose clear this morning, but it soon over cast began to snow & then to rain w^{ch} continued until 10 o'clock—about noon the wind sprang up pretty fresh from the n^o west & grew colder.'

"In the *Pennsylvania Packet or the Daily Advertiser*, published in this city on Tuesday, March 1, 1785, under the heading of 'Alexandria, February 17,' is an account of the death of William Ramsay, who was the first inhabitant, and died on the 10th inst., aged sixty-nine. This account, which I found was copied from the *Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser* of February 17, concludes as follows:

"His remains were interred on the 12th, in the Episcopal Churchyard, and attended by a very numerous and respectable Company, preceded by the Brotherhood of Free Masons in Procession, with the solemnities usual on such occasions.'"¹³

There is no documentary evidence to show that Washington took part in any other public Masonic function while the Alexandria Lodge was under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania than the two occasions above enumerated.¹⁴

¹² *Ibid.*, p. 145.

¹³ *Ibid.*, p. 145.

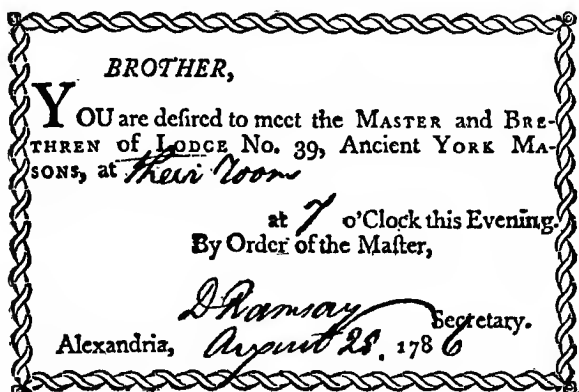
¹⁴ Washington, so far as known, attended the following public Masonic functions.

1. Procession in Philadelphia, Festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 28, 1778.

2. Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1779, with the American Union Lodge, at the Robinson House on the Hudson, New York.

Our Oldest Lodge Notice

Among the many treasures in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, there is an original Lodge notice of Lodge No. 39, dated August 25, 1786.¹⁵ It is a family tradition that this identical notice was sent to Washington, and



as such was treasured by the wife of President Madison ("Dolly Madison"), and was kept in her jewel case, whence it came into the possession of the writer, who presented the Masonic relic to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In the month of August, 1786, a circular letter¹⁶ was addressed to the Lodge, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with the information that at the Quarterly Communication of

3. Festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27, 1779, with American Union Lodge, at the Morris Hotel, Morristown, New Jersey.

4. Festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27, 1782, with King Solomon's Lodge, at Poughkeepsie, New York.

5. Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1784, with Lodge No. 39, at Alexandria, Virginia,

6. The Masonic funeral of Bro. William Ramsay, February 12, 1785, at Alexandria.

7. Laying of the Corner-stone of the Capitol at the Federal City (Washington, D. C.), September 18, 1793, upon which occasion Washington walked in the procession.

¹⁵ MSS., Vol. A, folio 81.

¹⁶ Cf. Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 90.

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that Grand Lodge, to be held on the 4th Monday in September of that year, it was intended to consider, and determine the question of establishing the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, independently of Great Britain, or of any other authority, and requesting the presence of the Lodge, either by its proper officers, or by a deputation, in writing, authorizing some Master Mason, or Masons, to represent the Lodge upon the determination of the question.

The following letter was sent to the Grand Lodge, in reply to the above circular, which unfortunately arrived too late to be of service; consequently Lodge No. 39 was not officially represented upon that memorable September 25, 1786, when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania declared itself "Independent of Great Britain or any other authority:"

"ALEXANDRIA September 15th 1786

"*Brother*¹⁷

"Your circular Letter of the 8th of August We have had the Honor of receiving, and the same was laid before the Brethren of Lodge No. 39, and duly considered, by whom I am instructed to express their Regard and Esteem for the Fraternity round the Globe wherever dispersed, particularly the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Promotion of whose Honor and Interest they have much at Heart, and fervently wish to advance. The Subject proposed being of the greatest Importance and Magnitude, the collected Wisdom of the whole, under your Jurisdiction, becomes necessary to decide thereupon, and from our youth and inexperience in Masonic Matters, We may be inadequate to determine on the Propriety of the Measure, We shall however, endeavour to prevail on some of our Officers to appear for us at the proposed Meeting; If in case we shou'd not succeed We flatter ourselves of being excused on account of our Locality, and the little Intercourse our Members have at present with Philadelphia. It might be alledged, We cou'd provide against this by appointing some of the Brethren there to represent us; and which plan we wou'd most cheerfully adopt but have not the necessary Acquaintance with any Brethren (Brothers Procter and Young

¹⁷ MSS., Vol. A, folio 79.

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excepted) and they we are Well informed, represent other Lodges under your Care. That we are as separate and Independant of Great Britain as of Denmark is politically true; and as we owe them no Subjection as a State or Nation, how can the Subjects of the One owe any to the Subjects of the other? If it is answered none, then query, how this political Truth may with propriety be applied to the Masonic Order, Who, as they do not intermeddle with State Matters, ought not to draw arguments from thence to dismember themselves from the Jurisdiction of those they hold under, except from similar Burthens or Impositions, exacted inconsistant with Masonry: But those, no doubt, are the Matters to be discussed. We have only to request (in case We shou'd stand unrepresented) that you will inform us of the Result of your Deliberations.

“I am, with due respect

“Your Brother and Servant

“DENNIS RAMSAY, *Secy.*”

A circular letter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was received on the twenty-third of February, 1787, informing Lodge No. 39, that that Grand Lodge had been established independently of Great Britain, and that it desired the return of the Warrant issued to this Lodge on February 3, 1783, in order to its renewal under the new organization. Desiring to be governed in accordance with the usages of Masonry, in determining the course to be pursued, it was *ordered*, at this meeting, “That Col. Michael Ryan a member of the Lodge, be requested to inquire of James Mercer, Esq., upon what principle he was appointed Grand Master of the different Lodges held in Virginia.” On the third of March, 1787, Col. Ryan reported that he had made the necessary inquiry of the Hon. James Mercer, late Grand Master, and was “happy to say, that the Grand Lodge of Virginia is constitutionally appointed consistent with the strictest rules of Masonry, and independently of all foreign jurisdiction.” The Lodge then decided that it would be more convenient for it to work under the

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authority of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, than under that of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Nothing seems to have been done as to securing a Virginia Charter for over a year, when, on April 28, 1788, Bro. William Hunter, Jun., a member of the Lodge, being in Richmond, attended the "grand half yearly stated Communication" of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and on his own responsibility applied for a Charter, which was granted, as the Grand Lodge Minutes of that date show.¹⁸

At the next meeting of the Lodge, May 29, Bro. Hunter reported his action, whereupon the Lodge did four things: first, it voted unanimously to apply for a Charter to the Grand Lodge of Virginia; secondly, it thanked Bro. Hunter for his action in applying for a Charter; thirdly, it "proceeded to the appointment of Master and Deputy Master to be recommended to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, when George Washington, Esq., was unanimously chosen Master; Robert McCrea, Deputy Master, W^m. Hunter, Jun., Senior Warden and Jno. Allison Junior Warden;"¹⁹ and fourthly, appointed two committees, one "to wait on General Washington and inquire if it will be agreeable to him to be named in the charter," and the other to apply to the Grand Lodge at Richmond for a Charter.

During the summer nothing seems to have been done except to obtain the consent of Washington to the use of his name.

At the meeting held October 25, 1788, a committee was again appointed to make application for the Charter, "agreeable to the former order of this Lodge," and immediately following, in the Minutes of the next meeting, on November 22, is recorded a copy of the application, in which is the following:

¹⁸ "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, from 1777 to 1823," Vol. I, p. 37.

¹⁹ Minutes of Lodge No. 39, May 29, 1788.

General Washington as Warrant Master

“The Brethren of Lodge No. 39, Ancient York Masons . . . under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania . . . have at sundry preceding meetings resolved to ask your honorable society for a new warrant, which has already been communicated to you by letter, and also by our Brother Hunter personally, who hath obtained an entry of this Lodge on your minutes. . . .

“It is also the earnest desire of the members of this Lodge that Brother George Washington, Esq., should be named in the charter as Master of the Lodge.”

At the regular meeting in December, the time of the annual election, the new Charter had not arrived, and accordingly Lodge No. 39, as its Minutes show, held its election, at which “His Excellency, George Washington, was unanimously elected Master.

Bro. Lamberton says: “It will thus be seen, a fact I have not seen stated before, that not only was Washington elected the Charter Master of Lodge No. 22, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, but was also the last duly elected Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 39 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and he was consequently a member, certainly a member-elect, of this Grand Lodge. There is, therefore, ample justification, if any was necessary, for the celebration by this Grand Lodge.”²⁰

The last meeting of Lodge No. 39, Pennsylvania, was held on January 20, 1789, and the first meeting of Lodge No. 22, Virginia, on February 21, 1789, by which time the Charter, which was issued *as of April 28, 1788*, had arrived, as the Lodge Minutes show.²¹ The Charter, which was signed by Edmund Randolph, who was Governor, as well as Grand Master, of Virginia, names “our illustrious Brother George Washington Esquire, late general and commander-in-chief of the

²⁰ “Memorial Volume, Washington Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, Nov. 5, 1902,” Grand Lodge F. & A. M., Pennsylvania, p. 149.

²¹ Minutes of Lodge No. 22, February 21, 1789.

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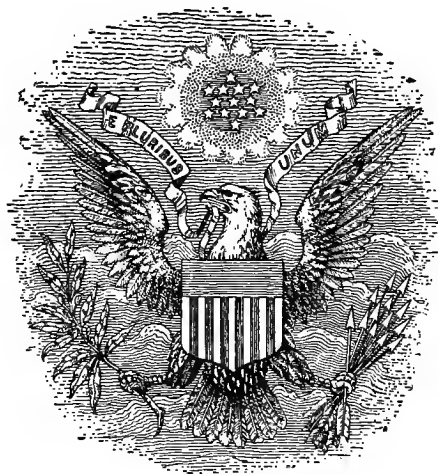
forces of the United States," and the three other Brethren recommended by the Lodge.

In view of certain inaccuracies in "The Lodge of Washington," and in "Washington The Man and The Mason," by Bro. Charles H. Callahan, P. M., the facts have been given in detail regarding the Virginia Charter.

Under this Charter the Lodge still continues to work, the name having been changed to Alexandria-Washington Lodge on December 11, 1805.²²

For a further history of this Lodge, under its Virginia Charter, the reader is referred to the monumental work by Bro. Charles H. Callahan, P. M., "Washington The Man and The Mason," lately published under the auspices of the Memorial Temple Committee of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

²² "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, from 1777 to 1823," Vol. I, p. 341; see also p. 323.





CHAPTER XLVII.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, NO. 1, HELD AT PENSACOLA,
WEST FLORIDA, LATER AT CHARLESTON,
SOUTH CAROLINA.



with the dust of years. Upon examination these papers proved to relate to a long-forgotten American Grand Lodge, one of which the present writer has never seen any extended record, in any of the numerous histories of Freemasonry in America.¹

The official title of this Masonic body was "THE GRAND

ON looking up material for the history of the Lodge working under the Warrant bearing the number 40 upon the roster of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a bundle of long-forgotten documents was found in our Archives, faded and yellow with age, covered

¹ A Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1768 for a Lodge in East Florida of which there is now no trace. American edition by R. F. Gould, vol. 4, p. 502, "History of Freemasonry."

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LODGE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NORTH AMERICA." It was located at St. Augustine, the capitol of the English province of East Florida. It was a Provincial Grand Lodge, holding its charter under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Gen. James Grant, Governor and Commander-in-Chief was the Grand Master; William Drayton, Deputy Grand Master; Alexander McKenzie, Senior Grand Warden; Frederick George Mulcaster, Junior Grand Warden, and David Yates, Grand Secretary.

In the Records of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, under date of March 15, 1768, there is the following entry: "having read a petition from James Grant, Esq., Governor of the Province of East Florida, Henry Cunningham, late Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and many other Brethren residing in the province aforesaid, craving a charter for holding a Lodge there by the stile and title of 'Grant's East Florida Lodge,' and also entreating the Grand Lodge would appoint the said Governor James Grant Provincial Grand Master over the Lodge in the southern District of North America. The Grand Lodge granted the desire of that petition, and authorized a charter to be made out accordingly, and likewise a Commission appointing Governor James Grant, Provincial Grand Master over the Lodges in the southern district of North America."

"Grant's East Florida Lodge" was Number 143 upon the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. From the "Charter," quoted below, it will be seen, by comparison, that this Lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Scotland was a different body from the GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NORTH AMERICA.

There is no record of this Provincial Grand Lodge in the lists of "cut-off" Lodges, in the "Constitution and Laws of the

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Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Scotland," Edinburgh, 1904. This Grand Lodge evidently became dormant, and was "cut-off" under article 132, of the Scottish Constitution, which states, that "Any Provincial or District Grand Lodge, which has not assembled for the space of two years becomes dormant."²

Just how many Subordinate Lodges were warranted by this "Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America"¹ is not definitely known.

In the year 1763, at the peace of Fontainbleau, both East and West Florida came into the possession of the British, and it was during their military occupation that this Grand Lodge was constituted at St. Augustine. The British régime in the Floridas, however, was short, as in 1780 the Spaniards recaptured Pensacola and recovered West Florida. By the peace of Versailles, in 1783, East Florida was also regained by the Spaniards.

The first Warrant granted by this Grand Lodge was to a number of Brethren, members of St. George Lodge No. 108 of the Register of Scotland,³ held in his Majesty's Thirty-first Regiment of Foot, stationed at that time at Pensacola, West Florida.

In the year 1765, the Thirty-first Regiment of Foot, also known as the Huntingdonshire Regiment of Foot, with its two Regimental Masonic Lodges, was embarked in England for Pensacola, the capital of West Florida, which had been ceded to Great Britain by Spain in 1763. On the passage out,

² Cf. "The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland," Edinburgh edition, 1904, p. 49.

³ There were two Military Lodges in the 31st Regiment of Foot, both warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, viz.: "Fort George" Lodge No. 100, instituted in 1760, and "St. George" Lodge No. 108, instituted in 1761. Both Lodges have long since been removed from the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Lodge 108 in 1816—Lodge 100 in 1852.

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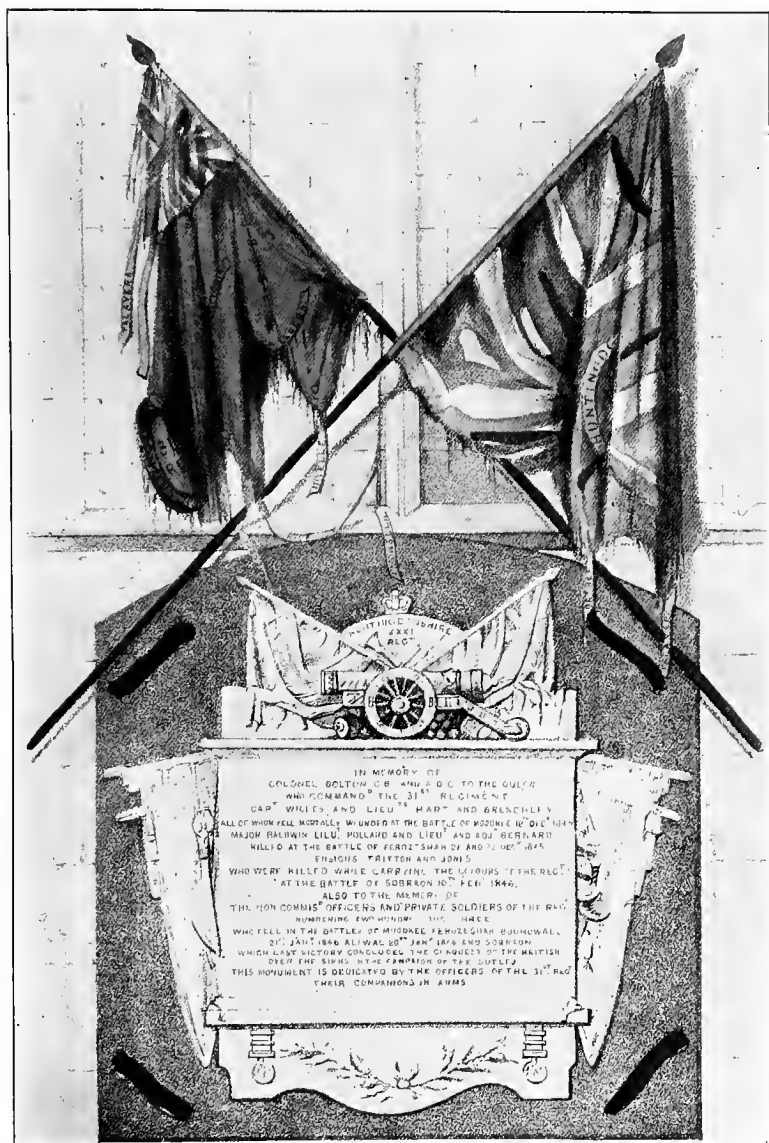
the transport having the regiment on board put into Blue-Field Bay, Jamaica, at the time the yellow fever was raging with great violence in that island. The Thirty-first took the infection, and, unfortunately, carried it to Pensacola, where the Brethren and soldiers continued to suffer most severely; so great was the mortality, and so rapid the disease in its course, that the regiment could not supply men to carry their comrades to the grave. The Brethren who attended the funerals of their brother soldiers in the morning, while the Brethren in the regiment were strong enough to preserve some ceremony, were, in many instances, consigned to the tomb in the evening.

It appears by the newspapers of the period, in which allusion is made to the mortality, that, at one period of the pestilence, the regiment could muster only a corporal and six men for duty.⁴

Yet, notwithstanding this terrible ordeal, both regimental Lodges appear to have kept their organizations intact, and, as shown by these records, St. George's Lodge, No. 108, recovered its activity and became an active Masonic body in Pensacola, on the Gulf of Mexico. In the latter part of the year 1770, or early in 1771, this regiment was ordered away from Pensacola, and in the autumn of 1772 was embarked for St. Vincent. This left the resident members of Lodge No. 108 who were not soldiers without a Lodge, whereupon they petitioned the said Grand Lodge for a Warrant to erect a Lodge at Pensacola, under the name of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1.

Their prayer was granted, and a Warrant issued. This document was found in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and reads:

⁴ Cf. "Historical Record of the Thirty-first, or Huntingdonshire Regiment of Foot," London, 1836, p. 33.



MEMORIAL OF THE 31ST REGIMENT OF FOOT.
 (FORT GEORGE LODGE, No. 100—ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 108.)

ERECTED IN CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL, ENGLAND.

Warrant of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1

“TO ALL AND SUNDRY to whose Knowledge these Presents shall come Greeting: In GOD everlasting. WHEREAS upon Application to the GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS for the Southern District of North America under the Register of Scotland by Francis Donnman, James Mitchell, Daniel Hicky, William Dutton, Alexander Strother, Robert Dalrymple, Patrick Morgan, James Crawford, John Amer and Peter Miller setting forth that the Petitioners have for some time past been Members of Lodge No. 108. of the Register of Scotland held in his Majesty's Thirty-first Regiment of Foot and as the said Regiment was about to leave the Province they had unanimously agreed to Petition the GRAND LODGE for a CHARTER to hold a Lodge under the Name and Title of ST. ANDREWS Lodge No 1 West Florida and that they were determined to act in every respect as regular Brethren and proposed the said Francis Donnman for Master, James Mitchell for Sen^r Warden, Daniel Hicky for Jun^r Warden, Patrick Morgan for Treasurer and James Crawford for Secretary. And praying that it might please the GRAND LODGE to grant them a CHARTER of Erection in the usual form which Petition having been considered by the GRAND LODGE they authorized the underwritten Patent of Constitution and Erection to be expedited in the Petitioners Favours. KNOW YE therefore that the MOST WORSHIPFUL the GRAND MASTER for the Southern District of N^o. AMERICA under the Register of Scotland and the GRAND LODGE thereof aforesaid have constituted erected and appointed and hereby constitute erect and appoint the WORSHIPFUL Brethren above named and Successors in all Times coming to be a true and regular Lodge of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS by the Style and Title of ST. ANDREWS Lodge No 1 West Florida and appoint and ordain all regular Lodges under the Constitution of the GRAND LODGE to hold own and respect them as such giving granting and committing to them and their Successors full Power and Authority to meet assemble and convene as a regular Lodge and to admit and receive Apprentices pass Fellow Crafts and raise Master Masons upon Payment of such Composition for support of their Lodge as they shall see convenient and to elect and choose Masters Wardens and other Officers annually or otherwise as they shall have occasion recommending to the Brethren aforesaid and their Successors to Reverence and obey their Superiors in all things lawful and honest as becomes the Honour and Harmony of MASONRY the said Brethren by accepting of this Present CHARTER becoming faithfully bound and engaged not to desert their said Lodges so constituted nor upon any pretext whatsoever to make any separate or

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Schismatical Meetings without Consent of their Master and Wardens for the Time nor collect Money or other Funds separate from the common Stock of their Lodge to the Prejudice of the Poor thereof They and their Successors in all Time coming being also obliged to obey and pay all due Regard to the Acts Statutes and Regulations of the GRAND LODGE already made or hereafter to be made for the Utility Welfare and Prosperity of MASONRY in general and to pay and perform whatever is stipulated or demanded of them for the support of the dignity of the GRAND LODGE and to Record in their Books which they are hereby authorized to keep this present CHARTER of Constitution and Erection with their own Regulations and Bye Laws and their whole Proceedure from time to time as they shall occur to the end the same may be more easily seen and observed by their Brethren subject always to the review of the GRAND LODGE and also the Brethren aforesaid and their Successors are hereby required punctually to attend the whole General Meetings and Quarterly Communications of the GRAND LODGE by their Representatives being their Master and Wardens for the Time or by lawful Proxies in their names provided such Proxies be Master Masons or Fellow Crafts of some established Lodge holding of the GRAND LODGE to the End they may act and vote in the GRAND LODGE and be duly Certiorated of the Proceedings thereof Declaring their Precedency in the GRAND LODGE to commence from the date hereof and to the End these Presents may be more effectually kept and preserved the same are hereby appointed to be recorded in the Books of the GRAND LODGE. GIVEN at the GRAND LODGE in Town of St. Augustine in the Province of East Florida upon the third day of May A. D. 1771. By the MOST WORSHIPFUL his Excellency James Grant, Esq^r Governour and Commander in Chief in and over the said Province GRAND MASTER MASON for the Southern District of North America The RIGHT WORSHIPFUL William Drayton Esquire DEPUTY GRAND MASTER The RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Alexander M^cKenzie and Frederick George Mulcastor Esq^{rs} GRAND WARDENS and the Seal of the GRAND LODGE is appended hereunto in presence of David Yates Esq^r GRAND SECRETARY and John Haley GRAND CLERK.

“Signed { JAMES GRANT G. M.
WM. DRAYTON, D. G. M. p. T.
ALEX^R M^cKENZIE, S. G. W.
FRED^K GEO. MULCASTOR J. G. W.

“Signed

“David Yates G. Sec^r

“John Haley G. Clk.”

In the Name of the Most Holy Queens and Undivided Trinity
between, Son, and Holy Spirit. 20

Mount Moriah, By the Captain General and Grand Warden (Warrant N. 1
On the Regency of America

We do hereby certify that Alsted had the same brief
our Lady and well beloved Brother for the year 1779 were by my
Inscribed and the same Receipt of the 1st of 8 on 1st of December
Order, Sir Frederick's, in person, the person who, in the same, and does
however, truly represent the Marrying to be, allowing his Holiness

We therefore recommend him as a worthy and valiant Brother.
G. W. M. from under our hands, At our Specialty in
Mount Moriah, 20th of March 1779 with our Holy Seal
bearing the year and the day of the month, 1779.

George Hochberg, C. G.
L. G. G. G. G. G.
L. G. G. G. G. G.
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TEMPLAR CERTIFICATE GRANTED BY MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 2, 1779, UNDER THE
"GRAND LODGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NORTH AMERICA."

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 2

The second Warrant issued by this Grand Lodge was a regimental one, and was granted in 1779 to the Mount Moriah Lodge, in the 35 Regiment of Foot, which was stationed on Mount Fortune, Island of Saint Lucia, one of the Windward group, lying between Martinique and St. Vincent. These Brethren, as was then the custom, conferred both the Royal Arch and Templar degrees under their Blue Lodge Warrant. One of their Templar certificates, fortunately, has come down to us, viz. :

“IN THE NAME of the Most Holy Glorious and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

“By the Captain General, and Grand Wardens of Warrant No 2 MOUNT MORIAH, On the Regestry of America.

“We doe hereby Certifie and Attest that the Bearer hereof our Trusty and well Beloved Brother Sir Phillip Crofton was by us Istalled and Dubbed A Knight of the Most Noble and Right Worshipful Oder, Sir Knights Templars, he having with Fortitude, and due honor Justly supported the Amazing Trials Attending his Admission

“We therefore recommend him as A worthy and Valient Brother.

“Given from under our hands, At our Assembly in Mount Fortune, Island of Saint Lucia, with the Assembly’s Seal hereunto Affixed, this the 14th Day of April Anno Domine 1779. Anno Lap. 5779.

“SIR GEORGE COCKBURN *C. G.*

“SIR DANIEL MILLER } *G. W.*

“PHILLIP CROFTON }

“SIR JOHN FRIE, *G. Sect.*

St. Andrew’s Lodge, No. 1, constituted May 3, 1771, became an active Masonic body at Pensacola, until the Spaniards, in 1780, again came into possession of West Florida, by the reduction of Pensacola, when all Freemasons were driven out by the Dominican priests accompanying the victors.

After that part of Florida was again in the hands of the Spaniard, such Brethren as were not in the military service fled to Charleston, South Carolina, which was then in posses-

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sion of the British under General Clinton, taking their Warrant, papers and Masonic clothing to that Province.

In the beginning of the year 1782, the Brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge attempted to reorganize at Charleston, and sent the following letter to the officers of their Grand Lodge at St. Augustine, East Florida, which was then a British possession :

" *Right Worshipful Sir*³

" [Document No. 2.]
" *and Brethren*

" CHAS TOWN 9th Feb^r. 1782

" We part of the members of Saint Andrews Lodge No. 1 West Florida (holding by Deputation under you) have taken this opportunity of writing to acquaint you that the unfortunate Reduction of Pensacola by the Spaniards hath distributed the members of our Society to divers parts of the World so that we cannot all Join together in writing and as we the few that are here being conscious that it is our duty to inform you that we have the Charter of that Lodge here in Charlestown together with the Book of Minutes from the first meeting of the Lodge. As we at present know not of any thing worth relating with respect to the Craft shall conclude with assuring you that as soon as we can Conveniently have a meeting among ourselves to consult about what is best to be done with those valuable Papers and when determined we will do ourselves the Honor of acquainting you with our Resolution. We will be exceeding happy at having a few lines from you together with your directions relating to what is to be done with the Charter.

" We are with the greatest Respect

" *Right Worshipful Sir*

" *and Brethren*

" Your most obedient

" *and most*

" *Humble Servants*

" P. S.

" This letter will be handed you by Brother Mann of Lodge No. 190 who we hereby recommend as a worthy Brother—

" THOMAS UNDERWOOD, *Master*,
" JOHN SIMPSON *Pass Master*
" H. BEAUMONT, *Jun^r Warden*
" THOS. PASHLEY *S. Steward*

³ MSS., Vol. H, paquet 98, folio 9.

Appeal of the Brethren of Charleston

“Right Worshipful Master Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge for the Southern District of North America.

St. Augustine.”

This appeal from the Brethren at Charleston was answered by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America as follows:

“ [Document No. 3.]

“ In the Grand Lodge held at Saint

“ Augustine the 14th day of March, 5782

“ *Right Worshipful Master and Members of St Andrews Lodge*
No. 1

“ West Florida.⁴

“ We have received by the Hands of Brother William Johnston formerly of your Lodge, your Letter of the 9th day of February last, intimating to us your concern for not having it in your power to hold a Lodge under your Charter and expressive of your very laudable zeal for the Craft—It is with deep concern and sincere sympathy that we regret the Calamities of War, and condole with you on your expulsion from West Florida by which means your members no doubt are dispersed and you are deprived of frequent Communion and fellowship for your mutual improvement and the benefit of the Craft—Your Letter has been laid before the Grand Lodge and it is their opinion, that you having a dispensation from the Grand Lodge may and you are hereby authorized to Constitute and hold a Lodge at Charlestown, South Carolina under your Charter until it shall please God to restore you to the Ancient Seat of your Lodge in West Florida. Provided you have the Master and a Sufficient number of Members of the same to form a Lodge.

“ We heartily wish you well

“ JOHN FORBES *D. G. M.*

“ DAVID YEATS *S. G. W.*

“ HENRY YOUNG, *J. G. W.*

“ John Haley *G. S.*”

In the meantime, the Brethren, to properly establish them-

⁴ MSS., Vol. H, paquet 98, folio 10.

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selves at Charleston, issued a summons to the Masters of all the Ancient York Lodges in Charleston, to try and examine them, whether they were legitimate "Ancient" Masons, or not.

After the examination the following report was signed:

" [Document No. 4.]

" CHARLES TOWN April 26, 1782

"From Summons being Issued to all the Masters of Ancient Lodges of Free & Accepted Masons constituted and Warranted in Charles Town aforesaid &c.

"We the undernamed Persons having duly Inspected and Examined the Warrant or Constitution serving under the Grand Lodge of the Southern District &c are of Opinion that from the tenor of the Warrant Granted to them That Lodge No 1 by the name of St. Andrews Lodge (that Said Lodge) are legally entitled to Work as Ancient Masons thro'out the Southern District & are entitled to all due honor Given under our hands the day & date Above Written

" J^N^O KENNEBURGH *Master Lodge N^o 106*

" GEORGE CARTER *P. M. L.....N^o 190*

" J. H. BUSHWORTH *Master.....N^o 90*

" ALEX^R SMITH *P. M. L.....N^o 190*

" JEREMIAH WRIGHT *M. L.....N^o 535*

" N^o 4

"The Resolutions of the meeting of the Officers of the different Antient Lodges in Charlestown report on the Charter of St Andrews Lodge No 1 referred to in the memorial."

St. Andrew's again became an active Masonic body, until the close of the year 1782, when Charleston was evacuated by the British, and was once more an American city.

By the vicissitudes of war and European diplomacy, the whole of Florida in 1783 came again under the control of the Spaniards and the Roman Church, and thus the life of the "Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America" ended with the evacuation of St. Augustine by the British troops.

Appeal to Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

The Brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge now stranded, as it were, at home, and bereft of their governing body, sent the following given below, together with attested copies of all of their papers, to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as the "Grand Lodge of North America."

These documents were laid before a Grand Lodge of Emergency, July 8, 1783.

"To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North America &c &c &c⁵

"The Memorial of the Brethren of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 late of West Florida and now of Charles, South Carolina, in full Lodge assembled.

"Most humbly Sheweth

"That your memorialists obtained a Constitution or Warrant from the Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America holding Charter under the Grand Lodge of Scotland dated at St Augustine in the Province of East Florida upon the third day of May, A. D. 1771 as will more fully appear by an attested Copy of our Charter herewith transmitted (No. 1)—That your memorialists wrought under the said Constitution as regular registered Masons conformable in all respects to the Tenets and Principles of the Antient and Honourable Craft from the Time of their Erection till the fall of Pensacola in West Florida. That your memorialists having withdrawn themselves from Pensacola in West Florida on the Reduction thereof to Charles Town, South Carolina did on the 9th Feb^r 1782 address themselves to the Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America aforesaid in the manner represented in a Copy of the same herewith transmitted to which we beg leave to refer you (No. 2)

"That your memorialists did on the 14th day of March 1782 receive a Letter from the Grand Lodge aforesaid in answer to their Letter a true Copy thereof is herewith transmitted to which we also beg leave to refer you (No. 3)—That your memorialists on the Receipt of the said Letter previous to their forming themselves into a Body

⁵ MSS., Vol. H, paquet 98, folio 11.

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or using their Right of Erection did issue Summonses to the Masters and Wardens of all regular Constituted Lodges of Antient Masons assembled in Charles Town aforesaid and on a meeting had on the 26th of April, 1782 those who thought proper to attend the said meeting came to such Resolutions as are herewith transmitted and attested to which we beg leave to refer you (No. 4)—That your memorialists having a sufficient number of members of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 aforesaid agreeable to the Directions of the Grand Lodge aforesaid having for their Master John Simpson, Henry Beaumont Sen^r Warden, Thomas Pashley Jun^r Warden, Geo. Boles Sec^{ry} and William Duncan, Tyler, did on the 30th day of April 1782 Erect, Congregate and form themselves into a Body agreeable to Antient usage by the Style and Title of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 late of West Florida aforesaid, in Charles Town South Carolina aforesaid. That your memorialists have ever since the 30th April 1782 as recited, regularly convened their Lodge and have supported the Grand Laws and been governed by them, and have also supported their Bye-Laws, and have entered apprentices, passed Fellow Crafts and raised Master Masons agreeable to Antient Usage and Constitution, and have elected Officers regularly in their respective Body and have agreeable to the Tenuity of their Understandings promoted the true Interest Honor and Welfare of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity and Peace, Love and Harmony hath ever subsisted in our Lodge to this Period.

“That your memorialists most humbly pray that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge presiding in North America and holden at Philadelphia will be most graciously pleased out of his and their accustomed Bounty Benevolence and Goodness to receive them under their Protection and into your Favour by establishing our Constitution and renewing our Warrant and placing us upon your Register and under your Jurisdiction by the Style and Title of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 (late of West Florida) or in such other Form and manner as shall seem meet and most expedient to your superior Wisdom, Justice and Goodness. That your memorialists have transmitted a List of the names of the members of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1 and of which our Lodge now consists to which we beg leave to refer you whereby it will appear that our Lodge is in a thriving and flourishing Condition. (No. 5.)

“Your memorialists therefore submits the whole Premises to your serious Consideration hoping that with Expedition and



As the High Priest, Cap^m Commandant
 of the Red Cross and Cap^m General of that Most Holy and in-
 vincible Order of Knights Templars of St. Andrews Lodge
 No. 1 Ancient Masons, held in Charleston South Carolina
 Under Charter from the Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North Ame-
 rica do hereby Certify that the Bearer our trusty and Well Beloved Brother
 Sir Henry Beaumont hath passed the Chair, been raised to
 the Sublime Degrees of an excellent super Excellent Royal Arch
 Mason, Knight of the Red Cross and a Knight of that
 Most Holy, Invincible and Magnanimous Order of Knights Tem-
 plars, Knight Bosular, Knight of Rhodes and of
 Malta, which several Orders are above mentioned; and he having
 Conducted himself like a true and faithful Brother, we affectionately
 recommend him to all the Fraternity of Ancient Masons
 round the Globe wherever assembled.

Given under our hands and seals of our Lodge
 this 1st day of August 1790, the thousand seven hundred and Eighty three, and of
 Malta 3517

Wm. Cashley. 1st King
 H. Nisbett. 2nd King

R. Murray. Recorder

ANCIENT ROYAL ARCH AND TEMPLAR CERTIFICATE GRANTED BY
 ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1.
 (LATER No. 40 UNDER PENNSYLVANIA.)

List of Members of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1

dispatch you will be pleased to transmit to us the Confirmation and Renewal of our Charter.

"And as in Duty bound we will ever pray &c &c

"GEO CARTER, *Master*.

"THOS PASHLEY, *S. W.*

"WM. NISBETT, *J. W.*

"LAMBERT LANCE, *Treas^r*

"JOHN COLLETT, *Secretary.*"

" [Document No. 5.]

"A LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. ANDREWS LODGE NO. 1 LATE OF
WEST FLORIDA NOW OF CHARLES TOWN SOUTH CAROLINA, viz:
JUNE 1783^e

Doctor George Carter Master
Thomas Pashley Senior Warden
William Nishett, Esquire Junior Warden
Cap^t John Hamilton, Senior Deacon^r
Peter Valton.....Junior Deacon
Cap^t John Collett Secretary
Lambert Lance Esquire Treasurer

Members

William Glen Jun^r Esquire
Thomas Gough.....Esquire
Cap^t Richard Mason⁸
Cap^t Jervis Henry Steven
John Miller.....Esquire
William Shrine.....Esq^r
Cap^t Thomas Jervey
Cap^t Samuel Wells
Cap^t Alexander Petrie⁹

^e MSS., Volume H, paquet 98, folio 15.

^r John Hamilton, 2d Lieutenant, 1st South Carolina, — 1777; Brigade-Major to Colonel Pinckney, May 10, 1778; wounded at Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779; 1st Lieutenant, July 30, 1779; taken prisoner at Charleston, May 12, 1780.

⁸ Richard Mason, 1st Lieutenant, 2d South Carolina —; Captain, November 25, 1778; taken prisoner at Charleston, May 12, 1780.

⁹ Alexander Petrie, 1st Lieutenant, 2d South Carolina —; wounded at Savannah, October 9, 1779.

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Cap^t. Albert Roux¹⁰
Cap^t. William Parsons
Col. David Hopkins
Cap^t. Richard Brooke Roberts¹¹
 Andeon St. John Esq^r.
 Francis Tate Esq^r.
 Alexander Frazier, Esquire
 William Frazier, Esq^r.
Lieut. Charles Brown¹²
 Abraham Newton Esq^r.
 Thomas Fuller Jun^r Esq^r.
Doctor James Stewart Esq^r.
Col. John Baddisley.

All of these copies sent were certified by the following notarial certificate:

"SOUTH CAROLINA

"By John Troup Notary Publick duly admitted and residing in Charles Town in the State of S^o Carolina afores^d.

"These are to Certifie to all to whom these presents shall come that I have examined and compared with the Original the within Copy & do find it in all things to agree & corespond therewith

"In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, & Seal Notarial at Charles town afores^d this 7th day of June 1783

"JOHN TROUP, N. P."

These papers, addressed to the R. W. Grand Master, were laid before the Grand Lodge of Emergency of Philadelphia,

¹⁰ Albert Roux, 1st Lieutenant, 2d South Carolina —, 1776; Captain, October, 1779; wounded at Savannah, October 9, 1779; retired January 1, 1781.

¹¹ Richard Brooke Roberts, Captain, South Carolina State Artillery Regiment, 1779; Aide-de-Camp to General Lincoln in 1782; Captain, 2d United States Infantry, March 4, 1791; assigned to 2d Sub Legion, September 4, 1792; Major 3d Sub Legion, February 28, 1793; assigned to 4th Infantry, November 1, 1796; died, January 19, 1797.

¹² Charles Brown, Lieutenant, 1st South Carolina, December 8, 1779; taken prisoner at Charleston, May 12, 1780, exchanged July, 1781, and served to close of war.

Letter to Brother Weyman

July 8, 1783, and received a full reading. "Agreed, that a Letter be written to the Master and Brethren of St^t Andrew's Lodge, referring and recommending them to our worthy Brother, Edward Weyman, of Lodge N^o. 38, to whom a letter is also requested to be written, granting full power and authority to act, agreeably to directions to be given to him by this G^d. Lodge."¹⁸

¹⁸ From records in our Archives, it appears that, after the expulsion of the "Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America" from St. Augustine, in Florida, the Brethren then located at Morant Bay, in the Island of Jamaica, and in 1786 constituted and warranted the "Lodge of St. John of Scotland, held at Cape François, on the Island of St. Domingo. The full story of this Lodge will be found in Chapter LIII of this work.





CHAPTER XLVIII.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, NO. 40, A. Y. M., HELD AT
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.



AT a Grand Lodge of Emergency held July 12, 1783, "on Motion, Ordered, that the Sec^r prepare and draw a Warrant (for the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, N^o 1), to be N^o 40, which Warrant is to be transmitted to Bro. Weyman, Mas^r. of Lodge N^o 38, to be by him delivered to the Master and members of St. Andrew's Lodge N^o 1, provided that the Master and members of s^d Lodge are found to be of the Ancient and honorable Fraternity, and accepts to be under this Jurisdiction.

"Ordered, That two dozen Books of the Constitutions be sent to Bro. Weyman, he to be charged with the same, the sum of six pounds."

LETTER TO THE BRETHREN OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE AT
CHARLESTON.

"Gentⁿ & Brethren¹³

"GRAND LODGE July 12 1783

"Your memorial together with sundry papers relative thereto,

¹³ MSS., Volume H, paquet 98, folio 16.

Letters of Instruction

was received & laid before the Grand Lodge in this city on the 8th Inst.

“The sincere desire of the brethren of St. Andrew’s Lodge to promote the Interest, Honor & Welfare of Masonry, appears too fully in their proceedings to require comment;— their decent Submission, together with the satisfaction they have endeavored to render us, merits our liveliest approbation

“The distance between us, Brethren, renders such enquiry as might illustrate particular facts, wholly impracticable; suffer us therefore to recommend to you our worthy brother M^r Edward Weyman, of Lodge No. 38, who is fully instructed and authorized in every matter which relates to your request; and who will present you with a warrant from this Grand Lodge as soon as he hath complied with their directions

“Our most earnest wishes are to cultivate Harmony among our brethren, and we are fully persuaded that nothing unconstitutional on our behalf, will appear in the proceedings of our valuable Brother Weyman.

“As soon as your business is fully accomplished, we shall be happy to hear from you; and if any thing in future can be added to promote your happiness, we will most cheerfully attend to the request of the honorable Lodge of St. Andrews.

“We are Gent^l & Brethren with sincere respect

“Your affectionate Brethren

“Signed by order of the Grand Lodge

“JOSEPH HOWELL *Jr. Dy. Gr. Sec’y*

LETTER OF INSTRUCTION TO BRO. EDWARD WEYMAN, OF LODGE
No. 38.

“GRAND LODGE July 12th. 1783

“*Dear Brother*¹⁴

“We take this opportunity to acknowledge your very affectionate favor of the 31st of May last, and are no less obliged to you for the receipt thereof, than those worthy & excellent sentiments with which it abounds respecting the Interest & Dignity of the Craft. On this score suffer us to add that your letter cannot perhaps receive a better answer, than to acquaint you in general, that we perfectly concur with you in your ideas of Masonry. Great Obligations we

¹⁴ MSS., Vol. H, paquet 98, folio 17.

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apprehend are likewise due to you for your own Zeal & Industry in opening and conducting the Lodge under your care and protection; and there is every reason to think, it will be attended with very happy and salutary effects, and reflect on you that becoming honor & respect to which you seem so highly entitled to.

“We confess we enjoy a most peculiar pleasure in finding the Moderns discover a disposition to commence Antients: This pleasure is much enlivened & refined when we consider as you justly observe, the “Moderns” are very numerous. We cannot suspect or doubt your inclination to reform any misled or misguided Masons & to lead those moderns from their unfortunate *dark* into the proper *light*

“Your favor was presented to the Grand Lodge the 24th Ult^o & must inform you that they considered of the different subjects to which you wished to invite their attention

“We presume that it will be unnecessary to inform you that we have received a Memorial together with sundry papers relating thereto from the members of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1. Their humility and submission to this Grand Lodge is a very presumptive proof that they will upon application present you with the originals for your perusal, inspection & determination, & that more especially, as we have referred them to Lodge No. 38 for every necessary satisfaction.

“Permit us to observe with respect to the application of St. Andrews Lodge, that as many difficulties occurred on the Consideration of circumstances, whether the Lodge was composed of regular brethren or clandestines, it was the opinion of the G^d Lodge that they should apply to Lodge No. 38 for the investigation of that important point, and if you should be satisfied on the subject, then we have no objection to comply with their wishes & expectations by placing them on the most respectable footing, such as is suited to a Constitutional Lodge and conduces to the welfare of the Brotherhood at large. To effect so laudable a purpose the Grand Lodge has thought expedient to transmit you a Warrant constituting the said Lodge, No. 40, which is the next number to the Lodges already under our Jurisdiction. We do not conceive ourselves justified from either precedent or Usage to insert the name of the Lodge in the Warrant which request is therefore left to the option of the Lodge in case they should be found worthy and wish to accept it.

“We have the pleasure to forward you 24 Copies of the Book of Constitutions which have been lately published. If this number should be insufficient you can have as many more as you think proper

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on application. We trust they will be very essential in cultivating the proper rule & measure without which no Lodge can retain its dignity over the Workmen or its consequences & weight in the world which hath not seen the light.

“We most sincerely join you in lamenting the distance between us. We are very sensible it must be attended with numberless inconveniences; but the Grand Lodge has to interpose & from no other principle than a delicacy and doubt they entertain of the propriety of forming a Grand Lodge among you—We should therefore be happy you would endeavor to make your situation as agreeable as possible for the present, and the hand of all revealing time will probably in the course of events effect something in your favor.

“Rest assured D^r B^r we shall at all times be willing and anxious to yield every service we can afford tending to maintain the Harmony & Brotherly Love among you—We cannot sufficiently express our affectionate sentiments for you, and feel ourselves bound towards you by Chords of the greatest partiality. Wishing you every kind of happiness & that you may experience the blessed results of those valuable sentiments with which your letter teems, particularly in reconciling men of all religions & nations & inculcating every species of Masonic & moral Excellence, we remain with distinguished esteem

“Your affect. Brethren

“Signed by order of and in behalf of the G. L.

“JOSEPH HOWELL jr. Dy. Gr. Sec’y.

“P. S.

“Agreeably to your request we enclose you a list of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

“* Therefore as many of the copies as are deemed necessary you will be pleased to furnish St. Andrew’s Lodge with, should they comply with the sentiments we have before imparted to you—which you can replace by the first oppo^r.”

Henceforth the old St. Andrew’s Lodge, No. 1, of Florida, became Lodge No. 40 upon the Roster of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. That Bro. Edward Weyman performed the duty imposed upon him by the Grand Lodge, is shown by the letter from him under date of August 28, 1783, and by two letters from Bro. George Carter, to the Grand Lodge of Penn-

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sylvania, dated September 5, 1783, and read before that body September 29, 1783:

“CITY OF CHARLESTON
“28th August 1783

“*Dear Brother*¹⁵

“Your favor from the Grand Lodge I Received with the Books and Papers which shall be fully answer'd in due time. This will be handed you by our worthy Brother Benjamin Nones member of Lodge No. 38. which I take the liberty to recomend to all Brethren of our Ancient Fraternity. Lodge No 38 upon Investigating the several matters recomended by the Grand Lodge relating to St. Andrews Lodge No 1 have for prudential reasons agreed to deliver the Warrant for holding Lodge No. 40 in Charles Town; which was accepted of and are become Subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

“I am with the greatest respect
“your Friend & Brother
“EDWARD WEYMAN

“Joseph Howell Jun^r
“D. G. S.”

“CHARLESTON 5th Sep^r. 1783

“*Sir*¹⁶

“Your much Esteemed favor of the 12th July ult^o. came to hand in due course and was (on receipt thereof) laid before Our Lodge.

“The Fraternal and polite reception which our Memorial met with in Grand Lodge, and their readiness in granting Our Request, hath fill'd the hearts, and inspired the breasts of all the brethren of Our Lodge with the liveliest sense of Gratitude, and the warmest sentiments of Duty and respect for the Grand Lodge in General.

“The Worshipful the Master of Lodge No 38 convey'd a meeting thereof on the 10th ult^o where, a Committee from Our body attended for the purpose of giving the necessary satisfaction required of us by the Grand Lodge w^{ch} was done to content of the whole.

“And on the 13th he Install'd the proper Officers agreeable to Ancient usage & form (as proxy to the Grand Lodge,) and handed us the Warrant which you were so kind as to forward us for w^{ch} we have paid the fees, we have also received 16 books of Constitution for

¹⁵ MSS., Vol. H, paquet 98, folio 18.

¹⁶ MSS., Vol. H, paquet 98, folio 21.

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which B^r Weyman will acct. with you also. I suppose when he made a complaint against me to the Grand Lodge, that he was not informed that Brother Jn^o Troup (alluded to) had been a long time since an Ancient Mast^r. Mason, and has many months since been raised to the Sublime degrees of Royal Arch Mason, and a Knight of the Red Cross. in our Lodge late St. Andrew's No 1.

"We most heartily regret the loss we sustain in not being personally acquainted. Our body, embolden'd by the hope of your honouring us, as our Representative, or Proxy in Grand Lodge, have Order'd that I should make that request, and at the same time send you a prop^r. power for that purpose, with a blank for you to fill up with the name of whatever Brother may be most agreeable to your choice as your coleague. We also inclose a Letter to the Grand Lodge, which We beg leave to recomend to your care; as also a list of the members of Our Lodge &c.

"We heartily regret that the Ancient & Honorable Craft is not on a more respectable footing (in this place) than at present it appears to us upon. However upon the Grand Lodges making the necessary enquiries therein, they may more competantly Judge how to redress those evils which no doubt will be the case

"We shall Esteem all your future favors to us as singular Honor; and permit us to assure you that the strictest attention and respect shall constantly be paid by us.

"I have the Honor to subscribe myself in the
"name, & behalf of Lodge No. 40

"Sir

"Your most obedient

"Serv^t and Brother

"GEO. CARTER, *Master*"

"CHARLESTON 5th Sep^r. 1783

"*Most Worshipful Sir*¹⁷

"*Officers and Members*

"We the Master, Officers & Brethren of Lodge No. 40, under your Auspices; & late St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1 &c. return you our Fraternal, Dutiful, and sincere thanks, for your attention to the prayer of our Memorial of the 8th. July ult^o. and for the Warrant which you were most Graciously pleased to forward to us, the receipt of which we embrace the earliest opportunity of acknowledging. We have given full satisfaction to our Worshipful Brother

¹⁷ MSS., Volume H, paquet 98, folio 23.

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Edw. Weyman and to the Brethren of his Lodge No. 38, in all matters with which the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge were pleased to Commission him relative to our Lodge (late St. Andrew's No. 1) at a meeting held for that purpose, the 10th. of August ult^o— and he presented us with your Warrant the 13th. Aug^t. (and as proxy or representative for the Grand Lodge) Install'd the prop'r Officers, agreeable to Ancient usage, and form, &c.

“Permit us Most Worshipful Sir & Brethren, to assure you that our chief studdy at all times shall be to promote the true Interest and Honor of the Ancient Craft, and to be Governed & be ameanble to the Grand laws, & instructions, which in future you may be pleased to direct.

“We most sincerely regret that the state of the Most Ancient Craft (in this place) is not upon a more respectable footing than it appears to us—there can be no doubt but that the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge will have the necessary inquiries made, which we hope will be attended with the most salutary consequences.

“We shall look upon ourselves as highly honor'd by receiving all your future commands, which shall be attended to with punctuality, alaerity and all due respect.

“We have the honor to remain with the most profound respect and Esteem

“Most Worshipful Sir
“Officers and Brethren
“Your most obed^t
“and Humble Serv^{ts}

“GEO. CARTER *Master of Lodge No. 40*
“*Sen^r. Wardⁿ*
“*Jun^r. Wardⁿ.*”

The following report was found in the Archives; it does not appear when this communication was read before the Grand Lodge:

“CHARLESTON 29th Dec^r. 1783

“*Dear Sir*¹⁸
“*& Brother*

“Your much Esteemed favor of the 12th. ult^o. came to hand in due course, and am Infinitely Oblig'd to you for your Introduction to

¹⁸ MSS., Volume H, paquet 98, folio 20.

Report from South Carolina

Our Valuable & Worthy Broth^r. Young who is a Gentleman of real worth, Honor and Information. I now have the pleasure of Informing you that all Differences between Lodge No 190, Ancient Masons and Our Lodge No. 40 are Happily accomodated, and the three Lodges here of Ancient Masons, Viz: Nos. 38, 40 & 190 dined together & Celebrated the Festival of St. John, with Harmony, Order, Sobriety & Regularity. We return you and Our Worthy Brother Doe^r. Mich^l. Jennings Our warmest thanks for the Honor you have done us. Permit my requesting you'l make my most respectfull Compliments Acceptable to him. Our Lodge have Unanimously confer'd the Honor on themselves of appointing you, & Our Brother Jennings Honorary Members of the same, in order to testifie their Gratitude and Esteem.

“I should have ans^d. your polite favor sooner, but waited for Our Election of Officers for the ensuing six months, who are appointed as follows Viz^t.: Thomas Pashley, Master; Jervis Henry Stevens, Sen^r. Ward^a.; Clement Crook Blake Stevens, Jun^r. Ward^a.

“George Warley, Sen^r. Deacon;
Dan^l. Mazyek, Jun^r. Deac^a.
George Carter, Treasur^r.
Lambert Lance, Sec^r.
Sam^l. Sheppard, Tyler.

“Our Master is a Steady Worthy man & I hope will do Justice to the Craft & to his Lodge

“We have been under the disagreeable necessity to Expel one of our members who has been latterly very refractory, in order to deter others from the like conduct, and to support Harmony & Order in Our Lodge. The causes were: first he apply'd to our Roy'l Arch Chapter to be made therein, & afterwards refus'd to pay the admission fees, agreeable to our Bye Laws; and on the 21st of Nov^r. last at a regular meeting he came to the Lodge (as Jun^r. Deacon) & after taking his place Cloath'd & Jewel'd he got up (without any cause or provocation) took of his Jewel & Quit the Lodge Room without Asking leave from the Chair, or taking leave of the Brethren, and as he passt the Tyler he told him that he should never have the trouble of Opening the door for him, as he intended never to return to the Lodge. The Lodge upon this resolved that unless he made a prop^r. Apology to the Lodge the next night of meeting, that the Bye Laws of the Lodge should be put in force ag^t. him, and instead

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of attending & so doing he absented himself, and spoke very disrespectfully of the Lodge to many of the members, who declared the same in Lodge, therefore the members present Unanimously came to the Resolution that He the said Alexander Petrie (at a meeting had the 5th December, 1783, at the Lodge Room) should be henceforth Expelled this Lodge for the same and that notice thereof shou'd be sent to the Grand Lodge, and to all regular Lodges of Ancient Masons in Charleston assembled. Extract from the Minutes

"I shall transmit you a List of our Members by our brother C. Young.

"I remain with the most profound respect and Esteem

"Dear Sir

"Your most Obedt. Hum^s

"Servt. & Broth^r

"GEO. CARTER

"P. M. Lodge No. 40"



We have in our Archives a manuscript folio,¹⁹ entitled

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF

LODGE N. 40

CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA

Commencing the 13th August 1783

and Ending June 24th 1784.

¹⁹ MSS., Volume 174, paquet 98.

Roster of Lodge No. 40, A. B. M.

At the end of this folio there is a list of members of Lodge No. 40, June 24, 1784:

"George Carter, *Master and Treasurer*
 Thomas Pashley *Past Master*
 Jervis Hen^r. Stevens *Sen^r.* } *Wardens*
 Clem^t. C. B. Stevens *Jun^r* }
 James Mittigan *Sen^r.* } *Deacons.*
 Greenbery Hughs *Jun^r* }
 James Miller, *Secretary*
 Sam^l Sheppard, *Tyler* (but not a Member)
 Jos. Vincent Burd
 Rh^d. Brook Roberts
 W^m Parsons
 Tho^s. Lining
 John Boomer
 John Baddeley
 Rev^d. Chas. Fred. Moreau, *Chaplain*
 " John Lewis, Hon^r. *D^o*
 Lewis Ozier
 Jos. Raven Mathews
 Abraham Da Costa
 Jos. Howell..... } *Honorary Memb^{rs}*
 Doct^r. Mich^l Jenning } *D^o*
 David Hopkins
 Andeon St. John, *Honorary Memb^{rs}.*
 Isaac Delyon
 Abraham Delyon
 D^r James Fallon
 James Brown
 O'Brien Smith—Total 28

"GEO. CARTER, *Master.*

"Errors Except."

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 40, became an active Masonic body in Charleston, and kept in touch with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through its representative.

December 20, 1784. A letter was read before the Grand Lodge, from "the Worshipful George Carter, M^r. of Lodge

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No. 40, likewise the Returns of that Body; from which it appears that the Proceedings against Brother Alexander Petrie were regular and masonic. This Lodge is nevertheless of Opinion, that if B^r Petrie make such acknowledgements as may appear satisfactory, that he be again received into said Lodge, and that Brothers Howell and Jennings, Representatives of N^o 40, endeavor to reconcile Matters between B^r Petrie and that Body.”

April 21, 1785. At an Extra Grand Lodge, the Secretary stated “that he had received the sum of 40 Dollars for War-rant N^o 40, held in Charlestown.”

December 18, 1786. “A deputation was read before Grand Lodge No. 40 held in Charles Town S^o Carolina Authorizing Bros. Gavin Hamilton and W^m Delaney to represent them in Grand Lodge.”

September 24, 1787. At the Grand Quarterly Communication “The Deputy Grand Master Bro Jonathan Bayard Smith informed the Lodge that the following Letter had been received from No. 40, complaining of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Carolina.”

“CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA 27 April 1787.

“*Right Worshipfull*”²⁰

“*Sir*

“As there have been two General Conventions held latterly in this City for the purpose of Electing Grand Officers, and forming a Grand Lodge in this State. And as the proceedings of both Conventions were Illegal Unconstitutional, and un-Masonic in all Respects.

“We the Members of St. Andrews Lodge No. 40 have Entered our regular protest against the entire of their proceedings.

“We therefore embrace the Earliest Oportunity of informing you that we intend Memorial and Remonstrating to your Grand Lodge and laying their proceedings and Conduct before the Grand Lodges in America, as well as those of London and Dublin, so soon as matters

²⁰ MSS., Volume H, paquet 98, folio 31.

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are properly arranged for that purpose. This is done by the unanimous request of Our Lodge and conformable to the Duty we owe to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your favour dated the 7th. Inst. (together with that of the Deputy Grand Secretary’s) and in Conformity to your desire Transmit you herewith the Names of the Grand Officers who signed our Warrant viz.: William Adcock, Grand Master; Alex. Rutherford, D^r. Grand Master; Thos. Procter, S^r. Grand Warden; George Ord, Jun^r Gr^d. Warden; Cha^s. Young, Grand Treasurer; William Smith, Grand Secretary; Joseph Howell, Jun^r., Deputy Grand Secretary; dated at Philadelphia the 12 July, 5783, and directed to Doctor George Carter, Master; Thomas Pashley, Sen^r. Warden; William Nesbit, Junior Warden; to be held in the City of Charleston State of South Carolina, or within Five Miles of the same under the Stile & Title of St. Andrews Lodge No. 40, recorded in Grand Lodge Book A page 253 the 12 July 1783 A. M. 5783 signed Joseph Howell Jun^r Deputy Grand Secretary.

“As soon as Convenient to have our New Warrant forwarded to us, we shall look upon ourselves highly honor’d by the favour

“Our present Officers are Jervis Henry Stevens, Master, Thomas Pashley, Senior Warden, Greenbury Hughes Junior Warden, George Harding Treasurer, Joseph Ganther Secretary. We sent our deputation to Brothers Gavin Hamilton and Will^m. Delany of your City Early last spring 1786 as our proxies in Grand Lodge, but since that have never been favored with a line from them even to acknowledge their acceptance of that office, should they decline, would Esteem it a particular favour of you to nominate any Two Brethren of your Body to represent Lodge No. 40 in Grand Lodge, as I am a perfect stranger to all the Brethren of your Grand Lodge, who shall upon being known to us be furnished with proper documents for that purpose.

“I have the Honor to submit myself in the name of our Lodge.

“Right Worshipfull Sir

“Your Most Obedient Serv^t &

“Affectionate Brother

“JERVIS HENRY STEVENS,

“Master of Lodge No. 40.”

Shortly after this letter was written, the old Warrant of Lodge No. 40 was returned so that it might be renewed by the

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Independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It was renewed at once, under date of May 25, 1787, as requested by the Lodge.

“It was then moved and Seconded, that the said Letters be referred to a Committee, Whereupon, the following Brethren were appointed a Committee, who, or any of them, are empower’d to Act upon the Business, viz.: J. B. Smith, G. Hamilton, A. Humphreys, Thos. Procter and P. Wadman.”

December 27, 1787. “On Motion and Seconded that the report of the Committee to whom was referred the several Letters and Communications mentioned in the Minutes of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, Sept. 24, 1787, be reconsidered by the Committee before it be forwarded to Carolina.”

June 16, 1788. At the Grand Quarterly Communication “The business of the Committee to whom were referred the Letters from Carolina, and to the same Committee was referred a Letter from Jervis Henry Stevens, Master of St. Andrews Lodge N. 40, which was read and such Committee was ordered to prepare a Letter to the Grand Lodge in Carolina; also, one in answer to the above Letter from N. 40 and transmit the same as soon as possible.”

In the meantime St. Andrew’s Lodge, No. 40, surrendered its Warrant of 1787, and, together with Lodges Nos. 38 and 47 of Pennsylvania, and Nos. 190 and 236 under the Athol Grand Lodge of England, formed the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

At the union of the Grand Lodges in Charleston in 1817, St. Andrew’s Lodge, No. 40, became St. Andrew’s Lodge, No. 10, and continued to work until 1890, when it became dormant, and was dropped from their roll.



CHAPTER XLIX.

LODGE NO. 41, HELD AT THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA.



ON June 17, 1784, the following letter from Bro. Thomas Crafts and addressed to Deputy Grand Master Alexander Rutherford, was laid before the Grand Lodge, enclosing a petition, signed by Bro. Crafts and other members, requesting a Warrant for a Lodge to be held at Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia.

“PORTSMOUTH 26 April 1784

“Dear Brother¹

“Inclosed you have a Petition to the Grand Lodge hoping you do all in your power to meet Immediately, as the Bearer Captⁿ Goffigan of Schooner Daphne is on a Charter Party and to wait only Six Days, at same time I hope you make all Interest to complete the same, notwithstanding I am not present to deliver the partition, remember an Instance when you & I was Members of the Grand Lodge the Petition from Baltimore came and was granted all Expenses accruing therefrom please to Call on Captⁿ Goffigan to whom

¹ MSS., Vol. G, paquet 138, folio 33.

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I have given Orders to pay, being in haste shall conclude letting you know your son is return'd back by Springing a Leak, Your assistance to the Captⁿ in any thing he may want will be acknowledged as done to

“ Dear Sr.

“ Your faithfull Brother

“ THOMAS CRAFTS

“ If you please you may seal the Petition
“ please Excuse Blunders being in Haste.”

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL THE GRAND MASTER, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS AND THE REST OF THE WORTHY MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA²

“ The Petition of the Subscribers humbly sheweth That: Having the Good of the Craft at Heart & willing to (improve in) and extend the same throughout the Globe, to all worthy Men desiring to be introduced & instructed in the Antient Craft, But being prevented to hold a Lodge through want of a Charter agreeable to the Ancient Custom, therefore hoping you will take the same into consideration and grant us Liberty by a Warrant under the direction of the following Officers and their Successors Annually chosen and your Petitioners in Duty bound will ever pray.

“ THOMAS CRAFTS, *M.*

“ WILLIS WILLSON, *S. W.*

“ OBEDIAH BOSWORTH, *J. W.*

“ JAMES HUNTER, *Treas^r.*

“ ALEXANDER PHILLIPS, *Sec^y.*

“ BENJAMIN PUTNAM } *Stewards*

“ JOHN SMITH }

“ AUG^S. SLAUGHTER, *S. Deacon*

“ MUSHROW, *J. Deacon*

“ WM. CUNNINGHAM

“ JAMES HAMMOND

“ P. S—This Warrant is to hold a Lodge in the Town of Portsmouth in the State of Virginia.

“ To the Right Worshipfull the Grand Master of Pennsylvania”

Bro. Thomas Crafts was an old Member of Lodge No. 2 in Philadelphia. From the records of that Lodge, we learn that,

² MSS., Vol. T, paquet 99, folio 57.

Warrant Granted for Lodge No. 41, A. F. M.

upon the night that Bro. Thomas Procter was admitted a member of that Lodge, June 14, 1771, he at once proposed Thomas Crafts, who was entered July 10, 1771, in the old hall in Videll's Alley; passed, August 14; raised, August 14; elected Senior Warden, November 27; Master, December 27, 1772, He served as Secretary from May 12, 1773, to March 9, 1774, when he went to reside in Virginia.

The petition of the Brethren, as read before the Grand Lodge, was unanimously agreed to, and the Grand Secretary was ordered to prepare the Warrant, with the names of Thomas Crafts as Master, Willis Wilson as Senior Warden, and Obadiah Bosworth as Junior Warden.

June 26, 1784. At a Grand Lodge of Emergency.

Agreeably to order the Grand Secretary presented a Warrant constituting and appointing B^r. Thomas Crafts as Master, Broth^r. Willis Wilson as S. W., and B^r. Obadiah Bosworth as Junior Warden of Lodge N^o 41, to be held at the Town of Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, which being signed by the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Brother Crafts, agreeably to antient Usage, was in due form installed as Master of said Lodge N^o 41, and returned thanks on the part of the petitioning Brethren for the Honour conferred on them.^{2a}

December 20, 1784. At the Grand Quarterly Communication, the following letters, addressed to the Deputy Grand Master, were read and approved, one enclosing £15 as payment for Warrant No. 41, and another acknowledging receipt of said Warrant:

“PORTSMOUTH 4th August 1784

“*Dear S^rs*

“After my Arrival I summond'd the Brethren together and told the Warrent was compleated and I could not bring it, you not being

^{2a} Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 74.

^{*} MSS., Vol. G, paquet —, folio 34.

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in the Way at my Departure I thought the most prudent step to prevent giving offence, therefore I shall expect no matter concerning it, will transpire from you Brother Gibbs Jones is here and expects to be in Philadelphia shortly who desires to be Bearer of the Warrent and we think the most proper Person for the care thereof, I shall wrte you by him in the mean time believe me to be with Brotherly Affection

“Your Sincere Friend
“THOMAS CRAFTS”

“PORTSMOUTH 13 August '84

“Dr Brother⁴

“Our Brother Jones calling on me at an Nonplus and could not stay prevents my being able to be particur in sundry things and Articles of Inteligence, He waits on you for our Warrent which he will advance you the Money pray remember me to all the Brethren

“I remain

“Dr Sr

“Your Faithfull

“BROTHER T. CRAFTS”

“PORTSMOUTH 14 Sept^r. 1784

“Dr Sr⁵

“By Captⁿ. Bombary We send you the Money for the Warrent that is in your possession which was Granted to a Lodge to be held here No 41 as your Abstence has been means of our not receiving it; has been disagreeable to some of the Members and the Fault or Deficiency seems to redound on me—Notwithstanding I have declared that every matter relative thereto was finished and I was Instaled Master of that Lodge and Officers thereto subscribed

“I remain

“Dr Sr

“Your Faithful Brother

“and Friend

“THOMAS CRAFTS

“Alexander Rutherford

“Deputy Grand Mast^r.

“Philadelphia

⁴ *Ibid.*, folio 35.

⁵ MSS., Vol. T, paquet 99, folio 58.

Certificates of Lodge No. 41, A. M. M.

“N. B. Please to Seal & Enclose the Warrent & send by Captⁿ Bombary.”

Endorsed:

“Captⁿ Bombary, Stampen’s Worff, a Skipper from Verginey”

“PORTSMOUTH Virginia 12 Dec^r ’84

“Dear S^rs

“Time not permitting must be brief, have only at present to Inform you we have formed our Body and have Initiated sundry Gentlemen as Members the Bearer Captⁿ Goffigan is one but very lately; therefore I hope you will receive him as such as believing that he will make a Worthy Member. The Grand will be informed of our proceedings next Opportunity, by that time I hope we shall have all matters fixed; for my part I have made myself equal to a Slave to get things on its proper Basis and form a Lodge in due Order but ever being willing the Dignity of the Craft shall ever be kept up shall spare no pains to see they act on the Square.

“I remain D^r Brother

“Yours

“THOMAS CRAFTS.

“P. S.—Excuse imperfections in haste.

My Love to the G:M: and all the Brethren & Accept the same yourself My Family all at present are Well.

“Dear S^r—I should be glad you would introduce Captⁿ Goffigan to Colonel Procter.”

The following certificates of Lodge No. 41 were found in our Archives:

“TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN^r

“We do hereby certify that Brother Edward Hansford is a regular registered Free Mason in Lodge No. 41 in the Town of Portsmouth in Virginia & has been raised to the degree of Master Mason; that during his stay amongst us he has behaved himself as a worthy

^s MSS., Vol. T, paquet 99, folio 59.

^r MSS., Vol. J, paquet 54, folio 53.

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Brother—and as such, we recommend him to all the Brethren round the Globe.

SEAL “ Given under our hands and Seal of the Lodge this
21st day of September in the year of our Lord Christ
1785 and in the year of Masonry five thousand seven
hundred and eighty-five

“ THOMAS CRAFTS *Master*.

“ JOS^H. HOLMES *Pro Tem. Senr. Warden*

“ JAMES HUNTER *Junr Warden pro. tem.*

“ THOMAS BLAND, *Secy.*”

“ We the Master, Wardens &c of Lodge No 41, Held in Portsmouth Virginia Do Certify that the Bearer hereof John Wilson, Was regularly entered, passed & raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason, In which Character he has behaved as a Worthy Brother. Our Zeal for the Craft induces us to Recommend him to the Fraternal Love and Affection of the Worshipfull Lodges of the Universe. In Testimony Whereof We have hereunto Signed our Hands and Affixed our Seal of the said Lodge this Sixteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety & of Masonry Five thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety.^s

SEAL

“ JAMES HARPER, *Master*

NATHANIEL COOPER, *S. W.*

PAUL DALE LUKE, *J. W.*

“ Attested ALEX^R. PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*”

That the Brethren of Lodge No. 41, under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and later Virginia, did not have the territory to themselves, is shown by the fact that the “Great Orient of France” also claimed jurisdiction in Eastern Virginia, and there established an “*Orient de Portsmouth, en Virginie, Etat de l’Amerique du Nord, ou regne le Silence, l’Union, et la Paix.*”

This was in the latter part of the eighteenth century. The distinctive title of the subordinate body was “*The Provincial*

^s MSS., Vol. K, paquet 55, folio 35.

A l'Orient de Portsmouth, en Virginie, Etat de l'Amerique du Nord, ou regne le Silence, l'Union, et la Paix.

WE the Masters, officers and workmen of the Regular and Workshippal Lodge of St. John, under the distinctive title of the Provincial Lodge of William, No. 2600 established in the town of Portsmouth, state of Virginia, approved and authorized by the GREAT ORIENT of FRANCE, by virtue of the Throne Michael Pillars of Madony, CERTIFY, to all Masters under the Canopy of Heaven, that Brother JOHN DE BOURNIEUX, born in the year 1758 of the house of Bourbon, is a Native of the house of Bourbon, and a Citizen of the Kingdom of France.

And that he has given satisfaction by his works and real life as a workman and faithful Mason; Whereas, we request the Workshippal Lodges, at which our Brother may call, after due examination, to admit him to their works, and consider him as a true and good Mason in the Degree of Symbolical Mason, and that they may render him such services, as we, in like case, shall render to the members of other Lodges, when occasion offers. And in order that this Certificate may be of use to none but the owner, we have caused it to be signed by him in our presence, and countersigned by our Brother Secretary, so that before his admission we have caused this certificate to be delivered to the Provincial Lodge, regularly appointed and assembled in our Hall, under the Hammer of Brother Secretary, Grand Master, and signed by us under the Seal and Stamp of said Lodge, demand with the colours of the degree.

l'Orient de Portsmouth, en Virginie, le sixieme jour du Mois, de l'An de L: V: L: 500. Par nous GARDE, des Secret et Timbres. C. J. de Bourbon, Grand Maitre, et Signe par nous sous le Seal et le Timbre de la Lodge. J. B. de France, Secrétaire.

Par MANDÈMENT, de la T. R. Loge.

WARRANT GRANTED BY THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE TO A LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA. ORIGINAL IN ARCHIVES OF GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

N. de Bourbon, Grand Maitre, et Signe par nous sous le Seal et le Timbre de la Lodge. J. B. de France, Secrétaire.

Warrant granted by the Grand Orient of France to a Lodge at Portsmouth, Virginia. Original in archives of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1793.

Roster of Lodge No. 41, A. M. M.

Lodge of Wisdom No. 2660." How long it existed is not known. Our chief information of this Lodge is gleaned from an old parchment in our Archives, dated the sixth of the second Month of the year 5795, which is reproduced in reduced facsimile upon the opposite page.

REGISTER OF LODGE No. 41, HELD AT PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
Thomas Crafts,	A. 1784, June 26, P. M. Master 1784.
Willis Wilson,	A. 1786, July 3, P. M.
Obediah Bosworth,	A. 1784, June 26.
James Harper,	I. 1784, Dec. 4, P. M.
Nathaniel Cooper,	I. P. M.
Paul D. Luke,	
John Wilson,	I. 1788, June 3.
John Mushrow,	A. 1786, Apr. 19.
William Crooker,	I. 1785, Apr. 20, P. M.
James Marno,	I. 1788, June 2.
William Kim,	A. 1785, Apr. 25.
Alexander Phillips,	A. 1784, July 17.
William Cunningham,	
William Goochild,	I. 1786, Apr. 19.
Thomas Hill,	I. 1786, Apr. 19.
George Beal,	I. 1786, Mar. 15.
Laban Goffigon,	I. 1784, Dec. 4.
Davis Davis,	F. C.
William King,	I. 1786, Feb. 4, F. C.
William Stokes,	I. 1786, June 27, F. C.
Thomas Simpson,	I. 1785, Jan. 20.
Joshua Hains,	I. 1788, June 12.
Thomas Adams,	F. C.
Benjamin Crow,	I. 1788, Aug. 27, F. C.
Henry Kain,	P. M.
John Bisom,	I. 1788, May 13, P. M.
John Lyburn,	P. M.
Ralph Goffigon,	I. 1785, Feb. 17.
Thomas Bland,	I. 1785, Feb. 17.

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Samuel Westcoat,	I. 1785, Dec. 21.
Josiah Parker,	A. 1784, Dec. 23, F. C.
John Beal,	A. 1790, May 26.
Joseph Fulgiom,	I. 1790, June 5.
Samuel Brown,	I. 1790, June 5.
Isaiah Moody,	I. 1786, Mar. 15.

This Lodge was vacated April 7, 1806.

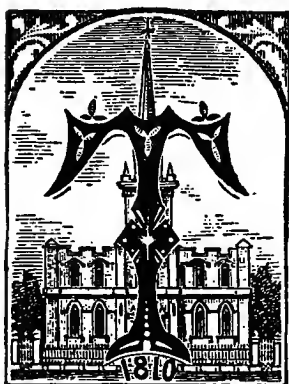


SEAL OF THE LODGE ESTABLISHED AT PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, IN 1795, BY
THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.



CHAPTER L.

LODGE NO. 42, A. Y. M., HELD AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.



THE earliest records of Freemasonry in Georgia is found upon the Records of the Grand Lodge of England, "Moderns," wherein it is stated that:

"The Charity of the Society was solicited in the Grand Lodge of England—December 31, 1733—to enable the trustees of the new colony 'to send Distressed Brethren to Georgia, where they may be comfortably provided for.' In 1735, a deputation to

Mr Roger Lacy, for constituting a Lodge at Savannah, was granted by Lord Weymouth. This—the *second* American Lodge on the English roll—was doubtless the body referred to by Whitfield in his diary, where he records under June 24, 1738 (Savannah), 'was enabled to read prayer and preach with power before the Freemasons, with whom I afterwards dined.' In all, three English warrants were issued for Savannah. Grey Elliot was appointed Prov. G. M. by Lord Aberdour (1757-61), and he was succeeded by the Hon. Noble Jones about the year 1772."

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There is a curious entry found in one of the old Moravian diaries at Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania, telling the story of two Zinzendorf missionaries, who itinerated, in the early forties of the eighteenth century, among the Germans who had settled in Georgia, and there met a Freemason. This entry related to a Masonic pioneer, Bro. Mackary [sic], who, it appears, was living in the country, away from village or settlement.

The names of these two Moravians were Leonhard Schnell and Robert Hussey, who, like all the Moravian missionaries at that time, were obliged to keep a record of their daily events and experiences. At the time in question, they were journeying from South Carolina into Georgia, where there were several settlements of Germans. The entry pertinent to our story is as follows:

"*December 22, 1743.*.. After passing Georgetown, and crossing a large stream, and passing through a dense swamp, we travelled eight miles, we came upon solid ground, where in a nearby house, we again refreshed ourselves with our own bread and potatoes, and after a further journey of twelve miles, we arrived at an Englishman's house, where we remained over night. Our host's name was Makary, a Freemason. Who told us much about his Brotherhood, how they aided and assisted each other, and when one coming from America, met another from Africa, they could recognize one another.

"They, however, were obliged to bind themselves with an Oath, not to reveal any of their Mysteries.

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"I said, 'I am also a Brother and belong to a Brotherhood.' Whereupon, he looked me in the face and said that there was nothing about me to indicate or prove, that I was a Freemason, I then told him, that my Brotherhood, consisted entirely of Sinners, who hath sought Grace, and a remission of their sins in the blood of Jesus.

"Whereupon he remained silent for a time, and then began to talk about other matters."

It would be interesting if some further light could be thrown upon this early Masonic pioneer, Brother Makary, who, at that early day, settled in the wilds of Oglethorpe's colony, and there, in the wilderness, kept alive his Masonic affiliation, at least in his memory. Whether Bro. Makary was brought to true Masonic light in England or in one of the early Lodges of the "Moderns" in Georgia, or could he have been, perchance, one of those "distressed Brethren" who were sent to Oglethorpe's colony by the Grand Lodge of England, remains an unsolvable problem, as there is no certainty that even the name is correctly given in the German Diary of *Bruder Schnell*.

The first record we have of "Ancient" Freemasonry in Georgia appears in the letters and petition, sent in 1784, to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by several Brethren in Savannah, which resulted in the issue to them of a Warrant, Number 42, upon the Roster of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, this is shown by the Minutes, of the Extra Grand Lodge, held October 29, 1784, when the letter given below, directed to the Grand Secretary was read from Bro. Justus Herman Scheuber, Acting Secretary to the Brethren named in the accompanying petition, for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Savannah, Georgia.

"SAVANNAH 23^d August 1784

"Dear Brother²

"Our last address to the Grand Lodge was a Petition for a Warrant, to hold a Lodge in this Place with impatience we wait for the ensuing Quarterly Communication for an Answer.

² *Ibid.*, folio 53.

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“ Since our address with the Approbation and Concurrence of the Antient Lodges in South Carolina, we eagerly pursue the Business of the Craft.

“ It being represented to the Lodge, that Hyman Reason, is in great Demand, and worthy the attention of all Antient Lodges, it excited the Lodge, to order me to write You for two Books of that Edition, published by order of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia—

“ Capt Cassen is directed to pay any Demands You may have against the purchasing the Books, which are earnestly requested, to be sent us by the first opportunity

“ Your compliance will greatly oblige the Lodge but in particular

“ Your

“ Friend and Brother

“ JUSTUS HARTMAN SCHEUBER

“ *Secretary*

“ To

“ Howell Esqr Secretary to Grand Lodge of Antient York Masons in the City of Philadelphia”

“ GEORGIA, 21st June 1784

“ TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.¹

“ *The Petition of the Subscribers Citizens of the town of Savannah of State Aforesaid.*

“ Humbly Sheweth

“ That they have been initiated, pas^d & Rais^d to the sublime degree of Master Masons in a Regularly constituted Lodge of Ancient York Masons—being desirous of perfecting themselves in the Business of the Craft promoting the grand designs of the Institution

“ We beg leave to inform you

“ That there is no Regular Lodge of Ancient Masons in this State, and only one of Moderns, by which means we are unable to enjoy many of the privileges, and Advantages of the Masonic Institution.

“ Therefore Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Worthy Brethren—We crave assistance: and beg you to grant us a Constitution Agreeable to the Ancient regulations of the Fraternity, and forward the same to us as soon as possible. At a meeting of the Brethren for the purpose of Nominating Officers, Brother Thomas Elfe, was

¹ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 100, folio 55.

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chosen Master. Broth Oliver Lewis Sen^r War^{dn} & Broth Balthaser Shaffer Jun^r Warden. Brother Paul Snider, has sign^d a Certificate in our favour and is known to many of you we doubt not you will pay due faith and credit to the same The Expence &c of Granting us a Constitution we will punctually remit to you, and beg the advice & Directions of your Rt Worshipful Lodge at all times

“ With Respect and Esteem we are Brethren your Cordial Friends and Humble Servants.

“ THOMAS ELFE
“ OLIVER LEWIS
“ BALTHASER SHAFFER
“ EDWARD WALSH
“ JUSTUS HARTMAN SCHEUBER
“ ABR^M. DA COSTA
“ BEN WILSON
“ RALF DE PASS
“ SMITH CLARENDON

“ I do hereby Certify that the Brethren who have sign^d the foregoing Petition have been Regularly Initiated, pass^d and Raise^d in Regularly Constituted Lodges, and do Recomend them to Your Worshipful Grand Lodge as Brethren worthy of your Notice

“ :/:/ PAUL SNYDER

“ To William Adcock Esquire
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

Endorsed :

	Philadelphia
fav ^d by Brother John Parks	“ 21 June 1784
	“ Letter from Savannah Soliciting a Warrant ”

The petition, as will be seen, is dated June 21, 1784. As the Brethren in Savannah did not receive a prompt reply—the despatch of the mails between these two points being irregular and uncertain—a second letter was sent, by another sea captain. This was dated August 23, 1784. Both of these Com-munciations were read before the Grand Lodge, October 29, 1784.

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After the above petition and letter were read, it was resolved, that the Grand Lodge could not consider them as regularly constituted, but as the Brethren highly respect them, Bros. Farrel, Farmer and Howell, were appointed a committee to answer their letter.

Bro. Joseph Howell, the Grand Secretary, made the following reply to the letter of Bro Scheuber:

"*Sir & Brother*^s

"PHILADELPHIA 1st November 1784

"The address of the 21st June of a number of Brethren in Savanna and yours to me of the 23^d August last I laid before the Grand Lodge the 29th ult.

"The Grand Lodge are perfectly willing to comply with your desire but are prevented for the present by a Resolve of theirs which requires the money to be paid for the Warrant at the time of delivery otherwise the Secretary is to be accountable. I have informed the Brethren of this. The Committee appointed to Answer the address by Letter & which will accompany this—With your Letter I received a Guinea this sum I suppose was sent by you altho not mentioned in your Letter. I have sent you two Books of Hyman Reason published by Order of the G. L of Pennsylvania the price of which is two dollars, the balance 20/ I shall retain untill I shall have the pleasure of hearing from you.

"This Letter will be forwarded to you by our worthy Brother Geo Reid who leaves the City tomorrow for Charles Town where he will reside in a public Capacity, if no early opportunity offers from Savannah I request you will send your letters to Mr Reid who will forward them & I flatter myself he will arrive in sufficient time to transmit this and receive your answer before the Departure of Cap^a Allibone who is now at Charles Town

"I am with esteem

"Your Bro^r & Hbl Ser

"J. HOWELL"

Endorsed:

"Copy Letter (42)
to Justus Hartman Scheuber
1 Nov 1784 Savannah
P. Geo Reid."

^s *Ibid*, folio 50.

This letter, together with the following report of the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, was sent to the Brethren in Georgia :

“ PHILAD^A 1 November 1784

“ *Gentlemen*⁴

“ Your Letter of the 21^t June last was laid before the Grand Lodge the 29^t ult^o and in answer thereto—We are directed by the G^d Lodge to inform you of their chearfulness to comply with the prayer of your Petition but are deprived for the present in consequence of a fixed Resolve of theirs. wherein it is expressed ‘that all Warrants hereafter granted by this Grand Lodge shall be paid for before delivery of the same, otherwise the Secretary to be held accountable’

“ We shall be extremely glad to hear from you as soon as possible, and if your wish continues to have a Warrant you will please send the sum of fifteen pounds this Currency that being the fixed price. You are also requested to inform us if Bro^r Paul Snyder still resides with you, as it will be necessary to send a Dispensation for him to Install the W Master &c before you can proceed to work.

“ This Letter is honored by our Worthy Brother George Reid Esq. who will reside at Charles Town in a public Capacity, this Gentleman we recommend you to for any advice you may have occasion for, he will take charge of any Letters for the Grand Lodge or either of us.

“ Signed LEWIS FARMER
“ PATRICK FERRALL } *Committee*”
“ JOHN HOWELL JR }

“ Attest Thomas Else
Oliver Lewis

The Brethren in Savannah, not having received the two above Communications from Philadelphia by the latter part of November, sent the following letter to the Grand Lodge :

“ SAVANNAH Georgia November 23^d 1784

“ In the year of Masonry 5784

“ *Honoured Brother*⁵

“ Some time in June last, our Body of Ancient York Masons, then first convened in this State, had the Honour to send the Original of

⁴ *Ibid.*, folio 56.

⁵ *Ibid.*, folio 57.

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the inclosed Copy of a Petition, to your Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge for a Constitution, which was forwarded hence by Capt Peebles.

“Also on the 23^d of August I did myself the Honour, by order of the Body of Ancient Masons, to remind you of this Bussiness, and besides requested you, the Purchase of—and remitting unto us, Two Volumes of Hyman Reason, as published by order of Your R. W. Grand Lodge, for which Captain Brother Casson who received the Letter, had engaged, and was qualified to make you the requisite Satisfaction.

“Our Body is at present under just Doubts, Whether these Letters were ever received by you, for certainty in this instance, you should have favoured us, by so many opportunities we have had from your quarter, with a Receipt of them.

“I am therefore ordered by the Body so convened, to request you, to be pleased, to lay this our Petition before the next quarterly Communication, and to forward as speedely as possible unto us, the wished for and with anciety long expected Constitution.

“The Expenses & accruing on this Bussiness will be punctually and instantly remitted unto You which I beg leave to assure on my Honour as a Mason shall be done, immediately we know the amount of them.

“Whatever may be the Reason of our not having been honoured with an Answer; I hope You will be kind enough, and I claim it from you as a Brother Mason, in the name of our Body, to acquaint us of it.

“To shew the good opinion entertained of us by our Brethren abroad give me Leave, as one instance to inclose the Copy of a Letter from Lodge No 38 in Charleston.

“Nothing retards the Noble Business of the Craft being eagerly pursued by us, but the want of the Constitution, which we hope will be no longer withheld from us; and in these Hopes I am with great Esteem and regard and true Brotherly Love

“Honoured Brother

“Your Cordial friend & Brother

“JUSTUS H. SCHEUBER *Secretary*

“to the Body of Ancient York Masons

“so convened in Savannah

“N. B.

“Should the Fees of the Constitution
be absolutely necessary, before sending

Lodge No. 42, A. M. M.

a member of our Body, has wrote to our worthy Brother Major Charles Young, who I do not doubt will acquaint you of it”

“ Mr Jacob Howel

Grand Secretary to the R W Grand Lodge
Ancient York Masons of Pennsylvania

in

Philadelphia

favored by Cap^t Giffird ”⁶

In the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held December 20, 1784, we find that this letter was duly received, and acted upon :

“ Ordered, That the G^d. Secretary prepare a Warrant, with the name of Thomas Else as Master, Oliver Lewis as Sen^r. Warden, and Belthaser Schaffer as Junior Warden of N^o. 42, to be held at Savannah, in the State of Georgia, and to be dated Oct^r. 29th, 1784.”

After considerable delay, the letters from Bro. Howell, and the Committee were received by the Brethren in Savannah, and were immediately responded to, as shown by the following letter :

“ SAVANNAH 12th January 1785

“ *Sir and Brother*”

“ Your favour, as also the Letter of the R W Grand Committee, were received here the 7th inst and laid before the convention of Ancient York Masons, were it diffused General Satisfaction, on finding our Bussiness so far advanced.

“ In regard to the money not being sent with the Petition, was for want of knowing the amount, and your Right Worshipfull Grand Lodges, Resolve respecting it

“ I am ordered to transmit to you by Capt Casson the Bearer here of Thirty Eight Dollars, which with the Balance in your Hands as per your last, will amount to the £15. The sum Demanded.

⁶ These letters were all sent by captains of coasting vessels.

⁷ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 100, folio 54.

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“Brother Paul Snyder, tho’ a Resident in Charlestown has promised us, to do the office of Installation

“We are proud of your Recommendation of Brother George Reid Esq^r and wish to be personally acquainted with that Gentleman, in the meantime we shall be happy, of holding a Correspondence with your R. W. Grand Lodge—as also to be favored with any instructions from you through him.

“To conclude we earnestly request Your Kind and speedy attention in forwarding us the Constitution, as nothing else prevents the eager Pursuit of the Bussiness of the Craft

“I have the Honor to be

“Sir & Brother

“Your very humble & most obdeint Servant.

“JUSTUS H SCHEUBER *Secry*

“By order of the Body of Ancient York Masons so Convened in Georgia To Br Joseph Howell Jun^r Grand Secry favored by Capt. Casson. together with 38 Dollars in Specie”

Endorsed:

“Read March 28 —85 From Br H. Scheuber in Savannah.”

Upon the receipt of Bro. Scheuber’s remittance, the application was again brought before the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication, held March 28, 1785:

“A Letter from Br. Justus H. Scheuber to the Secretary was read, forwarding 38 dollars for Warrant N^o 42, which was paid to the Grand Treasurer. The Warrant was produced and signed by the Grand Officers.”

The Warrant was sent forthwith, with the following letter from the Grand Secretary:

“PHILADELPHIA the 31 March 1785

“Dear Sir^s

“Your favor of the 12th Jany with thirty eight dollars c/o Capt Casson came safe to hand.

^s *Ibid*, folio 59.

Interesting Correspondence

“I now do myself the pleasure to inclose you the Warrant Constituting Lodge No 42 to be held in Savannah as also a Dispensation for brother Paul Snyder to Install the Officers of said Lodge—You will observe the Dispensation Mentions the Officers Agreeably to Warrant, but as I am informed that Bro Oliver Lewis the proposed S. W. died since the Application was made—I am authorized to inform the Master and Brethren of Your Lodge that when Bro Snyder opens the Lodge and installs the Master & J W. the Members of Lodge No 42 will then make choice of a Brother in the Room of our Deceased Brother which Brother will be Installed by him in like manner.

“I shall be happy to hear from you by every opportunity but more especially to acknowledge the receipt of this with enclosures.

“As Brother Snyder at Charleston, I think it would be most prudent for you to write him & send a Copy of the Dispensation least any accident might attend the Original however this you will be the best judge of.

“You will please observe that for every person Initiated in your Lodge that the G Lodge is to receive 5/ this money for such Initiates & 4/ per Year from each member to be applied to the Charity Fund I am in hopes to have sent you by this conveyance a few copies of the sermon that was delivered before the Brethren on St John’s Day last, but on application to the Printer they will not be ready for delivery previous to Capt Cassons—departure

“I by my best complements may be presented to the Brethren of No 42.

“Yours Sincerely

“J HOWELL JUN’R

“Bro Justus H. Scheuber
“Savannah”

Endorsed:

“Draft of a Letter from G^d Secretary
Philad^a 31 March 1785
to Justus H Scheuber Sec’y
Lodge No 42”

We next have the following interesting correspondence between the Brethren of Lodge No. 42, at Savannah, and the Grand Lodge. Referring to the different dates, we see how

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slow and uncertain the communication was between the States, at that early day of our national existence. As will be seen the letters were all delivered through the medium of the captains of the various trading sloops, or coasting vessels.

“SAVANNAH 11th May 1785

“*Sir & Brother*

“Agreeable to Orders from the Wf^m Master & the Brethren of Lodge N^o 42 I do myself the honour to reply to yours of the 31st March 1785. Directed to Brother J H Scheuber then Secretary and which we had the pleasure to receive together with the Warrant, Dispensation &c. Brother Snyder arrived from Charleston did in the 7th Instant install the different officers agreeable to your Directions.

“With Hearts truly inspired & elated we dedicated the Lodge to the Grand Architect of the Universe; Confiding in his divine assistance, we hope to rear the Building by the hands of Philanthropy, and Cement our work with the Mortar of human kindness.

“We shall pay the most pointed attention to the observation of your commands & regularly transmit our Annual Dues & such occurrences as may be worth your notice.

“We beg leave to request an account of the Lodges holding from your right Worshipfull Grand Lodge in America

“With due Respect I have the honour to be Sir & Brother

“Yours Sincerely

“ULRIC TOBLER

“*Sec'y*

“Joseph Howell Jun^r Esq^r

“Philadelphia”

Endorsed:

“rec^d 20 May 1785

answered June 4. 1785”

(There does not appear any record upon the Minutes of the Grand Lodge, that this letter was brought before that body. It appears to have been answered by Bro. Howell, the Grand Secretary, shortly after its receipt, as noted upon the back of the letter.)

Interesting Correspondence

“PHILAD^A 4th June 1785.

“*Sir & Brother*”

“This acknowledges the receipt of your favor of the 11th May last, and have agreeable to your request inclose you three Sermons preached last S^t Johns Day before the Brethren, subjoined to each is a list of the present Grand Officers as also of the Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the G Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“As I expect to move to New York shortly I must request you to direct any Letters you may send the G Lodge, to William Adcock Esquire G^d Master

“Wishing prosperity & happiness to the Brethren of Lodge No 42, and that they may work together in all brotherly affection

“I subscribe myself their Brother

“& Hbl Servant,

“J HOWELL Jr.

“Mr

Ulric Tobler Sec
N^o 42”

Endorsed:

“June 4—1785 (Copy)
to M^r Ulric Tobler Secy
No 42”

(It was not until toward the end of November, 1785, that word was received by the Grand Lodge that the sermons had been duly received.)

“SAVANNAH 15th Nov^r 1785.

“*To the Right Worshipfull*¹⁰

“The Grand Master and Other Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

“Yours of the 4th June accompanying three Sermons we only rece^d 12th Inst

“Deriving our Constitution from your Honourable Lodge, We think it our duty to apprise you of every circumstance that may in the Least affect Masonry.

“It is with much heartfelt concern that any ancient Mason should lay himself open to censur of any species more particularly that of

⁹ *Ibid*, folio 57.

¹⁰ *Ibid*., folio 58.

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acting as we presume Inconsistent and to his obligation and every principle of Masonry. It has been Reported to us, and we are afraid with too much truth, That Certain Ancient Brethren now members of a Modern Lodge held in this place have been Initiating Persons in the Antient Mysteries of Masonry—We have summonsd Brother Bucroft three times to attend our Lodge to account for his conduct—Whom we hear acts as Master on those Occasions, and as often has he evaded obeying such Summons

“As no Ancient Lodge Except that of No 42 is held in this Place. that has come to our knowledge—We Beg Leave to Request as a Lodge that has The Welfare of Masonry Sincerely at Heart that this Letter should be Read to the members Present at your quarterly communication—As likewise your Sentiments Respecting the Contents of the same

“With our Respects—and By Order of The Worshipful Master and this Lodge

“I Subscribe Myself

“Your Affectionate Brother

“and very Humble Serv^t

“JOHN PANCOCK *Secy*

“P T

“William Adeock Esquire

Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Held in

Philadelphia”

Endorsed:

“15 Nov 1785.

Letter from Savannah

respect to the conduct of the members of Lodge 42”

This letter was read before the Grand Lodge, on St. John's Day, December 27, 1785, whereupon it was agreed, “That a Letter be prepared by the Committe, appointed to form By-Laws, in answer to Brother John Pancock, the Secretary of the Lodge in Savannah, giving such Admonition as may appear Necessary on the Occasion.”

The Brethren in Savannah, not having received any response

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from the Grand Lodge by May of the following year, sent the following letter to Grand Master Adcock:

“SAVANNAH 10th May 5786

“*Right Worshipful Grand Master*¹¹

“Brother Howell Grand Secretary in his last advised us of his Intention for New York and that we should direct our future Correspondence to yourself, in consequence of which & by order of Lodge No 42. I now do myself the Honour to address you, and beg leave to inform you that our last of November past directed to yourself, was by Brother Capt. McKerdy, via Baltimore, in it our duty compels us, to Apprise your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of what we then conceived the Misconduct of a Brother should that Letter not have come to hand we beg leave briefly to recapitulate, and afterwards explain ourselves on that head.

“We then did inform you that Brother Bueroft—together with some other Ancient Masons, Members of Solomons Lodge of this place, at that time a Modern Lodge did intiate the members of that Lodge who were Moderns, into the mysteries of the Ancient Craft.

“As we at that Time knew of no Authority he had for so doing we several Times, in vain desired his attendance at our Lodge to inform us by what Authority he had acted in the manner aforesaid—Sometime after, and previous to last St John’s day our Worshipful Master received a letter from the Worshipful Master of Solomons Lodge informing him that, altho’ they had hitherto worked as Moderns their Constitution was ancient, and we being apprised that the Grand & Deputy Grand Masters of their Grand Lodge were Ancient Masons, Our Worshipful Master was requested to examine their Constitution & which if he found to be ancient to acknowledge them as such they having already been made by the Brethren before attended to—Our Worshipful Master being satisfied that the Constitution was ancient! we, on St Johns day joined them in procession and for some time after that period there was a Mutual Inter-course between the Lodges.

“We beg that we may be fully understood by your right Worshipful Grand Lodge, that altho’, we have acknowledged them ancients the propriety of which we respectfully Submit to you we do not entertain the most distant Idea of casting off our dependence on that Body from whom we derive our Existence as a Lodge, we can only

¹¹ *Ibid*, folio 63.

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acknowledge the Authority of their Grand Lodge over those holding from it.

“ We place to the Credit of the right Worshipful Grand Lodge, for the Initiation of Twenty five & the arrears of Twenty Seven Brethren, and should have long since remitted had we known who was Grand Treas^r since St Johns day last, when these arrears became due and which we respectfully be leave to be informed of in order that we may take the first good opportunity that offers to forward same.

“ I beg leave to conclude with requesting the Honour of a continued and as far as possible punctual intercourse and have the Honour to be

“ By Order of Lodge No 42
“ Right Worshipful Grand Master
“ Your Affectionate Brother
“ ad Most Obedient Serv^t
“ MAT^w JOHNSTON
“ Secty PT

“ To William Adeock Esq
Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of
Pennsylvania ”

This letter was read before the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, June 12, 1786, whereupon it was “ordered that the Grand Secretary reply to the same, and is requested to make out, and transmit the Statement of their accounts to them.”

The next communication we have from Lodge No. 42, received by the Grand Lodge, was the following letter from Bro. Thomas Elfe, Master of Lodge No. 42, informing the Grand Lodge that they had taken a Warrant from the Grand Lodge in Georgia. This letter was read before the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, March 31, 1788. No action seems to have been taken in the matter:

Freemasonry in Georgia

“*Sir & Brother*¹²

“We received your friendly communication by Brother Proctor, with the sermons and prayers for which we are much obliged. There having existed for years past, several Lodges in this State, under a Grand Lodge of very early date, constituted by England; they come to the resolution prior to the last St Johns day of establishing an independent jurisdiction, similar to the proceeding adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

“Feeling an attachment to a jurisdiction so local, and perceiving benefits must flow to the craft among us, in the possession of a fund from which immediate relief could be had to the distressed in this part of America, the certainty of prompt redress, correction and a general and friendly intercourse between the several Lodges here we concurred in the Measure

“In addition to these reasons the certainty of the proper establishment of the original Lodge of this state; which fully authorized was in the practice of constituting particular Lodges, many years prior to the late war: their work at present being perfectly ancient knowing also that the Grand Lodge Pennsylvania would encourage such dispositions as they tend to strengthen our independence and will be a means of universal intercourse between the several Masonic Communities in the United States

“We would with pleasure transmit you the arrears due by Lodge 42 but an emission of paper Money which has considerably depreciated prevents it, at present however we shall take the earliest opportunity of discharging those necessary dues.

“Happy in having had a correspondence, we wish for a continuation of it

“Tho desunited with respect to authority, we are still the same in every sentiment of esteem for our original institutions We feel the same friendly wishes for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that we formerly had

“We remain

“Worthy Sir & Brother

“Your Brother

“THOMAS ELFE *Ma^{tr}*”

“Savannah Georgia

May 25th 1787

“Worshipfull

J B Smith D G M

Pennsylvania

“Honored by Col Proctor”

¹² *Ibid*, folio 66.

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Endorsed :

“ Letter from Tho^s Elfe
Mas^r of No 42 in Georgia
rec^d July 7th 1787
read 31st March 1788
formed a Gr: Lo: there
& of their arrearages ”

“ SAVANNAH 26th May 5795

“ *Right Worshipful Sir, and Brother*¹³

“ By direction of Hiram's Lodge N^o 2. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia formerly No 42 under your jurisdiction; I address you on the subject of a Balance of Arrears due by Lodge N^o 42 to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which appears to be 51 ⁸⁷/₁₀₀th dollars, and which will be paid you by the Bearer of this, our worthy Brother Joseph Habersham Esq—This Balance has been a long time due, and it is with peculiar regret, I observe that the funds of Lodge N^o 42 have hitherto been insufficient to the payment thereof—A line from your Grand Treasurer acknowledging the payment now made will confer a favor on Right Worshipful Sir .

“ Your M^s Ob^t Servant

“ RICH^D MILLER *Treasurer*
to Hiram's Lodge

“ To the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania.

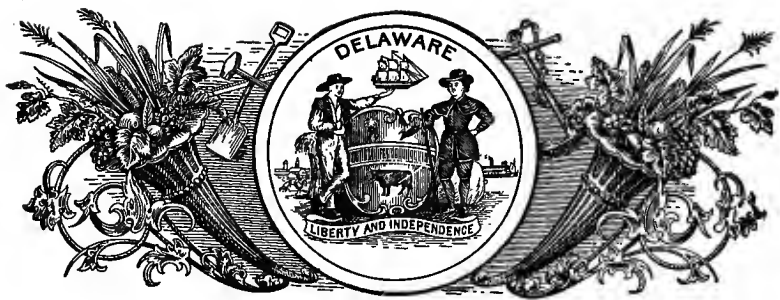
The following endorsement is on the back of the above letter.

“ March 1st. 1797 Received from George A Baker Grand Secy the within mentioned sum of Fifty one dollars & 87½ Cents which he received of Joseph Habersham Esq and for which I have given a Receipt to be transmitted to Lodge No 42 as received from them by the hands of said Habersham

“ JOHN MCELWEE
“ *Grand Treasurer.*”

The above letter completes the story of Lodge No. 42, A. Y. M., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

¹³ *Ibid*, folio 67.



CHAPTER LI.

LODGE NO. 44, A. Y. M., HELD AT DUCK CREEK
CROSS ROADS, KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE.



DURING Colonial days, the principal settlement in Duck Creek Hundred, a township of Kent County, Delaware, was known as Duck Creek Cross Roads. Its location is about eight and one-half miles from Delaware Bay, on Green's branch of Duck Creek, and about half way between Wilmington and Milford. January 16, 1806, the name of the town was changed by an Act of Assembly to Smyrna.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held June 23, 1785, the following letter of recommendation and petition was read before the Grand Lodge:

“DOVER April 21st Anno Dom^o 1785

“A. M. 5785

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER, and to the Grand Wardens, and Other the Officers of the Grand Lodge held in the City of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania.¹

“The Masters and Wardens, and Other the Officers of the Lodge by the No. 18 of Antient York Masons, held in the Town of Dover in the County of Kent and Delaware State formerly annexed as the

¹ MSS., Vol. AA, paquet 101, folio 3.

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Territory of the Province of Pennsylvania, Send Greeting—It appearing to this Body that we are become too numerous and sundry members living in and near the Vicinity of the Village commonly called Duck Creek Cross-Roads, in this County having some time heretofore made application that we should be pleased to indulge them with our Recommendation to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for the appointment and Establishment of a Lodge of Free and accepted Masons to be held in the said Village commonly called Duck Creek Cross Roads in this our County of Kent and Delaware State Considering our selves as yet subject and amenable to your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for our Conduct and Transactions relative to Masonry, until Other Grand Regulations and Rules for our Good Order and Government therein shall take place, Which application having been attended to and we having favoured their request. This is therefore to Certify that we the Officers of the said Lodge No. 18, do hereby recommend unto the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, our Worthy Brother Daniel Cummins, a Past Master of our Body, to be appointed as Master of a new Lodge to be by you Granted and Established to be held in the Village commonly called Duck Creek Cross Roads, likewise we Recommend our Brother Samuel Freeman to be appointed in the same Warrant, as the Senior Warden, and our Brother James Berry as the junior Warden in the same. Who have all, severally paid all due obedience, and discharged their respective dues to this our Lodge No. 18, and are hereby recommended to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for their Countenance and fullfilment of this their wish and Expectation in the Business wishing them all success therein. Given under the seal of our Lodge at Dover the date aforesaid.

“By order of the Master of Lodge No. 18

“SIMON W. WILSON, Sec^r”

“Endorsed on back: Recommendation from Lodge No. 18, Dover, To the Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania, To Daniel Cummins, Samuel Freeman & James Berry, for Duck Creek.”

“DELAWARE STATE, KENT COUNTY Sc^d. June 1785 A. M. 5785

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER and to the Dep^t Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Antient York Masons held in the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania.²

² MSS., Vol. AA, paquet 101, folio 4.

Petition for Warrant

“ We the Subscribers being Members of sundry of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge, namely, of No. 5, No. 6, and No. 18, Resident in and near the Village commonly called Duck Creek Cross Roads, in the County of Kent ^{af^{sd}} twelve miles distant from the Lodge No. 18, at Dover, likewise fifteen miles from No. 6, at George Town As also, Twelve miles from No. 5, at Appoquinomink, And it being found very Inconvenient to us on account of the distance to attend the several Lodges to which we particularly belong, and having obtained the Consent & Approbation of our said Lodges for our Seperating & Withdrawing ourselves from them, and Liberty being given us to apply to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant to Establish a Lodge of Antient York Masons to be held in the Village of Duck Creek Cross Roads. For which purpose A Recommendation hath been required & Granted from Lodge No. 18. We therefore pray the Grand Lodge to indulge us in our Application by Granting us a Warrant for that purpose agreeable to the Recommendation from Lodge No. 18 in favor of the Officers therein appointed, namely, B^r Daniel Cummins Master, Samuel Freeman, Sen^r Warden, & James Berry, Jun^r Warden; and we shall as in all duty bound Ever Pray

“ WILLIAM JOHNSON, <i>Master Lodge</i>	No. 18
“ GEORGE SAXTON, <i>Sen^r Warden</i>	No. 18.
“ JOHN VENN, <i>Jun^r Warden,</i>	No. 10(?)
“ ALEX ^{DR} . WORKNOT,	No. 18
“ WILLIAM POPE	No. 18
“ DAN ^L . CUMMINS	No. 18(?)
“ JAMES BERRY	No. 18
“ SAM ^L . FREEMAN	No. 18
“ JOS. DISKILL	No. 18

“ We the Officers of the several Lodges whose Number is annexed to our Respective Names do Recommend the Persons named in this Petition, to the notice of the Grand Lodge for their countenance in the application

“ DUNCAN BEARD J. W.	No. 5
“ WILLIAM JORDAN	No. 5
“ MARK MCCALL P. M.	No. 18
“ PETER B. FURY	No. 18
“ JAMES TILTON	No. 18
“ JOSEPH DISKILL	No. 18
“ CHA ^S POPE	No. 5

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“EBEN^R. BLACKSTON No. 6
“SIMON W. WILSON }
requested his name to } No. 18
be put to this }
“SAM^L CROSBY No. 18

“Petition for a Warrant, June 1785, No. 44”

Whereupon it was

“Unanimously Agreed, That agreeably to the Prayer of several petitioning Brethren a Warrant be granted, appointing B^r. Daniel Cummings, Master; B^r. Samuel Freeman, Senior Warden; and B^r. James Berry, Junior Warden, of Lodge No. 44, to be held in the Village, called Duck Creek, in the State of Delaware, (Cross Roads), and that the same be prepared by the Secretary as soon as possible. B^r. Rutherford paid into the Hands of the Treasurer £15. in full for the aforesaid Warrant.

“Ordered, That a Dispensation be sent with the said Warrant, empowering B^{rs} Mark McCall, Duncan Beard, William Johnson, and William Bradford, or any two of them, to install in due form the said Brothers Daniel Cummings, Samuel Freeman, and James Berry.”³

³ Reprint of the Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 82.

The above named Brethren performed the duty assigned them, and made the following report to the Grand Lodge:

“DUCK CREEK × ROADS DELAWARE STATE

“Dec^r. 16th. 1785

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER and the Other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Antient Masons held in the City of Philad^a. for the State of Pennsylvania.⁴

“These are to Certify that in Consequence of Instructions to us sent by the Right Worsh^d. Grand Officers for the express purpose, We did on the 21st. day of July last past regularly Enstall B^r. Daniel Cummins as Master of Lodge No. 44, at Duck Creek Cross Roads; as also B^r. Sam^l. Freeman, Senior Warden, and B^r. James Berry Jun^r Warden of the same; and did in due order Constitute the said Lodge viz: No. 44 agreeable to the Tenure of this Warrant, to be held in

⁴ MSS., Vol. AA, paquet 101, folio 5.

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said place on the First Thursday in each and every Month. In
Witness our Hands

“ MARK MCCALL
“ DUNCAN BEARD
“ WM. BRADFORD

“ No. 44

“ Original Members	10
10 months for the above.....	40/.
6 invitations	30/.
amount of dues of the young members	7/8
	77.8
£4. 13. 0	1.8
	79.4

“ Endorsed Letter from Duck Creek Cross Roads respect^s. Instal-
lation of Officers.

“ The Right Wors^p^l. Grand Master of Masons. Philad^a. Dec^r. 16,
1795 ”

At the memorable Quarterly Communication, held Septem-
ber 25, 1786, when the Grand Lodge “Resolved, That this
Grand Lodge is, and ought to be, a Grand Lodge, Independent
of Great Britain or any other Authority whatever,” Lodge
No. 44 was represented by Bro. Samuel Freeman, Senior
Warden, who, at the same time, presented the following
report:

“ Sept^r. 7, 1786

“ A list of the old Members of Lodge No. 44^s

“ Br. Dan^l Cummins, W. M.

“ Br. Sam^l Freeman S. W

“ Br. James Berrey, J. W.

“ Br. Isaac Carty

“ Br. Eben^r. Blackeston

Br. Charles Pope

Br. W^m. Jordan

Br. W^m. Pope

^s MSS., Vol. AA, paquet 101, folio 6.

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B^r. Sam^l. Crosbey

B^r. Alex^{dr}. Worknott

“The first meeting of the above members as a Body was Augst. 4th. 1785.

“List of New or young Members and when Raised Master in No. 44:

B^r. James Steel Rased Sept^r. 8th. 1785

B^r. John Sterlin do Oct^r. 15, 1785

B^r. John Brooks do Feb^r. 2, 1786

B^r. George Harris do Ap^l. 15th. 1786

B^r. Charles Carpon do July 15th 1786

B^r W^m. Rees do Augst. 3rd. 1786

“B^r. John Jack from Lodge 547 in the Kingdome of Ireland admitted a Member of No. 44 July 15th. 1786.”

The two letters given below are also in our Archives:

“Lodge No. 44 DUCK CREEK CROSS ROADS Sept^r. 23^d A. D. 1789.⁶

“On Information from the Grand Lodge that they would have a Meeting on the last Monday of this Instant, and Requesting that we would send a Member to Represent us at said Meeting, the Lodge by order of the Master was Convened and Appointed Brother Charles Pope P. M. to transact all the business of this Lodge that is Necessary their to be done.

“Given under our hands & the Seal of this Lodge

“DANIEL CUMMINS *Master*

“ROBT. KERNOHAN, *Sec^r*”

During the summer of 1790, Bro. Pope returned the original Warrant of Lodge No. 44 to the Grand Lodge. The Warrant was renewed under date of September 6, 1790. This fact is noted in the Minutes of the Grand Lodge under date of December 6, 1790.

“Lodge 44. Transactions of September last appoint'd Brother Charles Pope, to act and do for s^d Lodge So far as to obtain a New Warrant for the same, from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as such have not been had since the declaration of Independence, he

⁶ MSS., Vol. AA, paquet 101, folio 7.

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herewith Returning a former Warrant obtained for holding the same.

“Witness^d in presence of

“ June 1790 { JOHN CLARK *Mast^r*.
ALEX^{DR}. WORKNOT, *S. W.*
CHAS. CARSON *J. W.*
EBENNE^R. CLOAK *S. D.*

“ DAV^D. CARTY, *Secret^y*.

“ Nov^r. ye 6th 1790.

“ Endorsed Warrant renewed Sept^r 6, 1790

“ CH^S POPE.”

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, December 5, 1791. “Bro. Jonathan B. Smith, the R. W. Grand Master, presented a return of the Members of Lodge No. 44, held at Duck Creek Cross Roads, Kent County, in the State of Delaware. On Motion and seconded the same was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes as follows, viz.:

“ For the Inspection of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania⁸

“ A Return of the Members who wrought under the former, and now work under the present Warrant, of Lodge No. 44, held at Duck Creek Cross Roads, Kent County, Delaware State.

⁷ *Ibid.*, folio 8.

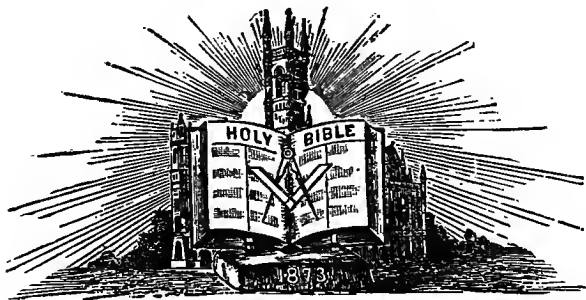
⁸ *Ibid.*, folio 9.



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The present Working Members	Those who have Obtained Certificates	Deceased	Expell'd
Charles Pope William Jordan Jr. Alex ^r . Worknot, J. D John Starling Charles Carson, M. William Reese William Dailey, J. W. Ebenezer Cloak John Clark Robert Smith Thomas Dixon Rob ^t . Kernohan David Carty, S ^r . William Wartenby Jacob Stout, Jun ^r . Robert Johnson, S. W. Jan ^r . 6, 1791 Jacob Pennington, S. D. Jan ^r . 6, 1791. Richard Miller March 3, 1791	James Berry William Cope James Welsh Samuel Crosby	Isaac Carty James Steel John Brooks George Harris John Jack	Daniel Cummings March 3, 1791 Samuel Freeman June 2, 1791 Ebenezer Blackiston March 3, 1791 James Henry March 3, 1791
<p style="text-align: center;">I do hereby certify that the above is a Just return agreeable to our resolution of the 1st September, by Order of the Master, and Members present DAVID CARTY Sect^r.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This order was made Sep^r. 1st. 1791, as by their transactions appears. N. B.—Peter Morne has subscribed the bye laws whose name is not returned.</p>			

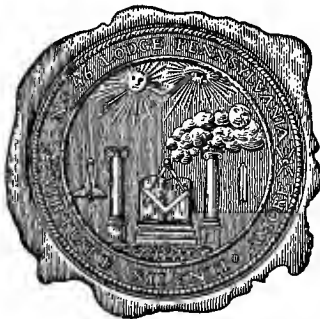
This is the last record we have of this old Lodge. In the "List of Lodges" it merely states "Has ceased long since. Returns to 1791. Nothing paid."





CHAPTER LII.

LODGE NO. 46, A. Y. M., HELD AT READING, CHURCH-TOWN, EPHRATA, NEW HOLLAND, EPHRATA AND LITITZ IN PENNSYLVANIA.



NO Lodge, upon the Roster of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, changed its place of meeting as often as the Lodge originally registered as No. 47, and later as No. 46. During the forty years (1785-1826) of its existence, the Lodge was moved from place to place, no less than six times. As originally warranted by the Grand Lodge, December 27, 1785, it was located at Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was known as Lodge No. 47. Five years later, the Master and other members sent a petition to the Grand Lodge, praying leave to remove said Lodge from Reading to Churchtown, in the County of Lancaster. At the Grand Quarterly Communication, held June 7, 1790:

“On Motion and Seconded, It was Resolved, that their Warrant be renewed to meet at Churchtown aforesaid, or within five miles of it; the said Lodge to be hereafter Called No 46.”¹

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. 1, p. 145.

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Churchtown was a village of some eight or ten dwellings and a store and a tavern, in Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County, on the road leading from Lancaster to Reading. The residents were chiefly descendants of the early settlers, who were Welsh Churchmen (Episcopalians), hence the name.

The Brethren, however, did not confine their meetings to the village of Churchtown, but took advantage of the five-mile limit. This caused more or less inconvenience to a number of the members, and, in 1795, culminated in a division of the Lodge. It appears from the Minutes of the Lodge, that on:

“ August 30th 1794

“ This being the Stated Lodge Night the Lodge met & Open'd in the degree of an Enter'd Apprentice.²

“ This night after being Call'd to Refreshment for a Certain Space of time—afterwards being call'd to Work. it was Voted for whether the Members who wish to have a Warrant of their own should have or not—it was agreed upon that such members who wish to have it should first pay up their initiation money into the Treasurers hands & then make a Regular & Personal demand of their Sertificates & also a recommendation to Grand Lodge in Order that they may have a Warrant of their Own.”

“ 27 December 1794

“ This being the Stated Lodge night & also St. Johns Day the Brethren met & the Lodge Open'd in a degree of Master Mason.

“ This night it was agreed by the Majority of the Lodge that Davies Olds, David Morgan, Reese Moore & M. Kaler, John Good & David Jones, should be appointed to Estimate the Value of the Jewels & other Implements belonging to the Lodge & adjusted & that the Warrant now held here Shall be taken to Church Town & a new Warrant be granted to the members who wish to attend at this House.

“ This night it was agreed upon that the Warrant now held here shall be & Remain in this House³ & the Lodge held here as Usual

² Minute Book of Lodge No. 46, Number 204 in Archives of Grand Lodge.

³ The Lodge at that time was evidently held at an inn in Berks County, beyond the Lancaster County line.

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Untill a new Warrant & Jewels be obtained for this place at which time the present Warrant N^o 46 Shall be removed to Church Town with what money or Jewels the Comittee Shall determine—if it should so happen that the Comittee appoints should not all unite it is Mutually agreed that a majority of them agreeing their determination shall be decision—the day appointed for the Comittee to meet is Wednesday next.”

“ This night B^r Baum was Elected as Master B^r Kaler as Sen^r Warden & B^r John Jones Jun. as Jun^r. Warden for the new Lodge which Warrant they are to obtain.

“ This night a petition was wrote to the Grand Lodge that a new Warrant should be had. B^r Baun as Master of the new Lodge & B^r M. Kaler Esq. as Sen^r Warden & B^r John Jones Jr. as Jun^r Warden. After which the Lodge Closed in perfect Harmony at Seven O’Clock.”

The proposed petition, however, did not come before the Grand Lodge until some months later, as appears from the Minutes of the Grand Lodge :

“ June the 1st. 5795

“ At the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication a Petition was received from a number of Brethren of Berks County, members of Lodge N^o 46, praying a Warrant may be granted them for dividing the said Lodge and holding a Lodge in Robinson Township in the said County,

“ Whereupon, on motion and seconded, resolved, that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted, and B^r. Secretary was directed to make out the same in the name of John Christian Baum, Master; Mathias Keller, Sen^r. Warden, and John Jones, Jun^r. Warden, and ordered not to deliver the said Warrant until the said Lodge N^o 46 is removed from the place where the same is intended to be held.”

This new Warrant bore number 66, and the Lodge was to be held in Robinson Township, Berks County, and was known as “ Union Lodge, No. 66.”

After another lapse of five years, the Lodge, in the meantime, having lost many of its members, the Warrant was transferred to several members of Lodge No. 66, as shown by the

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following Petition read at the Quarterly Communication, held December 2, 1799:

*“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging: The Humble Petition of Your Subscribers, Members of Union Lodge No. 66 held in Caernarvon Township, Berks County, with the consent of said Lodge do Pray, That your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge may take into Consideration the Unconveniency of your Petitioners at the distance of Eighteen Miles and upwards from the aforesaid Lodge Room, and wishing to attend regular and to be Members of some Regular Lodge we Pray that you may grant us Privilege to move the Warrant N^o. 46, now held in possession of Three Brethren in Church Town, Lancaster County, with their consent to Ephrata in Cocalico Township in the same County of Lancaster. And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray. (Signed) Jn^o. Wright, M. M., Henry Ream, M. M., Jacob Kaufrode, M. M., John Senseman, M. M., John Meheny, M. M. We, the Subscribers, do recommend the above Brethren to your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge as Worthy Brethren and pray the above Petition may be granted. (Signed) Mathias Kaler, M. M., Jacob Kimmel, M. M., John Jones, M. M., Thomas Kennedy, M. M., Isaac Lewis, M. M., Thomas Kirlin, M. M. We, the Subscribers, Members of Lodge N^o. 46, have agreed to deliver our Warrant to the above Petitioners in Case the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge will grant their request, which we heartily pray may be done. (Signed) James Evans, Henry Hambright, David Morgan; which Petition was referr’d to Bro^{rs}. The R. W. D. G. M., M^cCaraher and Coyle to examine and Report thereon.”*⁴

⁴ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. 1, p. 375.

On June 2, 1800, the Grand Lodge granted the petition of the Brethren, and the Lodge was moved to the village of Ephrata, on the Cocalico Creek, in the northern part of Lancaster County, where the road from Lancaster to Reading intersects with the Brandywine and Paxtang road, leading from Downingtown, now Downingtown, to Harrisburg. This village was upon the east side of the Cocalico, and at that time contained from fifteen to twenty dwellings, two taverns, a store and a paper mill.

The Kloster on the Cocalico

Beyond the Cocalico, just over the stone bridge, was the mystical settlement of the Ephrata Community with its brotherhood and sisterhood, and community houses.⁵ There does not appear, however, to have been any intercourse between the members of the mystical community and the Masonic Brethren. So far as the writer can judge, there were but two names akin to the families connected with the Sabbatarian Community at the Kloster, viz.: Jacob Senseman and Jacob Kimmel.⁶

Lodge No. 46 met at Ephrata with varied success, and after several notices had been sent to the Lodge by the Grand Secretary, respecting their delinquency, and no attention being paid thereto, the Warrant was finally vacated, by the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication April 7, 1806, and a demand made for the surrender of the Warrant, books, papers, jewels, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge, held September 1, 1806, the following

“Petition⁷ was received from the late Lodge N^o. 46, lately held at Ephrata, Lancaster County, and read, and is in the words following, to wit:

“EPHRATA, May 15th, 1806.

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

“*Gentlemen and Brethren,*

“We duly Acknowledge the Receipt of your Communication through the Hand of your Grand Secretary. We humbly pray you as a Band of sincere Brothers, to rescind your Resolution of the 7th. April, 1806, as relates to us, (Lodge N^o. 46,) for we are at all times ready to comply with every Resolution of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and we herein remit to you the

⁵ For a full account of the Ephrata Community, *vide* “The German Sectarians,” Vols. I and II, by Julius F. Sachse, Philadelphia, 1899.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Vol. II.

⁷ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. II, p. 207.

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balance, being Twenty Five Dollars, due by our Lodge to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and we pray and beseech you to rescind your resolution in favor of us, and pray your early communication on this Subject for our Government.

“By the Unanimous Resolution of Lodge N^o. 46.

“ (Signed) JACOB RAFROTS, P. Tem.,
“ *Worshipful Master.*”

“P. S. Since writing the within Letter, We have agreed to remit to the Grand Lodge Thirty Dollars, which please pass to our Credit and forward us a Receipt.”

To this petition a letter from Bro^r. Kirkpatrick, W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 43, at Lancaster, was subjoined, which is in the words following, viz.:

“LANCASTER 11th July, 1806.

“At the request of Bro^r. Kaufrode, late Master of Lodge N^o. 46, I address you a line at this Time corroborative with the preceding; the reason he alledges for a Balance appearing against their Lodge must proceed from the delinquency of the former Members which composed it at Church Town, Two only of which belong to it at present, the remainder being formerly Members of Morgan Town and other Lodges.

“The Statement which accompanies this he declares to be all their Lodge are justly indebted to the R. W. G. Lodge, but in place of Thirty Dollars as stated in the annexed Letter, you will find Forty Dollars inclosed. The surplus after closing the former Dues he wishes placed to the Credit of their Lodge, And wishes an Answer with the Resolutions of the R. W. G. Lodge on the Subject address'd to me by Mail as soon as possible.

“With much respect Your Friend, &c.,

“ (Signed) WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK.”

(Address'd)

“George A. Baker, G. Secr^r.

“Said Petition was accompanied with an Account of their Grand Lodge Dues up to December last.

“Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Sum of Forty Dollars (which Bro^r. Baker Acknowledged to have received, be accepted in full of the

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Grand Lodge Dues due from the said late Lodge N^o 46, to this Grand Lodge to the present Time, And that the said Lodge N^o 46, be fully reinstated in their former standing.”

The Lodge continued to meet at Ephrata until some time during the year 1812, when the Master and a few of the Brethren removed the Lodge to New Holland without first obtaining the consent of the Grand Lodge.

This was brought to the notice of that Body at the adjourned Quarterly Communication, held October 5, 1812, when

“A Petition from the W. Master and several Members was read setting forth that the late W. M^r and a few Members had irregularly removed the Lodge from Ephrata to New Holland, about 7 or 8 Miles from Ephrata, and praying redress.⁸

“A Letter from Bro^r. John Hart, P. M. of said Lodge, in favor of said removal, was read. Whereupon, said Petition and Letter were referr’d to Bro^{rs}. Lippincott, Kittera and Cutbush to examine and Report thereon.

“The Committee on the subject of the removal of Lodge N^o 46, from Ephrata to New Holland made Report at the Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge held November 16th, 1812, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

“TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

“The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George Kintzel and others relative to the removal of Ephrata Lodge, N^o 46, Respectfully Report.

“That from an examination of the Papers submitted to them, the removal of Ephrata Lodge appears to have been the result of a Motion brought fairly before the Lodge, and decided by a Majority of which the then W. M. was One.

“The Error from which this Application arises, is the belief of the Brethren that the Consent of the Master Elect, who was Installed on the 26th, of May and before the Motion for removal was decided upon, should have been given to it; they seem to have been ignorant that the powers and Duties of the Installed Brother did not com-

⁸ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. III, p. 196.

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mence until the June following, and that upon the Evening referred to he had no privileges beyond any other Member.

"The Applicants are also mistaken in stating that a place 7 or 8 Miles Distant is without their Warrant.

"While the Committee are willing to consider this Application to the Grand Lodge as arising from ignorance of Constitutional regulations which the Brethren ought to have known; they consider the language of the Petition, such as is not expected from Brotherly kindness and regard for each other; nor the Facts set forth with that Candor, which an only view to the Interests of the Craft require.

"The fitness or otherwise of the place is so much a matter within the Discretion of the subordinate Lodge, that your Committee do not feel disposed to enquire or Report, whether its present place of Meeting is or is not preferable to the former. But as a Majority of the Lodge have decided upon the removal, it reasonably may be concluded that it is most proper. From this View of the Subject, Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Resolution.

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge Confirm the Removal of Ephrata Lodge N^o. 46, to New Holland.

"(Sign'd) SAMUEL LIPPINCOTT, T. }
"THOMAS KITTERA. } *Committee.*
"JAMES CUTBUSH. }

"Which Report was Accepted and Resolution Adopted."

New Holland, to which Lodge 46 was moved, is a neat village in Earl Township, Lancaster County, on the road leading from Lancaster to Morgantown. It is about twelve miles northeast from Lancaster. It is built on one long street, and then contained about twenty-five dwellings, a tavern, a store and a church.

The move to New Holland, however, was not a successful one, and, at the General Grand Communication, on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1813, a petition was presented from said Lodge, praying the Grand Lodge to sanction their re-removal from New Holland back to Ephrata, which prayer was granted.

Again located in their old quarter, on the banks of the

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Cocalico, the Lodge remained until 1825, when the Brethren, after a precarious existence, applied to the Grand Lodge for permission to move the Lodge to Lititz, in Lancaster County. This was granted, April 4, 1825.⁹

Lititz (Leditz), a settlement of the Moravian Brethren, eight miles due north of Lancaster, in Warwick Township, Lancaster County, then contained about seventy dwellings, several stores, taverns, and the school and community houses of the Moravian Brethren.

Shortly after this final removal, the Grand Lecturer, in his report on the Lodges beyond the City of Philadelphia, to the Grand Lodge, March 5, 1827, states that he had visited Lodge "No. 46, Lititz, Lancaster County, 1826, Oct. 11 and 13. The officers and members of this Lodge stood in need of the instruction which was given to them at two meetings which the lecturer attended. The lodge has been many years in a very low state but since its recent removal to Lititz it has somewhat revived."¹⁰

The Brethren, however, weathered the Anti-masonic storm, which swept over our State from 1828 to 1832, until February 6, 1837, when the Warrant was vacated for non-payment of dues.

Following is the Roster of the Lodge, while held at Churchtown, or within five miles thereof:

LODGE NO 46. HELD AT CHURCH TOWN LANCASTER COUNTY.
REMOVED TO EPHRATA SAME COUNTY BY PERMISSION
OF G. L OF 2^d JUNE 1800.¹¹

Register of the Members of Lodge No. 46 Ancient York Masons, held at Church Town in the County of Lancaster, in virtue of a

⁹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. V, p. 397.

¹⁰ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. V, p. 425.

¹¹ *Vide* "Register of Members," Volume 1 in Archives of Grand Lodge, office of R. W. Grand Secretary.

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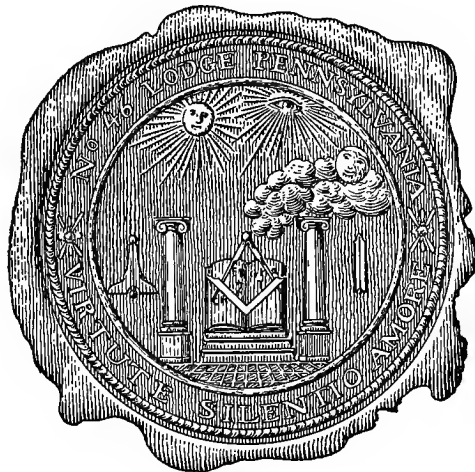
Warrant granted by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania bearing date of 7th Day of June A. C. 1790 and of Masonry 5790; and Recorded in the Book of Records of Warrants B Folio 8. and of their Initiations Admissions, Passings, Raisings &c &c from the Commencement of *Said Lodge*

REGISTER OF MEMBERS, &c.

Names.	Of What Degree.	When Initiated or Admitted.	
Thomas Church,	P. M.	A. 1790, June 7,	Master in 1790.
John Moyers,	M. M.	A. 1790, June 7.	
John Jordan,	M. M.	A. 1790, June 7.	
William Bell,	M. M.	A. 1790, June 7.	
Benjamin Spyker,	M. M.	A. 1790, June 7.	
John Whalebone,	M. M.	A. 1790, June 7.	
W ^m Meinnerbeck,	M. M.	A. 1790, June 7.	
Henry Hambright,	M. M.		
John Hetzel,	M. M.		
John Luther,	M. M.		
John Edwards,	M. M.	I. 1791, June 25.	
John Barem,	P. M.	I. 1791, June 25.	
Davis Old,	P. M.	I. 1791, June 25.	
John Jones,	M. M.	I. 1791, Sept. 24.	
Jonathan Jones,	M. M.	I. 1791, Sept. 24.	
John Good,	M. M.	I. 1791, Oct. 29.	
David Jones,	M. M.	I. 1791, Dec. 31.	
William Lewis,	M. M.	I. 1791, Dec. 31.	
Edward Cahill,	M. M.	I. 1791, Dec. 31.	
James Evans,	M. M.	I. 1791, Dec. 31.	
Jesse Bennet,	M. M.	I. 1792, Feb. 25.	
John Robinson,	M. M.	I. 1792, Feb. 25.	
Thomas Evans,	M. M.	I. 1792, Ap ^r . 28.	
Daniel Morgan,	M. M.	I. 1792, May 26.	
Mathias Kehler,	M. M.	I. 1792, Aug. 25.	
Henry Ream,	M. M.	I. 1792, Sept. 29.	
John Jones, Sen ^r ,	M. M.	I. 1792, Dec. 29.	
Samuel Jones,	M. M.	I. 1792, Dec. 29.	
Ezekiel Evans,	E. A.	I. 1793, Feb. 23.	
Edward Dougherty,	E. A.	I. 1793, Jan. 26.	
William Witman,	M. M.	I. 1793, Jan. 26.	
Daniel Shultz,	E. A.	I. 1793, Jan. 26.	

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James Good,	M. M.	I.	1793, Feb.	23.
John Ludwick,	M. M.	I.	1793, Mar.	30.
Samuel Lewis,	M. M.	I.	1793, Mar.	30.
Rees Moore,	M. M.	I.	1793, Aug.	31.
John Wright,	M. M.	I.	1793, Sept. 28,	Master, 1800.
Hartman Lighthizer,	M. M.	I.	1793, Oct.	26.
John Knox,	E. A.	I.	1794, July	26.
Samuel Harris,	M. M.	I.	1794, Nov.	29.
Thomas Kennedy,	M. M.	I.	1794, Nov.	29.
Abner Lewis,	M. M.	I.	1795, Apr.	25.
Charles Cramp,	M. M.	I.	1795, June	27.
Francis Morgan,	E. A.	I.	1795, Dec.	26.
Henry Ream,	P. M.	A.	1800, June	23.
John Coyman,	M. M.	A.	1800, June	23.
John Senseman,	M. M.	A.	1800, June	23.
Jacob Kaffroth,	M. M.	A.	1800, June	23.
John M ^c Collom,	M. M.	I.	1800, Aug.	30.



SEAL OF LODGE NO. 46, A. Y. M.



CHAPTER LIII.

LODGE NO. 47, A. Y. M., THE LODGE OF "ST. JOHN,
OF SCOTLAND," HELD AT CAPE FRANCOIS,
ST. DOMINGO.



SOME time during the latter part of the year 1785, two letters written in French were received from a Lodge held at Cape Francois. These letters were given to Bro. P. Barbier Duplessis, later R. W. Grand Secretary, for translation into English. The translations were laid before the Grand Lodge, at an Extra Grand Lodge, held February 3, 1786.

The first of these communications proved to be a petition soliciting a Charter, and was directed to "His Excellency, Monseigneur Washington, General of the Armies of America and Serene Grand Master."

The translation is as follows:

"Most Serene Grand Master¹

"A Society of Brethren united at the East of Cap François wish to proceed in their works agreeably to the true principles of Masonry.

¹ MSS., Vol. L, paquet 72, folio 4.



CAPE FRANCOIS, ST. DOMINGO.

MEETING PLACE OF LODGE NO. 46 (48 SIC.), ST. JOHN OF SCOTLAND, A. D. 1786.
FROM AN OLD PRINT IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

General Washington Grand Master

A Son Altesse Sérénissime
Monsieur le Duc de
Généralissime des armées
d'Amérique.

Sérénissime Grand Maître.

Jeune Société de Frères Nésistes à l'orient du Empire
Français désirant pourvoir à l'éducation d'après le
Vrai principe de la République pourvu qu'elle
s'adresse à quelqu'un qui peut mieux que vous,
Sérénissime Grand Maître le lui transmettre
dans toute leur pureté, avec une telle autorisation
de ce jour-maître autorisé à solliciter de vous cette
Faveur. il nous sera bien doux de voir ressusciter
par la fraternité le lien que s'installe de deux
Nations avons déjà formé;
Chef de cette nouvelle Société je serais mieux
qu'un autre le voir de ce bien fait et mon cœur vous
en consacrer en particulier la plus vive

FAC-SIMILE OF FIRST PAGE OF PETITION.

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Could they apply to any one else better able, than you, to furnish them with those principles in all their purity?

“I have been, by a resolve of this day empowered to solicit and entreat of you the favor of a Charter. We shall be very happy in seeing Brotherhood cement an union which the interest of both nations has already formed.

“Being at the head of this new Society I shall, more than any one else, feel the price of such a favour, and my heart shall entertain the most grateful remembrance

“It is with those sentiments that I am

“Most Serene Grand Master

“Your &c

“VILLAIN

“ (Senior) ”

This petition was accompanied by the following letter (translation):

“On the tenth of the fifth month of the true Light 5785 and of vulgar era the tenth of July 1785, the Lodge of St John d'Ecosse Established at the East of Cap François in the Coast and Island St. Domingo, regularly met in the usual form has been opened by the signs known to the only Sons of Light under the Maillet of our most beloved Brother Villain Baron our Worshipful Master.

“Each Brother having taken his seat, the right Worshipful said that we had never been called to the interior part of the Temple upon a business of more consequence and more interesting. That our Society formed in Silence, had either by number either by the assiduity of our works, attained such a degree as required, a lawful existance to be given to it, Therefore we had to Consider whether application should be made to the East of France or of North America for the purpose of soliciting constitutions

“The Right Worshipful having expatiated the matter was of opinion that most parts of the Lodges of france having neglected the Discipline Established by the English & which have been the principle of Masonry, it is proper to apply to the head spring and to a Scotch Lodge, added to this the particular Tittle of St. John of Scotland given to our lodge from its beginning. Therefore he thought the application shou'd rather be made to General Washington, Grand Master of all the Lodges in North America, in the grand loge at Philadelphia.

Signatures to the Petition

Scrutinim Grand Maître et ont
tout les feurs signés avec de
l'honorable & nous Secrétaire

A. E. Bonneau
Dillain
Boubelet
Gouraud
Albert
Marene
Dillain
Riquart
Lecouronne
Gautherot
W. Comp.
Dehorme
hospitalier
Gautherot
Mestre
Pailhiz

FAC-SIMILE OF SIGNATURES TO THE PETITION.

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“The matter taken into consideration all the Brethren have approved of the Right Worshipful’s opinion, and he has been desired & empowered to solicit a charter of that most Serene Gr. Master & have all signed the present resolve with the Venerable [*i. e.* Master] & our Secretary²

After the above communications were read, and, the same being taken into consideration, it was resolved that a Warrant be granted in the names of Jn^o L. Galbert Barron, Master; John B. Gauthrow, S. W., and Ant. Pailliez, J. W.; and the Secretary was directed to make out the Warrant, and ordered that a Dispensation be sent to John Ant. Marialbert, P. L. Ep Bonamy P. de L’orme and P. Villain to install the officers in due form.

In the meantime it appears that the actions of Bro. French, who was the bearer of the above letters, excited the suspicions of some of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge, as to his authority and identity. This coming to the knowledge of Bro. French, he wrote to a party in New York for a letter of identification, which was sent to the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Adcock, and was read before the Grand Lodge, March 27, 1786.

“NEW YORK 1st. March 1786.

“MR. WM HADCOCK

“*Sir*

“I received a Letter from M^r. A. French dated Philad^a 13th Feb^r. wherein he informs me “that you had some suspicions of his being the person that was intrusted with the Letters from Cape François” I have now to inform you that I was present in the Lodge at the Cape when a Letter was delivered to M^r French, directed to His Excellency Gen^l Washington, the purport of which was requesting His Excellency to grant them a Warrant to work under him as Grand Master of the United States, in preference to the one they have at present. I did not leave the Cape till some-

² MSS., Vol. L, paquet 72, folio 6.

³ MSS., Vol. L, paquet 72, folio 7.

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time after Mr. French, and they to the very last hour of my departure express'd the greatest anxiety, and impatiently would wait an answer & requested that should I see Mr. F. on my arrival in America, to urge him to get the business done as quick as possible. From the particular attention & respect paid to several Brethren from the diff^t. States while I was there, It gives me a deal of concern to learn that in return for their Civilities, their Business has been so long delayed, hoping they may soon be relieved from their anxiety by an answer p^r first opportunity

“ I remain Your

“ most hb^l. Serv^t

“ ANTHONY ERNEST.

“ Mr. William Haddock
“ Philadelphia.”

“ It was moved and agreed upon that ——— be appointed a Committee to inquire relative to the Letters received from Cape François whether there is a Lodge held there and to reply to their Letters.

“ Letter from Anthony Ernest read March 27, 1786, of A. French & Cape François

“ The Minutes record It was moved and agreed upon, that Brother Humphreys be appointed to address a Letter in reply to those received from a number of Brethren of a Lodge held at Cape François, informing them that their Letters were received and laid before this Grand Lodge by a Mr. French, whose conduct has been, during his continuance with us, very unbecoming a Gentleman and Brother, and to request to be fully advised by them on the subject.”

“ CAP FRANÇOIS Sep^t. 5th. 1786.*

No copy of Bro. Humphrey's reply to the Brethren at Cape St. Francois has thus far been found. It appears, however, that the Brethren at St. Domingo, despairing of obtaining a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, applied to the “Provincial Grand Lodge of the Southern District of North America,” which, after having been forced, by the vicissitudes of war, to leave St. Augustine, was then located on the island of Jamaica.

* Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 89.

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That the prayer of the Brethren at Cape Francois was granted appears by the following letter, written after they had received advice from Philadelphia, that their prayer to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had also been granted and a Warrant issued, bearing the "Number 47," viz:⁵

"Brethren⁶

"I am directed by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge St John of Scotland & Union of Harts Without Disguise held at Cap François, to inform you that from the time they gave their Instructions to Brother French respecting the Constitution, they have never rec'd the least account from him or from your Lodge, altho' they have wrote several letters on the subject—In Consequence of which Despairing of Success from your Lodge, they made application to the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Andrew held at Morant Bay in the Island of Jamaica who has honour'd them with a Constitution, Constituting & Erecting them under the distinctiv title above mentioned.

"With respect to Brother French he was Certainly impower'd to receive the Constitution & rec'd 15 Joes for that purpose, he was introduced in the Lodge as a Brother belonging to a Lodge in Philadelphia & having been inform'd that they wish'd for a Charter from your Lodge Said he Co'd Easily obtain it, on that acct he rec'd the Commission. However unworthy hopes these Circumstances will be a Sufficient Apology for Transmitting the papers by Brother Leufer.

"I am also Desired to inform you that Brothers Gautherd & Bonnamy have been descarded our Lodge on account of their having Conducted themselves in a manner unbecoming the Carecter of Masons, that since that time they have assembled a few Brethren such as themselves & formed a kind of Lodge, as we hear they intend applying to you for a Constitution we give you this information

"The Brethren of our Lodge will at all times be exceeding happy to see any of their American Brethren that may pass this way. they return the Grand Lodge a thousand thanks for the attention they have paid them, as they see the papers have been ready these

⁵ Cf. Vol. I, p. 127.

⁶ MSS., Vol. L, paquet 72, folio 8.

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seven months past, begs you'll Excuse the trouble they have given you as they were misfortunate annough not to know that their wishes were accomplished

"I have the honour to be Bretheren

"Yours p^r 3 . 5 . 7 .

"J. WYLIE"

Endorsed:⁷

"Read in G. Lodge 18th. Dec. 1786.

"JOHN L. G. BARON, M^r.

"JOHN B. GAUTHEROT, S. W. } No. 48 [sic]

"ANTOINE PAILLIEZ, J. W. }

to be called 'St. John of Scotland,' & held at Cape François in the Island of St. Domingue.

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"3^d. February 1786

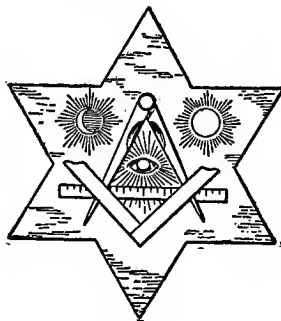
"Domingue"

This letter was read in Grand Lodge, December 18, 1786. It does not appear upon the Minutes that any action was taken in the premises.

Further, it appears from above letter that this Lodge concluded to work under the Warrant obtained from the Provincial Grand Lodge at Jamaica, and returned the Warrant granted them by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the fact is so noted on the Minutes.⁸

⁷ Cf. Reprint, Vol. I, p. 141.

⁸ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 140.



Tableau

des fondateurs et membres
qui composent la R.: Loge de
St. Jean l'Éclair distinctif de la réunion de
Caux sans fait sans et l'union du Cap

Noms des membres	Grades	titres	titres qualifiés
J. L. Galben Baron	Vénérable	Rose	Négociant
J. P. Kano Boucher	O S V	Rose	Idem
J. Antoine Paillet	2. me J	Marte et IX	Idem
J. Antoine Maria abbé	Orateur	Marte Jp.	Idem
J. B. Gautier	Socrate	Marte	ce Drame de Joran
J. M. Moreau	Écrivain	Marte	Négociant
J. L. Liji Bonnamy	M. de laison	G? A.	Négociant
J. B. Feraud	Comble et Jp.	Marte	Orloger
J. de l'orme	Procurateur	Idem	Négociant
J. Villain Cade	Grand de Glorie	M. Jp.	Idem
Simon Regault	Économiste	Marte	Idem
Claude Gautier	Apprenti	Compagnon	Officier de Marine
J. O. Carr	Apprenti	.	Négociant
J. B. Mesmeur	Apprenti	.	Négociant
Fredric Krauche	Apprenti	Écuyer de la Cour	Grand de la Cour

Certificat conforme au tableau de la Loge
Gauthier
1785



PORT-AU-PRINCE, ST. DOMINGO.

MEETING PLACE OF LODGE No. 47, "UNION OF FRANCO-AMERICAN HEARTS", A. D. 1785, ALSO OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ST. DOMINGO.

FROM AN OLD PRINT IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.



CHAPTER LIV.

LODGE NO. 47, A. Y. M., UNION OF FRANCO-AMERICAN HEARTS, HELD AT PORT-AU-PRINCE, ISLAND OF ST. DOMINGO.



AT a Grand Lodge by adjournment, held at Philadelphia, December 18, 1789, a petition in the French language was received from a number of Brethren of Port-au-Prince, in the island of St. Domingo, in the French West Indies, praying to be favored with a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This was read; whereupon their request was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary directed to make out one, No. 47.¹

December 25, 1789. Grand Lodge by adjournment. The R. W. Grand Master informed the Lodge that “agreeably to the the resolve of the 18th. instant, a Warrant has been issued for holding a Lodge in the city of Port au Prince, in the Island of S^t. Domingo, in the French West Indies, in the name of Bro. Pierre Augustin Riquet du Belloy, Master; Bro. Guisseppe Olivier, Sen^r. Warden, and Bro. Pierre Joseph

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 127.

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Jullien, Junior Warden; the said Lodge being No. 47, and called Union of Franco-American Hearts; that the said Warrant had been forwarded with a Dispensation to Bro. Laurent De la Place, Celestin Lefebère and Louis Hamell, to install the said officers.”

Port-au-Prince, also known as “Port Republician,” one of the most important settlements on the Caribbean Sea, was the capital city and chief seaport of the island of San Domingo (Hispaniola, Haiti), in the West Indies. In 1789, the island was a French possession, with a large population of French, Negroes, and many free Mulattoes.

The petition asked for a Warrant to hold a “Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem” under the distinctive title *De la Réunion des Coeurs Franco Américains*.

Almost all of the communications, reports and papers sent by this body to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are still in the Archives of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia,² are all in the French language, and no translations have come down to us.

Following is a translation of the petition for the Warrant,³ dated August 11, 1789:

Translation:

REQUEST TO THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA²

THE LODGE OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, WITH THE DISTINCTIVE TITLE “THE REUNION OF FRANCO-AMERICAN HEARTS”

TO THE RESPECTABLE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

TO THE GLORY OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

UNION—FORCE—SAFETY

VERY ILLUSTRIOUS AND VERY DEAR GRAND MASTER

“At the foot of the great Architect of the universe we beg to

² MSS., Vol. Y, paquet 102, folio 19.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Ibid.*

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offer our respectful homage of tender affection uniting the Freemasons of the two hemispheres. WE STRIVE, WE SEEK and WE ASK. Hear us, show us, grant us. Masonry owes its origin to the needs of the spirit and of the body, and the isolated man also needs a tie uniting him to his fellow man. The sacred friendship descended unto earth and enchained the men born with a generous inclination, and endowed them with a soul inclined toward the arts, sciences and a liberal education. The seven arts which we know and which have been transmitted to us by the wise Hermes, the conquering Nimrod, and which your nation practise with so much distinction and honor, have at all times contributed to the formation of temples, erected to the virtue and to good order;—it is principally in your country that these famous monuments of Masonic zeal exist—as your plans and edifices are astonishing the whole univers, it is therefore not surprising that Free Masons from another Kingdom seek to claim light at your hearth and to place themselves under your colors.

“Several Free masons of different Nationalities, living at present under the torrid zone, have united in spirit and affection to practise the duties and obligations, and enjoy the privileges, which the Royal art accords to all its true proselytes. Being desirous of cementing in ourselves the august truths contained in it, and of enjoying the advantages which it presents, we have opened, and will welcome with emotions of sensitiveness and of pleasure all of our American brethren to our Lodge (erected under the distinct title of the ‘Reunion of the hearts—Franco American’), who come invested with authentic certificates from the different lodges of which they are members.

“Our object in that respect will prove to you that we desire to fraternize with you in the fullest manner, as by the distinctive title of our ‘Orient’ has already come to be ours in common.

“We have, very much honored Grand Master, shown our zeal for the American Free masonry still further,—the majority of the brethren, forming our Orient, live on the coast where your merchant ships land,—we have appointed a representative to give us information of all the vessels, as they arrive, and as soon as we are informed that the Captain or some of the crew are free masons, we offer them all the services which circumstances will permit to be useful to them. In presenting to you then by a step very masonic the homage of our fraternal affection, we venture to-day to ask from you a recompense worthy of you, worthy of us, in associating us with your work and

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granting to us a constitution of the symbolic Free-masonry, which will enable us to work under the auspices of you with our American brethren and to give to our work the regularity to which all regular Free masons must aspire.

“Therefore we confer upon T. . M. . Bro. Pierre Le Barbier Duplessis—whom we choose for our representative, all the necessary powers to solicit our constitution, together with a sufficient number of certificates to prove and attest to the whole universe that we are invested with the ineffaceable character of Free Masons. Among these certificates there is one of the F. . illustrious brother Celestin le Febure,⁵ as in his property of Master also one as of Prince Chevalier Maçon R. . O. . d’heredon, under the title of Rose Croix, whom we ask you to make your representative, and to be the bearer of your orders and to constitute our lodge according to the forms and conditions that you might impose. We will pay to your Orient all the expenses, as well those resulting according to the constitution as well as the splendor of your Orient. We beg to ask you, if you find it ‘à propos,’ to give to the first Masonic American captain, who casts anchor in this Port, a special order that, together with the illustrious brother Le Febure, he examine our Orient, and to Judge our work. Although made Masons, in France we practise the modern English Masonry which is in use in the most part of your lodges; our very dear brother Osson de Verrieres is—himself—an English Mason, as stated in the certificate attached to this Petition, and our venerable Mr. Riquet^{5a} is of the Supreme degree in the l’ art Royal, practised in France as well as in England, and Pennsylvania where he has worked during his last voyage in several of your Lodges, assisted by T. . M. . Bro. Le Barbier Duplessis, Sovereign Prince du Royal, secret, with whom he had before worked in France in the lodges of symbolic masonry, and rejoiced and wept in the chapters of the supreme degrees, with which he is invested. Will you, very illustrious and very generous brother, take under consideration the motives and the object of our requests—the charity, the benevolence—and the tender friendship which direct them and are the moving forces. Grant us a place in your hearts, as we place you in ours, with sincerity. Already harmony, friendship and mutual services have united our two nations, which the Royal art and the practising of the Sublime mysteries unite in still stronger ties, principally between the Free Masons of the two nations, who

⁵ Célestin Lefebre.

^{5a} Pierre-Augustine Riquet, an employe in the Royal Magazine.

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undoubtedly are the elite and the best support of the countries, by the virtuous principles which direct them.

“Therefore we strike, we seek, we ask, Open unto us, show us, GRANT US the constitution under No. and name of Lodge St Jean de Jerusalem. With the distinctive title of the ‘Anglo-French-American Reunion of hearts,’ embodies conditions foreseen and to foresee, which we will fulfill with honor, zeal, humility and submission.

“We will never cease to make our vows at the foot of the great architecte of the universe, to pray to Him, to always link together the French and American hearts, to bless our union and to ask him that our united homages may mount to the foot of his throne like the incense of Abel’s, and fall again over you and over us in dew and a rain of peace, health and prosperity.

“By Grace we Celestin Le Februre, resident at Port-au-Prince, in the names, and qualities, distinctions and privileges expressed by our certificate ‘Telco.’ dated the 15th day of November of the year 5786, and our letter of A. C. the 5th of April 7787, we accept with pleasure the honorable mission, with which you charge us S. L. of the Reunion of the Franco-American hearts, and we pray for the happiness and splendour of free Masonry, and the Grand Orient of Pennsylvania. In accord with these worthy brethren



“Port-au Prince the 11th day of the 8th month of the M. 5789

“(Signed) LEFEBURE”

“To-day the eighteenth day of the 8th month of the 1^{er} era Ma 5789 the Lodge, assembled, certify that the signature of Brother Lefebure above is his own; and join to this petition a duplicate signed by the brethren ‘en blanc’ to be substituted by the present petition, and to be filled out in the case that this formality will be necessary.”

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August 16, 1790. Grand Lodge, Extra Communication. A deputation was read from Lodge No. 47, Port-au-Prince, under the hand of the Master and Secretary and the seal of the said Lodge, appointing Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis to represent them in the Grand Lodge.⁶

Bro. Peter Mary Le Barbier Du Plessis was one of the most active and honored members of the Grand Lodge, filling many positions of honor and trust in the Craft, from 1790 to the time of his death, in 1815, viz., Grand Secretary, from 1790 to 1794; Deputy Grand Master, from 1808 to 1813. The esteem in which he was held is shown by the tribute paid to his memory by his Brethren of the Grand Lodge and the Craft at home and abroad.

At the end of Bro. Duplessis' term as R. W. Deputy Grand Master, December 28, 1812, the following action was taken by the Grand Lodge:⁷

On motion made and seconded.

“Resolved Unanimously, That this Grand Lodge deeply sensible of the long and faithful services of the late R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. do direct that a Past Master's Jewell of Superior Beauty with Appropriate Hangings be prepared and presented to him in Grand Lodge by the R. W. Grand Master, with an Appropriate Address Conveying the High sense this Grand Lodge entertains of the Zeal, fidelity and ability with which he has fulfilled the Duties of the Various Stations he has occupied in the Craft, and especially of the High Office from which Indisposition has obliged him to retire

“Resolved, that Bro^{rs}. Tybout and Samuel F. Bradford be a Committee to procure said Jewell and Hangings.”

April 19, 1813. At a Grand Extra Communication.⁸

⁶ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 148.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Vol. III, p. 222.

⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 262.

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“In compliance with the Resolution passed in Grand Lodge on the Twenty Eighth Day of December, 5812, The Right Worshipful Grand Master presented to the Right Worshipful Brother Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, late Deputy Grand Master, with a Past Master’s Jewel of superior Beauty and Appropriate hangings. The Jewel was of Gold and the workmanship of the greatest beauty. The Emblematical devices were finely conceived, and the hangings, made of the richest Materials, were decorated in a corresponding style of taste and elegance. The R. W. Grand Master in an Appropriate address, alluding to the many and signal services rendered the Craft, and Assistance given to himself by Brother Duplessis, besought him to continue his watchful care over the Interest of the institution, and concluded in terms of high commendation of his Zeal, fidelity and ability, tendering him the thanks of the Craft and his own in particular, and wishing him a full measure of the blessings of this life, and of that which is to come.

“Brother Duplessis in Answer requested the R. W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, to be assured of the high sense which he entertained of the honor done him by so flattering a Testimonial of his conduct, which, said he, would have been an invaluable reward for real services, whilst his were in his own opinion only supposed ones, and in terms of great sensibility and Affection, reciprocated the good wishes of the Brethren, avowing his devotion to the order and his readiness to employ the feeble remnant of his days in promoting the Interest and advancement of the ancient Craft.”

The exact place and date of his birth in France are not known, nor are there any records to show when and where he was made a Mason. In the petition for a Warrant by the Brethren in St. Domingo, it states that one of the Brethren had sat with Bro. Duplessis in a symbolical Lodge in France.⁹ From our records it appears that he was admitted in Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, in Philadelphia, January 13, 1787, and was elected Worshipful Master, June, 1790; he resigned, and joined Harmony Lodge, No. 52, December 28, 1791, from which Lodge he withdrew, June 9, 1792, to become Warrant

⁹ *Vide*, p. 254, *infra*.

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Master of the new French Lodge in Philadelphia, St. Louis, No. 53, formed, as stated in their petition, by French Emigrés.¹⁰

June 7, 1806, Bro. Duplessis was admitted a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 91, at Philadelphia, of which he remained a member until his death, November 8, 1815, after a long and painful illness, in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

Bro. Duplessis was also a member of the "Lodge of Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons" in Philadelphia, as appears from the old minute book of that organization, in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Duplessis was a conveyancer, scrivner, notary public, and sworn interpreter for foreign languages. In his will, Bro. Duplessis mentions a son George, and daughters Helena and Sophia, wife of John Dubarry, his son-in-law, from whose house, No. 11 North Eighth Street, he was buried.

The following notice appeared in the local papers:

"GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,¹¹

"PHILADELPHIA, 8th Nov. 1815.

"The Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, and of the Subordinate Lodges in and near the City, and all sojourning Brethren, are invited to meet at the New-Hall in Chestnut street, on Friday the 10th instant, precisely at half past eight o'clock, A. M. in order to join in Procession, by Lodges, to attend the Funeral of their late Brother PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esq. late Past Deputy Grand Master. The Brethren will appear dressed in Black, or as much so as may be convenient, and having their Aprons, Jewells, &c. and White Gloves.

"By order of the R. W. Grand Master,

"GEORGE A. BAKER,
"Grand Secretary."

November 20, 1815. At a Grand Extra Communication, R.

¹⁰ Cf. Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 187.

¹¹ Poulson's *American Daily Advertiser*, Thursday, November 9, 1815.

Tribute to Bro. Duplessis

W. Grand Master Samuel F. Bradford paid following tribute to the late Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Duplessis.¹²

“It is with much sorrow the Grand Master has to notice that since our last Grand Communication, Death has summoned to the World of Spirits our much regretted and beloved Past Deputy Grand Master, Peter Le Barbier Duplessis. In this Providential Visitation our Institution has experienced no common loss. His Zeal for the Order was unbounded, his Industry in its cause unceasing, and his Wisdom and Experience in Masonry seldom if ever excelled. May his memory be dear to every true Mason. May his Masonic attainments remain an Exemplar of Honourable Ambition, and may the suddenness of his departure teach us that we are all hastening to that Bourne from which no Traveller returns. The Grand Master need hardly say that every Masonic Honour which was in the power of the Grand Lodge was paid to the Memory of the Deceased, nor that the solemnity of the Funeral Ceremonies and good Conduct of the Brethren were such as reflected great Credit on the Institution.”

The next notice we have of this Lodge was at the Grand Quarterly Communication, held June 6, 1791, when Bro. Duplessis, the Grand Secretary, and Representative of Lodge No. 47, held at Port-au-Prince, informed the R. W. Grand Lodge that by a letter “bearing date May 15 last, from the said Lodge, he was directed to present the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania with several papers written in the French Language, such as Extracts from their Minutes and Resolves, Letters, Blanks of their Certificates as well for actual as Honorary Members, a list of their Officers and Members printed on white Satin, &c., and presented the same accordingly, when, On Motion and Seconded, the same were referred to Bro. Vanden Brock and M^cCree, who are to examine them and report thereon.”¹³

September 5, 1791. At the Grand Quarterly Communica-

¹² Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. III, p. 407.

¹³ *Ibid.*, p. 162.

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tion Bro. Grand Secretary, Duplessis, the Representative of Lodge No. 47, "informed the Lodge that he had received several Papers of the greatest Importance from the said Lodge, and desired a special Committee should be appointed to consider them.

"Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the Committee heretofore appointed to consider some Communications from said Lodge were discharged, and all Papers relative to them were referred to Bro. Mason and M^cCree."¹⁴

October 13, 1791. An Extra Communication was held to receive the report of this Committee, viz:¹⁵

"The R. W. Grand Master mentioned the immediate purpose of his calling this R. W. Grand Lodge was to receive the report of the Committee to whom was referred the several Communications and papers from Lodge N^o 47 the Union of Franco-American Hearts held at Port au Prince and to take order thereon, and the said Committee reported as follows:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania in Communication met.

"The Committee to whom was referred the several Communications from Lodge N^o 47, held at Port au Prince, in the Island of Hispaniola under the name of the Union of French and American Hearts,

"Beg leave to report

"That in Pursuance of their appointment they have examined the said Communications, and are happy to find that the Brethren of the said Lodge have so eminently shown their Zeal for the Royal Art, and manifested their readiness to perform the Duties which are dictated by our Honorable Institution, Especially by giving assistance to Brethren in Distress, faithfully complying with every Ancient Rule and Regulation known to them, and soliciting further Instructions from your R. W. G. Lodge; and also by adopting such regulations as were necessary for their internal Government.

"Your Committee observe with regret that information is given

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 167.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, pp. 168 *et seq.*

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of the Death of the first Master and founder of Lodge N^o 47, Bro. P. Augustine Riquet du Belloy, whose Masonic abilities had endeared him to the Brethren of his Lodge, and whose unremitting Exertions for the advancement, Honour, and respectability of Masonry created that desire to pay a joint Tribute to his Memory among his Brethren that the Praiseworthy and the Meritorious so justly claim. The Communications referred to your Committee further mention, That the unsettled State of the Political Affairs of the Island of Hispaniola, and the unhappy Divisions which have in consequence so generally prevailed in that Government, they have not disturbed or prevented the Continuance of their Masonic Meetings, nor obstructed the Business of the Craft; That, through their representative, Bro. Duplessis, your Grand Secretary, they have presented a List of their Members, printed on white Satin; That they propose to forward the sum due for their Warrant, &c., as soon as a safe opportunity presents; That part of the said Monies were paid about twenty months ago to Brother La Plase, one of the Deputies from your R. W. Grand Lodge who was to have sent or brought the same; That they profess the greatest Submission and Obedience to all Orders and Communications from your R. W. G. Lodge, and express a Desire of having frequent Information on such Heads as will be beneficial to them, or at least serve to prove that they are not unworthy of your Fellowship and Brotherly Esteem.

“Your Committee had before them the Memorial respecting Bro. La Fosse and Biraud, together with the several papers therein mentioned, but as no papers are received from either Bro. La Fosse or Bro. Biraud, your Committee cannot give any opinion on the Subject; they therefore hope that a reconciliation has taken place, and everything has been settled in a Brotherly and Masonic Manner.

“Your Committee therefore proposes to offer the following:

“Resolved, That the R. W. G. Lodge do approve of the Proceedings of Lodge N^o 47 to the 24th of June last, when some differences happened. That they join in Sympathy with the Brethren of the said Lodge in the death of their late worthy Brother Peter A. Riquet du Belloy, their founder, and their first Master, and that they approve of the manner used in paying that Honour to his Memory which his Lodge conceived expedient and necessary.

“Resolved, that this R. W. G. Lodge do cordially accept the return made and the Communications received, and that the Thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge be given to them for their Masonic attention

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and regard to this R. W. G. Lodge, and that this G. Lodge will at all times feel a pleasure in Corresponding with Lodge N^o. 47, in assisting their Members in the laudable Pursuit of Masonic Knowledge, and will with Cheerfulness confer on them such favors as are consistent with the Ancient Usages and Regulations of our Institution.

“ Resolved, That Bro. Grand Secretary, the Representative of Lodge N^o 47, be directed to transmit our said Brethren in Port au Prince, agreeably to their request, such Information concerning the Duties of and the manner of Proceeding in Lodges under this Jurisdiction as can with consistency be committed to writing; That the R. W. G. Master be directed to issue a Dispensation to the Brethren of Lodge N^o 47 authorizing them to continue their Meetings and workings as heretofore until the R. W. G. Lodge shall have determined on the Difficulties between the said Lodge and Bro. La Fosse and Biraud, in case the same is not otherwise settled, and that Information shall be given by the representative of Lodge N^o 47, to Bro. La Fosse and Biraud of the Memorial and papers respecting them, requesting that they will give their answer, and furnish such Documents and Vouchers (if any they have) that may be useful in their Justification, and that the Secretary of Lodge N^o 47 be directed to furnish the said Brethren with a Certified Copy of this Resolution.

“ Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge be given to the representative of Lodge N^o 47, Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, for his Attention in receiving and delivering these Communications, as well as for his zeal in the Service of the Craft in general.

“ Signed,

“ BEN. MASON,

“ J. M^cCREE.

“ PHILADELPHIA, 13th October, 1791.”

Nothing appear to have been heard from the Brethren in Port-au-Prince for almost a decade. This was evidently owing to the revolutions, unsettled conditions on the Island and changes of ownership.

At the Grand Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held December 1, 1800, two letters from Lodge No. 47 were brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge. One was

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dated December 6, 1799; the other one, dated January 11, 1800, laments the death of General Washington.

The Committee on Correspondence reported upon these two letters as follows:¹⁶

“Your committee further Report, that the Lodge La Reunion des Cœurs Franco Americains, No. 47, at Port Republician, in the Island of St. Domingo by their Communication, dated December 6, 5799, after repeating the Assurances of their respect and Brotherly Affection towards the R. W. Grand Lodge, inform that owing to the Circumstances of the Colony they were obliged for several Months to suspend their works, after which Time they did resume them; that they cannot transmit the Account of their Works, nor of the motives which induced them to suspend them, nor the amount of their annual dues, adding that they will forward them as soon as the whole is prepared. They crave the continuance of the good will of the Grand Lodge, which they flatter themselves they have never ceased to deserve. They recommend Bro. Gettin, One of their Members, whom we find to have been taken and carried to Jamaica.

“In their subsequent Communication, the Lodge sincerely lament the loss of our Illustrious Bro. George Washington and partake of the general sorrow his Death has caused, not only to Masons but to all who knew him; they send an Extract of their proceedings of the 17th of the 11 Month, 5799 (11 January, 1800,) whereby it appears that on that Day, they met with a Considerable number of other Brethren, to render a funeral Honour to the Memory of our most Illustrious and well beloved, late Brother George Washington, late President of the United States, &c. The Lodge was beautifully prepared in a manner suitable to the Grand Occasion, and the Ceremonies were performed agreeably to usage amongst Ancient Masons and Bro. Bedens, Orator of the Lodge, delivered an Oration which met the general approbation and Copies whereof will be forwarded as soon as printed. The Lodge repeat the same particulars as in the preceding Communications.

“The return of their Members accompanying the last Communications, states Fifty One Members whose Civil qualities and Masonic abilities promise a speedy increase of Ancient Masonry in the Island of St. Domingo. Philad^a. December 1st. 5800. (Sign’d) P. L. Barbier Duplessis, James Milnor, Committee.”

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 441.

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Owing to the political and disturbed conditions of both San Domingo and France during the last decade of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries, Freemasonry, for some unexplained reason, spread rapidly over the island of St. Domingo. Masonic Lodges were erected in different parts of the island, all of which held Warrants from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and worked in the French language.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, we find no less than four Lodges regularly constituted, of which

Lodge No. 47, RÉUNION DES COEURS FRANCO-AMÉRICAINS, at Port Republicain (Port-au-Prince), granted December 18, 1789, was the oldest and most important.¹⁷

Lodge No. 87, LES FERERS REUNIS, at Le Cap (Cape Haytien, Cap. François), a seaport town of Haiti, on the north coast, 85 miles northeast of Port-au-Prince. Granted December 15, 1800.¹⁸

Lodge No. 88, LA CONCORDE, at St. Marc, a settlement on the west coast of San Domingo, 44 miles west of Port-au-Prince. Granted May 4, 1801.¹⁹

Lodge No. 89, LES FERERES SINCEREMENT RE-UNIS, at Aux Carges, du Fond de L'Isle a Vachas, San Domingo, on the coast, about 92 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince. Granted May 4, 1801.²⁰

Under these conditions it was found necessary to have some superintending authority in that island.

¹⁷ Vacated April 7, 1806. Cf. "The Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania. Its Early History and Constitution from A. D. 1730." Philadelphia, 1877, p. 10 of Appendix.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 11, Vacated April 7, 1806.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Vacated April 7, 1806; reinstated September 15, 1806; surrendered September 4, 1809.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Vacated April 7, 1806.

CONSTITUTIONS

DE LA R.: L.: N°. 89,
SOUS LE TITRE DISTINCTIF
DES FF.: SINCEREMENT REUNIS
DE
L'ANCIENNE MAÇONNERIE D'YORCK,
A L'O.: DES CAYES DU FOND DE L'ISLE-A-VACHE,
ISLE SAINT - DOMINGUE.



AU FORT - RÉPUBLICAIN,
Chez les FF.: GAUCHET, LAGRANGE et C°. Imprimeurs,
du Gouvernement.

Bonjour



OFFICIERS DIGNITAIRES:

Vénérable:

- ✓ Jean Marie Bonjour, vendeur public, né à Laigneux département de Loin, âgé de 37 ans. Mbre honn. du souv. : chap. : de la triple unité O du Port-Républicain R. : A. : R ⚔ Fondateur.

PREMIER SURVEILLANT.

- ✓ Louis Silvain Pigeon, directeur de l'Hôpital militaire, né à Rommorentin en Sologne âgé de 67 ans. M. : ECC. : Fondateur.

SECOND SURVEILLANT.

- ✓ Donato Nathan, interprète de la langue Anglaise, né à Livourne en Italie, âgé de 34 ans: R. : A. : R ⚔ Fondateur.

S E C R E T A I R E.

- ✓ Raimond Gobineau, greffier de la municipalité de Toabeck, né à Izon, département de la Gironde, âgé de 47 ans. P. : M. : Fondateur.

T R E S O R I E R.

- ✓ Louis Bernard Bauvais, pharmacien né à Amiens, âgé de 33 ans. M. : Fondateur.

LIST OF OFFICERS OF LODGE NO. 89.

MSS., Vol. Y, paquet 122, folio 55.

T A B L E A U.

Des ff. qui Composent la

R. L. N^o. 89.

Sous le Titre distinctif

DES FF. :

Sincèrement Remis.

De l'ancienne Constitution d'York, régulièrement constituée à l'O. des Cayes, département du Sud, isle et côte de Saint-Domingue, en Amérique par le T. R. G. L. de Pensilvanie réunis à l'O. de Philadelphie, le 20^{ème}. jour du 6^{ème}. mois l'an de la V. lumière 5801.

A l'époque du 27^{ème}. jour du 10^{ème}. mois l'an de la V. lumière 5801.

TITLE PAGE OF LIST OF MEMBERS, LODGE NO. 89.

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Consequently, at the Grand Quarterly Communication, held December 7, 1801, the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Jonathan B. Smith, sent the following letter to the Grand Lodge:²¹

“Decr. 7, 1801.

“R. W. AND RESPECTED BRETHREN :

“Brother Duplessis, as Representative of several Lodges under this Jurisdiction in the Island of St. Domingo, has submitted to me their request that I would create a Superintending Authority in that Island over the Lodges now or hereafter to be established there. Notwithstanding, agreeably to antient usage and all the Books I have had an opportunity of consulting, I might have thought myself well warranted in proceeding, and the distances of these Lodges and the difficulty of regular intercommunication between them and the Grand Lodge evince to my Mind the Expediency of the measure, Yet I was not willing to Act on this Subject without first submitting it to the consideration of the Grand Lodge. If they shall judge it necessary to take any Order herein, or by their Wisdom can suggest anything which may tend to the advantage of the Craft, or the Honour or Advantage of the Grand Lodge, I or my Successor, should the Grand Lodge be pleased to make a change, will undoubtedly accord with their views.

“Brother Duplessis will submit the Application referred to above to the Grand Lodge and give the necessary information. I barely mention that it appears that Six Lodges are now regularly constituted on that Island. Applications are made for Two more, and I am well informed they are much pleased with the antient mode of working, and as far as they can procure instruction wish to conform to it exactly, and that they profess an inviolable attachment to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“I have put into the hands of Bro^r. Duplessis extracts from several Books on the subject.

“With great respect and Esteem,

“I am R. W. and Br^o. Your Affectionate Br^o.

(Sign'd)

“J. B. SMITH.”

“Whereupon, Brother Duplessis having read the Application referred to in the said Letter also extracts from Old Constitution Books concerning Provincial Grand Masters and

²¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. II, pp. 18-19.

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having presented Two Resolutions on the subject, On Motion and Seconded, The whole was committed to the R. W. Grand Officers and Bro^r. Duplessis whose proceedings shall also be the proceedings of this Grand Lodge and as such entered on the Minutes.”

December 21, 1801. At an Adjourned Quarterly Communication, the Committee appointed on the request for establishing a superintending Authority over the Lodges in the Island of St^t. Domingo made the following report, which was approved of:²²

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

“The Committee appointed to consider the Letter from the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, and the Resolutions presented by Brother Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis concerning the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for the Island of St^t. Domingo beg leave to Report: That they have considered the Subject with due attention and are of opinion That it is expedient that a Provincial Grand Master be appointed and deputed for the Island of St^t. Domingo aforesaid who shall be invested with the Rank of a Deputy Grand Master in this Grand Lodge and with the powers, privileges, and Honours of a Grand Master in his said District shall do and perform therein under the Authority of this Grand Lodge all such Matters and Things as appertain to the said Office according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations. That Your Committee having searched the Oldest Records do find that the Appointment of such an Officer is a prerogative of the Right Worshipful, the Grand Master and agreeable to their appointment have desired the Right Worshipful Grand Master to appoint and depute as Provincial Grand Master for the Island of St^t. Domingo such Brother as he may think proper with such instructions as his Wisdom will suggest to him.

“Philadelphia, December 19th, 5801.

(Sign'd)

“ISRAEL ISRAEL.

“JAMES MILNOR.

“JN^o. W. VANCLEVE.

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.”

²² *Ibid.*, Vol. II, p. 24.

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In pursuance of the above report, the Provincial Grand Lodge was established under date of January 9, 1802.

So far as known four Lodges were established by this Provincial Grand Lodge, which were placed upon the Roster of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

Lodge No. 95, LA HUMILITE, at Anse-a-Veau (Lusé à Veau, location not identified), St. Domingo. Granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo, December 6, 1802.²³

Lodge No. 97, PARFAITE HARMONIE, at St. Domingo, established by the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo. Granted September 5, 1893.²⁴

Lodge No. 98, LA PERSEVERANCE, at Abricots, St. Domingo, a seaport town of Haiti, near the northwest extremity of the



SEAL OF LODGE NO. 98

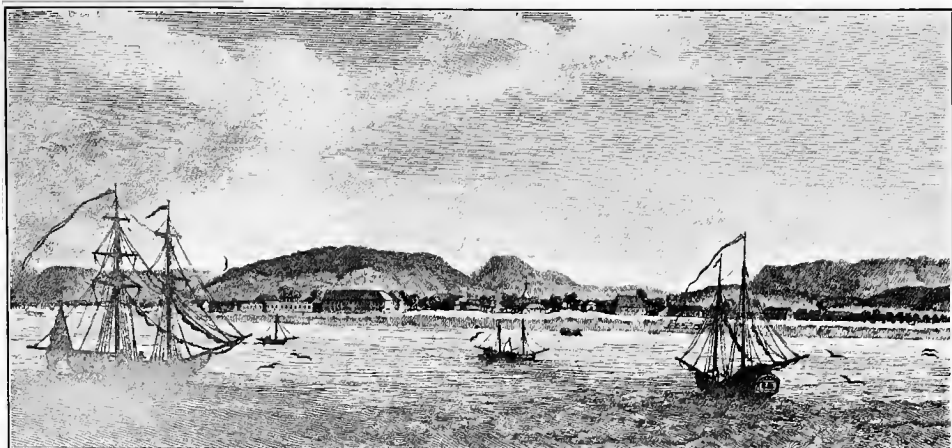
peninsula, established by the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo. Granted September 5, 1803.²⁵

Lodge No. 99, LA TEMPLE DU BONHEUR, at Arcahaye, St. Domingo (location not identified), established by the Pro-

²³ Vacated April 7, 1806.

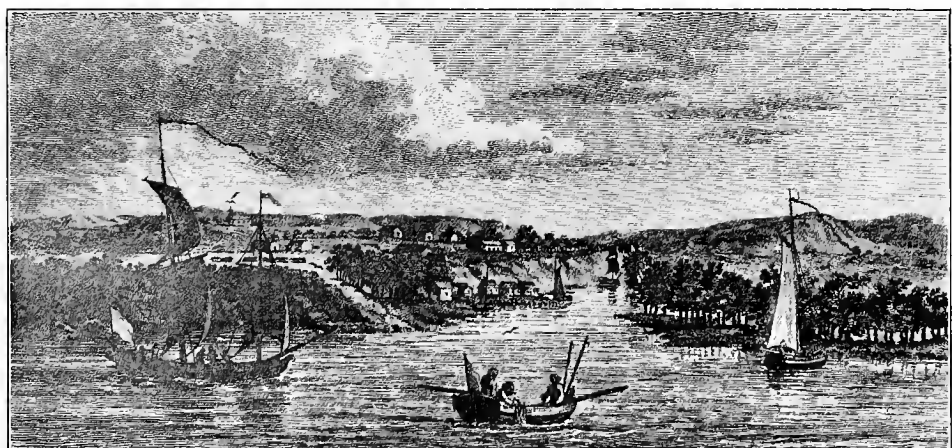
²⁴ *Ibid.*

²⁵ Vacated April 7, 1806; reinstated March 21, 1808; finally vacated October 27, 1810.



Delmeuveil *Ponce, Directeur*
VUE DE LA VILLE DE S^T. MARC.

MEETING PLACE OF LODGE "LA CONCORDE" No. 88 A. Y. M.



Prignon, Delmeuveil *Ponce, Directeur*
VUE DU BOURG DE L'ANSE-A-VEAU,

MEETING PLACE OF LODGE "LA HUMILITE" No. 95 A. Y. M.

FROM AN OLD PRINT IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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vincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo. Granted December 5, 1803.²⁶

September 5, 1803. “Bro^r. Duplessis presented sundry papers he had received from the R. W. Provincial Grand Master of the St^t Domingo containing an Account of the Installation of the Provincial Grand Lodge aforesaid, at Port Republican on the 1st Day of June, 5802, the Names of the Grand Officers and a List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction to that date, Six in Number, to wit:

“Lodge The Union of Franco American Hearts, N^o. 47, at Port Republican, late Port au Prince.

“Lodge Les Freres Reunis, N^o. 87, at the Cape.

“Lodge Concorde at St^t. Marc, N^o. 88.

“Lodge Les Freres Sincèrement Reunis at Aux Cayes, N^o. 89.

“Lodge L’Humilite at Lause a’Veau, N^o. 95.

“Lodge La parfaite Harmonie, St^t. Domingo.

“Said last mentioned Lodge ‘La parfaite Harmonie’ not having been reported to this Grand Lodge before, (it having been Constituted since the receipt of the last Communication from the said Provincial G. Lodge,) the same is to be Registered and Numbered and have precedence and Rank in this Grand Lodge as of this Date and the Number and Rank therefore of the said Lodge is 97.

“Bro^r. Duplessis informed the Grand Lodge that the unhappy Circumstances of the Colony had prevented the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge and of several Lodges and that the R. W. Provincial Grand Master would as soon as possible forward the proper Returns, Dues, &c.

“Bro^r. Duplessis also presented a List of the Officers and Members of Lodge N^o. 89, on the 25th August, 5801, the Day of their Installation by Bro^r. Jacques Michot, Pierre Courroy and Ignace Salomon, Deputized for that purpose, also a List of the Officers and Members of the said Lodge on St^t. John the Evangelist’s Day, 5801.

“It appeared by the said Communication that Bro^r. Duplessis is Honorary Member forever of the said Lodge, also that he is duly appointed Proxy of the said Lodge N^o. 89.

“Bro^r. Jean Marie Bonjour, W. M^r. of said Lodge N^o. 89, informed the G. Lodge that owing to the continual Dangers and Distress the Colony was exposed to from the Negroes, the greatest

²⁶ Vacated April 7, 1806.

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part of the Brethren who had escaped with their lives, had endeavoured to procure a passage to the Country or Europe and that many had been plundered of all they had saved by the British Cruizers."

December 5, 1803. At the Grand Quarterly Communication, "A Return was made from Bro^r. Hacquet, R. W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge established by this Gr. Lodge at Port au Prince in the Island of St^t. Domingo, of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of said Provincial Grand Lodge, being 8 in Number, whereof Two are New Lodges, Viz:

"Lodge La Perseverance, held at Abricots, and

"Lodge Le Temple du Bonheur, held at Arcahaye.

which said Two Lodges are to be Registered and Numbered and have precedence and Rank in this Grand Lodge as of this Date and the Number and Rank of Lodge La Perseverance is 98 and of Lodge Le Temple du Bonheur, 99."²⁷

April 7, 1806. It was "Resolved, That the Warrant of the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo be vacated, said Provincial Grand Lodge having ceased by reason of the disturbances in that Island."

The following copy of a letter sent to the Brethren in the West Indies was found in our Archives:²⁸

"PHILAD^a. 6 May 1806

"W. Sir & Bro.^r."

"Not knowing where any of the Officers of the late Prov^l. G. L. of St^t. Domingo are, except yourself, I take the liberty of enclosing to you the Resolution of the Grand Lodge respecting the vacation of the Warr^t. of y^r. s^d. Prov^l. G. L. by reason of its having ceased on acct of the unhappy disturbances in St^t. Domingo. If you are possessed of the Warrant, Papers, &c. or if not in your possession but in your power to procure them you will have the goodness to trans-

²⁷ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. II, p. 104.

²⁸ MSS., Vol. Y, paquet 199, folio 15.

List of Lodges in St. Domingo

List of Lodges held under the
 Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Provincial
 Grand Lodge at Port-au-Prince, in the
 Island of St. Domingo, under the
 Protection of the Right Most Worshipful
 Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

n.º 47 - *Ohu A. J.* ^{Place of meeting}
Reunion des Amis, Port-au-Prince.

87 - *Les frères réunis.* Cap.

88 - *La Concorde* — S.º Marc.

89 - *Les Fr. sincèrement*
réunis. — Cayel.

90 *Modestité.* — Anse-à-Veau.

97 " *La Sainte Harmonie.* Santo-Domingo.

98 " *La Persévérance.* Abricots.

99 " *Le Temple du Bonheur.* Arcatsye.

Philadelphia 27.º Day of November
 1803.



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mit them to me agreeably to the said Resolution & the regulations of the G. Lodge, but if they cannot be procured I would request the favor of you giving me what information you can respecting them. I also enclose to you, for the like purpose, Circulars to the late Officers of the late Lodges N^o. 47, 87, 88, 89, 95, 97, 98 & 99 all which were lately under the Superintendance of the said late Provincial Grand Lodge, and thank you to do the needful, or what may be in your power to do, respecting them.

“I would also request the favour of being fully informed, on the following subject, if in your power to give the information or to procure it

“The Warrant of Lodge No. 87 was granted 15th Dec^r 1800

“The Warrants of Nos. 88 & 89 were granted 4 May 1801

“Three Warrants, together with the Dispensation to constitute the Lodges, were delivered to Bro^r Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, but without being paid for. It was stated that he was to forward them to S^t Domingo & that the money was to be remitted to him and that he was to pay the same to the Grand Lodge, but the G. Lodge has never been paid for them, neither has there ever any Grand Lodge Dues been received on account of either of said Lodges.

“The Grand Lodge has never rec^d any Thing on acco^t of the Lodges No. 95, 97, 98 & 99 all which were established by the said late Provincial Grand Lodge.

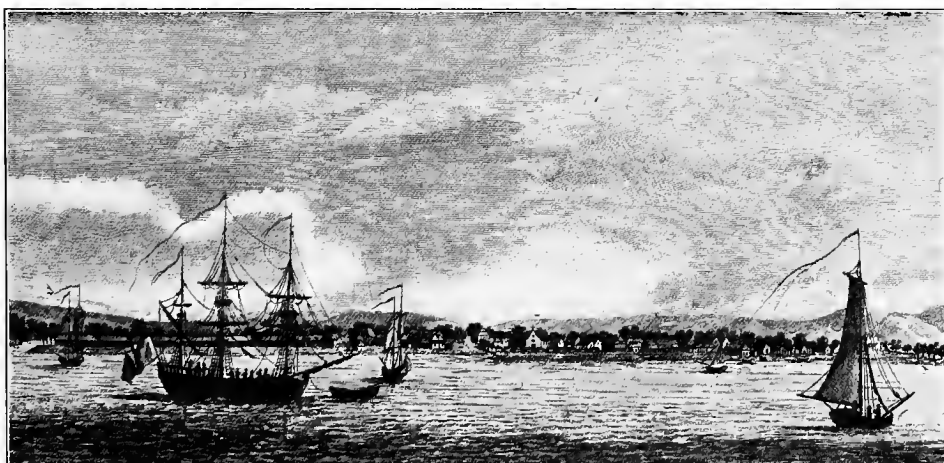
“The Grand Lodge has never rec^d any Thing from the said late Provincial Grand Lodge

“On the 8th Decem^r 1800 there were 5 Dispensations in blank deliv^d to Bro^r Duplessis for holding Lodges in S^t Domingo, and on the 12th October 1801 there was 1 Dispensation in blank deliv^d to him for holding a Lodge in S^t Domingo & 7 Dispensations in blank for passing Brethren to the Chair in S^t Domingo all said Dispensations, being 13 in number, were to have been sent by him to S^t Domingo & if used the money was to have been sent to him & by him to be p^d to the G. Lodge and if not used the Dispensations were to have been returned. None of them have been returned and no money has ever been paid to the Grand Lodge on account of them

“As no monies have been received for any of the said Warrants or Dispensations, nor any other monies or Dues from any of the s^d Lodges as before mentioned it is therefore much desired to be informed whether any monies have been remitted and if so from what Lodge or Lodges? for what account whether for the Warrants, Dispensations or Grand Lodge Dues? by whom sent? at what Time?



VUE DE LA VILLE DU PORT DE PAIX,



VUE DE LA VILLE DES CAYES,

MEETING PLACE OF LODGE "LES FRERES SINCEREMENT RE-UNIS" No. 89 A. Y. M.

FROM AN OLD PRINT IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Provincial Grand Lodge at St. Yago

and by whom received here? as it is of consequence to be informed on this subject.

“I hope it may be in your power to procure and give the desired information “W. Sir & Bro” “I Salute you Fraternally.”

The following communication was sent to the Grand Lodge in both the French and English languages; it was read before the Grand Lodge, September 1, 1806, and was referred to the Committee on Correspondence to report thereon:²⁹

“The Past Master’s Council of The R.°. L.°. N^o. 88, York’s Constitution, under the distinctive name of Concordia, Constituted by the most Ill.°. G.°. L.°. of Pennsylvania in the case of S^t Marc in the Island of S^t Domingo on the 4th of May 1801 Now re-established & Sitting at S^t Yago in the Island of Cuba.

“To the most Ill.°. & most S.°. G.°. Master & R.°. B.°. James Milnor and to the most Ill.°. & most R.°. G.°. L.°. of Pennsylvania.

Most Ill.°. & most S.°. G.°. master & most R.°. R.°. B.°. B.°!

“The Past Master’s Council N^o. 88 being the Council of the R.°. L.°. Concordia said number & authorized by the same; has been apprised with the Greatest Satisfaction that in consequence of your virtues—of your capacity & perfect knowledge in the art of Masonry.°. you was raised by an unanimous vote to the eminent Dignity of G.°. which was filled formerly by the E.°. & W.°. B.°. j^r B.°. Smith.

“Be so good most S.°. G.°. M^r°. to accept of The Sincere Compliments and Brotherly Felicitations of the L^{ts}°. Council & be persuaded of their best wishes that you might enjoy many years a Dignity on which you can’t but reflect a great Honour.

“Be so good, too, to remember our most Ill.°. & most R.°. B.°. j^r B.°. Smith of our Brotherly devoted Respect.

“The R.°. L.°. No. 88 claims your protection in a very important circumstance.

“The most R.°. B.°. Barbier Duplessis, sent towards you in the capacity of its Deputy, will give you an account of the facts and motives he is to present you in its name, as well as to the most Ill.°. G.°. Lodge.

²⁹ MSS., Vol. Y, paquet 199, folio 11.

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“ Their purpose is to get a Decision from the G. . L. . in order to ascertain whether it has been in the power of the most Ill. . & most W. . B. . Mathieu Dupostel, either as G. . Provincial Master of Santo Domingo, or as Deputy G. . Master of the most Ill. . G. . L. . of Pennsylvania to authorize the R. . L. . N^o 88 Constituted at St Marc’s to continue its operations at St Yago De Cuba. If so the present representative is of no avail, if not the Honour & the Defence that are due to his talents & more over the Sacred Principle that a L. . can’t never be induced into error by the Person it has been authorized to consider as its Superior, are not these sufficient motives to ratify & regularise an authorization though illegal but granted, on principles of justice & Humanity?

“ Whatever might be the case the Past Master’s Council in the name of the L. . N^o 88 ask you the favour to grant them

“ 1 A Declaration or a Decree that might Justify the Conduct of the G. . Provincial Master & Deputy G. . Master & approve of his authorization & of the G. . Provincial Comity’s. If not at least a Decree agreeable to the said authorization

“ Finally in case of an utter impossibility of these things, new Constitutional Regulations under our numero 88 in order that we may open a new L. . & regularise our operations till this Present Day.

“ We do beg you to Cause our instruments & expeditions, which by this said opportunity are forwarded to our most W. . B. . & Deputy, to be represented to you. They consist of

“ 1 The authorization of the G. . Master & G. . Provincial Comity on the date of the 6th day & of the 6th month, 5805.....No. 1st

“ 2 The invoice letter directed to the most W. . B. . Moret de Guiramand our V. . of the same date.....No. 2^d

“ 3 Our instrument of installation on the 7th day of the 7th month

No. 3^d

“ 4 Our tableau for the present year

No. 4th

“ 5 Our present Petition

No. 5th

“ 6 A bill of \$50 Drs. for the expenses

No. 6th

“ We hope you will do us the favor of a speedy answer.

“ Do indulge us the favor to be with a High Consideration & a submissive and B. . Devotion

“ Your Devoted and Affectionate B. . The members of the Past Masters Council No. 88.

“ MOREL DE GUIRAMAND

“ Vble. R. . A. . ”

Report of Committee

September 15, 1806. The Committee of Correspondence³⁰ "to whom were referred several Communications from the late Provincial Grand Master of S^t Domingo and from the late Lodge N^o. 88 and 90, made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:"

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred sundry Communications from Lodge La Concorde, N^o. 88, presented by the R. W. Grand Master and Bro^r. Le Barbier Duplessis, also a Letter from the R. W. Mathieu Dupotet, late Provincial Grand Master in the Island of S^t Domingo, and an Address and Petition from the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge La Perseverance, N^o. 98, late at the Abricots in the Island of S^t Domingo, presented by Bro^r. Duplessis, beg leave to Report.

"That they have taken the whole in their serious Consideration and find that a Considerable Number of Brethren, Members of the different Lodges under your Jurisdiction at S^t Domingo having had the good fortune to escape from the Hands of the Blacks, had taken refuge in the Spanish Island of Cuba, as well as several other Masons, which gave room to frequent private Committees and Clandestine makings, to scandal and abuses of all kinds. That the good Masons were exasperated at such Conducts and applied at several Times to the R. W. Mathieu Duportel, late Provincial Grand Master of S^t Domingo, who was at Baracoa in the said Island, with several Members of the said Provincial Grand Lodge, informing him of what was doing every Day and requested he would by virtue of his Authority and Powers grant Warrants for New Lodges on Dispensations to open the Lodges, late from S^t Domingo, whose Officers were then at S^t Yago, pleading the absolute necessity to put an end to the said scandals and irregularities, by giving to true Masons a central point to unite themselves in and establishing a Tribunal that might judge and punish the guilty, or at least give them an opportunity to return and follow the paths of Wisdom and Virtue.

"That the said R. W. Mathieu Duportel, though convinced that his Authority and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo, had been superceded by the removal from the Island, as well as the

³⁰ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. II, pp. 211 *et seq.*

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subordinate Warrants, yielding to the imperiousness of Circumstances and convinced that the establishment of a Lodge at St^t Yago was the only means to put a stop to those evils and to render to Masonry those advantages it would otherwise have lost by the confusion and Anarchy wherein it had fallen in that City, thought proper and even indispensable, to submit the whole to a Grand Committee he called for the purpose at Baracoa aforesaid, on the 6th of August, 5805, and the result of their deliberations was that for the reasons above stated, under the most imperious Circumstances, and in Order to promote the respectability and Advancement of the Order, they Resolved to Authorize our Worthy Brother, Morel de Guiramand, Master of Lodge La Concorde, N^o 88, to open the said Lodge until further Orders conforming themselves to General Regulations of Masonry and those of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

"That the said Lodge was by virtue of said Authorization, opened at St^t Yago, and have since proceeded to their works with the regularity and Zeal which are the Characteristic of True Masons and that they pray the R. Worshipful Grand Lodge to sanction their Works and the continuance thereof.

"Your Committee are sensible that the powers of the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Lodge had absolutely ceased, but they are of opinion that the Conduct and interference of the R. W. G. Master and other Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of St^t Domingo, to save Masonry from disgrace in a Country where the People are already so much prepossessed against it, and at a Time when the most imperious necessity commanded an immediate remedy, are laudable and deserve the approbation and thanks of this Grand Lodge.

"Your Committee offer the following Resolutions.

"Resolved, That so much of the Resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the 7th of April last past, as Vacates the Provincial Grand Lodge of St^t Domingo and the Warrant of Lodge N^o 88, be rescinded.

"Resolved, That the Powers and jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Lodge, late of St^t Domingo be extended to the Island of Cuba, over the Lodges formerly constituted at St^t Domingo aforesaid, until the further Orders of this Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do sanction and confirm the proceedings of Lodge "La Concorde, N^o 88" since the 6th August, 5805.

"Resolved, that the Address and Petition of Lodge La Per-

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severance, N^o. 98, and the complaint of Lodge N^o. 88, against them, be referred to the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Lodge aforesaid.

Philad^a., Sept^r. 15th, 5806.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ROBERT LEWIS.

“THO^s. HENNESSY.”

“Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the said Resolutions be taken up separately.

“The First of the said Resolutions being read and Considered was Unanimously Adopted.

“The Second of the said Resolutions being read and Considered was Unanimously Adopted.

“The Third Resolution being read and Considered was Unanimously Adopted.

“The Fourth Resolution being read and Considered was Unanimously Adopted.

“On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence transmit Copies of the said Report and proceedings to the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t. Domingo and Cuba and to Lodge N^o. 88.

“Bro^r. Duplessis paid the Sum of \$50. on Account of Lodge N^o. 88, into the Hands of Bro^r. Grand Treasurer.”

The Brethren of Lodge No. 47, however, seem to have kept their organization intact as well as they could, during these troublous times, until all of the white residents in the island were expelled by the negroes.

The Warrant was vacated by the Grand Lodge for delinquency, April 7, 1806. The document, however, was retained by the Brethren, as is shown by the following petition presented in Grand Lodge by R. W. Deputy Grand Master Duplessis, September 15, 1808:³¹

³¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. II, pp. 354-356.

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“The R. W. Deputy Grand Master presented a Petition which was transmitted to him from New Orleans, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

“The Petition of Louis John Susson, John Zanico and Peter Ambruse Cuvillier, formerly Members of the W. Lodge N^o. 47, and called Union of Franco American Hearts, formerly had at Port au Prince in the Island of S^t. Domingo under the Warrant and Authority of your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, Humbly Sheweth:

“That your Petitioners having been driven away from their Country by the late events which expelled all the White Inhabitants from the Island of S^t. Domingo, they took their refuge in the Bosom of the United States, where their Countrymen have ever found the most generous assistance and Hospitality during the whole course of their Misfortunes.

“That Chance conducted some of the Members of Worshipful Lodge Number 47, to New Orleans on the Banks of the Mississippi River, and that the same good luck made them find in the possession of One of them, the Warrant delivered by Your W. G. Lodge to the said Lodge N^o. 47, and registered in the Book of Registry of Your Warrants, Fol. 291, &c., a Faithful Copy of which will be annexed to this Petition.

“And Whereas your Petitioners are strongly impressed with a desire of contributing as much as possible to the Glory of the Royal Craft, they Resolved to apply to your Worshipful Grand Lodge in Order to be Authorized to resume their works at New Orleans under the same Number and Denomination as they did in Port au Prince, untill they may be enabled to hold them in the latter place, and for that purpose they have associated to them the other Masons whose Signatures are affixed to this Petition.

“Wherefore, they pray your right Worshipful Grand Lodge to grant them the Authorization which may be necessary to them for performing the object mentioned in the Petition, and in Case the above prayer should suffer any objection, your Petitioners pray your Worshipful Lodge to grant them a Warrant for establishing a New Lodge here under the Name of the desired re-union.

Roster of Lodge No. 47

“Done at New Orleans this Fifth Day of August, A. C. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight, and of Masonry 5808.

(Sign'd)	“ SUSSON, Master.	“ J ^s . PITOT.
	“ ZANICO, S. W.	“ M. PACAUD.
	“ CUVILLIER, J. W.	“ CHAMAU.
	“ CHARLES MARTY.	“ EDWARD BROOKS.
	“ L. MORCAU.”	

“Which Petition was duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge.

“Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That a Warrant be granted for holding a Lodge at New Orleans agreeably to the prayer of the said Petition, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the said Lodge be N^o. 112.

“Resolved, That the Brother who shall be Deputed to Constitute said Lodge N^o. 112, be directed to receive from the above named Petitioners, the Warrant of the late Lodge N^o. 47, and that he transmit the same to this R. W. Grand Lodge.”³²

ROSTER OF LODGE NO. 47, UNION OF FRANCO-AMERICAN HEARTS, HELD AT PORT-AU-PRINCE, IN THE ISLAND OF ST. DOMINGO.³³

<i>Name.</i>	<i>When Initiated or Admitted.</i>
Francis Pernot	R. A. Master
Louise Jean L	P. M.
Jean Huard	R. A.
Bidderson Pascal	R. A.
Isaac Sargeoire	P. M.
Jacquese Legriel	P. M.
Amant Morin	P. M.

³² Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. II, p. 356.

³³ Register of Members, Vol. I, Office of R. W. Grand Secretary.

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Name.

Louisettatharin Charnview	P. M.	
Antoine Joseph Carpentier	P. M.	
Michael Suche	P. M.	
Joseph Rosselin	P. M.	
Henry Bacque	M. M.	
Jean Duver	P. M.	
Jacques Michot	P. M.	
Francois Thebaud	R. A.	
Alexander Girardon	P. M.	
Louise Prudor	M. M.	
Robert Edward Lefebvre	M. M.	
Etone Getten	P. M.	
Meyer	E. A.	
Pierre Arnaud Fizellier	F. C.	
Michael Alexander Ferdriel	E. A.	
Julede Marie Marqueron	F. C.	
Francis Bellair	M. M.	
Bernard Baillargeau	M. M.	
Antoine Mathieu Dupotel	P. M.	Master in 1800
Jean Pierie Mozel de Guiramand..	P. M.	
Germain Hacquet	P. M.	
Pierre Elisee Bedence	P. M.	
Alexandre Fourmer	P. M.	
Blaise Julien Thounon	P. M.	
Claude Louis Antoine Maillet.	P. M.	
Jean Baptiste Marquille	P. M.	
Jean Delande	P. M.	
Simon Cuper	M. M.	
Jacques Philippe Puglier	P. M.	
Jean Joseph Itter	P. M.	
Pierre Pelissier	P. M.	
Jean Baptiste Faulk	M. M.	
Jean Zamico	P. M.	
Jean Baptiste Morice*	P. M.	
Frederic Perdriel	P. M.	
Joseph Dupont	P. M.	
Quillaume Dubocq	P. M.	
Louis Ragnos	P. M.	
Etienne Laurent Mole	P. M.	
Louis Dusilliet	P. M.	

Roster of Lodge No. 47

Name.

Pierre Cornet	P. M.
Jean Baptiste Gouley	P. M.
Jean Baptiste Poitier	M. M.
Etienne Magny	M. M.
Francois Daumas	M. M.
Marc Barrault	F. C.
Francois Poullault	E. A.
Eutrope Clement	E. A.
Mounier	E. A.
Jean La Grange	E. A.
Joseph Lehoux	E. A.
Pierre Lespiault	E. A.
Francois Nouel	P. M.
Etienne Fourteau	P. M.
Bartholomy Brunetau	P. M.
Etienne Aelland	E. A.
Pierre Le Barb Duplessis	P. M.





CHAPTER LV.

LODGE NO. 47, A. Y. M., HELD AT WINNSBOROUGH,
SOUTH CAROLINA.



ST. JOHN'S DAY, December 27,
1785. At a meeting of the Grand
Lodge, Bro. Thomas Procter pre-
sented a petition from several Brethren
in South Carolina, praying for the
benefit of a Warrant to hold a Lodge
at the village of Winnsborough, in the
State of South Carolina.¹

This petition was accompanied with a letter from Bro. Edward Weyman, who was one of the most prominent Free-masons in South Carolina.²

The village of Winnsborough, for which this Warrant was asked, was the county seat of Fairfield District, in the center of the State.

It was unanimously resolved,³ that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Secretary complete the Warrant as soon as possible.

No records have thus far been found in our Archives respecting this Lodge. There can be no doubt about a Warrant being issued and sent to Bro. Edward Weyman, as there

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 87.

² Cf. Chapter 45, 47 *infra*.

³ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 87.

Lodge No. 47 at Winnsborough

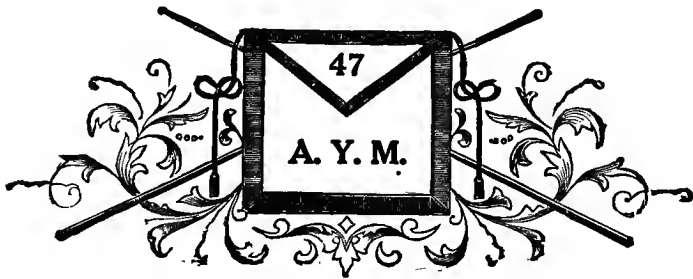
is evidence of an Ancient Lodge being in operation in Winnsborough, as early as 1788, which, according to Mackey, was then known as Lodge No. 6. He further states that he had seen the Minute Book of that Lodge from 1795 to 1810.⁴

A thorough search has been made in our archives for Bro. Weyman's letter, without avail. Neither can any records be found as to the names of the petitioners or Warrant officers.

It is known, however, that the Brethren of the Lodge took a firm stand in resisting what is known as the Union of Lodges in South Carolina in 1808. When they gave "every assurance that the Lodge would cheerfully agree with Lodge No. 31 in supporting the ancient landmarks of the craft, and, to the extent of their power, would prevent any junction with Modern Masons."⁵

⁴ Cf. "The History of Freemasonry in South Carolina," by Albert G. Mackey, Columbia, S. C., 1861, p. 513.

⁵ *Ibid.*





CHAPTER LVI.

LODGE NO. 48, A. Y. M., HELD AT BEDFORD, BEDFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



DECEMBER 28, 1789, at a Grand Lodge by adjournment, "On Motion and Seconded, the Lodge was called from Labour to refreshment, and being called again to Labour, following Petition was read from a number of Brethren of Bedford County, praying this Right Worshipful Gr^d Lodge would please

to grant them a warrant to constitute them a Lodge at Bedford, etc."¹

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, GRAND OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA & MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

"The Petition of James Martin past Master, Barnard Dougherty & David Espy Master Masons inhabitants of Bedford County.²

"Most Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioners have been duly entered passed and raised under the Jurisdiction of your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge; That they live at a very considerable Distance of any Warranted Lodge, whereby they are deprived of the great benefit of improving in the royal art, and of contributing as much as it is their duty and sincere wish to the good of the Fra-

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 131.

² MSS., Vol. P, paquet 103, folio 41.

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ternity: That it is their opinion that the establishing of a Lodge at Bedford would greatly promote the advantage of the Craft as there are in that neighborhood many Gentlemen wishing to be made Masons and several Modern Masons desirous of joining your Jurisdiction

"Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your right Worshipful Grand Lodge would be pleased to grant them a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Bedford aforesaid in the name of James Martin, Esquire, Master, Barnard Dougherty, Esquire, Senior Warden & David Espy, Esquire, Junior Warden, And as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray

"JAMES MARTIN

"BARNARD DOUGHERTY

"DAVID ESPY

"Philadelphia Decr. 28, 1789."

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Gr^d Sec'y ordered to make out the said Warrant, No. 48.

January 4, 1790. At a Grand Lodge by Adjournment after the election of a Grand Master,³ and installation of the Grand Officers. The R. W. G. Master Jonathan Bayard Smith then proceeded "to the Installation of Bro. James Martin, Master, named in the Warrant lately granted for holding a Lodge in the Town of Bedford, when the Reverend Brother William Smith, Doctor of Divinity, opened the Business by a prayer suitable to the occasion, and the said Bro. Martin being installed, the G^d Secretary proclaimed the said Lodge duly constituted No. 48."

June 7, 1790. Bro. James Martin paid £13.0.0 for the Warrant of Lodge No. 48, and four Constitution books.

Bedford, where the New Lodge was located, was the seat of justice of Bedford County, situated on the "great" road (Chambersburg and Pittsburgh Turnpike in later years), leading from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. Where it crosses the Raystown branch of the Juniata River, Bedford is two hundred miles west of Philadelphia and one hundred miles

³ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 142.

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east of Pittsburgh. It was formerly called Raystown, after one Ray, who had in the early days built a few cabins where Bedford now is.

[Bedford County was originally a part of Cumberland County, and was established March 9, 1771, and named by Governor John Penn, in 1776, from a fort of this name within the county, which was probably named from the Duke of Bedford under George II.]

Bedford, at the early day, when Lodge No. 48 was erected, does not appear to have been a fertile field, for the extension of Freemasonry, as the only return of members made to the Grand Lodge was in December, 1800, when they reported seven members, up to September of that year.

May 14, 1805. They were again notified of their delinquency.

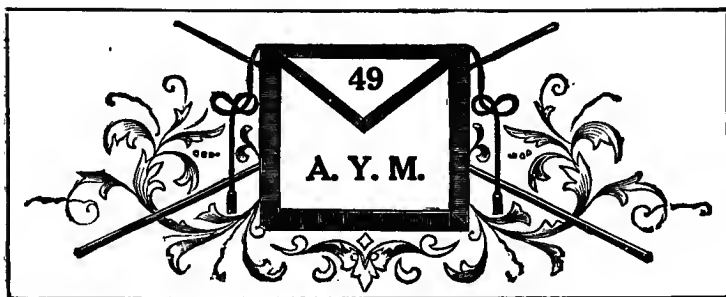
As no response was received to this notice it was resolved, April 7, 1806, that the Warrant of Lodge No. 48 be vacated, and that the Grand Secretary demand a surrender of the Warrant, books, papers, jewels, furniture and funds of the said Lodge, agreeably to the Twenty-sixth Article of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

RETURN OF MEMBERS OF LODGE NO. 48, ANCIENT YORK MASONS.⁴

James Martin	P. M.	A. 1792 Ap ^l . 26.
David Espy	S. W.	A. 1792 Ap ^l . 26.
William M ^c Dermott	J. W.	A. 1792 Ap ^l . 26.
James Heydon	E. A.	I. 1792 Ap ^l . 26.
William Ward	E. A.	I. 1792 Ap ^l . 26.
Terence Campbell	E. A.	I. 1792 Ap ^l . 26.
John Fletcher	E. A.	I. Aug ^t . 29, 1793.
John Webster	M. M.	A. Ap ^l . 30, 1794.
John M ^c Cartney	E. A.	I. March 28, 1796.
W ^m . Small	M. M.	A. Sep ^t . 28, 1798.

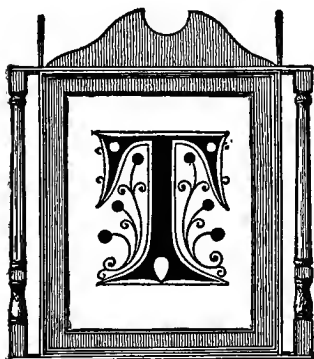
This Lodge was finally vacated for delinquency April 7, 1806.

⁴ MSS., Vol. P, paquet 103, folio 44.



CHAPTER LVII.

LODGE NO. 49, A. Y. M., HELD IN MORELAND TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY.



THE following letter, soliciting a Warrant for holding a Lodge in Moreland Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, was read at the Grand Quarterly Communication, December 17, 1787.¹

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND GRAND WARDENS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

“The Petition of Members of sundry Lodges from the City of Philad^a and Counties of Montgomery and Bucks

“Most humbly sheweth—

That your Petitioners labour under many Inconveniencies on Account of the great distance we live from the different Lodges to which we respectively belong, and therefore cannot gain that Knowledge in the Art and Mystery of Masonry that would do Honour to the Craft.

“Your Petitioners therefore pray that your worshipful Body would take our Case under Consideration and if found worthy grant us a Warrant for holding a Lodge in Moreland Township, Montgomery County, and that W^m. Dean, Esq., may be appointed Master,

¹ MSS., Vol. P, paquet 104, folio 47.

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W^m. Bennet, Sen^r Warden, and Abraham Duffield Jun^r. Warden
of s^d Lodge.

“And your Petr’s. as in Duty bound will ever pray.

“Moreland Township
Montg^r. County
Dec^r. 14th 1787”

“WM. DEAN
“WM BENNET
“ABRAHAM DUFFIELD
“ADAM HERN
“JACOB BENNET
“ISAAC HOUGH, *Sec^r.”*”

This was ordered to lie over, as no recommendation accompanied the same.

Moreland Township, Montgomery County, was originally a part of the Manor of Moreland in Philadelphia County, said to have been granted by William Penn to John Moore, Judge of Admiralty, and collector of customs at Philadelphia. When Montgomery County was established the township was divided, a part being situated in each of the two Counties.

Nothing further appears to have been done in the matter by the Moreland Brethren, nor does it appear that a Warrant was issued at that time.

Three years later, September 6, 1790, the appended petition was presented to the Grand Lodge by a number of Philadelphia Brethren.

According to the Minutes of the Grand Lodge,² on motion and seconded, ordered, that the Petition of Bro. Col. W^m. Dean and others, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Moreland Township in Montgomery County, shall be granted, and the Grand Secretary is directed to make out the same, N^o. 49, in the names of W^m. Dean, M^r. W^m. Bennet, S^r. Wⁿ., and Abraham Duffield, J^r. Wⁿ.

The following petition was then read from a number of Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, to be called No. 13.

² Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 150.

Petition for Warrant

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, WARDENS, AND BRETHREN IN GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMON WEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AT QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION MET.

“The Memorial & Petition of sundry Antient York Masons of the City of Philadelphia³ Most humbly Sheweth

“That your Petitioners hath hitherto been members of your Antient & Honorable Fraternity, & under your Worshipful Jurisdiction Constitutionally Admitted & Passed. That your petitioners hath ever had a Veneration & regard for the Honor, Constitution, and Principals of the Antient Craft, but that from a Number of unavoidable & unforeseen circumstances We have been detached from the Lodges under which we have been admitted and are now Scatter'd as Sheep having no Shepherd.

“That from an Emulous desire of promoting the principals & Fellowship of the Antient Craft, and a particular respect for the Honor of the Institution, We your petitioners have Associated together, and most humbly pray that your Right Worshipful Authority would be pleased to Constitute us under your Right Worshipful Jurisdiction as Warrant No. 13 which we are inform'd is Vacant. And we do most humbly promise as Brethren not only to preserve that order and Harmony which Masons should support, but to attend strictly to the Constitution and Principals of the Antient Craft, and also to endeavour to place the Honor of the Fraternity on as Respectable a footing as hath hitherto ever been known; In which prayer should your Right Worshipful Lodge deem us worthy, We your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

“Philad^a Sep^r 6th 1790 ”

“ROB^T JONES

“GEORGE GODDARD.”

“Recommended by

DAVID COPELAND

P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS

J. MCCREE

WILLIAM ALLISON

JOHN ALEXANDER

FRED. E. MOLINEAUX

RICHARD HUNT.”

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, ordered, that the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, but said Lodge shall be called No. —, and the Grand Secretary is directed to make out the Warrant accordingly.

³ MSS., Vol. P, paquet 104, folio 48.

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From the endorsement by the Grand Secretary, upon the back of the petition, it will be seen that the Grand Lodge decided that the Warrant be No. 49.

“ Endorsement :

“ Sep^t 6, 1790

“ To the Right Worshipfull Grand Master, Wardens & Brethren in Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“ The Petition of Sundry Masons for the Vacant Warrant No. 13. Philad^a Sep^r 6th 1790. Granted to be No 49.”

This action of the Grand Lodge was evidently not satisfactory to the Brethren from Philadelphia, so no Warrant bearing the number 49 upon our roster was ever issued. In the Warrant Book in the Grand Secretary the page (305) for that number is blank.





THE "SIGN OF THE WHITE HORSE"

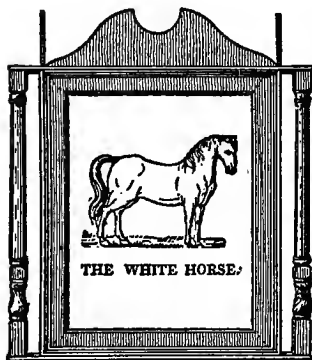
ON THE OLD LANCASTER ROAD IN EAST WHITELAND, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

MEETING PLACE OF LODGE No. 50, A. Y. M. 1790-1806.



CHAPTER LVIII.

LODGE NO. 50, A. Y. M., HELD AT THE SIGN OF THE
WHITE HORSE, EAST WHITELAND, CHESTER
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



LODGE No. 50, erected at the
“Sign of the White Horse”
Tavern, East Whiteland,
Chester County, a landmark on
the old Lancaster road—accord-
ing to the old distance tables, it
was 26 miles, 1 quarter and 18
perches—west of the Court House
at Second and Market Streets, in
Philadelphia, from which, at that
period, all distances were reckoned.

This Lodge was the virtual successor to the old Provincial Lodge No. 8, whose place of meeting was within a radius of five miles of Valley Forge, and whose story was fully told in a previous chapter.¹

After Lodge No. 8 had virtually disbanded, in the year 1789 a number of the Brethren living in Chester County, and who had been companions in arms during the War for Independence, made application for a new Warrant.

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 153.

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Their petition was presented at the Quarterly Communication, *December 6, 1790.*

“Praying for a Warrant² to hold a Lodge at the Sign of the White Horse, in East Whiteland, in the County of Chester, or at any other place within five miles of it.

“On Motion and Seconded, the Prayer of the Petitioners was granted, and the G. Secretary directed to make out the Warrant in the names of Bro. John Smith,³ Master; John Bartholomew,⁴ Senior Warden, and John Christie,⁵ Junior Warden, No. 50.”

“*December 7th 1790.*⁶ A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form. The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that the purpose of this Meeting was to instal the Officers of Lodge No. 50 to whom a Warrant was granted at the last Quarterly Communication, and all the Brethren who had not passed the Chair having been requested to withdraw, the R. W. Grand Master Jonathan B. Smith appointed Bro. Vanden Brock and Few to examine Bro. John Smith, mentioned in the Warrant, the Master of the said Lodge N^o. 50, who reported that upon due examination they had found the said Bro. Smith possessed of all Skill, Ability and other requisite qualities to preside over a Lodge, and introduced him as such; Whereupon, the R. W. G. Master installed the said Bro. John Smith, Master of said Lodge No. 50, according to ancient forms, and he was proclaimed as such, and the said Lodge duly constituted, when the new installed Master, in behalf of the Brethren of his Lodge, returned thanks for the Honour conferred on them.”

“*June 6th 1791.*⁷ Bro. Smith, Master of Lodge No. 50, presented a Copy of their Proceedings and Bye Laws which were referred to the above Committee. He also paid seventeen

² Cf. Vol. I, Chapter XII, pp. 211-249.

³ Bro. John Smith, originally a member of Lodge No. 3, joined Lodge No. 8, June 15, 1784. Bro. Smith was a Past Master and served as an officer in the infantry during the Revolution.

⁴ Cf. Vol. I, p. 220.

⁵ Bro. John Christie, late member of Lodge No. 29, also of Lodge No. 8. *Ibid.*, p. 231.

⁶ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 154.

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 162.

Charter Members of Lodge No. 50

Shillings for a Quarter of Dues and an Initiation, into the Hands of Bro. G. Treasurer.”

The Charter Members of Lodge No. 50, all of whom had been Members of Lodge No. 8, were:

- Bro. John Christie,
- “ John Davis (Dr.),⁸
- “ Ezekiel Howell,⁹
- “ Persifer Frazer,¹⁰
- “ Cromwell Pierce,¹¹
- “ Thomas Cummins,¹²
- “ John Smith,¹³
- “ John Bartholomew,¹⁴
- “ Thomas Ross,¹⁵
- “ John Davis,¹⁶
- “ Joseph McClellan,¹⁷
- “ Arthur Rice.

The meeting place of the New Lodge, and where the regular meetings were held for sixteen years, was at the “Sign of the White Horse,” also known as the “Upper White Horse,” to distinguish it from an inn in Willistown Township, Chester County, which had a similar sign board. This ancient landmark in East Whiteland Township, situated as it was on the

⁸ Cf. Vol. I, p. 227.

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 231.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, p. 216.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, p. 222.

¹² *Ibid.*, p. 221.

¹³ *Ibid.*, p. 231.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 220.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 232.

¹⁶ Bro. John Davis (2) was a Native of Tredeffrin, and a son-in-law of John S. Morton, one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. He died near Paoli, July 10, 1827, aged 74 years, and was buried in the ground of the Great Valley Presbyterian Church.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 248.

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old Lancaster road, then the great highway between the east and the west, stands on the banks of the East Valley Creek, at a point where the roads leading from Conestoga, the Yellow Springs in the Pickering Valley, the long Ford on the Schuylkill at Moore Hall, the Turk's Head, Goshen, Willistown and Chester all converged into the great road from Lancaster to Philadelphia.

The first candidate, who was entered, passed and raised, within the portals of Lodge No. 50, was Charles Dilworth,¹⁸ March 12, 1791. The first Brother to be admitted was Bro. James Bones, P. M.

June 6, 1791. A Deputation was read before the Grand Lodge from Lodge No. 50, under the hand of the Worshipful Master, and the seal of the Lodge and countersigned by the Secretary, appointing Bro. Joseph Few¹⁹ who had been Regimental Quarter Master 4th Continental Artillery during the Revolutionary War to represent them at the Grand Lodge.

In the following year, 1792, there were two initiations; 1793, two initiations, one admission; 1794, four initiations; 1795, six initiations; 1796, four, etc.

The original warrant officers served in their respective offices until June 1800, being regularly re-elected every six months.

The new Lodge continued to prosper and flourish. This era

¹⁸ Charles Dilworth was the tavern keeper at Dilworthtown, Birmingham Township, Chester County, and in 1791 was the high sheriff of Chester County.

¹⁹ "The Right Worshipful Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had ordered the Grand Officers to appear with marks of Mourning on their Aprons in Memory of our late Right Worshipful and Worthy Brother Joseph Few, Deputy Grand Master of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, who had departed this life. On Motion and Seconded, Unanimously Resolved, that the Grand Officers shall appear with the same Marks of Mourning at every meeting and Communication, and on St. John's Day next, and ordered, that it be recommended to the different Lodges held in this City to observe the same." September 3, 1792. Reprint of Minute of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 189.

very unavailing upon our request, and
shall be appointed Master, Northern District
of Massachusetts Junior, Barron and District
Chairman of the Board of Jail Lodge in
Boston

Refusing therefore our deposition to indige
As and thus in our petition as Motion as a matter
as possible. We most respectfully request you
will grant us a warrant in conformity to the
warrant above set forth, and your petition
shall be gratefully acknowledge the favor
December 4th 1790. ✓ Doct^r John Davis

John Smith
Formwell Deane
Christoph Rice

John Davis
John Davis
John Davis
John Davis
John Davis

To the Right Worshipful the General Meeting
the Officers and Members of the General Synod
of the State of Pennsylvania

The Petition of the Judges
Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioners are ~~and being~~ ^{by the laws} ~~members~~
of the said Synod

~~and being~~ ^{and being} ~~members~~ ^{of the said Synod}
and being ^{of the said Synod} ~~members~~ ^{of the said Synod}
of the said Synod, but being inconveniently situated to
attend the said Synod

And We have therefore agreed to petition your
Honorable Body to grant us a

Warrant to hold a Lodge at the Sign of the White
Stone in Southwicks in the County of Chester or
at any other place within your Wides Jurisdiction

And We have also agreed should your Right Honorable
Body think fit to grant the same

of prosperity, however, before the close of the century received a severe check. This was the result of two causes. One of these was the removal of the county seat of Chester County from Chester on the Delaware to the "Turk's Head," now West Chester, a few miles to the southeast of the White Horse. The other was caused by the building of the Lancaster turnpike, the course of which at this point lay far to the southward of the old Inn, and as the new road at once became the great highway of travel, the consequent diversion of travel and patronage, together with the establishment of a natural gathering place at the new county seat, left our Inn nothing more or less than merely an isolated cross-road country tavern. It was not long before the old hostelry became as deserted as it had previously been the center of life and activity. Still the Brethren continued to meet at the old Inn with varied success, notwithstanding the great changes which had taken place in the vicinity. In June, 1800, new officers were elected:

Brother John G. Bull, serving as W. M. until December, 1801. The following Brethren were elected and served as Master of the Lodge, while it met at the Sign of the White Horse, viz.:

December 1801, Bro. Marmaduke Pearce.

December 1802, Bro. John Rowland.

June 1803, Bro. Cromwell Pearce.

December 1803, Bro. John G. Bull.

December 1804, Bro. John Lindsey.

December 1805, Bro. Joseph Pearce.

June 1806, Bro. Isaac Darlington.

It was during the term of Brother Porter, who was elected Master December 27, 1806, that permission was obtained from the Grand Lodge to remove the place of meeting to the borough of West Chester.

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At an Adjourned Quarterly Communication, held Monday, January 5, 1807,²⁰ the following Return and Petition were read:

“Lodge No. 50, held at the Sign of the White Horse, Chester County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Ewing Porter, W. M.; Bro^r. Ephraim Buffington, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Osborne, J. W.; Bro^r. John Gronow Bull, Treasurer; Bro^r. Isaac Darlington, Secretary. Return of Members, also Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Petition from said Lodge (No. 50,) praying permission to remove said Lodge to the Borough of West Chester in the said County and to hold the future meetings of said Lodge thereat or within Five Miles thereof, was read. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the said Petition be granted.”

The new home of the Lodge was situated in a room over the Prothonotary's office, which was then on the southeast corner of the present Court House yard. The first meeting was held in the new location, June 5, 1807.

Nothing occurred to mar the peace and harmony within the portals of Lodge No. 50, until the storm of anti-Masonry, with its baneful influence and results, broke over our state. The effect was widespread, and the eastern end of the county, where our Lodge was held, soon became a hotbed of anti-Masonry. Petitions were circulated against the Fraternity, and introduced into the Legislature, the Brethren were denounced from the rostrum as well as the pulpit, the envenomed darts of bigotry and intolerance being chiefly hurled at Lodge No. 50, as it was known to be the most important Masonic center in the county. The effect of this crusade soon became apparent among the members of the Lodge, the Brethren gradually dropped off under the great pressure—social, religious and political—brought to bear upon them, until there were few of their number left.

As the dark clouds of political excitement continued to

²⁰ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. II, p. 243.

Roster of Lodge No. 50, A. U. M.

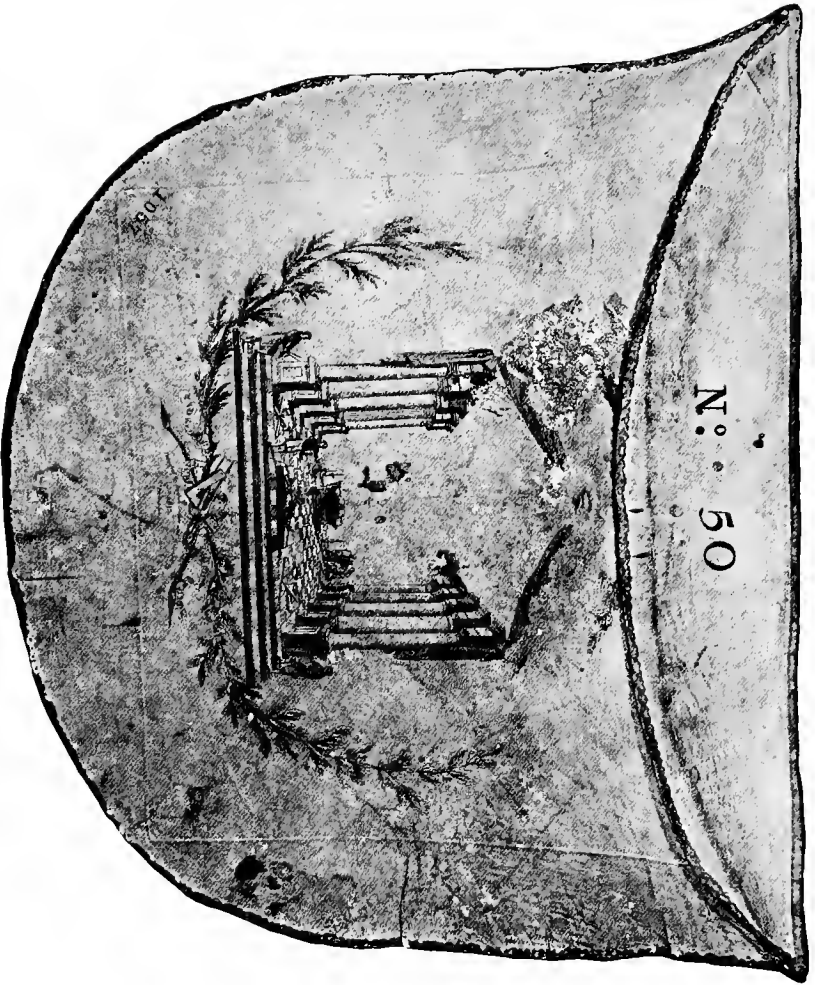
gather during the anti-Masonic period, 1826-1832, and the outlook for the Brethren became darker and darker, the anti-Masonic candidate eventually being elected Governor of the State, the Lodge at last succumbed to the pressure brought to bear by the fanatics and their misguided followers; so at the January meeting, 1835, the few remaining Brethren who had the courage to avow themselves as Masons, directed the treasurer to dispose of the securities, consisting of railroad stock, etc., held by the Lodge. At the subsequent meeting in May, he was directed to pay the sum of twelve hundred dollars to the Treasurer of the Chester County Cabinet of Natural Sciences to be applied toward the purchase of a lot of chemical and philosophical apparatus. In the following September the Lodge suspended labor, and the charter was finally vacated by the Grand Lodge, January, 1838. Thus ended the direct descendant from the old Military Lodge at Valley Forge, after an honorable existence of almost half a century, and among whose roll of over one hundred and fifty Brethren may be found the names of some of Chester County's most honored sons and prominent citizens.

ROSTER OF LODGE NO. 50, HELD AT WHITE HORSE, CHESTER CO.

Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
John Christie	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
John Davis	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
Ezekiil Howell	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
Persifer Frazer	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
Cromwell Pierce	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
Thomas Cummins	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
John Smith	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
John Bartholomew	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
Thomas Ross	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
John Davis	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
Joseph McClelan	A. 1790, Nov. 6.
Arthur Rice	A. 1790, Nov. 6.

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Name.	I.	A.	When Initiated or Admitted.
Charles Dilworth	I.		1791, Mar. 12.
James Bones	A.		1791, Sep. 10.
John Quinn	I.		1792, Mar. 10.
Richard Robinson	I.		1792, Apr. 14.
Jacob Humphreys	A.		1793, Oct. 12.
John H. Coats	I.		1793, Mar. 9.
Dennis Wheelen	I.		1793, Dec. 14.
William Davis	I.		1794, Jan. 11.
Charles Willing	I.		1794, May 10.
Daniel Masey	I.		1794, Aug. 9.
William Davis	I.		1794, Dec. 13.
Samuel Downing	I.		1795, Apr. 11.
Joseph Hemphill	I.		1795, May 9.
Abel Thomas	I.		1795, Sep. 12.
Cromwell Pierce	I.		1795, Sep. 12.
Wills Hemphill	I.		1795, Nov. 14.
John G. Bull	I.		1795, Nov. 14.
William Worthington	I.		1796, Aug. 13.
John Worthington	I.		1796, Sep. 10.
Robert Frazer	I.		1796, Oct. 8.
John Smith	I.		1796, Dec. 10.
Evan Pugh	I.		1797, Feb. 11.
Jesse Roberts	I.		1797, Feb. 11.
Evan Phillips	I.		1797, Apr. 8.
John Shippen	I.		1797, Mar. 11.
William McWilliam	I.		1793, Feb. 10.
Edward Pearce	I.		1798, Sep. 10.
Thomas Taylor	I.		1799, May 11.
Washington Hannum	I.		1799, Aug. 10.
Marmaduke Pearce	I.		1799, Aug. 10.
Samuel Davis	I.		1799, Dec. 14.
John Robinson	I.		1800, Mar. 8.
John Roland	I.		1800, Nov. 8.
Daniel Crousel	I.		1801, Feb. 14.
Thomas Lindsey	I.		1801, Mar. 14.
Jacob Neiler	I.		1801, May 9.
Joseph Pearce	I.		1801, Oct. 10.
Stephen Bowers	I.		1801, Nov. 14.
Thomas Parke	I.		1801, Dec. 12.
John Taylor	I.		1802, Apr. 10.



A RELIC OF LODGE No. 50, A. Y. M.
IN THE COLLECTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Roster of Lodge No. 50, A. P. M.

Name.	I.	A.	When Initiated or Admitted.
John Dowling	I.		1802, Aug. 14.
James D. Bernard	I.		1802, Sep. 11.
Richard Budder	I.		1802, Oct. 9.
John Lindsey		A.	1802, Feb. 13.
David Yearsbey	I.		1803, Jan. 8.
Joseph Vernon.			
George Norman	I.		1804, Nov. 10.
Moses McCloskey	I.		1805, Feb. 9.
Daniel Hiester, Esq.	I.		1805, May 11.
Isaac Darlington, Esq.	I.		1805, May 11.
John E. Porter, Esq.	I.		1805, June 24.
Ephraim Buffington	I.		1806, April 12.
Samuel Osborne	I.		1806, May 10.
Jacob Righter	I.		1806, Sept. 13.
Joshua Baldwin	I.		1806, Dec. 13.
John Duer, jun ^r	I.		1807, Feb. 14.
Joseph Osborne		A.	1807, Sep. 12.
Isaac Tussey, Jun ^r	I.		1807, Nov. 14.
David Dickey	I.		1808, Jan. 9.
Josiah Ankrim		A.	1808, Jan. 9.
Caleb Bradley	I.		1808, Aug. 13.
Major McVeagh	I.		1808, Dec. 10.
Emmor T. Weaver	I.		1815, Feb. 11.
Henry Fleming	I.		1815, Feb. 11.
David Moody	I.		1809, Sep. 9.
William Darlington	I.		1809, Oct. 14.
Abner Miller	I.		1810, Apr. 14.
Joseph Jackson	I.		1811, Aug. 10.
Joel Way.			1811, Oct. 12.
William Thomas.			1811, Nov. 9.
Liba Pyle	I.		
John Havard Davis.			
David S. Andrews	I.		1812, Apr. 11.
Sea Pusey	I.		
Jeremiah Bailey	I.		1813, Sep. 12.
Samson Bable	I.		1814, Jan. 8.
John D. Curran	I.		1814, Jan. 8.
Joel C. Baily	I.		1814, Jan. 8.
John Trimble	I.		1814, Aug. 13.
Benj. Jefferies	I.		1814, Mar. 12.



CHAPTER LIX.

LODGE OF ST. LOUIS, NO. 53, A. Y. M., HELD IN PHILADELPHIA.



ST. JOHN'S DAY, *June 24, 1792.*

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form,¹ when a petition was received from sundry Brethren "praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in this City, to be called the Lodge of St^t. Louis, No. 53. On Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant in the names of Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. Master; Baron de Beauvois, Senior Warden, and — De Chateaubriant, Junior Warden."

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING."²

"The Petition of the Subscribers some of whom late Members of different Lodges working under the jurisdiction of your R^t. W^l. Grand Lodge

"Humbly Sheweth

"That your Petitioners have seen with a real sorrow that of late many worthy Brethren were compelled to abandon their relations,

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 687.

² MSS., Vol. T, paquet 105, folio 73.

Lodge of St. Louis, No. 53, A. U. M.

Friends & Property to save their own lives from a threatening & immediate danger, who having taken shelter in this Country, are, as it were, deprived of the satisfaction they would otherwise enjoy, by the difficulty they labor under owing to their being ignorant of the Language in which the Different Degrees are held in this City: That your Petitioners, conscious that it is a duty incumbent on every true Mason to welcome his Brethren from all parts of the Globe, and to do everything in his Power to procure them the means of continuing and advancing in the practice & improvement of the Grand work; under these Considerations, and actuated by the purest Zeal for the advantage of the Royal Art, are desirous to form a new particular Lodge under your Jurisdiction by the name of "the Lodge of St. Louis" to be held in this City, at such place as shall be most agreeable to your Petitioners, wherein they propose to work in the French, and in the English Language as occasion may require.

"They therefore pray your R^t W^l Grand Lodge would grant them a Warrant to establish a Lodge in the said City to be called "The Lodge of St. Louis" in the names of Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. Master; Baron De Beauvoir Senior Warden, & — De Château-briant Junior Warden.

"And your Petitioners will ever pray &c.

"Philadelphia June 15th 5792

"Recommended by

"Jaco: Bankson

"Sam^l Bence

"John Jones M^r

"J. M^c Cree

"Rob^t Crozier."

B. EMAIGRE

WM MOORE SMITH

P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS

AARON S. LAURANCE

WILLIAM NICHOLS

"Endorsed

"June 25th 5792

"Petition

"of a number of Brethren

"to hold a Lodge in the City

"of Philadelphia to be

"called 'The Lodge of St. Louis'

"Granted to be No. 53."

This petition sets forth the special reasons for which this application is made, and the class of residents in our City at that time.

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The revolutions in France and the West Indies had driven many prominent Frenchmen to America. Philadelphia then being the seat of the Federal Government, the most prominent of these *émigrés* of the *ancienne régime* naturally came to Philadelphia, prominent among whom at the time Lodge St. Louis was constituted were no less celebrities than the Duke of Orleans, afterwards Louis Philippe, King of France, and his two brothers, Montpensier and Beaujolais, Talleyrand, the Duke de Liancourt, Valney, De Noailles, Talon and many others.

The Masonic certificate of his "Serene Highness, Louis Philippe Joseph D'Orleans, Duc de Chartres, afterwards King of France," is in the certificate collection of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.³ This interesting document was found by the writer among a lot of French certificates obtained in Paris during the present summer.

As stated in above extracts from our Minutes, the petition was granted forthwith.

At the next Quarterly Communication, September 3, 1792, the Grand Master "informed the Lodge that a Number of Brethren had applied for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, by the name of S^t Louis Lodge, No. 53, which had been granted them in the names of Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Master; Baron de Beauvois, Senior Warden, and — De Chateaubriant, Junior Warden; and the Master and Wardens attending, they were duly installed to their respective offices, and the said new Lodge was declared and proclaimed duly constituted, and the same was ordered to be registered in the Grand Lodge's Books, and the Secretary was directed to notify the same to all particular Lodges working under this Jurisdiction."

³ French Certificate, No. 2919.

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The Grand and Subordinate Lodges at this time held their meetings at the meeting house of the Free Quakers at the southwest corner of Fifth and Arch Streets. The days appropriated for the use of Lodge St. Louis were the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The time when Lodge St. Louis was erected in Philadelphia was not an auspicious one, as it was during the next year—1793—that Philadelphia was visited by the dreadful scourge of yellow fever, which for a time almost depopulated the city.

The returns made by Lodge 53, were on December 27, 1792:

A RETURN OF THE OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF ST. LOUIS LODGE No. 53.

Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, M^r.⁴

Baron De Beauvoir, S. W.

De Châteaubriant, J. W.

William M. Smith

Peter Le Maigre

W^m. Nichols

A. G. Frannies

John Berkley

John Redman

A. S. Lawrance

Dec^r. 27th 1792

PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS M^r.

June 24, 1793, December 27, 1793, June 24, 1794. Lodge St. Louis, No. 53, evidently did not flourish, as the last representation in the Grand Lodge appears to have been on St. John's Day, December 27, 1794. The Master, Bro. Duplessis, was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during this period.

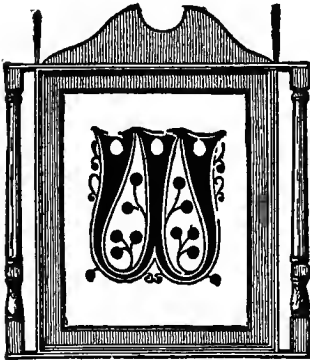
No further records of this Lodge are known.

⁴ MSS., Vol. T, paquet 105, folio 74.



CHAPTER LX.

LODGE NO. 54, A. Y. M., HELD AT THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



ASHINGTON COUNTY, Pennsylvania, was the first County established by the Legislature after the Declaration of Independence. It was taken from Westmoreland County by the Act of March 28, 1781, and was in the southwest corner of the State. The county seat of the same name was in the center of the County, about twenty-six miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

At the Grand Communication, held June 24, 1792, after the Warrant was granted for the French Lodge of St. Louis, No. 53, another petition was presented by sundry Brethren from the extreme southwestern part of Pennsylvania.¹ These Brethren were from the town of Washington, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the said Town, viz.:

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 187.

Petition for Warrant

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.²”

“We your Humble Petitioners James Chambers, James Whiteside and Robert Fee Regular Master Masons As has appeared from our Sartificates and Trials Before our Adjacent Brethren in Pittsburgue under the Sanction of your grand Approbation and some time ago we made Application to your Honours for a warrant By the Hands of James Ross and David Reddick Esq’s and Received an Answer which let us know that without five we Could not obtain a warrant. But now we have got a sufficient Number that will Answer that End and we send you our Cartificates and Being all well known to Each other in said Art.

“Do most Humbly Intreat that you permit us to have a warrant to be held in the Town of Washington and there to support the true and Honourable Character of masonry and promote the good Effects of so laudable Antient and Just an undertaking and for the True performance of which we do pledge our Faith to keep the Honor of the Secrate Art Still in View.

“Your Worships Compliance shall Ever Bind us to Pray Whilst we have the Honour to be Gentlemen your most obedient and Faithfull Brethren and Humble Serv^{ts}”

“Recommended by

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS

“J. MCCREE

“JOHN JONES, M^r.

“JAMES CHAMBERS

“ROBERT FEE

“JAMES WHITESIDE

“CYRUS BECKWITH

“LEONARD TRIER

“JOHN FARAHAN

“We send this and our Certificates by the Hand of Captian William Faulkner³ and Money sufficient for the Warrant. If your

² Cf. MSS., Vol. X, paquet 106, folio 3.

³ Bro. William Faulkner was a captain in the U. S. Army, and, in August, 1792, the government used his house as an inspection office. He was threatened with scalping, tar and feathers, and compelled to promise not to let his house be used for that purpose, and to publish his promise in the *Pittsburgh Gazette*.

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Honnours please to Call on him he will Let you know our Characters and he will Deliver this By his own hand

“ Washington May the 28th. 1792.”

“ Endorsed

“ June 25th 1792

“ Petition to hold a Lodge

“ in the Town of Washington

“ Granted No 54.”

“On Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant in the names of James Chambers, Master; Jas. Whiteside, Senior Warden, and Cyrus Beckwith, Junior Warden; the said Lodge to be N^o. 54.”

This Lodge, at that time, was the most westerly duly constituted Lodge, not alone in Pennsylvania, but within the thirteen original Colonies.

The new Lodge met on the third Tuesday of the month.

December 7, 1793. A recommendation from the Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 54 was read before the Grand Lodge, in favor of a number of Brethren for a Lodge at Fort Burd (Brownsville, Fayette County).

January 10, 1794. Lodge No. 54 made the following return: they also sent a copy of their By-Laws and a copy of their earliest Minutes:

“ WASHINGTON 10th Jan^r 1794⁴

“ *Brethren Beloved.* In the arrival of brother Motty our Worshipfull Late Master Brother James Chambers Conceived it necessary to direct me to make return of the Election for officers of Lodge No. 54 at Last stated Meeting to you. Our Election was Unanimous, Viz: Brother Absalom Baird Master Brother John Hoge Sen^r Warden Brother W^m Arbutton Junior Warden.

“ In testimony whereof our said Worshipfull Late Master has here-

⁴ MSS., Vol. X, paquet 106. folio 4.

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unto subscribed his Name and authorized me to affix the Seal of the Lodge this 10th Jan^y. 1794

“Tests: Jon^a Morris Sec^{ry}.”

“JAMES CHAMBERS Master.

“Endorsed

“Jan’y 10, 1794

“Return of the Officers

“of Lodge No 54

“Registered by G. A. B.”

Verbatim copies of these By-Laws and Minutes are reproduced, as they give an insight into the Masonic life on what was then the borders of civilization.

“BY-LAWS OF LODGE NO. 54 HELD IN THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON
PENNSYLVANIA⁵

“*Preamble*

“Whereas it is essential to the beauty Harmony and strength of our Antient Society that the Laws and Regulations for the Government of every individual Lodge be established agreeably to the first principles of the Craft and also that the first principles be declared in the regulations as well to keep them in perpetual remembrance by the already initiated Brethren as to give such necessary information to all who may be desirous to join themselves in the Bond of Freemasonry—Be it therefore known that to become a brother of our Society a belief in the eternal God as the great Architect of the Universe, is the first great essential, a Mason is to observe the moral Law, and in no case to act contrary to the dictates of his own Conscience, he must avoid the Error of bigotry and superstition making use of his own Reason according to that Liberty wherewith he is made free, he must allow liberty of Conscience to all men, having Charity and Brotherly Love for all, he must be a good subject to the State in which he lives, as his obligations thereto will be greatly inforced by his duty as a Mason, he is to be a lover of quiet and he obedient to the Civil powers so far as they infringe not his limited bounds of Reason and Religion, he must not be concerned in or privy to any plot against the State, but consider the welfare of his Country the peculiar care of a Mason—he must be industrious and not eat any man’s bread for naught; he must endeavour to abstain from all malice

⁵ *Ibid.*, folio 5.

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and Slander and cheerfully obey those set over him on account of their superior qualifications, however inferior they may be in worldly rank for as a free and accepted Mason preeminence of virtue and knowledge he is to consider as the only standard of True Nobility, he must know himself Capable of keeping secrets as it will be enforced upon him by the strongest obligations, he must be free born, of the age of twenty-one years, of Good report, of sufficient natural endowments, with an estate, office, trade, occupation or some known way of acquiring an honest Livelihood; he must be upright in his body not deformed or dismembered, but of hole and intire Limb as a man ought to be; and for the more immediately well ordering and Conducting this Lodge it is hereby ordained by the Master, Wardens and Brethern thereof at this their Communication

“1st That the regular stated meetings of this Lodge shall be on the third Tuesday of every month and the hour of meeting shall be from seven o'clock till ten in the evening from the 25th of March to the 25th of September, and six till nine from the 25th of September till March; the Lodge shall be opened within one half hour after the time ordered for meeting, and the List of the Brethren's names called over by the Secretary or who ever officiates for him

“2^d The officers of this Lodge shall be chosen by Ballot by the Brethern present on the stated Lodge night before every Saint John the Evangelist's day, who shall serve untill the next Saint John the Evangelist's day except in case of sickness, absence from home, resignation or misconduct, and if any brother shall refuse to act when chosen he shall pay a fine of three Dollars to the Treasurer for the use of the Lodge.

“3^d The new elected master shall have power with the consent of the Lodge to appoint two Brethern properly qualified to serve as deacons and may also appoint a Secretary and stewarts any of whom neglecting or refusing to act shall pay for the use of the Lodge three dollars—except the Brother so neglecting or refusing has acted in the same capacity before in which case there shall be made by the master a new appointment but if the Lodge chooses the appointment shall be by ballot.

“4th When the Master or his deputy takes the Chair and Calls to order the Brethern shall take their seats and on proper notice their shall be profound silence, whoever brakes it first, unless by the Master's order shall be publicly reprimanded, no private conferences shall be held while the Lodge is open, nor shall any Brother move from his seat without leave from the Chair except the officers who have the imediate care of the Lodge.

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"5th One Brother only shall speak at a time and but once on the same subject without leave from the Chair except to explain himself, or when called upon by the Master; every brother when he addresses the Chair shall rise, nor shall any brother interrupt him while speaking unless the master finds him wandering from the point under the penalty of being reprimanded for the first offence by the Master, for the second fined half a dollar, and for the third expelled the Lodge untill he shall acknowledge his fault and obtain forgiveness

"6th No Visitor shall be admitted in Lodge hours untill he be first duly examined and approved of upon report made to the Chair or well known to be an Antient Mason to two or more of the Brethern then present; and no visiting brother shall be admitted without the Consent of the presiding officer.

"7th Any person who shall hiss or make diversion of a brother for what he shall have said, or who shall raise any angry dispute or quarrels to the disturbance of the Lodge shall for the first offence be fined two dollars, for the second four Dollars and be solemnly excluded and declared incapable of being a member untill he shall with due submission ask forgiveness of the Lodge and obtain it.

"8th Any brother who shall profanely curse or swear in open Lodge shall for the first offence forfeit and pay one Dollar, for the second two Dollars, and for the third be excluded from the Lodge for the night.

"9th No Brother shall sue or go to Law with a brother in ordinary cases untill he first make his complaint to the Lodge to which such brother belongs, and if satisfaction can not be had by that means, the party agrieved shall obtain leave from the Lodge to apply to the Civil law for the recovery of his just demands.

"10th Every member shall every Lodge night pay to the Treasurer one fourth of a dollar, two-thirds for the Contingent fund and one-third for the Charity fund, and if any member shall leave twelve months dues in arrear he shall be excluded the Lodge and shall not be re-admitted untill he shall have paid up all such arrearages, with the addition of three Dollars to the Charity fund; provided always that if any brother shall be going abroad or inclines to retire from the Lodge he shall on paying up his Lodge dues obtain a Certificate thereof and shall be considered as exonerated from all further dues while abroad or while choosing to be so retired

"11th If any member shall disclose any matter which the majority shall judge proper to be kept secret he shall be dealt with according to the nature of the offence, at the discretion of the Lodge.

"12th If any person shall be present at the entering, passing or

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raising of any person in a Clandestine manner such offender shall be deemed unfit for this Communion, except all the officers and two-thirds of the members agree in pardoning him, and in that case he shall pay the sum of thirty dollars to the Charity fund and all arrears that may have become due from the time of his expulsion to his receiving Grace.

“13th Any person desirous of becoming a member of the Lodge shall apply to the Secretary or some other member of the Lodge for him who shall read over all the By-Laws to him, and on his approving shall give him a petition praying to become a member, which shall be presented by the brother who proposes him and which shall lye on the Books at least one month before he is balloted for, and such brother shall deposit one dollar of the Candidates money to insure his attendance; if he is approved and initiated into the mystery he shall pay six dollars into the fund, which money is to be paid before he is entered, if he is not approved of his money which he advanced will be returned, but if the Lodge agrees to his admission and he refuse to be made he shall forfeit the sum deposited by the brother who proposed him, &c

“14th Any Ancient Mason desirous of becoming a member of this Lodge shall produce a Certificate of his good behaviour in his former Lodge upon which he shall be proposed and balloted for as mentioned in the preceding article except in extraordinary cases when he may be admitted without a Certificate if the Lodge shall judge it expedient and that his reasons for such want are satisfied, and on admission he shall pay one Dollar and a half to the fund.

“15th That any person passed or raised in the Lodge on a stated Lodge night shall pay no more than the Lodge dues, but if a Lodge of Emergency be called then the person entered passed or raised shall pay all the expences of the night.

“16th Every member for non-attendance on a stated Lodge night shall pay a fine of one-half of a Spanish milled Dollar except in cases of sickness or being out of Town.

“17th If an ancient Mason applies to become a member of this Lodge, or a person of Good Character applies to be entered passed or raised, and if it be put to ballot with white and black Counters or Balls, if there be put one black Ball against him he cannot be admitted, but if it is looked up as an extraordinary case and unexpected by the Majority of the Brethern present the Master may order all the Brethern to attend the next regular stated Lodge night and may demand the reason why such person shall not be admitted, and then the Brother who put in the Black Ball shall declare his reasons for

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so doing if he hath not already done it to the Master in private in which case if the reasons are satisfactory to the Master they shall not be made known nor the Brother's name mentioned As a single Ball or Counter may be put in thro mistake it shall be a rule to put about the box again, but if more than one should appear that precludes any further inquiry.

"List of the members belonging to Lodge No 54 at their first formation:

- " James Chambers, *Master*.
- " Absalom Baird, *Sen^r Warden*.
- " Cyrus Beckwith, *Jun^r Warden*.
- " Will^m Sherard, *Sen^r Deacon*.
- " W^m. Arbutton, *Jun^r Deacon*.
- " John Farahan, *Tyler*.

" March 6th Stated Lodge night. Jonathan Morris, John Watt & James Chambers were entered as apprentices; also, William Stewart entered & passed.

" March 7th Extra Lodge—William Stewart raised to a Master Mason.

" Apr^l 16th. Jonaⁿ. Morris, John Watt & Ja^s. Chambers were passed & raised. Cha^s. Call entered. Hugh Dougherty rejected.

" May 21st. Charles Call passed & raised.

" June 18th Daniel Motty entered

" Aug^t. 20th. Daniel Motty passed

" Sep^t. 18th Daniel Motty raised. Chads. Chalfant, Benjⁿ. White, John Bowls, John Cristmas & Michael Sowers, entered and passed.

" Sep^t 19. Lodge of Emergency.—Chads. Chalfant, Benjamin White, John Bowls, John Cristmas & Michael Sowers raised to the Degree of Master; and David Crawford entered.

" Sep^t. 27. David Crawford passed & Raised.

" Oct. 15. John Hoge, Esq., entered.

" Nov. 13 John Hoge, passed & raised. Sam^l Marshal, James Powell and Zephaniah Beal rejected.

" Endorsed: By Laws of No. 54. Reg^d by G. A. B."

This communication from Lodge 54 was the last received by the Grand Lodge for a decade. During that time the Lodge had become dormant, owing to political troubles, which arose in the southwestern part of the State, shortly before Lodge 54 was warranted. Washington County was the hotbed of the

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Whiskey Insurrection, 1791-1794, and it was there that great meeting of the insurgents was held against the Federal Government in 1794. There is no record of any of the Brethren of Lodge No. 54 taking any active part against the Government.

The next communication received by the Grand Lodge is the following letter from Absolam Baird, the W. M. of the Lodge, after its revival:

“WASHINGTON 18th April 1804.

“*Dr Sir,*⁶

“John Willson, Esq., a Brother of ours will deliver this to you; it is well known that during our late political squabbles, principles were forsaken for party purposes in consequence of which our Lodge No. 54 was discontinued. A number of members who were not, nor cannot be swayed by such motives have requested me to write to you to know whether the Warrant can be renewed or if a new Warrant must be applied for. Brother Willson, in whom you may repose the greatest confidence, will take the trouble to arrange the business. Our funds are exhausted therefore I doubt whether any dues can be expected for the time past.

“I am with the greatest respect & Esteem

“right Worshipful Sir

“your sincere friend & Brother

“A. BAIRD.

“Israel Israel Esq.

“G. M. of Penn^a.”

“Endorsed

“Washington 18th April 1804

“Letter from Absolam Baird

“respecting Lodge No. 54.”

March 4, 1805. At the Grand Quarterly Communication Bro. Israel Israel, R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he “had lately been at the Town of Washington, in Washington County in this State, that Lodge No. 54 held at that place had been disunited and had not had any meeting for about four years past, that he had directed the Lodge to be convened and that they had again commenced their Labours

⁶ *Ibid.*, folio 7.

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with great Zeal and promised fair to become a very flourishing Lodge.””

After a somewhat precarious existence the Warrant was finally vacated, April 4, 1814.

ROSTER OF LODGE NO. 54 HELD AT THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON.

Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
James Chambers	A. 1792, June 25.
Absalom Baird	A. 1792, June 25.
Cyrus Beckwith	A. 1792, June 25.
William Sherard	A. 1792, June 25.
William Arbatton	A. 1792, June 25.
John Farcher	A. 1792, June 25.
Jonathan Morres	I. 1793, Mar. 6.
John Watt	I. 1793, Mar. 6.
James Chambers	I. 1793, Mar. 6.
William Stewart	I. 1793, Mar. 6.
Charles Call	I. 1793, Apr. 16.
Hugh Dougherty.	
Daniel Motty	I. 1793, June 18.
Chads Chalfant	I. 1793, Feb. 18.
Benjamini White	I. 1793, Sep. 18.
John Bowls	I. 1793, Sep. 18.
John Cristmas	I. 1793, Sep. 18.
Michael Sowers	I. 1793, Sep. 18.
David Crawford	I. 1793, Sept. 19.
John Hoge	I. 1793, Oct. 15.
Samuel Marshal.	
James Powell.	
Zephaniah Beall.	
David Cooke.	
Jacob Shaffer.	
Joseph Pentecost.	
John Simonson.	
John Wilson.	
Alexander Reed.	
Thos. G. Johnston.	

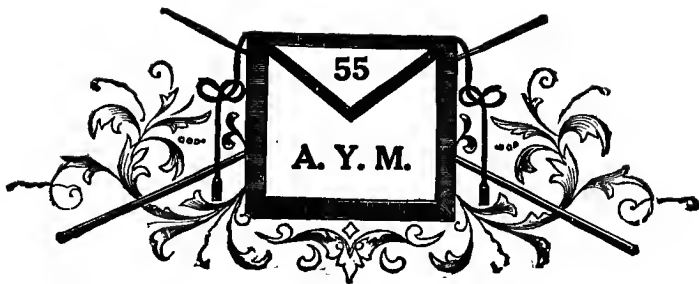
7 Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. II, p. 146.

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Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
Parker Campbell.	
David Morris.	
John McGill.	
Zephaniah Bell.	
David Acheson.	
James Dougherty.	
David Pedick	A. 1805, May 27.
Thomas Hutcheson	A. 1805, May 27.
William Cooke	A. 1805, May 27.
Abraham Lattimore	A. 1805, May 27.
John Israel	A. 1805, May 27.
Jonathan Pedick	I. 1805, Mar. 25.
Joseph Dunlap	I. 1805, Apr. 22.
James Ashbrook	I. 1805, Apr. 22.
George Jackson	I. 1805, May 31.
Hugh Workman	I. 1805, July 22.
John Porter	I. 1805, July 22.
Henry Postlethwait	I. 1805, July 22.
James Dunlap	I. 1805, Sep. 23.
John McMun	I. 1805, Sep. 23.
Joseph Swearingen	I. 1805, Oct. 24.
John Mullen	I. 1805, May 27.
William Meetkiske.	



ADOPTED JUNE 7, 1790.



CHAPTER LXI.

LODGE NO. 55, A. Y. M., HELD AT HUNTINGDON,
HUNTINGDON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



HUNTINGDON was the county seat of a County of the same name; it was in the center of the State. The borough was on the west side of a branch of the Juniata River, about forty-five miles northeast of Bedford and ninety miles west of Harrisburg.

The town of Huntingdon was laid out a short time before the Revolutionary War, by Bro. William Smith, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of "Moderns," and later (after 1778) Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "Ancients."

Bro. Smith named the town after Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, whose acquaintance he had made in England. The County, in 1787, took the same name. Previous to that time the place was known as "Standing Stone."

The petition for a warrant to hold a Lodge at Huntingdon was presented at a Special Grand Lodge, July 12, 1792. This

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was recommended by Bros. P. Le Barbier Duplesses and J. McCree, viz.:

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

“The Petition of several regular free Masons of the Town of Huntingdon in the County of Huntingdon and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,¹

“Humbly Sheweth

“That your Petitioners are desirous of having a Lodge established in the Town of Huntingdon. Therefore, they humbly request the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge may be pleased to grant a Warrant to Jno. Cadwallader as Master, Jno. Marshall, Senior Warden, Wm. Kerr, Junior Warden for the above purposes and as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

“JOHN CADWALLADER

“JOHN MARSHALL

“WILLIAM KERR

“WM. STEWART

“JAMES ELLIOTT

“June 22nd, 1792.”

(Endorsements)

“I am well acquainted with Brother Cadwallader and am of opinion that a Lodge established at Huntingdon, under his Direction, will tend to promote Harmony and brotherly love on our frontiers.

“W. MOORE SMITH.

“June 22nd, 1792.

“Petition of establishing a Lodge in Huntingdon. No. 55.”

“Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and Bro. Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant in the names of John Cadwallader, Master; John Marshall, Senior Warden; and William Kerr, Junior Warden; the said Lodge to be called No. 55.”²

No returns being received from Lodge No. 55, after their constitution, until toward the close of the century, and then

¹ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 107, folio 3.

² Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 288.

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only after the Brethren had been repeatedly admonished by the Grand Lodge in reference to their delinquency. This brought the two following letters from the Lodge to Bro. George A. Baker, the Grand Secretary, and were both read before the Grand Lodge, September 1, 1800, who stated he had given the necessary instructions :

“ *Sir and Brother;*—³

“ The Resolution of the Grand Lodge as to the Suspension and Vacation of Warrants for non-payment of Grand Lodge dues, Along with Doctor McGaws Oration have Reached us. It has been supposed by some of our Brethren in that their dues are payable out of the Funds of the Respective Lodges, but although most of us are convinced that they must be paid out of the private pockets of the individual Members, yet we have thought it right to have the advice and sanction of the G. Lodge. This has been the cause of our delay in paying up our dues. Be so kind as to send an answer in course of past.

“ I Remain Sir and Brother with due Respect your Most W. and M. Sr.

“ JAS. PATTON, M.

“ Huntingdon 18th June 1800.”

(Endorsement)

“ 18 June 1800.

“ Letter from Lodge No. 55 respecting their dues.

“ Read in Grand Lodge 1st Sepr. 1800, and Grand Secry. informed that he had given the necessary instructions.”

“ ARCH STREET, 17th July, 1800.

“ *D. Sir,*

“ On my arrival I went to your former place of residence but found you had removed.⁴

“ It was my wish to be informed of the manner of making up the amount of Lodge Dues. Some of the Members of Lodge No. 55 are of opinion that 4/- annually must be paid to the Grd. Lodge funds, by each member, as Grd. Lodge dues, and I have a memo. from you

³ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 107, folio 13.

⁴ MSS., Volume U, paquet 107, folio 14

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some time ago (not official) wherein I am induced to think that those dues are payable out of the funds of the sub-ordinate Lodge. Being anxious to have our Lodge dues fixed up, I have it in charge from Lodge No. 55 to call on you for an extract of the rules and regulations respecting this point of our Masonic duty.

"You will please furnish me by Friday evening, if convenient, otherwise you will be so good as to drop your communication in the postoffice, I am, Dr. Sir, yours with esteem, &c.,

"JOHN CADWALLADER"

(Endorsement)

"17th July, 1800.

"Letter from John Cadwallader respecting Dues of No. 55.

"Read in Grand Lodge 1st Sepr. 1800."

The next communication from some of the Huntingdon Brethren was the following petition, sent to the Grand Lodge which was read, December 15, 1800, and which shows the struggle of these Brethren in this sparsely settled section of our State.

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

"The Memorial and Petition of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge No. 55 held in the Town of Huntingdon.⁵

"The Memorialists beg leave to submit to the Grand Lodge the following Statement of facts relative to the funds and resources of their Lodge. Owing to a neglect which they cannot altogether justify, the Annual Dues to the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge have never been paid by Lodge No. 55, but they have herewith transmitted to the Secretary a statement of the Dues from the date of their Warrant up to St. John's Day 12 December last & of Initiation Fees up to this time, from which it will appear that the sum of 104 Dollars 55 Cents is due to the Grand Lodge. This debt will nearly exhaust their funds (there being but a few dollars left) and leave your Memorialists without any resource (voluntary contribution excepted) in cases of distress & relief of poor & sick brethren. They have further to state that it has been in contemplation for some time past to erect a suitable Lodge in the Town of Huntingdon, but this heavy debt (considering their funds) if it should be demanded will

⁵ MSS., Volume U, paquet 107, folio 12.

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put it out of their power, now especially as a part of their Brethren have lately applied to this Lodge for their approbation to have a new Warrant to congregate at Alexandria, a small town about 9 miles from Huntingdon.

“The Memorialists have no hesitation in petitioning the Grand Lodge for their Brotherly assistance. The Benevolence Masonic spirit of its Members are well known and they trust that the remitting the dues of this Lodge as stated in the Account herewith sent will be attended with no detriment to them, as it will be a particular favor conferred on the Memorialists. They think it their duty likewise to mention that the Grand Lodge may depend on their punctuality in the future payment of Dues.

“JAMES KEDIE, *Master*

“JOS. PATTON, *S. W. pro tem*

“THOS WHITTAKER, *J. W. protm.*

“Huntingdon 31st Sept. 1800.”

(Endorsement)

“31st Sept. 1800.

“Petition of Lodge No. 55 praying a remission of Dues.

“Read in G. L. 15 Decr. 1800 and referred to

“Bros. Duplessis

Armstrong

Morton

McKasaker &

Johnston to report thereon.

“Committee reported 2nd March, which was adopted 16th March 1801.”

The Report of the Committee appointed on the Petition of Lodge No. 55, was again read on March 16, 1801, in the words following, to wit:⁶

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA;

“The Committee to whom were referred the Petition of Lodge No. 55, Praying the Grand Lodge would remit their dues, under different pretences, beg leave to Report, that they have considered the said Applications, and are of Opinion that agreeably to the regulations

⁶ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 465.

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of the Grand Lodge the Dues should be paid annually, and are the only support of the Grand Lodge; That the payment thereof should not be dispensed with but under very special Circumstances, which is not the case in either of the present applications. Your Committee is conscious that every Lodge should contribute in the same manner to the support of the Grand Lodge, and such a precedent, once established, would not only Materially injure the Funds of the Grand Lodge, but be considered by many Lodges as sufficient reason for making such application from Time to Time.

“Your Committee are sensible that the present peculiar situation of the Grand Lodge is owing to want of punctuality of the Lodges in the payment of their annual dues, which if regularly paid would have enabled the Grand Lodge to purchase or build a suitable place for their meeting and of the several Lodges in this City, Whereby the advancement and respectability of the Craft would be much promoted.

“Your Committee beg leave to recommend that such Time should be granted to the delinquent Lodges as their particular Cases may be found to deserve.

“Philada., March 2, 5801.

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,

“DANIEL MCKARAHER,

“JNO. JOHNSTON.”

Which report was adopted.

When the action of the Committee became known in Huntingdon, it brought forth the following characteristic letter from Bro. John Cadwallader:

“HUNTINGDON, 20 Jan. 1801.

“D. Sir & Brother:

“Some few months ago I caused a return of Lodge No. 55, to be made upon the blank, which you gave me in July last. It appears that upwards of one hundred Dollars are due to the R. W. Grd. Lodge. As the Warrant issued in my name, I was solicitous to have the dues paid up, and drew in favor of J. B. Smith, Esqr., for as much as would enable him to pay the Grd. Treasr., but I am informed that a few Members of our Lodge sent a petition to the Grand Lodge, to be exonerated of their dues instead of making payment, according to the return.

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“I never saw their Memorial or Petition, or, I would have advised them against such a novel thing.

“I hope you will be so good as to give me a short extract of the Minutes of the R. W. Grd. Lodge repeating the petition of our Lodge, that I may see, whether it was exonerated from Grand Lodge dues—or not. I am lame or would see you in 10 or 12 days, but, when able to travel, will do myself the pleasure of calling on you. In the meantime, I am very respectfully,

“J. CADWALLADER.”

(Endorsements)

“Huntingdon, 20th Jany. 1801.

“Letter from John Cadwallader, Treas. of Lodge No. 55.

“Read in G. L. 2nd March 1801.”

The two following letters from Lodge No. 55 were also found in our Archives:

“STATED MEETING OF LODGE NO. 55.

in Huntingdon on the first Monday in December 1802.

“Master Mason’s Lodge in full form, Worshipful Master John Cadwallader addressed the Lodge, stating that much imputation of consequence would rest on the members of this Lodge, if they did not openly and publicly disavow brotherhood with Robert Smith late of Alexandria in this county, an adopted member of this Lodge, as he has shewn to them, and to the world that he is unworthy the name of man, much less of Brother, as he has most shamefully disgraced honesty and good neighborhood, and has practised the most base deception, fraud and villainy among his creditors, many of whom are members of innocence. It is a duty the members of this Lodge owe to themselves and to the Fraternity of the craft to promulgate such flagrant violations of Truth, Honor & Honesty and purge from among Masons such depraved dregs of society who may have unfortunately crept in among them. If Robert Smith be not expelled & and the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge immediately informed of the expulsion, the Members of this Lodge must bear a stigma, and partake in the infamy properly attached to such characters.

“On motion made and seconded, Robert Smith was expelled by the unanimous voice of the Lodge.

⁷ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 107, folio 15.

⁸ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 107, folio 19.

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“ Ordered that the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge be immediately notified of this measure.

“ Extract from the Minutes.

“ (George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.)

“ JOHN M. KENNAN, *Secretary.*”

“ HUNTINGDON, 16 Decr. 1802.

“ *D. Sir:*

“ It was my wish, and intention to see you before this date, to have the inclosed returns filed, but our friend and Brother James Kedie, Esq., late Master of Lodge No. 55, will wait on you. He has left us to go to England to reside. He has our certificate and wishes to have one from the Grand Lodge. I have advised him to leave the matter to your friendly arrangement. At the same time he will be very anxious to attend the Grand Lodge, if there should be a meeting before he embarks. He will be governed by your judgment.

“ Your politeness to him will confer a favor upon your friend, Brother and most obedient servant.

“ JOHN CADWALLADER,
“ *Master No. 55.*

“ George A. Baker, Esq.,
“ Secy. R. W. Grand Lodge.”

The warrant of Lodge No. 55, at Huntingdon, was finally vacated, April 7, 1806.

ROSTER OF LODGE NO. 55, HELD IN TOWN OF HUNTINGDON.

Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
John Cadwallader	A. 1792, July 12.
John Marshall	A. 1792, July 12.
William Kerr	A. 1792, July 12.
Dr. James Nesbett	A. 1792, July 12.
James Elliott	A. 1792, July 12.
John Patton	I. 1792, Aug. 9.
Alexander Drummond.	
Dr. Jn ^o Buchanan	I. 1792, Oct. 1.
William Williams	A. 1792, Oct. 2.

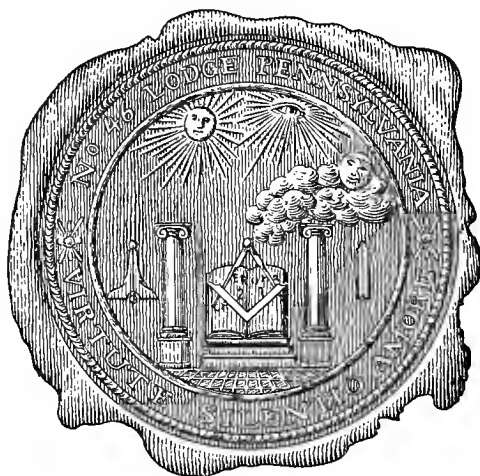
^o MSS., Vol. U, paquet 107, folio 20.

Roster of Lodge No. 55, A. U. M.

Robert. Riddle, Esq.	I. 1792, Oct. 4.
James Clark	I. 1793, Feb. 18.
W ^m . P. Chester	I. 1793, Apr. 4.
Ja ^s McMurtrie, Esq.	I. 1793, June 24.
Thomas Whittaker	I. 1794, July 7.
Joseph Patton	I. 1794, July 7.
James Scoals	A. 1794, Sep. 11.
Thomas Tepton	I. 1794, Sep. 11.
Jacob Weider.	
John Adam	I. 1795, Feb. 2.
Ellis Evans	I. 1794, Nov. 12.
James Foley.	
Levi Wheeler	I. 1795, Feb. 2.
William McFaden.	
James Crawford	I. 1795, Dec. 9.
John Crawford	I. 1796, Feb. 8.
Alexander Emitt.	
Sam ^l Marshall, Esq.	I. 1796, Apr. 16.
Benjamin Patton	I. 1796, June 30.
Thomas McCay	
Matthew Gray, Esq.	A. 1796, Oct. 3.
James Maize	I. 1796, Oct. 15.
Robert Simpson, Jr.	I. 1796, Nov. 19.
W ^m Moore (Barrie Foyle)	I. 1797, Feb. 6.
James Wilkins,	
John McKennan	A. 1797, Dec. 27.
Joseph Cadwallader	I. 1797, Aug. 11.
Robert Lawrence	I. 1798, Jan. 3.
Michael Duffy	A. 1798, Jan. 25.
James Ashman	I. 1798, Feb. 5.
John Dorland	I. 1798, June 4.
John Beatty	I. 1798, June 4.
William McConnell	I. 1798, June 21.
Benjamin Law	I. 1798, June 21.
James Kedie	I. 1798, June 4.
Lewis Mytinger	I. 1798, July 10.
John Galbraith, Esq.	I. 1799, Feb. 13.
John Miller	I. 1799, May 13.
John Breddon.	
John Boyd	I. 1799, Mar. 4.
Lazarus Brown McLain.	
Edward O'Brien	I. 1799, Dec. 16.

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Doct ^r George Wilson	I. 1795, Dec. 9.
Mark Law	I. 1796, Nov. 25.
Samuel Galbreath	I. 1800, Jan. 22.
Thomas Provines	I. 1800, Jan. 22.
George Hudson	I. 1800, July 7.
David Newingham	I. 1800, Aug. 4.
George Shaltz	I. 1800, Aug. 4.
Chas. W. Hale	I. 1800, Aug. 28.
Robert Wray	A. 1799, Dec 27.
James McLaughlin	I. 1801, June 24.
Alexander King	I. 1800, June 24.
Samuel Galbraith	I. 1801, Dec.
Robert Hunter	I. 1801, Aug. 3.
William Wilson	I. 1801, Sep. 7.

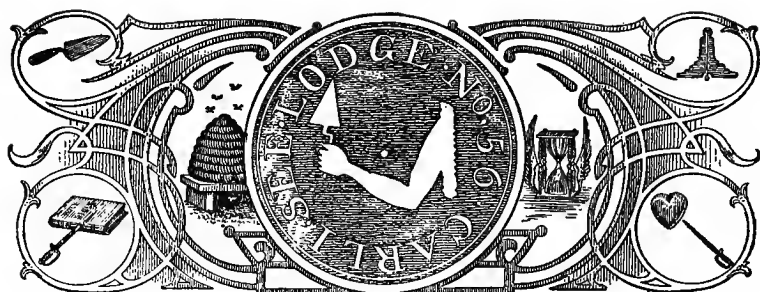


SEAL OF LODGE NO. 46, A. Y. M.

To all whom it may concern:
 We do hereby Certify that our beloved Brother Joseph
 Wallace, the bearer hereof, is a regular Master Mason of Lodge N^o 57
 and has earned his stay, not only by his own industry and honest means,
 but also by the assistance of his fellow Brethren. And as such, we recommend him to all Master Masons
 throughout the Globe. Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Lodge, at New York,
 the 10th day of January, A.D. 1799, in A.M. 5799
 James C. [Signature]
 Master
 of the Lodge
 James C. [Signature]

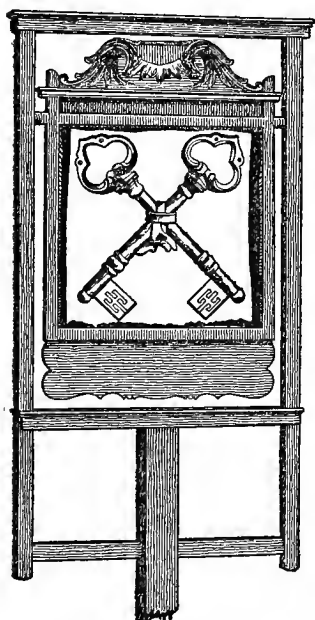
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ANCIENT LODGE CERTIFICATE OF LODGE No. 56, A. Y. M.
 HELD AT CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.



CHAPTER LXII.

CARLISLE LODGE, NO. 56, A. Y. M., HELD AT CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



CARLISLE, where Lodge No. 56 was erected in 1792, was an important military post on the road from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. It was about one hundred and eighteen miles west of Philadelphia. Carlisle became a town in 1782.

“October 29th 1792. Grand Lodge, Special Communication.¹

“A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Right Worshipful Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had called the Grand Lodge to lay before them a Petition from a Number of Brethren at Carlisle, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Borough of Carlisle, viz. :

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 189.

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“TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA²

“We the under Named Petitioners in the Borough of Carlisle do Pray that this our Humble Petition may be Excepted by your R: W: G: Lodge.

“As being Tryed & found worthy by our Ajiscent Breatheren in Harrisburg to Obtain A regular warrant. Your Compliance to shall be Greatfully Aecknowledged By your Humble Petitioners

“Carlisle 10th Oct^r 1792

“& in the Year of Masonry 5792

“We the Petitioners so recommend. } *Master*

“WILLIAM LEYBURN } *Master*

“HUGH McCULLOCH *Senior Warden*

“ROBERT LEYBURN *Jun^r Warden*

“RICH^d. GREENFIELD

“JN^o. UNDERWOOD

“ROBERT IRWIN

“JAS. BROWN

“JOHN TAYLOR

“JOHN GIBSON

“JN^o GILESPY

“TOBIAS McCLURE”

“Whereupon, the said Petition and a recommendation from the Lodge N^o 21, at Harrisburg, were read, and on Motion and Seconded, the Petitioners' prayer was granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly, in the names of William Leyburn, Master; Hugh McCulloch, Senior Warden, and Robert Leyburn, Junior Warden; the said Lodge to be called N^o 56.”

The following communication was received from the Secretary of Lodge No. 56. The letter was evidently filed without being read before the Grand Lodge as shown by the endorsement:

“TO THE R. W. G. MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

“*Gen^l & Brethren^s*

“According to apointment of our Noble & Right Worshipful Grand Master—Wee caw^d on the Master Brother James Michel of Harrisburgh N^o 21 to attend our Installation in Compliance to our request he attended with S. & Jr. Wardens on the 16 Ultimo. At

² MSS., Volume V, paquet 108, folio 1.

³ *Ibid.*, folio 2.

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which time Having Instald Brother William Leyburn Master Brother Hugh M^cCullough S Warden Brother Rob^t Leyburn J. Warden.

“ We now air happy to Congratitulate with you on they Business & hopes from our Exersition & attention in this cause That our Comutions will be of long Duration and tend to our Mutual Satisfaction is the Sincere wishes of this Body—and that you may live long to govern a Society which is founded on Wisdom, supported by Morality and adorned by Benevolence, must delight all who have Judgment to Discern, Religion to guid, and the Sincerest Brotherly Love to regulate their Conduct and to cement the strictest Union amongst Masons is the ardent wish of Lodge N^o 56

“ Signed by Order

“ Carlisle Jan^r. 8th 1783

“ TOBIAS M^cCLURE, Sec^r.

“ The following is a list of our members Names

B ^r . William Leyburn, Master	B ^r John Gibson
B ^r Hugh M ^c Cullugh S. W.	B ^r Rich ^d Greenfield
B ^r Rob ^t Leyburn J. W.	B ^r W ^m . Boyd
B ^r Tobias M ^c Clure	B ^r Thomas Armstrong
B ^r John Gelaspy	B ^r Francis Gilaspy
B ^r James M ^c Donnald	B ^r Rob ^t Taylor
B ^r James Brown	B ^r William Oliver.
B ^r Rob ^t Irwin	

“ Endorsed

“ January 8th 1793

“ Letter from the Secretary of

“ No. 56 Carlisle & List of

“ Members. 15 Members.”

The new Lodge first met in Bro. Leyburn’s house in Louthers’ Street, and moved from thence to what was called the Cross Keys Hotel, on East Prospect Street, owned by Bro. Robert Taylor, the Treasurer of the Lodge.

At an Adjourned Communication of the Grand Lodge, held December 17, 5798, the following petition of William Thorn, formerly a member of Lodge No. 56, held at Carlisle, was read:⁴

“ PITTSBURGH, 1798

“ Sir—I was presented by Lodge No. 45 with a Late Grand Lodge

⁴ *Ibid.*, folio 10.

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Communication which give an account of my Expulsion from Lodge No. 56, Carlisle so therefore I thought proper to petition the grand for a Redress and I Request the feavour of you To present this Petition to them. It would Swell this Epistle two much to Give you a pertieluar Detail of what Give Ris to this unmeretid Expulsion therefore Let the folowing principil parte Sufice. In Ganury '97 In Carslile I fell In Company with Robert Leburn Master and Dictator of No. 46 (sic) and I Blamed him for Refusing to give my Brother a Certifucate on acount of a booke I got In pitsburg and left with him as I went to Philadelphia. I told him that my brother Solomnly promised not to give the Booke to any person but myself and therefore It was vain to Expect him to give It to them he warmly Replyd that my Brother never Shuld get a Certifecat untill he give the booke. I told him I had the Book now he then said If I kept It he Certunly would Inform the Grand Lodge. I told him the would Laugh at him If he had no other outhur Cause of Compleant he Said he had another I asked what it was he said he heard that I Denyd the old and new testament to be the wourd of God I told him I thought part of them was True Good & usefull But as for them being Dictated by God more then another Good Booke I was Doubtfull. Som More altracation tooke plase But this Is the heads & the next Silent knight I went to visit them Intending it to be the Last time when Mr. Lyburn Desired me to withdraw I ohead and was called up Shortely after and told I was Excluded for one year on account of my wiced opinions. I asked them how the Could expell me & me not a Member of there Lodg the told me the Did not Looke upon It as an expultion but I was not to Sit In 56 for a yeare I then withdrew and heard nothing of It Since untill lately &c. Sir Im Conshious that my Moral and Masonick Conduct Is Blameless therefore I pray you to have a fair Investigation. I am With Sentiment of Respect your feaithfull friend and Brother

“ WILLIAM THORN

“ Mr. Andrew Nealson.

“ Endorsed

“ Letter from William Thorn

“ to Bro^r Andrew Nilson

“ Read in G. L. 17 Dec^r 1798 and

“ refer^rd. See William Thorn's Petition ”

“ Said Petition was accompanied with a Certificate under the Seal of the Lodge N^o. 45, held at Pittsburgh, dated 6th of Nov^r last,

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Certifying that during the said Petitioner's residence in Pittsburgh he had "behaved himself as an industrious, sober, careful, worthy Citizen."⁵

"The following Letter under the Seal of Lodge No. 56, dated the 13th July last, to Bro^r. James M^cDonald, Proxy of said Lodge, setting forth the cause of the said expulsion, was then read:

"CARLISLE July 13, '98^e

"*Sir And friend* I hope that you all are well in the City as wee are in The Westard preas be to God for it Sir in regard to William Thorn being Excluded it was on this acct^t which I think was a Verry Just One he on a Surtan Day Denied Our blessed Lord and Saviour to be his redeemer And says that he has No More power Than a Nother Man He then was Called to an Open Lodge And then Soparted the Same, then the brethren present Would Not Sit with him On Ac^t of What he had Saad Nor Countinance him as a Mason And wee think that wee are Justifabel in Excluding him from our Lodge the reason wee had it in Our power was he was Arched in our Lodge and had Never Drawed his Surtifycat for the same thank God for it and I wish that Such a Man Never had been a Mason I Think that he Renounceis all Masonry He was Excluded for One year Only in Order to See if he would Chang his Mind But he Stil saports the same therefore he Aught be Datedest by All Men. But Wee lave it to the better Judgment of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge and hopes that we may receive an anser to this His Brother Joseph Thorn a few Days a Go told Me that Williams Mother is Almost Destrected About it in regard to his beleef Sir plase to show this to brother Nelson he Nowes the Enternals of it and I hope that he and such as he will Justify the Case.

"May the Great God be your Derectors All.

"Your Sincear frend and B^r

"Sir ROBT. LEYBURN

"Sir ALEX^R IRVINE

"Sir JOHN UNDERWOOD

"Sir JOHN FRAZIER

"Sir JAS CRAFOORD

"Endorsed

"Letter from Lodge No 56 to

"Bro^r. James M^cDonald

"concerning Expulsion of William

"Thorn

"Read in G. L. 17 Dec^r 1798 and

"referr'd. See William Thorn's Petition"

⁵ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 336.

⁶ MSS., Vol. V, paquet 108, folio 12.

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“Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, the said Petition and all matters relating thereto were referr’d to Bro^{rs} Israel Israel, Milnor, Griffith, Baker and Watson to examine and Report thereon.

“The Committee appointed on the 17th Instant, on the Petition of Brother William Thorn, made Report in the words following:

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.
THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED ON THE PETITION OF BRO. WILLIAM THORN, COMPLAINING OF HIS EXPULSION FROM LODGE NO. 56, AT CARLISLE, BEG LEAVE RESPECTFULLY TO REPORT:”

“That they have examined and considered the Documents and other Proofs with which they have been furnished, and find that by the Returns of the said Lodge, it appears that our said Brother was expelled by Lodge No. 56, on the 8th of March 5797, and that he had previously obtained a Certificate of discharge from said Lodge, and in Consequence thereof a Certificate from this R. W. Grand Lodge, which latter Certificate is dated Oct 3, 5795. Of course it was not in the power of Lodge No. 56 to Expel Bro^r Thorn, he not being at the time it took place a Member thereof; the Committee do not think it necessary to add anything relative to the merits of the ground of Expulsion stated by the Lodge, but from what has appeared to them they believe it right to state that the proceedings of Lodge No. 56 in this instance have not exactly squared with the rules of Masonry, and they feel anxious that care should be observed by the Lodges under our Jurisdiction to weigh the Causes of Complaint against their members very seriously before they pronounce the most Solemn and Severe punishment Masonry can inflict. In the case submitted to the Committee they recommend a resolution of the Grand Lodge declaring the Expulsion of Bro. William Thorn to be unmasonic and void Sign’d Israel Israel, John Barker, Cadw^r. Griffith, James Milnor, Matth. Watson.”

“Which Report having been read, it was Moved, Seconded and Agreed, That the said Report be accepted, and that Bro^r Grand Secretary furnish Lodge N^o. 56 and Bro. Thorn with a Copy of the same, and Lodge N^o. 56 be requested to enter the same on their minutes.”

Strange as it may appear, judging from the illiteracy of the

† Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 339.

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above correspondence, the officers of the Lodge not only conferred the three symbolical degrees, but also the "Noble and Sublime Degree" of Royal Arch, Super Excellent, Ark, Mark and Link Masonry, Knight of that Most Noble Order of Knights Templar, Knights of Malta and Knights of the Mediterranean and Red Cross, as shown by the three certificates in our Archives, which are here reproduced in reduced facsimile. These certificates are the only evidence we have that the Degrees of the Ark, Mariner and Link and Knights of the Mediterranean were ever conferred in our Jurisdiction.

The Warrant of Lodge No. 56 was finally vacated by the Grand Lodge for unmasonic conduct, June 2, 1802.

ROSTER OF LODGE NO. 56, HELD IN THE BOROUGH OF CARLISLE

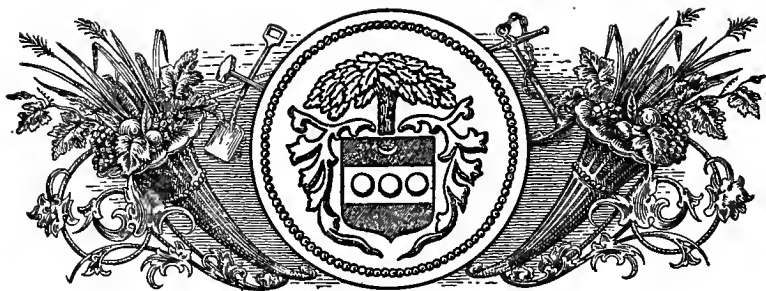
Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
William Leyburn,	P. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
Hugh M ^c Culloch,	P. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
Robert Leyburn,	P. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
Tobias M ^c Clure,	M. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
John Gilaspy,	M. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
Abraham Miller,	M. M. A. 1794, Aug. 13.
James Brown,	P. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
Robert Irvin,	P. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
John Gibson,	M. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
Richard Greenfield,	M. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
William Boyd,	P. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
Thomas Armstrong,	P. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
Francis Gilaspy,	M. M. A. 1793, June 9.
Robert Taylor,	P. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
William Oliver,	M. M. A. 1792, Dec. 22.
John Taylor,	P. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
John Underwood,	M. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
William Elder,	P. M. A. 1792, Nov. 26.
James Scoales,	P. M. I. 1793, Feb. 13.
John Potts,	M. M. I. 1793, Feb. 13.
Patrick M ^c Ginniss,	M. M. I. 1793, Mar. 13.

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William Thorn,	P. M.	I. 1793, June 12.
William Fleming,	M. M.	I. 1793, Oct. 9.
John Wallace,	P. M.	I. 1793, Oct. 9.
Samuel Haze.		
Joseph Eaton,	P. M.	A. 1794, May 15.
Thomas Johnston,	P. M.	I. 1794, Aug. 13.
Joseph Thorn,	M. M.	I. 1794, Aug. 19.
John Bell,	P. M.	A. 1794, Nov. 12.
George McKemwon,	M. M.	I. 1795, Jan. 14.
William Thorn,	M. M.	A. 1794, Feb. 1.
William Beaty,	P. M.	A. 1795, June 24.
Andrew Glendennan,	M. M.	A. 1795, June 24.
James Glendennan,	P. M.	I. 1795, Sep. 9.
Thomas Hamilton,	P. M.	A. 1796, Jan. 13.
John Palmer,	P. M.	A. 1796, Feb. 10.
Alexander Irwin,	P. M.	I. 1796, Jan. 13.
Samuel Jackson,	P. M.	I. 1796, Jan. 27.
Thomas Griffith,	P. M.	A. 1796, Mar. 9.
John Frazer,	P. M.	A. 1796, Mar. 9.
Samuel Caldwell,	P. M.	I. 1796, Feb. 10.
Patrick Duris,	P. M.	A. 1796, Apr. 13.
Jonathan Wallis,	P. M.	I. 1796, Mar. 9.
James Crawford,	P. M.	I. 1796, Mar. 9.
Charles McManis,	P. M.	I. 1796, Mar. 9.
Robert Brown,	P. M.	A. 1796, Apr. 13.
Joseph Anderson,	P. M.	I. 1796, Apr. 13.
Alex ^r Johnston,	P. M.	I. 1796, June 8.
William Steel,	P. M.	I. 1796, May 11.
Robert Seaton,	M. M.	I. 1796, June 8.
Joseph Steel,	M. M.	I. 1796, Apr. 13.
Charles Barclay,	P. M.	I. 1796, June 8.
Samuel McCoy,	P. M.	A. 1796, July 13.
David McMullin,	P. M.	A. 1796, Oct. 12.
Henry Barns,	P. M.	A. 1796, Dec. 14.
Alexander Barns,	P. M.	A. 1796, Dec. 14.
Robert Young,	P. M.	A. 1796, Dec. 14.
Robert Porter,	P. M.	I. 1796, Aug. 10.
Mark Blair.		
Charles McClure,	P. M.	I. 1796, Nov. 9.
Moses Bullock,	P. M.	A. 1797, Apr. 12.
John McNaughton,	P. M.	A. 1797, Apr. 12.
Robert McLane,	P. M.	A. 1797, May 10.

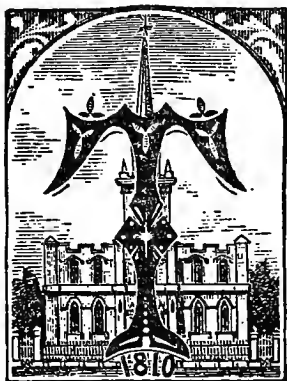
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Roger Mulhollen,	P. M. A. 1797, Mar. 8.
John Johnston,	P. M. A. 1797, Aug. 9.
Jonathan Willis,	P. M. A. 1797, Dec. 13.
James Woodney,	P. M. A. 1797, Dec. 13.
James Moore,	P. M. A. 1797, Dec. 13.
Robert Crooks.	
Patrick Hasson.	
James Turner,	E. A. F. C. ... A. 1797, Oct. 11.
James Stafford,	E. A. A. 1796, Aug. 10.
Richard Haughton,	M. M. I. 1797, June 14.
Joseph Anderson,	P. M. A. 1798, Apr. 11.
John Wray,	M. M. I. 1798, Apr. 11.
James Lamberton,	M. M. I. 1798, Apr. 11.
Hugh Wallace,	F. C. I. 1798, July 11.
George Kline,	M. M. I. 1798, July 28.
William Bell,	M. M. I. 1798, June 28.
Joseph Duncan,	F. C. I. 1798, Aug. 8.
Joseph M ^c Candliss,	M. M. I. 1798, Aug. 8.
Frederick T. Haller,	M. M. I. 1798, Aug. 27.
James Scobey,	M. M. I. 1798, Dec. 12.
William Ferrice,	E. A. I. 1798, Sep. 12.
Richard Johnston,	E. A. I. 1798, Feb. 14.
William Swarbridge,	M. M. A. 1799, Apr. 10.
Frederick Speck,	M. M. I. 1799, May 28.
Armstrong Brandon,	F. C. I. 1799, July 10.
James Burns,	M. M. I. 1799, Aug. 6.
Reuben Scott,	M. M. I. 1800, Mar. 13.
James Armstrong,	M. M. I. 1800, June 11.
James Blair,	M. M. I. 1800, Aug. 10.
Frederick Sheppley,	E. A. I. 1800, Sep. 23.
James Connor,	M. M. I. 1801, Feb. 11.
Christopher Lamberton,	F. C. I. 1801, April 1.
John Lafferty,	M. M. A. 1800, Aug. 30.
James Oldham,	M. M. I. 1801, May 18.
George Robeson,	E. A. I. 1801, June 11.
Patrick M ^c Laughlin.	
William Cortney	I. 1801, Sep. 10.
David Cortney	I. 1801, Nov. 11.
John Lamberton	I. 1801, Nov. 25.
Thomas Wilson	I. 1801, Dec. 9.
Patrick Reyley	I. 1801, Dec. 9.
Richard Bull	I. 1802, Jan. 13.
Robert Taylor	A. 1802, Mar. 10.



CHAPTER LXIII.

LODGE NO. 57, A. Y. M., HELD AT NEWTOWN, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



THIS was the second warrant granted for a Lodge at Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The first Lodge at this place was No. 11 upon the Roster of the Grand Lodge, and its history will be found in Chapter XV, in the first volume of this work.

March 4, 1793. At a Quarterly Communication the following Petition was read from a number of Brethren in Newtown, Bucks County, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the said town, recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge:

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, ESQUIRE, GRAND MASTER, AND THE BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.¹”

“The Petition of the Subscribers humbly sheweth that they, impressed with the important Principles of Masonry, and desirous to advocate the exercises thereof as far as in their power, as well as to

¹ MSS., Vol. X, paquet 109, folio 23.

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extend its beneficial influences among their worthy fellow citizens, beg that your Right Worshipful Lodge will be pleased to grant a Warrant at your next Communication to Reading Beatty, Master; James Hanna, Senior Warden, and Nicholas Wynkoop, Junior Warden, for the purpose of holding a Lodge in Newton, in the County of Bucks, giving them jurisdiction to exercise all the duties thereof at any place within five miles of the same; And in the meantime, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master grant a Dispensation for exercising its functions until the said Communication—and your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

“ Geo. Wall.

“ Theophilus Foulke.

“ Joseph Erwin.

“ James Tate.

“ Patrick Hunter.

“ Josias Ferguson.

“ Reading Beatty.

“ James Hanna.

“ Nicholas Wynkoop.

“ James Baynet.

“ John Torbert.

“ Andrew McMinn.

“ Jonathan Done.”

“ Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Reading Beatty, Master; James Hanna, Senior Warden, and Nicholas Wynkoop, Junior Warden; the said Lodge to be called No. 57.

Endorsement.

“ 1793.

“ Petition for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Newton, Bucks County.

“ Prayer granted March 4th, 1793. No. 57.

“ R. W. Sir & Br.;

“ Be pleased to issue a dispensation agreeably to the prayer of the within application.

“ Yrs. &c.,

“ J. B. SMITH, G. M.

“ Jany. 3, 1793.

“ P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq., Gr. Secy.

“ Dispensation issued acord.y for one month Jany 4th.”

On March 19, 5793,²

“ Brother Samuel Benezet by Virtue of a Dispensation from the

² *Ibid.*, folio 24.

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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania installed the following Brethren officers of Lodge No. 57, Newtown, viz;

Reading Beatty, W. M.
Jas. Hanna, S. W.
Nicholas Wynkoop, J. W.

“The following Brethren were called to the assistance of the Worshipful Master, as officers at the Installation:

John White Swift, P. M., S. W.
Aug. Willet, P. M., J. W.
Jno. Torbert, P. M., S. D.

“True extract from the minutes.

“JNO. D. MURRAY, *Secy.*
“May 29th, 1793.”

“REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF LODGE 57, WHILE ACTING UNDER THE DISPENSATION FROM GRAND LODGE.³

“NEWTON, Jany. 10th, 1793.

“By virtue of a Dispensation granted and directed to Reading Beatty, a Master Mason, An Entered Apprentice Lodge was opened this evening in due Form at the house of Andrew McMinn.

Present.

Reading Beatty, W. M.
James Hanna, S. W.
Nicholas Wynkoop, J. W.
Jno. Torbert, S. D.
Jno. D. Murray, J. D.

Brethren.

James Tate,
Josiah Ferguson,
Andrew McMinn,
Jno. D. Murray.

“The Lodge proceeded to the Election of Treasurer and Secretary when James Raquet was elected the former and John D. Murray, the

³ *Ibid.*, folio 24.

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latter. It was moved by Bro. Murray and seconded that a Committee of Three be appointed to draw up a set of Bye-Laws for the Regulation of this Lodge, and to make report thereof to the first meeting after a warrant obtained. Brothers Murray, Hanna and Wynkoop, the Committee. It was agreed Brother Hanna should make inquiry and take proper measures for obtaining a warrant from the Grand Lodge.

“Lodge closed in harmony about 9 o'clock.”

“NEWTOWN, Jany. 19th, 5793.

“A meeting of the Lodge was holden this evening.

Present.

Reading Beatty, W. M.,
James Hanna, S. W.,
Nicholas Wyncoop, J. W.
John Torbert, S. D.,
Jas. Raquet, J. D.,
Jno. D. Murray, Secy.,

Brethren.

James Tate.

“An Entered Apprentice Lodge was opened in Form. The following brethren, agreeably to a Resolve, advance Five Dollars each for the purpose of defraying the charges attending the procuring a Dispensation, &c.; The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, John D. Murray, Jas. Raquet, Jas. Tate, Jas. Hanna. Petitions were presented from William Irving, Esquire, Jno. Wilson and Saml. Torbert praying for the benefits of Masonry and a committee vz. Tate & Wyncoop, appointed to make enquiry.

“Lodge closed in Form.”

At a stated meeting held Tuesday, Jany. 22, 5793.

Present.

Nicholas Wyncoop, W. M., P. T.,
John Torbert, S. W., P. T.,
Jas. Raquet, J. W., P. T.,
Jno. D. Murray, S. D. & Secy.,
Jas. Tate, J. D., P. T.

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“Apprenticed Lodge opened. Preparing for initiation,—Brothers Raquet & Murray a Committee.

“Lodge closed in harmony to meet Jany. 28, 5793.”

“At a meeting Holden Jany. 28, 5793.

<i>Present</i>	<i>Brethren</i>
Reading Beatty, W. M.	Jas. Tate,
James Hanna, S. W.,	Andrew McMinn,
Nicholas Wyncoop, J. W.,	Patrick Hunter,
Jno. Torbert, S. D.,	
Jas. Raquet, J. D.,	<i>Visiting</i>
Jno. D. Murray, Secy.	Saml. Benezet, W. M. of Lodge 25,
	Augt. Willet, P. M.,
	Francis Murray, Esquire.

“Brother Saml. Benezet at the request of the Worshipful took the Chair. An Apprentices Lodge was opened in Form. The Report of the Committee on Request, concerning Wm. Ewing, Jno. Wilson and Saml. Torbert was referred over to the next meeting. Messrs. Werts and Hicks being favorably reported were approved of by ballot and this evening took the first step in Masonry. A Committee of Wyncoop and Murray were appointed to procure a further continuance of the Dispensation. Robert Sample and Daniel Martin applied to become Masons.

“Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock.”

“At a Lodge⁴ convened Tuesday, Feby. 12th, 5793.

Present
Reading Beatty, W. M.,
Jas. Hanna, S. W.,
Nicholas Wyncoop, J. W.,
Jno. Torbert, S. D.,
Jno. D. Murray, Secy.

Brothers
George Wale,
Jno. C. Doane,
Wm. Bennet,
Theophilus Foulke

⁴ This meeting is under the continuance of the Dispensation.

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Visiting

Francis Murray, Esqr.,
Saml. Gibbs, Esqr.,
Joshua Anderson, Esqr.,
Thomas Kop, W. M. of Lodge 50
Samuel Benezet, W. M. of Lodge 25
Col. Augustine Willet
Mr. John Cassidy.

“ Brother Saml. Benezet at the request of the Worshipful took the chair.

“ A Fellow Craft was opened in Form. Daniel Martin & Robert Sample were balloted for and approved after which Brothers Wertz & Hicks were raised to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Fellow Crafts Lodge closed & Apprentices opened when Robert Sample and Daniel Martin were initiated in the first step of Masonry. Brothers F. Murray and Joshua Anderson, Ancient Masons, on their request were balloted for & admitted Members of this Lodge. A Petition was read from Isaac Vanhorn Esqu. & Committee appointed. Messrs. Weing, Torbert & Wilson referred over.

“ Lodge closed in Form to meet on February 12th, 5793.”

“ At a Lodge held February 12th, 5793

Present

Reading Beatty, W. M.,
Jas. Hanna, S. W.,
Nicholas Wyncoop, J. W.,
Jno. Torbert, S. D.,
Jas. Tate, J. D. P.
Js. Hicks, Secy. P. T.

Brother

Francis Murray.

“ A Fellow Crafts Lodge was opened. Isaac Vanhorn Esquire was this evening balloted for & approved of. Samuel Torbert was on motion, allowed to withdraw his petition. Jno. Wilson informed the Lodge by Brother Hanna, that for certain domestic reasons, he

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begd. to withdraw his petition. Wm. Ewing Esquire had leave to withdraw his also.

“Lodge closed in Form and Harmony at 9 o'clock.”

“At a Lodge holden February 26th, 1793.

Present

Reading Beatty, W. M.,
Js. Hanna, S. W.,
Nicholas Wyneoop, J. W.,
Jno. Torbert, S. D.,
Jas. Raquet, J. D.,
Jno. D. Murray, Secty.

Brothers

Francis Murray
Isaac Hicks

Visiting

Richd. Backhouse Esquire
S. Benezet Esquire

“A Fellow Crafts Lodge was opened in Form. Brother Daniel Martin was raised to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. Fellow Crafts Lodge closed. & Masters opened when Brother Isaac Hicks was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Masters closed. & Fellow Crafts opened when an Apprentices Lecture was given by S. Benezet.

“Lodge closed. in Harmony.”

Endorsement.

“1793 March,

“Minutes of the proceedings of Lodge 57, while acting under a Dispensation.

“Registered in October 1797 by G. A. Baker.”

The next information we have of this Lodge is the following appeal by the Brethren at Newtown and the action of the Grand Lodge:

“ January 22nd, A. L. 5798.

“ At Grand Lodge, by Adjournment, there was read an Extract from the Minutes of Lodge No. 57,⁵ held at Newtown, Bucks County, of the 4th December last, addressed by way of Petition to this R. W. Grand Lodge and the different Lodges of this City, was read. It set forth that said Lodge since its establishment had had many difficulties to encounter for want of a permanent place of Meeting in which they could with safety keep their Records, &c., for remedy whereof they had undertaken a building for that purpose, in which they had so far Succeeded as to have it completely enclosed, but their funds falling Short of completing it they Solicit Donations to enable them to complete the same and appointing Brothers Foulke, Van Horn and Wertz, a committee to visit the Philadelphia Lodges with a view of procuring their Brotherly Assistance to complete said Building. At same time a letter from the Worshipful Master of said Lodge to Brothers Van Horn and Foulke was read. It contained a description of the building, and intimated that it was conceived that a Donation of Five Hundred Dollars would complete the Edifice.

Endorsement.

“ Report of Committee on the Petition of Lodge No. 57.

“ Read in Grand Lodge 5th March 1793. Not approved of.

“ Moved that 80 Dollars be granted.—Negatived.

“ Moved that 50 Dollars be granted.—Carried.”

“ On Motion made and seconded, Brothers Milnor, Hickling, J. Melwee, Watson and Robert Taylor were appointed a Committee to take the premises into Consideration and report thereon.⁶

“ The committee appointed at the Adjourned Grand Lodge, held on the 22nd January last, on the Petition of Lodge No. 57, held at Newtown, made their report to the Grand Lodge 5th March, A. L. 5798 in the words following; “ The Committee appointed to take into consideration and make Report on the Application of Newtown Lodge, No. 57, beg leave to report it as their Opinion and recommendation that One Hundred Dollars be granted out of the funds of this Grand Lodge to said Lodge No. 57, for the purpose of assisting in completing the building for Masonic purposes which they have begun, and they also beg leave to advise that this Grand Lodge recommend the Subject to the Consideration of the several Lodges

⁵ *Ibid.*, folio 37.

⁶ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. 1, p. 309.

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in this City, for their Brotherly Aid in so good a Work;’ which report was not approved of.

“A Motion was made and Seconded, that the sum of Eighty Dollars be granted by the Grand Lodge to Lodge No. 57, for purposes above mentioned.

“Passed in the negative.

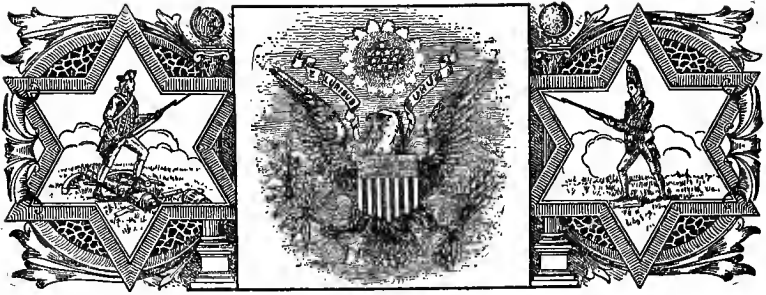
“A Motion was then made and Seconded, to grant the Sum of Fifty Dollars for the above purpose.

“Carried in the affirmative.”

It appears that Lodge No. 57 had a more or less precarious existence, which was partly caused by its proximity to Lodge No. 25, at Bristol. The warrant was finally vacated for delinquency, April 7, 1806.



SEALS OF CARLISLE LODGE NO. 56, A. Y. M.



CHAPTER LXIV.

LODGE NO. 58, A. Y. M., A MILITARY LODGE, IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



WASHINGTON'S Administration as President, at almost the very outstart, was beset by Indian troubles in the Northwest Territory, as Ohio was then called, caused by the instigation of the British, who had not delivered the military posts held by them on the northern frontier, as called for by the Treaty at Paris.

The first expedition against the Indians under General Harmer ended in his disastrous defeat, on the banks of the Ohio, September 20, 1790. Gen. St. Clair, who succeeded him in October, 1791, was fearfully defeated, November 4, 1791, on the banks of a small stream that runs into the Wabash, in what is now Mercer County, Ohio.

There do not appear to have been any military Lodges in either of Harmer's or St. Clair's Expeditions, though quite a number of the officers in St. Clair's army were members of the Fraternity.

The defeat of St. Clair caused the utmost consternation throughout the country. Efforts were at once made by Presi-

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dent Washington to reorganize the army and General Anthony Wayne¹ was placed in command.

General Wayne at once commenced to recruit and organize a new army, which was to be known as the *Legion of the United States*. Toward the close of the summer of 1792, Wayne moved his camp to a position on the Ohio, about twenty-seven miles below Pittsburgh, so as to be nearer the seat of hostilities. To this camp he gave the name of *Legionville*. There he remained during the winter, recruiting his army and instructing it regularly in its military duties.

It was at this period that the following application was sent to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a Warrant for a travelling Military Lodge, in the Legion of the United States:

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

“*Brothers,*

“We the subscribers, Officers in the Army of the United States, cantoned at Legionville, known and approved *Master Masons* request that you *ancient and honorable body* will grant us a warrant, for the establishment of a Lodge of Ancient York Masons, limited to the movements of the American Army.

“Should this request meet your approbation we propose Brother Robert Mis Campbell, Captain of dragoons, our Master—brother Samuel Tinsley, Lieut. of Infantry, Senior—and brother William Eaton, Captain of Infantry, Junior Wardens—

“We do authorize our brother Major John Stagg to represent us in Grand Lodge, and to carry into effect the object of this request.

“We are, Brothers, with fraternal esteem,

“CHAS. HYDE

“your very obedient

“HENRY B. TOWLES

“very humble servants

Lieut. 4th S. Legⁿ

“R^t. M^s. CAMPBELL, *Capⁿ. L. D.*

“ABR^M. JONES

“JACOB SLOUGH, *Capⁿ. of Infantry.*

Corn^t. L. D.

“WM. FAULKNER, *Capⁿ. Rifle Corps.*

“W. MACREA

“JOSEPH BROCK, *Cap^t. Inf^v*

Lieut. Infantry

“WILLIAM EATON, *Capⁿ. Inf^v*

“RICHARD SPARKS

“BENJ^N. PRICE, *Lieut. 4 S. L.*

Cap^t Rifle Corps.

¹ Gen. Anthony Wayne was one of the few Revolutionary officers who was not a Freemason.

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“ We the subscribers being well acquainted with the Brethren subscribing to the within Petition beg leave to recommend the prayer of the same—

“ THOMAS PROCTER
“ JNO. STAGG, JUN^R.
“ BEN. MASON
“ M. W. BALL
“ JOHN McCLELLAND.

“ Endorsed
“ March 25, 1793
“ Petition for a Warrant
“ for a Lodge in the Army
“ of the United States
“ Granted No. 58

“ The Rt Wp'ful Grand M^r Wardens & Members
“ of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
“ in Philadelphia

“ *March 25, 1793.* Grand Lodge, Special Communication.²

“ A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Right Worshipful Grand Master J. B. Smith informed the Brethren that the purpose of calling the Grand Lodge, was to lay before them a Petition he had received from a number of Brethren in the Service of the United States at Legionville, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge limited to the movements of the American Army, which petition was read, and the same being recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, on Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Robert Mis. Campbell, Master; Samuel Tinsley, Senior Warden; and William Eaton, Junior Warden. The said Lodge to be called No. 58, to be held wherever the Master of the said Lodge for the time being shall be stationed in the Army of the United States.”

Following is the personelle of the Brethren of this Lodge so far as known:

BRO. ROBERT MIS CAMPBELL was a native of South Carolina, and a past master. He joined the Legion, March 14, 1792,

² Cf. Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 199.

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and was commissioned Captain, October 7, 1792. Bro. Campbell was killed by the Indians, while leading the first charge, August 20, 1794.

BRO. SAMUEL TINSLEY was a Virginian. He served as Captain in a Virginia State Regiment from 1778 to 1782; commissioned Lieutenant, March, 1792; promoted to Captain, February 9, 1794; transferred to 1st Infantry, November 1, 1796; honorably discharged, June 1, 1802; died, October, 1833.

BRO. WILLIAM EATON, a native of Vermont, joined the Legion as Captain, September 4, 1792; resigned from the Army, July 10, 1797.

BRO. JACOB SLOUGH, a Pennsylvanian, Captain in the Levies of 1791; joined the Legion, March 16, 1792; discharged, November 1, 1796; died, January 27, 1838.

BRO. WILLIAM FAULKNER, a Pennsylvanian, Captain in the Levies of 1791; joined the Legion, September 4, 1792; resigned, January 30, 1794.

BRO. JOSEPH BROCK, a Captain in the Infantry, a native of Virginia, later of the Artillery; resigned, July, 1800.

BRO. BENJAMIN PRICE, a native of Maryland; Lieutenant in the Levies of 1791; captain in Legion, September, 1792; discharged, November 1, 1796.

BRO. CHARLES HYDE, a native of Vermont; Ensign in first Sublegion, September 4, 1792; Captain, 1st Infantry, March 3, 1799; discharged, June 1, 1802.

BRO. HENRY BEVERLY TOWLES, of Virginia, Lieutenant in the Levies of 1791; joined 4th Sublegion, September 4, 1792; killed in action by the Indians, August 20, 1794. Bro. Towles fell in the first charge against the Indians.

BRO. ABRAHAM JONES, Cornet in Light Dragoons, October 7, 1792; Lieutenant, February 20, 1794; resigned, October 1, 1796; died, January 28, 1831.

Wayne's Tribute to the Brethren

BRO. WILLIAM MACREA, Pennsylvanian, Lieutenant in Virginia Levies of 1791; joined 3d Sublegion, September 4, 1792; discharged as Colonel of Artillery, April 19, 1824; for ten years faithful service in one grade; died November 3, 1832.

BRO. RICHARD SPARKS, a Pennsylvanian, Captain in Rifle Corps; honorably discharged as Colonel, June 15, 1815; died, July 1, 1815.

BRO. JOHN STAGG, a native of New York. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and served as Brigade Major of Conway's Brigade. He died, December 28, 1803.

The result of Wayne's campaign against the Indians is well known. It resulted in the signal defeat of the Indians and their British and Canadian allies, on the banks of the Miami, August 20, 1794.

In this final victory, Bro. Robert Mis. Campbell commanded the legionary cavalry and, turning the left flank of the enemy, fell in the first charge.

Special tribute is paid to Captain Campbell and other Brethren in Wayne's report of the battle to the Secretary of War,³ dated from Headquarters, Grand Glaize, 28 August, 1794, viz.:

"The wounds received by Captains Slough and Price, and Lieutenants Campbell & Smith of the legionary infantry, by Captain Van Renselaer of the dragoons, and Captain Rawlins, Lieutenant McKenney and Ensign Duncan of the Mounted Volunteers bear honorable testimony of their bravery & conduct.

"Captains H. Lewis and Brock with their companies of light infantry had to sustain an unequal fire for some time which they supported with fortitude. In fact every officer & soldier who had an opportunity to come into action displayed that true bravery which will always insure success.

"But whilst I pay this first tribute to the living I must not forget

³ Cf. "Major-General Anthony Wayne and the Pennsylvania Line," by Charles J. Stillé, Philadelphia, 1893, p. 324 *et seq.*

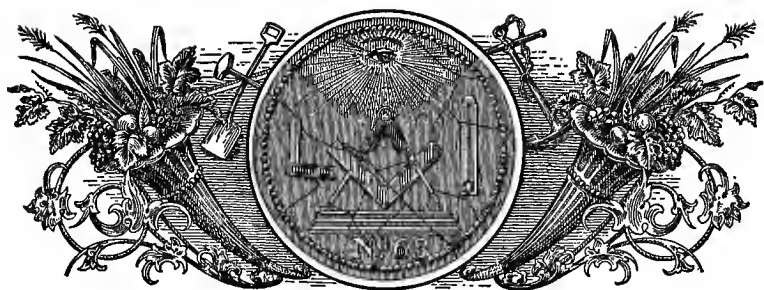
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the gallant dead, among whom we have to lament the early death of those worthy & brave officers, Captain Mis. Campbell of the Dragoons, and Lieutenant Towles of the light infantry of the legion who fell in the first charge."

The peculiar condition attached to this Warrant "that it was to be held wherever the Master of Said Lodge for the time being shall be stationed in the army," evidently accounts for the fact that no returns were ever received from the Lodge, the Legion being in active service in what was then an almost unsettled wilderness inhabited only by the savages. The Master of the Lodge in whose keeping the Warrant was, commanded the advance of the army, and was killed while leading the advance on the day of the final battle.

The Warrant was undoubtedly lost through the hazardous enterprises in which the brethren of Lodge No. 58 were engaged in the service of their country.





CHAPTER LXV.

LODGE NO. 63, A. Y. M., HELD AT LEWIS TOWN,
SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE.



MAY 28, 1794. A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the R. W. G. Master J. B. Smith informed the Brethren that he had convened them together in order to lay before them a Petition of a number of Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the town of Lewes, in the County of Sussex, State of Delaware, whereupon, on motion and seconded, the following petition was read :

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS AND THE REST OF THE WORTHY BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

“Whereas there are in and about the neighborhood of the Town of Lewis, in the County of Sussex, and State of Delaware a considerable Number of Brethren who are very anxious of establishing a Lodge at this place being very sensible that the oftner an opportunity can be had of assembling together the more bright they will become in Masonry and the more will Brotherly Love prevail. We have for that purpose nominated and appointed Brothers David Hall as Master, John Clark as Senior Warden and James Wiley as Junior Warden.

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"The petitioners therefore request that a warrant may be granted them from your honorable body whereby they may be enabled to hold a Lodge at this place and all obedience shall be given to meet constitutional rules and regulations as now are or hereafter may be established by your honorable body.

"And your petitioners will pray, &c.,

"JAMES ELLIOTT

"JOHN FISHER

"THEODORE WILSON

DAVID HALL

JOHN CLARK

JAMES WILEY

THOS. FISHER

"Lewis, May 22nd, 1794."

"I do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with the within named David Hall, John Clark, James Wiley, Thomas Fisher & James Elliott & that I have sat and worked with them as Brothers in a Master Masons Lodge in the County of Sussex.

"May 26th, 1794."

"JOHN VINING

"SETH WILLIS

"I do find Jeann Willey to be A Regular Master Mason and worthy of your Notice.

"JAM. CUMMINGS."

(Endorsement)

"May 28, 1794. Application for a Lodge at Lewis in the State of Delaware. Granted."¹

The petition being recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly, in the names of David Hall, Master; John Clark, Senior Warden, and James Willey, Jr. Warden, the said Lodge to be called 63 (Sixty-three).²

At the same meeting the following dispensation was issued:

¹ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 111, folio 43.

² Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 209.

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"THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND MASONIC JURISDICTION
THEREUNTO BELONGING

"To Brother Jesse Green, Past Master Mason of Lodge No. 10
George Town Sussex County Delaware

"Greeting

"In Pursuance and by virtue of the Power & Authorities vested in us We do hereby authorize, Impower and request you to call to your assistance a sufficient number of Ancient Masons to open a Lodge in the Town of Lewis in the County of Sussex State of Delaware and when assembled in proper form and order to install agreeably to our ancient Customs Brother David Hall, Master, Brother John Clarke, Senior Warden and Brother James Willey Junior Warden of a New Lodge No. 63 to be held under our jurisdiction at Lewes aforesaid presenting to said Lodge our Warrant and Book of Constitutions & render them when formed a respectful Charge in our name and of your doings in this case you will make us a proper return. This dispensation to continue in force for three months from the date hereof & no longer.

"Given under our Hand and Seal of the
Grand Lodge at Philadelphia this
Twenty-eighth day of May A. L. Five
thousand Seven hundred & Ninety-four.

"J. B. SMITH, G. M.

"Attest

"P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, G. Secy."

How well Bro. Jesse Green performed this duty is shown by the report to the Grand Lodge.

"SUSSEX COUNTY STATE OF DELAWARE.

"In Pursuance of and by virtue of the Power and Authority in me vested and agreeably thereto I do hereby certify that on twenty-fourth day of June Anno Lucis five thousand and Seven hundred and ninety-four I did install Brother David Hall as Master and James Wiley as Junr. Warden. Witness my hand the day and year aforesaid.

"JESSE GREEN.

"Brother Clark being indisposed was not installed and absent.

"JESSE GREEN."³

³ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 111, folio 44.

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(Endorsements)

“June 24, 1794.

“Return of the Instn. of the officers of Lodge No. 63 in Lewis Town, State of Delaware by Brother Jesse Green.

“Received Oct. 25th, 1794.”⁴

The town of Lewes, where Lodge No. 63 was erected, is in Lewes Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, the most southerly of the three Counties of the State. The ancient town of Lewes is situated on a high tract of land, on Lewes Creek, and its settlement by the whites dates back to 1622. It is opposite the breakwater in the Delaware Bay, in full view of the gaping mouth of the Delaware Bay and the great ocean beyond.

Bro. David Hall, who was named as Warrant Master, was Col. David Hall, former member of Lodge No. 18 and later Master of the Delaware Regimental Lodge, No. 30. He was the son of David Hall, the first Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and is so named in the Warrant of 1761.

The first and only return from Lodge No. 63 at Lewes, Delaware, was received in December, 1797—the original is in the Archives of the Grand Lodge—and the only information it contained was that one of their members had been expelled.

No further returns being made by the Lodge, they were finally informed, under date of April 2, 1800, by Resolution of the Grand Lodge, that unless their dues are discharged by St. John's Day in December next, or satisfactory reasons given why they are not discharged, their Warrant will be considered suspended.

This brought forth the following reply from the Master, Bro. David Hall:

⁴ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 111, folio 44.

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“LEWIS, June 6th, 1801.

“D. Sir:

“Your favor of March last directed to the Master of Lodge No. 63 came safe to hand and should long before this have done myself the honor of giving an answer to it, but the situation of our Lodge has been such for some time past it has been with considerable difficulty the members can be collected. You are no doubt acquainted with the unfortunate misunderstanding that took place between two of the Brethren belonging to this Lodge and the fatal consequences; since that Period a great falling off has taken place and that confidence which ought to have existed between Brethren has been much weakened and I much fear it will be with considerable difficulty that this Lodge can have a name among the number. We have been much diminished by Deaths and Removals and the principal reason of our non-compliance with the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of March last is that our Treasurer died about the time of the Reception of the letter containing them. He having in his hand more than sufficient to answer all demands against the Lodge. As soon as the money can be secured from the Executrix our intention is to pay our dues. At all events our determination is whether we fail or not in getting the money from the Estate of our deceased Brother, to settle with the Grand Lodge, for that purpose our accounts will be forwarded in as speedy a manner as we conveniently can. I am, with the greatest Respect and Brotherly Love,

“Yours &c.,

“D. HALL.”

(Endorsements)

“LEWIS TOWN June 6. 1801.

“Letter from D. Hall, W. M. of Lodge No. 63.

“Read in G. L. 15th June 1801. Taken up 23d June and ordered to lie on the table. Read 31st Decr. 1801 and ordered to be placed on the Files of No. 63.”⁵

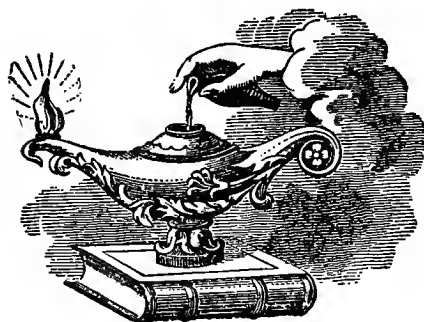
The warrant of Lodge No. 63 at Lewes, Delaware, was finally vacated for delinquency, April 7, 1806.

⁵ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 111, folio 48.

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ROSTER OF LODGE No. 63, HELD AT LEWIS TOWN.

Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
David Hall	A. 1794, Nov. 7.
John Clarke	A. 1794, Nov. 7.
James Wiley	A. 1794, Nov. 7.
Theodore Wilson	A. 1794, Nov. 7.
William Polk	A. 1794, Nov. 7.
John Warrington	A. 1794, Nov. 7.
John Fisher	A. 1794, Nov. 7.
Edward L. Lay	A. 1794, Nov. 7.
Nathaniel Heckman	A. 1794, Nov. 7.
James Derickson	I. 1795, Jan. 7.
Levin Derreckson	I. 1796, April.
David King	I. 1796, April.
Jonathan Cathell	I. 1796, April.
William Shankland	I. 1796, Oct.
Benjamin Wolfe	I. 1796, Oct.
William Russell	I. 1797, Feb. 7.
Robert Holiston	I. 1797, June 2.
John Cole	I. 1797, June 2.
James Mellechops	A. 1797, June 23.
George Cooke	A. 1797, June 23.
Timothy Caldwell	A. 1797, Oct. 6.





CHAPTER LXVI.

LODGE NO. 64, A. Y. M., HELD AT GREENSBURG,
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNA.



GREENSBURG, the county seat of Westmoreland County, now one of the important centers of Masonic activities and charity in the State of Pennsylvania, with its Lodges, Chapter, Council and Commandery, in the early days of our Commonwealth, was the home of one of the pioneer Lodges in the western part of the State.

When the application for a warrant was made to the Grand Lodge in the year of Masonry A. L. 5795, the town of Greensburg was a small settlement on the road leading from Pittsburgh to Bedford, thirty-one miles east of the former city. It was laid out not long after the burning of Hanna's Town by the Indians in 1782.

The Campbell family, of which the warrant Master of Lodge No. 64 was a prominent member, were the earliest settlers of the town and vicinity.

Greensburg is one of the few towns in Pennsylvania, dating back to the eighteenth century, which are devoid of historical

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incidents. The only one connecting the town with Revolutionary history, is that in later years it was the home of Bro. General Arthur St. Clair, whose remains rest in the Presbyterian Grave Yard, under a stately monument erected by his Masonic Brethren of the present day.

The manuscript records of Lodge No. 64, unfortunately, are missing in the Archives of the Grand Lodge, or at least have thus far not been found; consequently the story of this Lodge is compiled from the meagre details found in the Minutes of the Grand Lodge.

March 17, A. L. 5795. "At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, an order from the R. W. Grd. Master William Ball to Br. Secy. was read, requesting him to summon the Officers of the Grand Lodge in order to lay before them a Petition of a number of Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Greensburg, in the County of Westmoreland, Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the said Petition being read, and the same being recommended agreeable to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, the prayer of the Petitioners was Unanimously granted, and the Gd. Secy. was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Terrence Campbell, Master; John Hatch, Senr. Warden, and Denny McClure, Junr. Warden, to be called No. 64 (Sixty-four.)"

At an Adjourned Communication of Grand Lodge, 17th Decemr. A. L. 5798, a letter from No. 64 was read. It was accompanied by the following Returns, to wit:

"Return of Members up to St. John's Day last, returning 16 Standing Members, and the Election Return of Officers for 12 Months from Last St. John's Day, Returning Robert Cooper, Master; William Rayen, Senr. Warden; James Walker, Junr. Warden; Robert Irwin, Junr., Secretary; Robert Irwin, Senr., Treasurer; And a Copy

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, pp. 221-222.

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of the Bye Laws of said Lodge were referred to Brothers Barker, Griffith and Patton to examine and report thereon.”²

The Committee appointed on December 17, 1798, on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 64, made report in the words following, to wit:

“ TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

“ We, the Committee appointed on the 17th December, 1798, to examine the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 64, held at Greensburg, respectfully Report, That they have carefully examined the said Bye Laws and find them consistent with Masonry, except Article the Third, which they conceive should be expunged, as it might have a tendency to create Religious Disputes within the Lodge, which would be inconsistent with Masonic Principles. The Article which your Committee objects to is in the following words, viz.: 3rd. If any Member of this Lodge be debarred the Privileges of the Church to which he belongs, he shall also be debarred the privileges of this Lodge until he produces the Crime that he is charged with in writing, Signed by the Minister, to the Worshipful Master when in the Chair, when he shall have an impartial Trial, and if found Guilty of the Crime alleged, the punishment shall be agreeable to the Nature of the Offense. Philada. 17th Jany. 1799. (Signed) John Barker, Cadwr. Griffith, Chas. Patton.”³

Which report was approved of and the Grand Secretary was directed to transmit a copy thereof to the said Lodge No. 64.

A Commission from Lodge No. 64 held at Greensburgh, appointing Bro. John McElwee their proxy, was read in Grand Lodge 13th November A. L. 5799.⁴

At a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge December 2, A. L. 5799, “A letter from Lodge No. 64, dated 30th August last was read; it had enclosed Twenty Five Dollars in Bank Notes which were receiv’d by Bror. Grand Secretary,

² Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, pp. 335-336.

³ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 343.

⁴ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 371.

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the 7th Sepr. last, and also enclosed the following Returns, &c. Return of Members up to St. John's Day last, returning 14 Standing Members.

"Account of their Grand Lodge Dues up to the same period, and Election Return of St. John's Day last, returning Robert Irwin, M.; James Walker, S. W.; Robert Irwin, junr., J. W.; George Armstrong, Secry.; Robert Cooper, Treas.'"⁵

A letter dated July 18, 1800, from Lodge No. 64, held at Greensburg, attested under seal of the Lodge, was read. It stated that Bros. John Campbell, James Clark and William G. Elder, from Somerset, had prayed said Lodge to recommend them to this G. Lodge to obtain a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Somerset, and recommended them accordingly. "No Petition having been received for a Warrant as above, the said Recommendation was Order'd to lie on the Table."⁶

Lodge No. 64 originally met at an inn known as The Sign of the Bear, until the year 1814, when the Lodge was removed on the first of April to the Sign of General Washington, East Corner of Main and Attermans Streets, an Inn kept by Brother Griffith Clark, who late kept at the Bear.⁷

The Lodge, after a somewhat precarious career, caused by internal Anti-Masonic and political troubles, finally lost their Warrant, September 4, 1837.

ROSTER OF LODGE No. 64, HELD IN GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
Terence Campbell	A. 1795, Mar. 17.
John Fratch	A. 1795, Mar. 17.
Denny McClure	A. 1795, Mar. 17.
Timothy Bewell	A. 1795, Mar. 17.

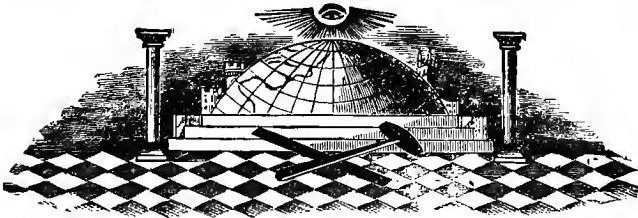
⁵ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 374.

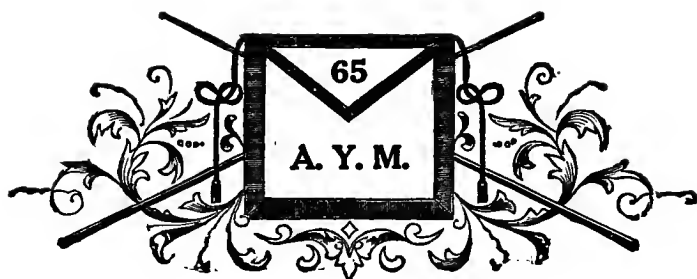
⁶ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 431.

⁷ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. III, p. 355.

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John Young	I. 1796, Jan. 13.
Thomas Chreig, Esq.	I. 1796, Apr. 11.
John Probest	I. 1796, Oct. 10.
James McMahon	A. 1796, Dec. 12.
Robert Cooper	I. 1796, Dec. 12.
Robert Irvin, Sr.	A. 1797, June 10.
William Ruyn	I. 1797, Aug. 15.
John Elleott	I. 1797, Sep. 11.
Robert Williams	I. 1797, Nov. 13.
James Walker	I. 1797, Dec. 11.
John Cannon Taylor.	
Alex ^r Johnson	A. 1797, Nov. 13.
John Hill	A. 1798, Feb. 12.
Samuel Nelson	I. 1798, Mar. 12.
Robert Bell.	
Robert Irwin, Jr.	I. 1798, May 14.
George Armstrong, Esq.	A. 1799, May 14.
John McWilliam	I. 1798, Aug. 13.
William G. Eder	A. 1798, June 24.
William B. Campbell	I. 1798, Feb. 11.
Richard Mathews	I. 1799, May 12.
John Stuart	I. 1799, Nov. 10.
John Boyle.	
John Smith	I. 1800, Feb. 10.
James McKaskey.	
John Mills	I. 1800, Nov. 10.
W ^m . McGranaghan	I. 1801, Jan. 12.
Henry Wise	I. 1801, May 11.
Thomas See	A. 1801, Sep. 4.
William Cope.	
James Monteeth	A. 1802, Jan. 11.
Samuel Brown	A. 1802, Jan. 11.
Nathaniel Stuart	I. 1802, Jan. 11.
William Candess	I. 1807, Dec. 14.





CHAPTER LXVII.

LODGE NO. 65, A. Y. M., HELD AT THE GREAT BEND
OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, LUZERNE
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



SOME time during the year 1791, several of the Brethren living in the scattered settlements in the northeastern part of the State, and near the southern border of the State of New York wrote a letter to one Archall Shaw, of Philadelphia, asking for information how they could obtain a warrant to erect a Masonic Lodge within the section lying within what is known as the "Great Bend" of the Susquehanna River, in Luzerne (now Susquehanna) County, Pennsylvania.

This letter was dated from *Willingsborough*, September 16, 1791. The location of this place has not been identified.

As shown by the endorsement upon the back of the paper, it was brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge and answered by the Grand Secretary, October 11, 1791.

"WILLINGSBOROUGH, Sept. 16th, 1791.

"*Sr:*

"I am informed that you belong to the fraternity of Free & Accepted Masons, and as there is a number of the brethren at the

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great bend on the Susquehanna River and its vicinity who wishes to be formed into a lodge as there is no lodge in this part of the County—and not knowing the members of the Grand Lodge or who in particular to apply to in order to git a charter and the expense thereof for Charter, juels, &c which perhaps you can do us the favor to inform us of the Method we must take, expense, &c. of our giting a Charter.

“ & you will much oblige your
“ friends with respect,
“ ASAHEL GREGORY
“ and
“ DUDLEY HOLDRIDGE.”

(Endorsement)

“ Sept. 16th, 1791. Letter from Bro. Dudley Holdridge asking for information concerning a Warrant. Answered October 11th, and sent a Copy of the new regulations.”¹

Nothing further was heard from these Brethren at the Great Bend until the spring of 1795, when a regular petition was received, in response to which R. W. Grand Master Wm. Ball convened a Special Grand Lodge, April 11, 1795, and informed the Brethren he had convened them in order to lay before them a petition of a number of Brethren, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge at the Great Bend of the Susquehanna River, in the County of Luzerne.

“ To THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL G. M:

“ The Petition of your Subscribers humbly shewth that they now reside at and Near the Great Bend of the Susquehannah River and belong to the Ancient Fraternity and the great distance we now live from any Lodge induces us to Petition to your Honour for a Worant Authirozeing us to open a Lodge at the Sd. Great Bend make pass and raise Masons, and as the petitioners now lives from any Lodge is about Twenty Miles and the veneration we have for the Craft hope may Be Sufficient for us to obtain a Worant as other Brethren hes done Be fore us.

and that we Recommend Mr. Dudley Holdredge as a man Sutible for

¹ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 112, folio 26.

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the appointment of a Master who his servd as a Senior and Junior Wordens in Friend Ship Lodge No. 72 in Williamstown State of Mashachusetts

“ which is the Request and prayer of your Petitioners

“ To the Right Worshipfull Grand Master for the State of Pennsylvania, I Robert Lettis Hooper, late Deputy Grand Master for the State of New Jersey do, *on the Communications that* I have made to Brothers Chapman, Ball & Hiltshimer Recommend the above application & I do *vouch* for Mr. Gregory.

“ ROBT. L. HOOPER.”

“ We the Subscribers Recommend the within petitioners for a Warrant agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

“ THOS. HILTSHEIMER.

“ WILLIAM BALL.”

(Endorsement)

“ April 11th, 1795. Warrant granted and signed by Grand Officers this day wherein Asahel Gregory was appointed Master, John Biddlecome Senr. Warden & Elisha Hammond, Junr. Warden. Dr. for Warrant H. P. Town.

“ Lodge to be held in County of Luzerne at the Great Bend of The Susquehanna River.”²

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the said Petition was read, and the same being recommended agreeable to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, the prayer of the Petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed

² MSS., Vol. U, paquet 112, folio 25.

to make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Asahel Gregory, Master; John Biddlecome, Senr. Warden, and Elisha Hammond, Junr. Warden; the said Lodge to be called Sixty-five.³

The village of Great Bend is in the extreme northeastern part of Pennsylvania. It is near the border of the State of New York, at the mouth of Salt Lick Creek, where it enters the Susquehanna. This river makes a capricious bend out of the State of New York into the northern part of the county, and after turning round Ocuago Mountain, recrosses the boundary, thus the name *Great Bend*.

January 2, 1797. At an adjourned Lodge the following credentials were read, appointing Bro. Thomas Town, the Senior Grand Warden, to represent Lodge No. 65, in the Grand Lodge:

“ TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

“ Whereas your Rt. Worshipful Grand Lodge on the Eleventh day of April Anno Lucis 5795 granted a Warrant & therein nominated Bro. Asahel Gregory Master, John Biddlecom, Sen. W. & Elisha Hammond, Jun. W. to hold a Lodge at the Great Bend of the Susquehanna River In Luzerne County, No. 65

and whereas the distance from Philadelphia where your Grand Lodge is held renders it impossible for our officers to attend & represent our said Lodge at your Quarterly communication & adjourned meetings—

“ In Consideration thereof, reposing Confidence in our Bro. Thomas Town, who resides in Philadelphia—we hereby nominate, Constitute & Appoint him our said Brother—and invest him with full Power to represent our said Lodge in your W. Grand Lodge on all occasions, Communications and Meetings—and to act in behalf of our Lodge in as full and ample a manner as our officers might or could do if personally present.

“ In Testimony whereof we the officers of our said Lodge have

³ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 223.

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hereunto set our hands this twenty eighth day of December in the year of Masonry 5795.

“ELNATHAN GREGORY,

“*Secy. pro tem.*

“ASAHEL GREGORY, *W. M. No. 65*

“DUDLEY HOLDRIDGE, *S.: W.:*

“JOTHAM D. CURTISS, *J: W.:⁴*

(Endorsement)

“Decr. 2d, 1795.

“Thomas Town’s appointment to represent Lodge No. 65 in the Grand Lodge.

“Read 2nd Jany. 1797.”

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, Bro. Town was accordingly recognized as representing said Lodge

April 23, 1798. Returns of Lodge No. 65 were read before the Grand Lodge, viz.:

“Return of Members up to St. John’s Day last, returning 29 standing members. Their Election Return of Officers for 6 months, from St. John’s Day, June last, returning Oliver Trowhridge, Master; Dudley Holdridge, Senior Warden; Jotham W. Curtiss, Junior Warden; Elnathan Gregory, Secretary; Samuel Rexford, Treasurer.”⁵

Also the following copy of their By-Laws:

“BYE LAWS OF LODGE NO. 65.

“Sect. 1. That this Lodge shall consist of all those brethren that has been subscribers for this Warrant and all those who shall or has received the benefits of Masonry from the authority of this or any other lawful warranted lodge of the ancient fraternity of free & accepted masons—they having a Certificate therrfrom or sufficient vouchers to the satisfaction of the lodge that they have lawfully obtained same—and they signing the bye laws and becoming subject to the government thereof shall be considered in every respect as lawful members of this lodge.

⁴ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 112, folio 27.

⁵ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 320.

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"2nd. That no person shall receive the benefit of masonry in this lodge without first having his name Entered on the minutes of the lodge book in open lodge at least one month before admission unless it be some known character nor then unless it be a case of Emergency for which they shall first Deposit ten Dollars into the hands of the secretary or before admission for his initiation fees.

"3d. Whereas the Craft hath greatly suffered by the admission of disgraceful & inferior Characters no ways worthy to receive the benefits of Masonry it shall therefore be the duty of the lodge not to propose any person as a Candidate unless he is a person of moral good character such as is capable of concealing secrets and is capable of following some occupation for a livelihood and who shall be a free man and not a bondman.

"4th. When any candidate is admitted it shall be by the consent of the whole lodge and shall be received by open ballot and if there shall appear of one black or negative ballot it shall be a sufficient objection that the candidate shall not be admitted at that time and whereas such objection may in time be removed when he may be ballotted for a second time, then if there appears a negative ballot he shall be considered as unworthy of being admitted or ballotted for in the lodge afterward.

"5th. The treasurer shall receive all the monies belonging to the lodge for initiation fees or any other way and shall pay out of the same all bills of Expense which shall be allowed by the lodge and signed by the Master and he shall likewise keep an accurate account of what monies he received and bills of Expense, &c so that he may settle with the lodge therefor, which settlement shall be made on Each Lodge night preceding St. John's Day.

"6th. The Secretary shall keep the key of the lodgebook of bye laws and book of record in which he shall keep Exact minutes of the proceedings of the lodge, the monies they receive, bills of Expense, &c so that the lodge may be able to settle with the Treasurer therefor—

"7th. If any complaint shall be brought against any Brother or Member of this lodge for wrongly defaming a brother's character, divulging any part of our sacred order to those to whom it doth not belong or any other misdemeanor which instead of conferring honor on the Craft should bring shame and disgrace on the fraternity, it shall be the Duty of the lodge carefully to examine such complaint and if it should be well supported, it shall be in the power of the lodge to expell such offender from ever having a seat in this lodge afterwards but if such complaint shall not be supported the lodge shall receive him as before a bosom friend.

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"8th. In order that the lodge may not be imposed on by a pretender no candidate shall have his name entered on the minutes of the lodgebook for initiation without first depositing two Dollars into the hand of the Treasurer which shall remain to the use of the lodge provided such candidate makes no further application, but if application be made and not accepted of by ballot the money shall be returned back to such candidate.

"9th. Whereas there are some characters found unworthy of being admitted into our sacred order and to prevent such characters from receiving any injury to their reputation by reason of being rejected or balloted against in this lodge and in order that no Brother shall make known to any person whatever what the objections were or who made them or even whether such candidate was balloted for or against unless it be to inform such candidate thereof.

"10th. If any Brother who may have been initiated in any other lawful warranted lodge makes application to this lodge to be passed to the degree of fellow craft or raised to the sibilime degree of Master Mason he shall pay to the Treasurer of this lodge Three Dollars and one third for each degree he receives.

"A true copy from the original.

"ELNATHAN GREGORY, *Secretary.*"

(Endorsement)

"Bye Laws of Lodge No. 65.

"Read in Grand Lodge 23d April 1798 and referred to Bro. W. Nelson Griffiths & J. R. Taylor.

"Committee Reported 17th Decr. 1798 and report approved."*

Which, upon motion were referred to Bros. W. Nelson, Griffiths and John R. Taylor to examine and report thereon, and who made the following report, at the adjourned Communication, December 17, 1798:

"The Committee to whom was referred the byelaws of Lodge No. 65 on the 23rd of April last

"Having Examined the said Bylaws, find them agreeable, to the Constitution and Regulation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, except the following word; in the 2nd Sect. of said bylaws, after the word admission, viz, *unless it be some known charactor, nor then*

* MSS., Vol. U, paquet 112, folio 33.

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unless it be a Case of Emergency, as the Power of making Masons, in Case of Emergency, belongs to the R. W. G. Master or his Deputy, we are of opinion, that the said words, in the 2nd Sect. of said by-laws, are contrary to the Constitution & Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and out to be Expugned.

“ Phila. Deer. 17th, 5798.

“ WM. NELSON

“ CADW. GRIFFITH.””

“A Motion was made and Seconded to take up the Report of the Committee on the Bye Laws for further Consideration. On the Question being taken it was lost.”⁷

The warrant was finally surrendered, October, 16, 1809.

ROSTER OF LODGE NO. 65, HELD AT THE GREAT BEND OF THE SUSQUEHANNA, LUZERNE COUNTY.

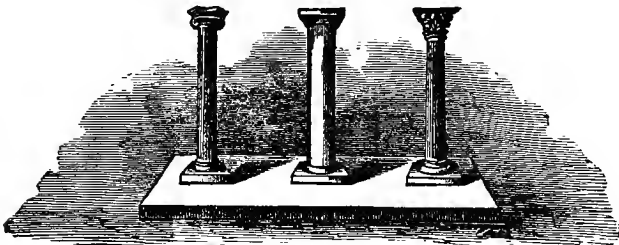
Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
Dudley Holdridge	A. 1795, April 11.
Asabel Gregory	A. 1795, Apr. 11.
John Biddlecom	A. 1795, Apr. 11.
Josiah Stow	A. 1795, Apr. 11.
Elisha Hammond	A. 1795, Apr. 11.
Jeremiah Lenard	A. 1795, Apr. 11.
Ahner Marthis	A. 1795, Apr. 11.
Jotham Curtis	I. 1795, May 27.
Samuel Rexford	I. 1795, June 10.
Ozeas Crampton	I. 1795, May 27.
Joseph Potter	I. 1795, June 10.
Levy Roath	I. 1795, June 10.
Nathaniel Holdridge	I. 1795, June 10.
Jonathan Newman	I. 1795, Aug. 16.
Jotham Parker	A. 1795, Aug. 6.
Oliver Hale	I. 1795, Sep. 17.
Asa Eddy	I. 1795, Nov. 10.
John Cunnisighan	I. 1795, Dec. 28.

⁷ MSS., Vol. U, paquet 112, folio 34.

⁸ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 337.

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Name.	When Initiated or Admitted.
Abel Kent, Jr.	I. 1795, Dec. 28.
Elnathan Gregory	I. 1796, May 31.
Isaac Guernsey	I. 1796, May 31.
William Whitney	I. 1796, May 31.
Peter Guernsey	I. 1796, May 31.
Oliver Trowbridge	A. 1796, May 31.
Nathan Dean	I. 1796, July 12.
Elemuel Cary	I. 1796, Oct. 14.
William Ball	I. 1796, Oct. 14.
Boyer Delano	I. 1796, Dec. 26.
Joshua Whitney	I. 1796, Dec. 26.
Isaac Stuyter	I. 1796, Dec. 26.
Eri Keeler	I. 1796, Dec. 26.
William Shaw	A. 1796, Dec. 26.
Joseph Leonard	I. 1797, Feb. 22.
Daniel Hudson	I. 1792, Feb. 22.
Elijah Forbes	A. 1796, May 31.
George Harper	I. 1797, June 23.
Elephalet Kellog	I. 1797, June 23.
Trowbridge Allen	I. 1797, June 23.
Sylvanus Hatch	A. 1797, June 23.
Daniel Summers.	Daniel Stone.
David Branson.	Levy Manvill.
Samuel Woodcock.	Amos Bidwell.
John Moore.	Abel Osborn.
Cyrus Hotchkiss.	William Guthre.
Amos Griggs.	David Taylor.
Allen Andrews.	



APPENDICES.



APPENDIX I.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PHILADELPHIA, WARRANTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.



IN the year of Grace April 5, 1774, a petition was presented in the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Committee held at Edinburgh April 5, by Bro. Hugh Jameson for a Lodge to be held at Philadelphia under the name of "St. John's" Lodge. This petition was from Alex. Bartram, a Scotchman, for some years a resident of Penn's City on the Delaware, who sent the petition to his correspondent in Scotland. This prayer was granted as appears from the following attested extracts from the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.¹

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF GRAND LODGE.

"Grand Committee, 5th April, 1774.

"Present,

"Alex. McDougall Esq., Grand Secretary.

"David Bolt, Grand Clerk

¹ Original in Archives of the Grand Lodge, MSS., Vol. C, p. 97.

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“Lodges

“Edinburgh St. David’s, Bro. Henry Home, Mr.

“Edinburgh St. Andrew’s, Bro. McPherson, Mr.

“Upon reading a letter from Mr. Alex. Bartram of Philadelphia, addressed to Mr. Hugh Jamieson Merchant in Paisley, craving a Charter of Constitution and Erection for a Lodge to be held in the sd. town of Philadelphia, under the title of St. John’s.

“Ordered accordingly.”

“Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge, Edinburgh, 16th May, 1774.

“Present,

“The Right Worshipful James Boswell Esq. G. M. p. t.

“The Worshipful Brother Bain Whyte, Senr. G. W. p. t.

“The Worshipful Brother Smith, Junr. G. W. p. t.

“with representatives from a number of Lodges.

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“Confirmed also the Minutes of the 5th April last

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“Certified a true Extract

“DAVID REID, *Grand Secretary*

“*Grand Lodge of Scotland*

“Freemason’s Hall

“Edinburgh

“28th June 1913”

No returns from this Lodge were ever received by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

This Alexander Bartram had formerly been a member of Lodge No. 2 in Philadelphia. He was evidently a Scotch Mason, and first appears upon our records November 13, 1764, as a visitor in Lodge No. 2, after which he was present at almost every subsequent meeting of the Lodge until April 9, 1765, when the following appears upon the Minutes: “Bro. Alex. Bartram who has often been a visitor in this Lodge now hath apply’d & requested that he be admitted to become a Regular Member of this Body. And the Lodge taking the

Bro. Alexander Bartram

same into Consideration proceeded to a Ballatt & the said Bro. Bartram being found worthy he was accordingly admitted to the Benefits of this Lodge." Henceforth he became an active member of the Lodge.

December 27, 1765. Alex. Bartram was chosen and installed Junior Warden of the Lodge.

December 27, 1770. Bro. Alex. Bartram was elected and installed as Senior Warden of the Lodge at the meeting of Lodge No. 2, in Videll's Alley

April 19, 1771. Bro. Alex. Bartram made a motion whether or No Bro Hall had acted the part of a Brother Mason with regard to this Body, it was thought by the Body in general that he had been very much deficient touching the accompts together with some other Particulars relative to Masonry and Bro. Hall is excluded from this Body. Bro. Alex. Bartram propos'd some allegations against Bros Blaithwaite Jones D. G. M. & Jno. Howard and as Bro Jones was not present the Master thought it not proper to give a hearing untill it was presented in a proper manner, because the Master would not give a Hearing to the above affair."

Notwithstanding this action we find the following in the Minutes of May 28, 1771:

"Note the Two Wardens Alex Bartram & W^m. Smith had due notice By the Grand Master's orders & refused to attend on which the Grand Master order'd we should proceed to settle the acco^s which was accordingly done and by order of the Grand Master Signed."

At the meeting, June 13, 1771, it was ordered that the R. W. M. Alex Rutherford—Alex Bartram—W^m. Smith and John Howard proceed to Collect the Dues of this Lodge & Continue to do so untill the whole be Collected.

As no notice of above was taken by Bro. Bartram, who absented himself from the Lodge, the following resolution was passed at the meeting, November 13, 1771:

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"It is agreed by the Brethren present that there shall be an Extra Lodge called on account of our late Brethren W^m. Smith and Alex. Bartram to show cause why they have not attended this five months past.

"According to appointment last stated lodge night for Alex Bartram & William Smith Wardens of No 2 to show Cause if any they have for their Non attendance & to pay Lodge dues."

As no response was made this summons the following action was taken at the Extra Meeting called for November 27, 1771:

"Alex Bartram, being particularly Summonsed and not attending this Lodge but treating this Body with Contempt by sending the Summons unopened, besides the Contempt put upon this Worshipful body, they have violated the Trust in which they were solemnly engaged as Wardens. It was ballatted whether he should continue a member of this Body or not, it was carried in the Negative."²

Alex Bartram, being virtually expelled by this action of his Lodge, does not appear to have attempted to get into Lodge No. 3, or if so he was unsuccessful.

Evidently brooding over his trouble, and being with the Loyalist party during the political troubles prior to the outbreak of the Revolution, he applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to set up a Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia in opposition to his old lodge, most all of whose members were on the patriot side. That Bartram received his charter is shown by the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Whether he ever made use of it or succeeded in erecting a Lodge in Philadelphia under the Warrant is not known, as no report or return was ever made from such Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

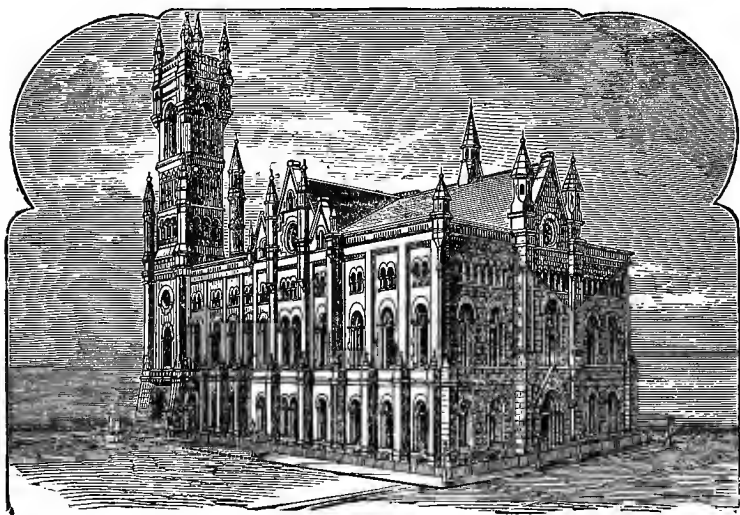
Nothing further in our records is found about Bro. Alex Bartram until during the British occupation of Philadelphia during the Revolution, when Alex Bartram, together with three other Tories or Loyalists (Hugh Stewart, Thos. Books

² Cf. *Freemasonry in Pennsylvania 1727-1907*, Vol. I, p. 121.

Bro. Alexander Bartram

& Thos. Dewees), attempted to get possession of the Provincial Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania of 1761. In this scheme, however, they were thwarted by Bro. Thomas Procter, who secured the Warrant, which is still in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

After the evacuation of Philadelphia by the British, June, 1778, and the reoccupation by the American forces, Alexander Bartram was attainted of treason and his estate confiscated. His losses in consequence of his loyalty were estimated at no less than £5,000. Tradition states that he died at Shelburne, Nova Scotia.





APPENDIX II.

AMERICAN UNION LODGE, NO. 1, HELD AT MARIETTA NORTHWEST TERRITORY (OHIO).



FOR more than a century there has been stored in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a bundle of papers, now yellow and faded by age, relating to the first American Military Lodge, viz.: "American Union Lodge, No. 1," originally warranted as a Military Lodge in the Connecticut Line. This Lodge when warranted was of the "Moderns,"¹ but it appears that when the documents in our possession were written, 1791-1801, they were "Ancients."

Copies of the following letter were evidently sent to other Grand Lodges, as one appears to be on file in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of New York.²

The first letter received by our Grand Lodge from the Brethren of "American Union Lodge, No. 1," at Marietta, Ohio, was dated May 5, 1791. It was accompanied with a copy of the original Warrant, granted by Grindley, Deputy

¹ *Vide* "History of Freemasonry in the State of New York," by Charles McClenachan, Vol. 1, p. 333, New York, 1888.

² *Ibid.*, p. 393.

Petition for Recognition

Grand Master of Massachusetts, February 15, 1776. This letter asked for recognition, viz. :

“ TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT MASONS
IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA THE BRETHREN OF THE ANTIENT
CRAFT NORTH WEST OF THE RIVER OHIO SEND GREETING⁴

“ An extensive Country having lately been opened N. West of the Ohio to which many brethren from Europe as well as the different States in America have removed, who bringing with them a knowledge of the sacred Mysteries were desirous of enjoying those inestimable benefits of Masonry which flow from its well-regulated Institutions, and anxious that the light which shineth in Darkness might illumine their paths in this Wilderness of the West, Have therefore incorporated themselves into a Lodge under a Warrant by the name of The American Union Lodge No. 1.

“ That the greatest Harmony may ever subsist between us & the Brethren of the Confederate States, for the more full enjoyment of every benefit which can arise from the mutual exchange of good Offices with the Antient Craft throughout the World, we have thought it expedient to address the said Lodge of Pennsylvania on the subject. Have enclosed a Copy of the Warrant under which we work together with our Bye-Laws & a list of the present officers. Under the same Warrant a Lodge was held in the Connecticut Line of the Army at different places in course of the late War. Many worthy Brethren from different States of America were Initiated into the sacred Mysteries of the Craft.

“ We beg leave to observe that previous to opening this Lodge within the Western Territory—Being fully impressed with the necessity of our strict adherence to the principles of Masonry its Constitutions & most Antient Customs in a matter of such Magnitude as the opening of a Lodge in this extensive Country & being sensible that our Brethren in the Confederate States would naturally be led to inquire by what Authority a Lodge had been erected in a Country where no Grand Lodge Existed. Wherefore we entered into a full examination of the Rights of Masonry with every Circumstance of its Jurisdiction in America

“ We find that previous to the late Revolution all Masonic Jurisdiction in America was derived from Europe Delegated to Grand Masters in & over certain Districts, that since the War the Masonic

⁴ MSS., Vol. L, paquet 73, folio 15.

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Bodies in the different States have considered themselves Independent of Europe, have formed their Grand Lodges by Electing a Grand Master & other Officers necessary to compose the same, that this System has taken place where there was no Grand Lodge previous to the Revolution as well as in those States where Grand Masters had been appointed from Europe. From hence we concluded that as the Grand Lodge in the different States now acted by virtue of powers derived from their being Elected to those Offices, their Jurisdiction could not extend beyond the limits of the States in & over which they had been Elected and that of course the Federal Territory was not within the Jurisdiction of any of the present Grand Lodges in the respective States.

“ We then proceeded to examine the Warrant of which the enclosed is a copy & found that the Grand Master who granted it was duly appointed Provincial Grand Master over all of N. America where no special Grand Master was appointed That his Warrant to Joel Clarke Esq. was amply sufficient for opening a Lodge in any part of his Jurisdiction. That our present Master was duly invested with the same in the course of the late War being his successor in office. That the power contained in that Warrant had never been revoked by the office from whence they Issued, but that they now remain in full force.

“ And as there was no particular Grand Lodge having Jurisdiction at this time over the Western Territory. And as the said Territory was clearly within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Master who granted this Warrant at the time of its Issuing. Therefore we determined that the Warrant referred to as above was fully & amply sufficient for opening a Lodge within the Territory N. West of the Ohio. Accordingly the Master with a due number of the former members being present the Lodge was opened in ample form & Incorporated agreeably to the antient Customs of the Royal Craft. And we have to request that we may be recognized as such in the different Grand Lodges in our sister States in America. We beg leave further to observe that the extent of the Western Territory, the rapid increase of Inhabitants & the number of the worthy, will soon make it necessary for the full enjoyment of the benefits of Masonry, that more Lodges be established within the Territory. That in pursuance of the example of some of the Confederate States who had no Grand Master previous to the Revolution & have since formed a Grand Lodge by electing a Grand Master we conceive ourselves as being the Masonic Body Corporate within the Federal Territories & duly invested with every power necessary to consti-

Original Warrant of 1776

tute Rules & govern the same agreeably to the Constitutions & antient Customs of the Royal Craft throughout the World. Having thus explained the Principles on which we have opened a Lodge in this Western World We have the fullest confidence that the Principles of Masonry, its Constitutions & Customs, on the fairest Constructions, will justify our Proceedings. We are equally certain that should we have been led into an error by false reasonings the Grand Lodge will be persuaded However that sincerity and an anxious wish to promote the Good of the Craft have guided the Measures, & that they will conceive it their duty to point out the errors & guide our Steps into the paths in which we ought to walk. We have only to request that every Impediment may be removed which might prevent the mutual exchange of good offices between the Brethren of this & every habitable part of Creation, & that nothing may prevent the light which shineth in the East from spreading its benign Influencies even to the going down of the Sun.

“ May the fullest enjoyment of every Blessing attend the Grand Lodge in this life & that to come. With the most earnest wishes for the Health, Peace & Happiness to all Mankind & Cordial affection to the enlightened throughout the World.

“ Marietta May

“ 5th 1791

“ To the Grand Lodge of

“ Pennsylvania.”

“ We are most Worshipful Brothers

“ Your most Ob’d^t &

“ Humble Serv^{ts}

“ RUFUS PUTNAM J. W.

“ BENJ TUPPER S. W

The following copy of the original Warrant of 1776 accompanied the above letter, and is now in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“ TO JOEL CLARKE ESQUIRE GREETING⁵ John Rowe G. Master

“ By virtue of the authority invested in me, I hereby, reposing special trust and confidence in your knoweldge & skill of the Ancient Craft, Do appoint and constitute you the said Joel Clarke Esq^r

⁵ MSS., Vol. L, paquet 73, p. 14.

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Master of the American Union Lodge, now erected in Roxbury, or wheresoever your Body shall remove on the continent of America; provided it be where no grand master is appointed. You are to promote in your Lodge the greatest harmony, brotherly love, and to keep up to the Constitutions, for the reputation of the Craft. In your Makings you are to be very cautious of the moral characters of such persons, as also of Visitors, and such as desire to become members of your Lodge (such as were not made in it) You are to transfer to the Grand Lodge a fair account of the choice of your officers, as well present as future. Any matters coming before your Lodge that cannot be adjusted you are to appeal to, and lay the same before the Grand Lodge for a decision. You are as often as the Grand Lodge meets to attend with your two Wardens; of the time and place the Grand Lodge shall meet you will have previous notice. In order to support the Grand Lodge, your Lodge is to pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary each quarterly night the sum of twelve shillings L. Money. All which you will pay a due regard to. This Commission to remain in full force and virtue untill recalled by me or my successor in office

“ Given under my hand and the hands of the Grand Wardens the seal of the Grand Lodge first affix'd, this 15th day of Feb^r. Anno Mundi 5776 and of salvation 1776.

“ Signed

RICHARD GRIDLEY, *Dep^y. G^d. Master*
“ WILL^M. BARBECK *S^r G^d Warden*

“ By order of the Dep^y. G^d Master

“ Recorded WILL^M HOSKINS *G. Sec^y*

“ Copy. Anslem Tupper Sec^y A. U. L.”

There is no record upon our Minutes that this communication was ever read before the Grand Lodge, or that any action was taken in the premises. There was, however, some action taken upon above request, as it states, in a subsequent letter,³ that they received an answer from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, acknowledging them to be a “just and regularly constituted Lodge.”

Then again in the letter to the Grand Lodge, dated January 10, 1793, the Brethren at Marietta acknowledge the receipt of

³ *Infra*, p. 22, Letter to Grand Lodge, April 6, 1801.

By-Laws of American Union Lodge

a letter from our Grand Lodge, dated May 25, 1792, together with a copy of the Ahiman Rezon presented to them by our Grand Lodge.

Twenty months later a MS. copy of the By-Laws of the Lodge was sent to the Grand Lodge as follows :

“ BY LAWS OF THE AMERICAN UNION LODGE NO. 1^o

“ ARTICLE 1st.

“ This Lodge being held under a Warrant granted to a Traveling Body by the Name of The American Union Lodge & not Numbered but being the first regular Lodge opened in Federal Territories is to be Denominated No. 1 is to consist of the usual Officers pointed by the Constitution & such number of Members as in Lodge duly assembled by unanimous ballot shall be deemed proper.

“ ARTICLE 2^d

“ This Lodge is to be held on the first Monday in Each Month & within the Federal Territory at such Places as the Body duly notified & amply assembled shall in open Lodge by Majority Determine.

“ ARTICLE 3^d

“ This Lodge to be Opened from the Autumnal to the Vernal Equinox at 5 o'clock P. M. & to be closed Nine—from the Vernal to the Autumnal Equinox to be opened at 6 o'clock P. M. and closed at 10 o'clock—of the Time and place of meeting the Members are to take due Notice and attend accordingly as no further notice will be given with respect to the Stated Meetings.

“ ARTICLE 4th

“ The Officers of this Lodge are to be chosen on the Lodge Night preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist & St. John the Baptist.

“ ARTICLE 5th

“ The Votes in this Lodge respecting admission of Members, Innitiations, Passings & Raisings to be by Ballot & Unanimous. Such Matters as respect the Chusing of Officers passing of Laws,

^o *Ibid.*, p. 17.

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Committees, removals &c to be by Ballot & determined by Majority the Master having a Casting Vote.

“ARTICLE 6th.

“No Brother to be admitted a Visitor in this Lodge unless Vouch'd for by some known Brother or can produce to a Committee (appointed by the Master for that purpose) such credentials as his having been regularly initiated in a just Lodge as will satisfy the Master & Brethren & when in the Latter case he must address the Master a Visitor thus admitted may have permission to give his opinion on such Subjects as particularly respect the good of the Craft but he cannot give his Vote.

“ARTICLE 7th.

“No Candidate can be Initiated in this Lodge unless he is Vouched for by one Brother, a Member, that he is of Lawful Age, Defective in neither Body or Mind is of good moral Character has an Estate, professional employment Trade or Occupation by which he is enabled to maintain his Family Support the Dignity of the Craft and this Lodge in particular

“ARTICLE 8th

“No Brother can be admitted a Member in this Lodge unless he can produce the Credentials as in Article 6th and is Vouch'd for as in Article 7th or at least that he was in such Circumstances at the Time of his being Initiated & by misfortune not his own fault he is become otherwise.

“ARTICLE 9th

“Every Candidate made pass'd or Rais'd in this Lodge signing the bye-Laws commences Membership of course & will be considered such until he signifies his intention to the contrary

“ARTICLE 10th

“All Applications of Candidates for Initiation or admission of Members to be in writing to specify the applicant's Name Title Trade or Occupation & place of Residence & must be handed to the Master in Open Lodge by the Brother Vouching for him who must be a member counter Sign the application and consider himself responsible for all expense.

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" ARTICLE 11th

"The Brother who proposes & becomes a Voucher for a Candidate for Initiation must deposit two Dollars which sum if the Candidate is not accepted shall be punctually returned if accepted and does not apply to be made Forfeit to the Lodge & if accepted & made to be considered as a part of their initiation Fee here after pointed out

" ARTICLE 12th

"The Fees for admission of Members, Initiations &c are Stated as follows, viz:

For admitting a Member	1 Doll
For Initiation of a Candidate, Viz:	
Initiation including deposit ..	3 Dolls.
Fund of Charity	3 Dolls
To Clothe the Lodge	1 Doll
	}
	7 Dolls
For passing a Member	1 Doll.
" passing a Brother not a Member	2 "
" raising a Member	2 "
" raising a Brother not a Member	3 "
To the Secretary for a Certificate	1 Doll
For the Tyler, Viz:	
For Each Night	1 Dime
" Each Initiated passed or raised	3 "
" Each Member quarterly	5 "
Visiting Brethren Each Night	2 "

" ARTICLE 13th

"All Fees Dues and Fines are to be secured or occasionally deposited in the chest as the Lodge may direct & any member refusing or Neglecting to pay his quarterages previous to the Election of Officers shall be deprived of his vote.

" ARTICLE 14th

"The Chest apparatus and Furniture necessary for transacting the business shall be the Property of the Lodge & delivered into the care of some responsible Brother.

" ARTICLE 15th

"The Secretary of the Lodge shall keep fair Records of their Transactions of the Initiations &c. a Register of the Names of

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Candidates Initiated pass'd & rais'd, Visiting Brethren &c. and all things proper to be committed to writing he shall issue Summons at the Master's direction for the Calling of Special Lodges he is to receive all Monies & to pay the same to the Treasurer Entering the same on what account & from whom received in the Record of the Lodge.

" ARTICLE 16th

" The Treasurer shall receive all Monies from the Secretary pay them out agreeable to such Directions as the Lodge duly assembled shall Determine to keep fair Record of Receipts & payments & account with the Lodge whenever Required.

" ARTICLE 17th

" The Steward is to take his orders from the Lodge make such Provision for Feasts & Entertainments as he may be directed he is also to assist the Junior Warden in providing Refreshment for the Labourers always remembering that no more Liquor than to the amount of 6 cents for each Brother present can be called for & charged to the Lodge without a special order from the Lodge the preceding Lodge Knight no person but the Steward to order Liquors on account of the Lodge & he to be answerable for all over and above the allowance.

" ARTICLE 18th

" The Articles of this Constitution being the Basis on which all by-Laws are made Due attention is to be paid to each and every particular of them with respect to the power privilege & Authority of the Lodge its officers their duty the duty of Members both within & without the Lodge their Conduct towards Superiors inferiors & Equals as Individuals as Members of Society as Masons as Moral Subjects and every departure from the rules of Propriety or which shall be deemed such by a majority of the Lodge assembled the Transgression will be Dealt with according to the Rules of Masonry & it is considered the duty of this Lodge to hear and determine the Complaints of this Body and use every Endeavour to conciliate the affections of Brethren and to Convince the World that we live as Brethren, but in such differences of opinion as may require the decision of Law or when any Brother is Lost to the advice given this Lodge is not to involve themselves in disputes by making themselves parties in such Disputes.

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“ ARTICLE 19th

“ As Charrrity is the great Bond of Brotherly Love the Cement of Society the Supreme end of Masonry and as there is no Lodges in the French Territory superior to this where our fund of Charity can with propriety be plain this fund of Charity of the Lodge is to be under the Direction of the Master and Brethren Members of this Lodge assembled and to be deposited with the Treasurer & for the better relieving the necessities of such as may be the proper objects of Charity it is determined that the Master, two Wardens & two Brethren, Members, chosen by the members themselves be a Standing Committee and three to be a quorum provided one of the three was chosen by the Member & shall have power to receive the application of Brethren for Charity hear and report the same to the Lodge and when they may deem immediate assistance necessary they may order a sum not exceeding five Dollars to a distress'd Brother to be paid out of the funds of Charity they are to hold at least one meeting every quarter to enquire into the State of the Charity funds & devise ways and means for puting them in such a state as may afford the greatest relief to the Distresses of the Fraternity & be productive of lasting advantage to the antient craft in the Federal Territory and where-ever dispersed in the wide world & as one Charity ought not to be circumscribed to narrow Bounds The Distress of others not of the Fraternity may also be admitted within the discretionary Judgment of the Committee of Charity under the same restrictions provided however the proceeding of former Committee of Charity their Rules & Regulations are to be the Ruling Points by which this Lodge is to govern itself.

“ ARTICLE 20th

“ This Lodge duly assembled and vested with the usual power Solely ratify and Confirm the foregoing articles & Declare them to be binding on Every person who shall subscribe the same however reserving to the Lodge when assembled in Due & ample form the power to ad diminish alter explain & amend the foregoing articles provided they do not depart from the antient land Mark except the 5th 6th 7th & 8th articles which are declared irrevocable without the consent of every member within the Bill of Mortality.

Copy Anselm Tupper Secretary.

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“List of the present Officers of the American Union Lodge No. 1 holden at Marietta May 5th 1791:

“Worshipful—JONATHAN HEART *Master*
“Worshipful—BENJ^N TUPPER—*Sen^r Warden*
“Hon^{bl}.—RUFUS PUTNAM, *Jun^r Warden*
“ANSELM TUPPER *Secretary*
“ROBERT OLIVER *Treasurer*
“WILL^M BURNHAM *Steward.*”

The next letter we have was dated January 10, 1793, there is no record when it was received:

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MASTER, OFFICERS, & MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA—

“*Brethren—*

“Having addressed you during the last Autumn, but doubting whether our letter has yet been received, We are again happy to acknowledge the Receipt of yours of the 25th of May last, together with the valuable Book of Constitutions which you were pleased to present.

“With grateful Pleasure we accept your kind proffers of ‘Information & Assistance which may be necessary,’ and your Offer of Correspondence, we esteem a singular Mark of fraternal Affection, from which we cannot fail to receive Light and Instruction.

“It affords us a peculiar Satisfaction that our Warrant meets with your Approbation, & that you recognize us as a just & regular Lodge.

“Animated with the Countenance & approbation of so respectable a Lodge, We shall look up to it as our Patron and Guide; and persevere in the Attainments of the Sublime art and Masonic Virtue.

“Whenever it shall become necessary for us to erect more Lodges we shall take the Liberty to make Application to you for Warrants to authorize their formation.

“Our establishment of this first Lodge in this Wilderness (we hope) is but the dawning of a Light which shall hereafter pervade the remotest Bounds of this extensive Territory.

“The Bearer of this will be the Worshipful Past Master the Honourable Rufus Putnam esquire, our beloved Brother

“That the Father of Light may illumine all our Paths & have

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you in his holy keeping is the ardent Prayer of your affectionate Brethren in the West

“By order of the Lodge

“ROBT OLIVER, *Master.*

“Marietta January 10th. 1793

“ANSELM TUPPER *Secretary.*”

“Endorsed:

“Marietta Jan^r 10, 1793.

“Read June 3^d. Referred to Committee on Correspondence No 3

“Marietta Lodge 1”

There does not appear to have been any action taken, nor report made by the Committee on Correspondence, to which, as shown by the endorsement, it was referred, as during the summer of 1793 Philadelphia was almost devastated by the scourge of yellow fever. All meetings and gatherings were forbidden and suspended during the summer and autumn of that year. No meeting of the Grand Lodge was held between St. John's Day, June 24, and December 2 of that pestilential year. It may well be assumed that the matter was either overlooked or mislaid.

The next information we have from the American Union Lodge is the following communication, which was read in Grand Lodge, June 2, 1800, and ordered to be filed:

“MARIETTA 10th April 1800

“*Wor^l Sir and Brother*

“In conformity to the regulations, and directions of the American Union Lodge No. One, holden at Marietta Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio, I do myself the honor to transmit the enclosed to your particular care and attention

“I am Worshipful Sir and Brother
with the pure sentiments of Brotherly
affection, Your Obedient

“Humble Servant

“BENJAMIN TUPPER *Sec^o.*

“Mr George A. Baker.”

“Endorsed:

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“Communication from “American Union Lodge No. 1” held at Marietta.

“Rec’d in Grand Lodge 2^d June 1800 & ordered to be filed.”

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, deputy Grand Master, Wardens, other Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania; the American Union Lodge No. One held at Marietta Territory of the United States northwest of the River Ohio sendeth greeting⁷

“*Right Worshipful*

“With *pleasure* and *gratitude* we acknowledge your fraternal attention, in the communication of December last. From so respectable a Body as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania such attention is peculiarly flattering and one our grateful obligations are increased from the reflection that as we are not under your immediate care and patronage, your communication must originate from affection to the Lodge and regard to Masonry in general. Being not sufficiently numerous in this Territory to form a Grand Lodge, we are happy to correspond in the manner which is in our power, sensible of your *condescention* in admitting the correspondence, and hoping soon to be in a situation to communicate with you in a form more correspondent to ancient usage.

“There are now in the Territory four or more Lodges, and others we expect will soon be constituted; With respect to either of them we are unable to give particular information excepting of the one which now addresses you And we are happy to inform that no *Expulsions* have taken place in this Lodge, and but one *Suspension* since our first organization. The person suspended was Ezra Lunt, an Officer in the late Revolutionary War, who soon after removed to Kentucky and from thence to one of the Southern States.

“With you we sensibly feel the loss we have sustained in the death of Washington our Beloved Brother; and tho he never graced our meetings or Processions with his presence; yet the happy effects of his Masonic and civic virtues; of his heroism, Wisdom, patriotism and policy have reached the *West* they have extended to every extreme of the United States; and like the sun at high Meridian have *cheared enlightened* and *animated*; not only America, but the whole civilized World. On the first intelligence of his decease this Lodge unanimously

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 21.

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agreed to wear mourning for six months; as a just, respectful, and affectionate Tribute to his memory; and we cannot but receive sublime satisfaction in the Intelligence, that all our Brethren in the *East* unite with us in esteem, veneration, and respect, for so distinguished, and so amiable a character. "He was indeed an illustrious Brother Citizen and Chief; In peace and in War in council and in action, pre-eminent." Religion and Government which are specially taught by the Mysteries of our Order were eminently conspicuous in our departed Brother. But we do not mourn as those without hope; Tho to *us* the *loss* is great to *him* the *gain* infinitely exceeds it; The Supreme Grand Master has remanded him from a terrene to expand his ample mind in the boundless duties and enjoyments of a Cestial Lodge, whose builder is the Great Architect of the Universe" When *labour* will be without pain, and *refreshment* the most exhilarating, where light in sacred mysteries is constantly increasing and when by swift progressive steps the worthy are exalted. May we not indulge the pleasing thought that one part of the labour which now employs our beloved Washington is as a Guardian Angel to attend the Brotherhood, to give timely notice of approaching danger, to inspire us with spiritual wisdom, that being established in strength and *adorned* with *moral beauty*, we may be raised to that Celestial Lodge constituted by the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, and over which he with peculiar pleasure presides.

"With sentiments of esteem, Affection and respect we are Right Worshipful Brethren
Yours in the strongest Masonic Bonds

"By the unanimous Order of the Lodge assembled
in due, and ample form, April 7th Anno Lucis 5800
"BENJAMIN TUPPER, Secy"

The next communication was dated a year later and tells of the serious calamity which overtook the Lodge at Marietta on the night of March 24, 1801:

"AMERICAN UNION LODGE No 1 HOLDEN AT MARIETTA IN THE NORTH-WESTERN TERRITORY ON MONDAY THE 6th DAY OF APRIL ANNO LUCIS 5801, TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND

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HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA, RESPECTFULLY SENDETH MASONIC SALUTATIONS

“ *Right Worshipful.*^s

“ The transactions of the Grand Quarterly communication of December last, together with a List of the Lodges under your jurisdiction, and of the expulsions and rejections communicated to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during the last year, transmitted to us by your Secretary, have been gratefully received. Influenced by our mutual fellowship and affection, and relying on your disposition to grant us every necessary relief consistent with propriety, we transmit the following communication.

“ On the night of the 24th of March last the house in which we performed our Masonic Labours, with all the *Furniture, Cloathing, working Tools* and *Jewels* of the Royal Arch and Master's Lodge with the *Charter*, were consumed by fire. Our By-laws, Records and accounts being at the house of the Secretary escaped the calamity. The loss to us is very considerable, exclusive of the Charter. In the year 1791 we addressed the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and forwarded a copy of our Charter and By-laws: To which we received an answer acknowledging us a just and regular constituted Lodge. Our present situation pleads your friendly aid, and from your kindness already exhibited towards us, we doubt not you will give us that relief which our circumstances require. Although our Charter be consumed, we do not conceive that this event has destroyed our regular standing as a Lodge, or has deprived us of our *Rank*. We therefore request that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will renew our Charter in such a mode as shall re-instate us in former rank and privileges.

“ We are happy to inform you that no *rejections, suspensions, or expulsions* have taken place in our Lodge since the last communication. Our present Officers are as follows, viz:

- “ Brother Return J. Meigs, Master
- “ Brother Ichabod Nye, Senior Warden
- “ Brother William Skinner Junior Warden
- “ Brother David Putnam, Secretary
- “ Brother Levi Whipple, Treasurer.

“ By order of the Lodge.

“ DAVID PUTNAM, *Secretary*

^s *Ibid.*, p. 22.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio

“ George A. Baker, Esquire

“ Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.”

“ Endorsed

“ 6 April 1801

“ Letter from ‘ American Union

“ Lodge No 1 ’ held at Marietta

“ read in G. L. 15 June 1801

“ ans. is^d by G. Sec^r agreeably to

“ Resolutions of G. Lodge.”

“ MARIETTA July 21st 1801

“ *Worshipful*

“ This will be handed to you by our worthy Brother William Skinner of the American Union Lodge No One, who is by the Master requested to wait on you for the purpose of being informed whether you have received a communication from this Lodge of the 6th of April last directed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and if received what proceeding have been had thereon, and lest that communication may by any accident have failed of being received a Duplicate thereof is enclosed.

“ Any information you shall please to give, or communication you may have to make to the American Union Lodge, Brother Skinner will take the charge of

“ I am Worshipful Brother & Sir

“ with due consideration

“ your Obedient Servant

“ DAVID PUTNAM

“ *Secretary*

“ To George A. Baker Esq.

“ Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.”

“ Endorsement

“ Marietta 21st July 1801

“ Letter from American Union

“ Lodge No 1 with Duplicate of their

“ Communication of 6th April

“ read in G. L. Sept. 7, 1801 ”

There is no record upon our Minutes of any action being taken upon this appeal.

When, seven years later, a Grand Convention of Freemasons in the State of Ohio was held at Chillicothe, January, 1808,

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for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge in that State, the most prominent delegates in this Convention were Bro. Past Master Robert Oliver and Bros. Ichabod Nye and William Skinner, of American Union Lodge, No. 1, of Marietta.

When the organization was completed, Bro. Past Master Rufus Putnam, of American Union Lodge, No. 1, was chosen as the first Grand Master of the new Grand Lodge and Bro. David Putnam, Grand Secretary.⁹

Toward the close of the year 1808, Bro. Putnam sent the following letter to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, containing his resignation:

“TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE SOCIETY OF FREE AND ANCIENT MASONS, FOR THE STATE OF OHIO; YOUR BROTHER SENDETH GREETING:”

“It was with high sensibility and gratitude I received the information, that the grand convention of masons convened at Chillicothe in January last, elected me to the office of grand Master, of your most ancient and honorable society; but, however sensibly I feel the high honor done me by the convention, and am disposed to promote the interest of the craft in general, and in this state in particular, I must decline the appointment. My sun is far past the meridian; it is almost set; a few sands only remain in my glass; I am unable to undergo the necessary labors of that high and important office; unable to make you a visit at this time, without a sacrifice and hazard of health, which prudence forbids.

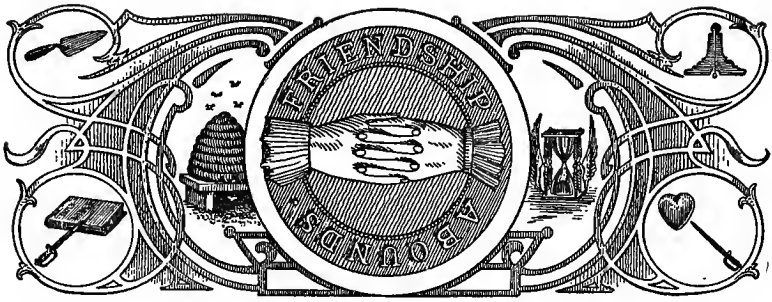
“May the great Architect under whose all seeing eye, all masons profess to labor, have you in his holy keeping, that when our labors here are finished, we may, through the merits of him that was dead, but is now alive, and lives forevermore, be admitted into that temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens—Amen; So prays your friend and brother,

“RUFUS PUTNAM.

“Marietta, Dec. 26th, 1808”

⁹ Proceedings of the Grand Convention of Freemasons in the State of Ohio, Chillicothe, 1809, p. 6.

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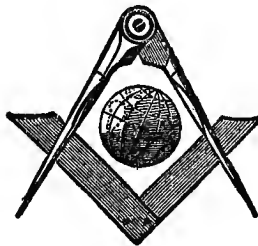
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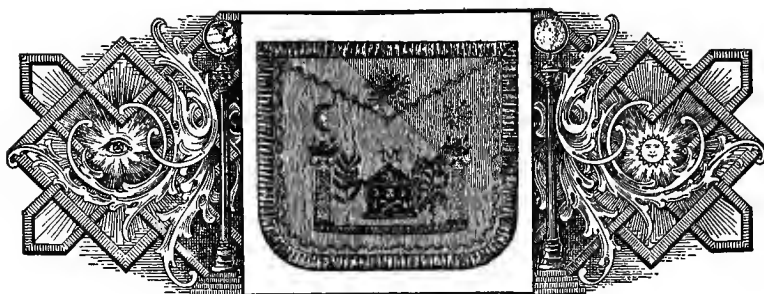
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