

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

Adopted by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, December 21,

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CHAPTER I.

Section 1. There shall be a Grand Chapter for the Republic of Texas, to be holden at the seat of government of said Republic, on the third Monday in January in each year, at which time the following Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot and installed, to-wit: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal and Grand Lecturer; and such other officers as the Grand High Priest may deem necessary to appoint shall be appointed by him and be installed at the same time.

Sec. 2. The Grand Chapter shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters in the Republic of Texas, and in those States, Districts, Republics or Territories who recognize this jurisdiction and where there is no Grand Chapter regularly established; and shall have authority to suspend the proceedings of such Chapters, in States where there is no Grand Chapter, as may knowingly violate any of the provisions of this Constitution; to settle all differences which may arise, and give such advice and instruction as may seem most conducive to their peace and the advancement of the great cause of benevolence and virtue.

Sec. 3. The Grand Chapter shall be composed of the several Grand Officers, the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, the Past Grand Kings, the Past Grand Scribes, the first three officers of the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, or the regular proxies of the said first three officers of said Chapters, and all Past High Priests, while members of Chapters under this jurisdiction, together with the Companions present in the convention at the formation and establishment of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and who shall have signed this Constitution, shall be constituted members thereof forever.

Sec. 4. On all questions to be decided by the Grand Chapter each Chapter shall be entitled to three votes by its representatives or representatives, and the Grand Officers and members, when present, shall each have one vote.

Sec. 5. The Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests shall have authority to call a meeting of the Grand Chapter whenever they may consider it expedient or necessary; and it shall be their duty to do so whenever properly requested by a majority of the Chapters, of which four months' notice shall be given of the time of meeting.

Sec. 6. The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe shall severally have power and authority to grant Dispensations for new Royal Arch Chapters, in any State, county, Republic or Territory in which thee is not a Grand Chapter regularly established, when, in their opinion, the good of the Craft will require the establishment of the Order; but no new Chapter shall be established in any State, county, Republic or Territory, where there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance, under the authority of this jurisdiction, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located.

Sec. 7. The fees for each Dispensation to institute or form a Royal Arch Chapter, with subordinate powers, shall be thirty dollars; the fees for each Charter shall be fifty dollars, from which amount there shall be deducted such amount as may have been paid for the Dispensation; and the Secretary shall be paid two dollars for each Dispensation or Charter he may issue.

The fees in the several Chapters for conferring the several Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason shall not be less than thirty dollars; and the fees for the advancement of a candidate to the Degree of Mark Master, in all Chapters and Lodges shall not be less than four dollars; and no credit shall be given for Charters or for conferring the Degrees in any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction; and any Chapter, holden by Dispensation from either of the officers of the Grand Chapter authorized to give them, shall pay for each Degree, hereafter, the sum of one dollar into the treasury of the Grand Chapter, and one dollar for each member annually.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe to improve and perfect themselves in the sublime Arts and Work of Mark Masters, Past Master, Most Excellent Masters and Royal Arch Masons; to make themselves masters of the several Masonic Lectures and Ancient Charges, for the purpose of adopting measures suitable and proper for diffusing a knowledge of the said Lectures and Charges; and the better to accomplish this laudable object the aforesaid officers are hereby severally authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, Past and Mark Master Masons, throughout its jurisdiction, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Fraternity may require, always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order.

Sec. 9. No Royal Arch Mason within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter shall be permitted to confer any Degree in Masonry, not recognized as a Constitutional Degree, nor to establish any society of Masons not recognized as a Constitutional body; and the first four officers of the Grand Chapter, or any three of them, shall in all cases have authority to decide all Constitutional questions under this section.

Sec. 10. In all cases of the absence of an officer from any body of Masons instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution, the officer next in rank shall occupy his place, unless, through courtesy, or for other reasons, he should decline in favor of another Companion or brother; and in case of the absence of the officers from any regular meeting of either of the bodies aforesaid, the members present shall designate some suitable Companions or brethren to fill the several stations.

Sec. 11. In every Chapter and Lodge under this jurisdiction all questions, except the admission of members or candidates, which shall require an unanimous ballot, shall be considered and determined as such Chapters and Lodges may, all circumstances considered, find

most conducive to their harmony and prosperity; provided they do not in any case interfere or infringe on the regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Sec. 12. The Secretary of the Grand Chapter shall keep a seal, which shall be affixed to all his communications.

Sec. 13. Should any casualty at any time prevent the election, as required under the provisions heretofore made, of Grand Officers, shall retain their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 14. There shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest a Committee on Finance, who shall be empowered to audit and settle all accounts during the recess of the Grand Chapter, which committee shall consist of three members.

CHAPTER II.

Of Subordinate Chapters.

Section 1. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodge of Mark Master Masons under this jurisdiction shall have a Charter of Constitution from this Grand Chapter, which shall be issued by order of the Grand Chapter, signed by the Grand High Priest, under seal of the Grand Chapter and attested by the Grand Secretary; or a Dispensation from one of the Grand Officers; and no Chapter or Lodge shall be deemed legal without such Charter or Dispensation; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, or any member of either of them, and any Chapter, Lodge or Assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden without such Charter or Dispensation, or any or either of their members, or any person Exalted or Advanced in such illegal Chapter or Lodge. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter or Lodge which was established before the organization of the Convention, forming this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, holden at the city of Austin, Republic of Texas, on the 14th December, 1841.

Sec. 2. It is incumbent on the High Priest of every Chapter, as pertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and the regulations thereof be duly observed; that all his subordinate officers perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the proceedings of the Chapter by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that regular returns be made by the Secretary annually to the Grand Chapter of all admissions of candidates or members, and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. The Charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of convening his Chapter at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require their meeting, and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with his King and Scribe, to attend the regular and special meetings of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

Sec. 3. No person, having been a member of a Lodge or Chapter, shall be admitted a member of any other Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, until he shall have procured a certificate from the Chapter or Lodge to which he last belonged, that he was in good standing, and as such, at his own request, is dimitted and recommended.

Sec. 4. Upon the expulsion, suspension or reinstatement of any Companion or brother, or the rejection of any applicant, it shall be the

duty of each Subordinate Chapter to communicate the same without delay to the Grand Secretary and to each of the other Chapters under this jurisdiction.

Sec. 5. No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall have power to confer any regular Degree on a Brother who has received any Degree in any other Chapter, also within this jurisdiction without the consent of said Chapter; or upon any Brother who resides within the jurisdiction of another Chapter.

Sec. 6. Each Chapter, subordinate to this Grand Chapter, shall furnish the Grand Chapter with a copy of its By-Laws, and all amendments which may be made thereto for ratification.

Sec. 7. All amendments to this Constitution shall be made at the Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, which shall be presented on three successive days, and the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes of the Subordinate Chapters represented, shall be necessary to make it a part of this Constitution.

Adopted and ratified on the 21st day of December, 1841.

B. GILLESPIE,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:

H. W. RAGLIN, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION IN WASHINGTON,

FOR

JANUARY. A. L. 5844-'45 ; R. A. M. 2374-'75 ;
A. D. 1844-'45.





GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

Washington, Monday Evening, Jan. 15th,
A. L. 5844; R. A. M., 2374; A. D. 1844.

A meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas, convened at this place, in accordance with the Constitution, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest being absent, the Most Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, N. H. Darnell, representative from Rising Star Chapter, No. 4, (San Augustine) presiding.

PRESENT:

M. E. G. W. Terrell,	Grand King.
M. E. Thos. G. Western,	Grand Scribe, p. t.
E. Walter Winn,	Grand Capt. of the Host, p. t.
E. J. Gillespie,	Grand P. Sojourner, p. t.
E. Geo. A. Patillo,	Grand Royal Arch Capt., p. t.
Comp. Charles Mason,	Grand Treasurer.
Comp. H. W. Raglin,	Grand Secretary, p. t.
Comp. S. W. Pipkin,	Grand Sentinel.

And the following Subordinate Chapters, by their legal representatives, or proxies, viz:

- No. 1, Cyrus, (Matagorda) Harvey Kendrick.
- No. 3, Lone Star, (Austin) Wm. L. Cazneau.
- No. 4, Rising Star, (San Augustine) N. H. Darnell.

The Chapter was opened in due and ancient form, for the dispatch of business. Nothing appearing upon the table, the same was called from labor, until the next Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Attest:

H. W. RAGLIN,
Grand Secretary, P. T.

Washington, Wednesday Evening, 7 O'clock,
January 17th, A. L., 5844.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. Anthony Butler,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Dep. Grand High Priest.
M. E. Thos. G. Western,	Grand King, p. t.
M. E. Edward Burleson,	Grand Scribe, p. t.
E. Walter Winn,	Grand C. of the Host, p. t.
E. J. Gillespie,	Grand P. Sojourner, p. t.
E. Moses Johnson,	Grand R. A. Chaptain, p. t.
E. Charles Mason,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Wm. L. Cazneau,	Grand Secretary, p. t.
E. W. Sullivan,	Grand Sentinel, p. t.

And the following Subordinate Chapters, by their legal representatives, or their proxies, viz:

No. 1, Cyrus, Matagorda.

No. 3, Lone Star, Austin.

No. 4, Rising Star, San Augustine.

The returns of Rising Star Chapter (No. 4) were referred to Committee on Subordinate Chapters, consisting of Companions Johnson, Mason and Raglin.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance, consisting of Companions Western, Burleson and Darnell.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter then proceeded to the choice of officers, for the ensuing year. Companions Johnson and Winn were appointed tellers. Ballots were then taken, and the following Companions unanimously elected to the several offices affixed to their names, to-wit:

M. E. Edward Burleson,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Dep. Grand High Priest.
M. E. Wm. L. Cazneau,	Grand King.
M. E. Moses Johnson,	Grand Scribe.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Grand Secretary.
E. Charles Mason,	Grand Treasurer.
E. J. Gillespie,	Grand Marshal.
E. Anthony Butler,	Grand Lecturer.

The following resolutions were introduced by Companion Cazneau, and adopted:

Resolved, That all dues of Lone Star Chapter, No. 3, and all monthly dues of Companions of said Chapter, to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, be remitted.

Be it further resolved, That said Chapter remain dormant (or without Work), retaining its Charter until a sufficient number of Com-

panions assemble to organize said Chapter--in which event, M. E. E. Burleson is hereby authorized and directed to organize it and install the officers; and remain the representative of said Chapter, until the said election.

No further business appearing, the Chapter was called from labor, until Thursday at 2 o'clock.

Attest:

WM. L. CAZNEAU,
Grand Secretary, P. T.

Washington, Thursday, 2 O'clock, p. m.,
January 18th, A. L., 5844.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. Anthony Butler,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Dep. Grand High Priest.
M. E. Wm. L. Cazneau,	Grand King, p. t.
M. E. Edward Burleson,	Grand Scribe.
E. A. B. Shelby,	Grand Capt. of the Host, p. t.
E. T. J. Green,	Grand P. Sojourner, p. t.
E. J. Gillespie,	Grand Royal Arch Capt., p. t.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Grand Secretary, p. t.
E. Moses Johnson,	Grand Sentinel, p. t.

And the following Subordinate Chapters, by their legal representatives, or their proxies, viz:

No. 1., Cyrus, Matagorda.

No. 3, Lone Star, Austin.

No. 4, Rising Star, San Augustine.

The following officers of the Grand Chapter, for the ensuing year, were duly and legally installed, by the M. E. Grand High Priest:

M. E. Edward Burleson,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Dep. Grand High Priest.
M. E. Wm. L. Cazneau,	Grand King.
M. E. Moses Johnson,	Grand Scribe.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Grand Secretary.
E. J. Gillespie,	Grand Marshal.

No further business appearing, the Chapter was called from labor, until Wednesday evening.

Attest:

H. W. RAGLIN,
Grand Secretary.

Washington, Wednesday Evening, January 24th,
A. L., 5844.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. Edward Burleson,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Dep. Grand High Priest.
M. E. Wm. L. Cazneau,	Grand King.
M. E. A. B. Shelby,	Grand Scribe, p. t.
E. Thos. G. Western,	Grand Capt. of the Host, p. t.
E. Walter Winn,	Grand P. Sojourner.
E. T. R. Cartmell,	Grand R. A. Capt., p. t.
E. C. Mason,	Grand Treasurer.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Grand Secretary.
E. E. W. Moore,	Grand Marshal, p. t.
E. Augustus Williams,	Grand Sentinel, p. t.

And the following Subordinate Chapters, by their legal representatives, or their proxies, viz:

- No. 1, Cyrus, Matagorda.
- No. 3, Lone Star, Austin.
- No. 4, Rising Star, San Augustine.

The M. E. G. H. P. announced the following appointments to the different subordinate offices, for the ensuing year, viz:

E. Walter Winn,	Grand P. Sojourner.
E. Wm. G. Cooke,	Grand Royal Arch Capt.
E. R. Scurry,	Grand Capt. of the Host.
E. E. S. C. Robertson,	Grand Master 3d Veil.
E. A. M. Davis,	Grand Master 2d Veil.
E. L. V. Green,	Grand Master 1st Veil.
Rev. Wm. M. Tryon,	Grand Chaplain.
E. S. W. Pipkin.	Grand Sentinel.

The Committee on Subordinate Chapters made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. G. H. P., G. King and G. Scribe of the G. R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas:

The Committee on Subordinate Chapters, to whom was referred the return of Rising Star Chapter, No. 4, have examined the same and find it correct except the contribution from original members, which we respectfully recommend to be remitted.

MOSES JOHNSON, Chairman,
H. W. RAGLIN,
CHARLES MASON.

Washington, January 18th, A. L. 5844.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the account current of the Grand Treasurer, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. G. H. P., G. King and G. Scribe of the G. R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas:

The Committee on Finance have had before them, the account current of Comp. Chas. Mason, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter,

and find the same correct, which they respectfully submit.

EDWARD BURLESON,
THOS. G. WESTERN,
N. H. DARNELL,
Committee.

Washington, January 22d, 5844.

Comp. Cazneau presented the Grand Chapter sundry documents, in relation to the expulsion of George Fisher, Esq., by San Felipe de Austin Chapter, No. 2, Galveston; which were on motion of Comp. Cazneau, referred, without reading, to a select committee, consisting of Companions Western, Shelby and Mason.

Comp. Mason offered the following resolution, as an amendment to the Constitution, which was required to be laid upon the table for three separate readings:

Resolved, That the third section of the second Chapter of the Constitution be so amended as to read after the last word, "recommended," "unless he be a member of a lawfully constituted Chapter."

Comp. Mason offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate with the Secretary of Cyrus Chapter, No. 1, at Matagorda, requesting that said Chapter forward its returns for the year 5843—it being essentially necessary for the benefit of the fraternity generally; and that the proper disposition may be made of the same."

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then called from labor, until Tuesday evening following, at 7 o'clock.

Attest:

H. W. RAGLIN,
Grand Secretary.

Washington, Tuesday Evening, 7 O'clock,
January 30th, A. L. 5844.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. Edward Burleson,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Dep. High Priest.
M. E. Wm. L. Cazneau,	Grand King.
M. E. A. B. Shelby,	Grand Scribe, p. t.
E. Charles Mason,	Grand Treasurer.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Grand Secretary.
E. H. R. Cartmell,	Grand Capt. of the Host, p. t.
E. Geo. A. Patillo,	Grand P. Sojourner, p. t.
E. T. J. Green,	Grand Royal Arch Capt., p. t.
E. Charles Mason,	Grand Sentinel.

And the following Subordinate Chapters, by their legal representatives, or proxies, viz:

No. 1, Cyrus, Matagorda.
 No. 3, Lone Star, Austin.
 No. 4, Rising Star, San Augustine.

Comp. A. B. Shelby introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to correspond and communicate, in person, with San Felipe de Austin Chapter, No. 2, at Galveston, in relation to their refusing due obedience, and proper recognition of the authority of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Companions Shelby, Darnell, Cazneau and Green, were appointed said committee.

The amendment to the Constitution, introduced by Comp. Mason, was read a second time; and, on motion of Comp. Darnell, referred, together with that portion of the Constitution to which it is an amendment, to a committee, consisting of Companions Mason, Darnell and Shelby.

No further business appearing, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called from labor, until Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Attest:

H. W. RAGLIN,
 Grand Secretary.

Washington, Thursday Evening, 7 O'clock,
 February 1st, A. L. 5844.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Dep. Gr. H. Priest, presiding.
M. E. Wm. L. Cazneau,	Grand King.
M. E. E. W. Moore,	Grand Scribe, p. t.
E. R. Scury,	Grand Capt. of the Host.
E. Walter Winn,	Grand P. Sojourner.
E. H. R. Cartmell,	Grand Royal Arch Capt., p. t.
E. Charles Mason,	Grand Treasurer.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Grand Secretary.
E. Thos. G. Western,	Grand Sentinel, p. t.

And the following subordinate Chapters, by their legal representatives, or their proxies, viz:

No. 1, Cyrus, Matagorda.
 No. 3, Lone Star, Austin.
 No. 4, Rising Star, San Augustine.

The select committee, to whom were referred the documents of Geo. Fisher, made the following report, which was adopted, and the documents given in charge of Comp. E. W. Moore, to be returned to the petitioner:

To the M. E. G. H. P., G. King and G. Scribe of the G. R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas;

The committee to whom were referred the papers presented by George Fisher, Esq., in relation to his expulsion by San Felipe de Austin Chapter, at Galveston, have examined the same and find that they do not, in their opinion, constitute the necessary matter requisite to form an appeal—inasmuch as authentic copies of the whole proceedings of that Chapter do not appear among them, and that any action of this Grand Chapter without a representation and documents from the Chapter below, would be ex parte and unjust.

Your Committee therefore, respectfully recommend that the papers submitted to them be returned to the petitioner, for such purposes as he may deem convenient; or until the whole of the proceedings, and evidence in the case shall be sent up to this M. E. Body, to decide with justice and impartiality.

All of which your committee most respectfully submit, and beg to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

A. B. SHELBY,
 CHARLES MASON,
 THOS. G. WESTERN.

Washington, February 1st, A. L. 5844.

The committee to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. G. H. P., G. King and G. Scribe of the G. R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas;

The committee to whom was referred for consideration the propriety of amending the third section of the second chapter of our Constitution, have examined the same, and recommend the following addition to said section:

“Unless he has lived a sufficient time in the country, to have acquired an unimpeachable character; and further, unless he will state that he never obtained a certificate of withdrawal from the Chapter of Lodge, of which he was last a member; or that he obtained such and has lost the same.”

CHARLES MASON,
 A. B. SHELBY,

Washington, February 1st, A. L. 5844.

Comp. Western introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary correspond with the various Grand Chapters of the universe, to announce the existence, origin and progress of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called from labor, until the 4th instant, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Attest:

H. W. RAGLIN,
 Grand Secretary.

Washington, 10 O'clock, a. m.,
 February 4th, A. L. 5844.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. Edward Burleson,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Dep. Grand High Priest.

M. E. Wm. L. Cazneau,
 M. E. H. R. Cartmell,
 E. G. A. Patillo,
 E. Walter Winn,
 E. Wm. G. Cooke,
 E. Charles Mason,
 E. H. W. Raglin,
 E. E. W. Moore,
 E. Harvey Kendrick,

Grand King.
 Grand Scribe, p. t.
 Grand Capt. of the Host, p. t.
 Grand P. Sojourner.
 Grand Royal Arch Capt.
 Grand Treasurer.
 Grand Secretary.
 Grand Marshal.
 Grand Sentinel, p. t.

And the following Subordinate Chapters, by their legal representatives, or their proxies, viz:

- No. 1, Cyrus, Matagorda.
 No. 3, Lone Star, Austin.
 No. 4, Rising Star, San Augustine.

The following Grand Officers were installed, either in person or by proxy, by the M. E. G. H. P., for the ensuing year:

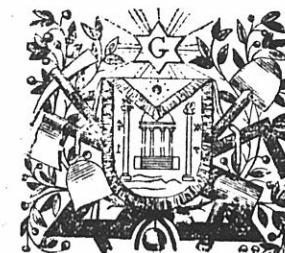
E. R. Scurry,
 E. Walter Winn,
 E. Wm. G. Cooke,
 E. E. S. C. Robertson,
 E. A. M. Davis,
 E. L. V. Greer,
 E. Charles Mason,
 Rev. Wm. M. Tryon,
 E. S. W. Pipkin,

Grand Capt. of the Host.
 Grand P. Sojourner.
 Grand Royal Arch Capt.
 Grand Master 3d Veil.
 Grand Master 2d Veil.
 Grand Master 1st Veil.
 Grand Treasurer.
 Grand Chaplain.
 Grand Sentinel.

The minutes of this Grand Annual Convention were read, and adopted; and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter closed in due and ancient form.

Attest:

H. W. RAGLIN,
 Grand Secretary.



GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
 OF THE
 REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

Washington, Monday Evening,
 January 20th; A. L., 5845; R. A. M., 2375; A. D. 1845.

The regular Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas, convened at the Lodge room of the Republic of Texas, convened at the Lodge room of Washington Lodge, No. 18, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and was opened in due and ancient form.

PRESENT:

M. E. Wm. B. Ochiltree,	Grand High Priest, p. t.
M. E. M. P. Norton,	Dep. Grand High Priest, p. t.
M. E. Henry King,	Grand King, p. t.
M. E. Moses Johnson,	Grand Scribe.
E. Charles Mason,	Grand Treasurer.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Grand Secretary.
E. J. A. Greer,	Grand R. A. Capt., p. t.
E. A. B. Shelby,	Grand P. Sojourner.
E. Thos. G. Western,	Grand Capt. of the Host, p. t.
E. S. W. Pipkin,	Grand Sentinel.

Visiting Companions—Robertson, Crumpler, Wright, Farquhar, Toler and Scurry.

The following Companions presented themselves, as representatives to this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, from their respective Chapters:

Companion Dugald McFarlane, H. P. of Cyrus Chapter, No. 1, Matagorda.

Companion J. A. Greer, proxy for Rising Star Chapter, No. 4, San Augustine.

Companions Charles Mason, High Priest, and H. W. Raglin, Scribe, of Washington Chapter, No. 5, Washington.

The following Companions presented themselves as members of this Grand Chapter: A. B. Shelby, Moses Johnson, and B. Gillespie.

Companion Dugald McFarlane moved that the following standing committees be appointed: Committee on Subordinate Chapters, on Finance, on Foreign Correspondence, on Credentials. Carried.

Whereupon, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed the following Companions to compose the above committees, respectively:

On Subordinate Chapters—Companions McFarlane, Greer and Mason.

On Finance—Companions Greer, Mason and Shelby.

On Foreign Correspondence—Companions Shelby, Raglin and Greer.

On Credentials—Companions Mason, Raglin and Shelby.

The report of the Grand Secretary, and accompanying documents were read; and, on motion of Companion Shelby, referred to their respective appropriate committees.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was read; and, on motion of Companion Shelby, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Returns and By-Laws of Cyrus Chapter, No. 1, were read; and, on motion of Comp. McFarlane, referred to the Committees on Subordinate Chapters and Finance.

Companion McFarlane moved that a select committee be appointed, to take into consideration, the difference existing between this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and San Felipe de Austin Chapter, Galveston. Carried.

Whereupon the M. E. G. H. P. appointed on that committee Companions McFarlane, Shelby and Cazneau.

On motion of Companion Greer, this Grand Convocation was called from labor, until Wednesday evening next, at 7 o'clock.

Attest:

H. W. RAGLIN,
Grand Secretary.

Washington, Wednesday Evening,
January 22d, A. L. 5845.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. W. B. Ochiltree,
M. E. Henry King,
M. E. Moses Johnson,
E. Charles Mason,

Grand High Priest, p. t.
Grand King, p. t.
Grand Scribe.
Grand Treasurer.

E. H. W. Raglin,
E. J. A. Greer,
E. B. Gillespie,
E. D. McFarlane,
E. A. B. Shelby,

Grand Secretary.
Grand R. A. Capt., p. t.
Grand P. Sojourner, p. t.
Grand C. of the H., p. t.
Grand Sentinel, p. t.

Visiting Companions—Robertson, Toler, Tryon and Wright.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Companion D. McFarlane, Cyrus Chapter, No. 1, Matagorda.
Companion J. A. Greer, proxy for Rising Star Chapter, No. 4, San Augustine.

Companions Charles Mason and H. W. Raglin, Washington Chapter, No. 5, Washington.

Companion A. B. Shelby, Chairman of committee on difference existing between this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and San Felipe de Austin Chapter, (appointed at the last Communication) made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. G. H. P., G. King and G. Scribe of the G. R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas;

Your Committee to whom was referred at the last Grand Annual Communication of this Chapter, the duty of conferring with San Felipe de Austin Chapter, at Galveston, with regard to their coming under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, would most respectfully report that they endeavored to obtain an interview on the subject, and were denied that privilege; and any attempt to reconcile matters and bring said Chapter to acknowledge the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, they consider entirely fruitless and ineffectual.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. B. SHELBY,
Chairman.

Washington, January 22d, A. L. 5845.

Companion J. A. Greer introduced the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That no Companion belonging to this Grand Chapter, or to any Chapter working under this jurisdiction, shall visit any Chapter purporting to work, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, under any other authority; nor shall any Chapter, working by authority derived from this Grand Chapter permit any Companions to visit the same, who do not recognize this jurisdiction; provided, that this resolution take effect from the first of April next.

Companion Charles Mason introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the above resolution be printed in the regular minutes; and that the Grand Secretary be required to furnish each Chapter in this Republic, San Felipe de Austin Chapter inclusive, with a copy of said resolution, requiring the same to be read therein; and that the same be done in sufficient time to give each Chapter due notice thereof, before the first day of April next.

Companion D. McFarlane, Chairman of Committee on Subordinate Chapters, made the following reports:

To the M. E. G. H. P., G. King and G. Scribe of the G. R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas;

The Committee to whom were referred the returns of Subordinate Chapters, beg leave to make the following report:

That they have examined the returns of Cyrus Chapter, No. 1, and find them correct.

The Committee report the returns of Rising Star Chapter, No. 4, as correct, with the exception that the dues do not accompany the same,

The returns of Washington Chapter, No. 5, are found to be correct; and we recommend their acceptance by this Grand Chapter.

DUGALD McFARLANE,
CHAS. MASON.

Washington, January 22d, 5845.

To the M. E. G. H. P., G. King and G. Scribe of the G. R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas;

The Committee on Subordinate Chapters have examined the By-Laws of Cyrus Chapter, No. 1, and Washington Chapter, No. 5, and find the same to be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas, and the usages and landmarks of the Order; they, therefore, recommend their confirmation.

DUGALD McFARLANE,
CHARLES MASON.

Washington, January 22d, A. L. 5845.

On motion of Companion Mason, the Grand Convention proceeded to the election of the Grand Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, for the ensuing year.

Companions Mason and Toler were appointed tellers. Ballots were then taken, and the following Companions unanimously elected to the several offices affixed to their names, to-wit:

M. E. Dugald McFarlane,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. Moses Johnson,	Dep. Grand High Priest.
M. E. A. B. Shelby,	Grand King.
M. E. J. A. Greer,	Grand Scribe.
E. Charles Mason,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Walter Winn,	Grand Secretary.
E. E. S. C. Robertson,	Grand Marshal.
E. Henry King,	Grand Lecturer.

The M. E. G. H. P. announced the following appointments:

E. R. S. Neighbors,	Grand Capt. of the Host.
E. Geo. A. Patillo,	Grand P. Sojourner.
E. Adolphus Sterne,	Grand Royal Arch Capt.
E. Dan'l. J. Toler,	Grand Master 3d Veil.
E. Wm. L. Cazneau,	Grand Master 2d Veil.
E. Augustus Williams,	Grand Master 1st Veil.
E. Wm. M. Tryon,	Grand Chaplain.
E. Wm. R. Scurry,	Grand Orator.
E. James L. Farquhar,	Grand Sentinel.

Companion Johnson offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the G. H. Priest, King and Scribe be required to take into possession the property and regalia of Lone Star Chapter, No. 3, at Austin, and retain the same as property of this Grand Chapter, until Lone Star Chapter be able to convene, and hold its sessions at Aus-

Resolved, That Comp. Wm. M. Tryon be appointed Delegate from this Grand Chapter to the Grand Chapter of New York, with authority to open a correspondence with any other Grand Chapter which lie may think proper.

Companion Charles Mason offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Washington Chapter, No. 5, to be issued by the Grand Secretary on the reception of the necessary amount, as provided by the Constitution; the committee having reported favorably on its return, viz: To Companion Wm. B. Ochiltree, as High Priest; Moses Johnson, King, and Charles Mason as Scribe.

Companion Johnson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to superintend the printing of the Proceedings of this Grand Communication, and those of last year, with authority to publish so much as they may deem advisable, and draw on the treasury for the amount.

On motion this Grand Convocation was called from labor, until 4 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Attest:

H. W. RAGLIN,
Grand Secretary, P. T.

Washington, Friday, January 24th, A. L. 5845.
The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. Dugald McFarlane,	Grand High Priest.
M. E. A. B. Shelby,	Grand King.
M. E. Henry King,	Grand Scribe, p. t.
E. W. B. Ochiltree,	Grand Capt. of the Host, p. t.
E. Moses Johnson,	Grand P. Sojourner, p. t.
E. A. Sterne,	Grand R. A. Capt., p. t.
E. Charles Mason,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Walter Winn ,	Grand Secretary.
E. Dan'l J. Toler,	Grand Sentinel.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Companion Dugald McFarlane, Cyrus Chapter, No. 1, Matagorda.

Companion Henry King, as proxy for representative of Rising Star Chapter, No. 4, San Augustine.

Companion Charles Mason, Washington Chapter, No. 5, Washington.

On motion of Companion King, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter proceeded to the installation of the officers of Washington Chapter, No. 5.

Whereupon, M. E. Companions Wm. B. Ochiltree was installed High Priest, and Chas. Mason, Scribe, of Washington Chapter, No. 5, in due and ancient form.

A communication was read from Companion Geo. K. Teulon; and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Companion Charles Mason, this Grand Convocation was called from labor until 2 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Attest:

WALTER WINN,
Grand Secretary.

Washington, Thursday Evening, 2 O'clock,
March 6th, A. L., 5845.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. Moses Johnson,	Dep. Gr. H. Priest, presiding.
M. E. D. D. Crumpler,	Grand King, p. t.
M. E. Augustus Williams,	Grand Scribe, p. t.
E. Thos. G. Western,	Grand Capt. of the Host.
E. Wm. M. Tryon,	Grand P. Sojourner, p. t.
E. Eben'r Allen,	Grand Royal Arch Capt., p. t.
E. Charles Mason,	Grand Treasurer.
E. Walter Winn,	Grand Secretary.
E. Jas. L. Farquhar,	Grand Sentinel.

And the following Subordinate Chapters, by their legal representatives, or their proxies, viz:

- No. 1, Cyrus, Matagorda.
- No. 4, Rising Star, San Augustine.
- No. 5, Washington, Washington.

The M. E. G. H. P. was pleased to appoint on the Committee for Printing, Companions Winn, Mason, and Allen.

The following report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was read; and on motion of Companion Mason, adopted:

To the M. E. G. H. P., G. King and G. Scribe of the G. R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas;

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have had the same under consideration, and would most respectfully report that they have examined, with interest, the letter of our worthy Companion G. K. Teulon, an agent appointed by this Grand Chapter to obtain a recognition of our right to work, etc., and are happy that there are so much more urbanity and spirit of benevolence manifested by our Companions

in a foreign land, than by a Chapter working within our own boundary; and that, too, not under most favorable auspices.

Your Committee would recommend that our Grand Secretary be instructed to correspond with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the other Grand Chapters mentioned in the letter of said Companion, G. K. Teulon; also with each of the individual Companions mentioned in said communication; and that a resolution, expressive of our approbation of the course pursued by our said agent, be forwarded to Charles W. Moore, Esq., of Boston, Mass., to be, by him, sent to Calcutta, to our worthy Companion, G. K. Teulon.

The Committee would further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to open a correspondence with the different Chapters of the United States, and the appointment of agents to attend to their interests near this Grand Chapter; and the committee would further recommend the appointment of a committee to assist the Grand Secretary in his Foreign Correspondence.

A. B. SHELBY,
Chairman.

Washington, March 6th, A. L. 5845.

The following report of the Committee on Finance, was read and adopted:

To the M. E. G. H. P., G. King and G. Scribe of the G. R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas;

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred this matter, upon examination of our financial concerns, find the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary correct, and recommend their adoption; and, further, that the Grand Secretary notify the different Chapters under this jurisdiction that the utmost punctuality is required by our Constitution, and should be observed by every member.

A. B. SHELBY
Chairman.

Washington, March 6th, A. L. 5845.

A petition, signed by ten Royal Arch Masons, was read, for a Chapter at Brenham.

The following motion was made, and adopted:

"That for want of recommendation, as required by the sixth section of the first chapter of the Constitution, the petition be laid upon the table."

The following resolutions were introduced by Companion Johnson, and adopted:

Resolved, That Comp. R. S. Neighbors, be authorized and required to take charge of the regalia and property of Lone Star Chapter, No. 3, at Austin, until further notice from this Grand Chapter, or until the reorganization of Lone Star Chapter, No. 3.

Resolved, That when any officer of this Grand Chapter shall authorize, by Dispensation, the organization of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, ten dollars shall be paid for said Dispensation.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to superintend the purchase of regalia; and that the funds of this Grand Chapter, now in the treasury, are hereby appropriated for that purpose—if, upon examination, the committee think it advisable.

Whereupon, the M. E. G. H. P. appointed upon that committee Companions Western, Allen and Mason.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter is desirous of extending its correspondence, with all regular Royal Arch Masons, throughout the world.

Resolved, That to further this object, Comp. G. K. Teulon be authorized to represent this Grand Chapter; and open correspondence with any body of Royal Arch Masons that, in his judgment, he may think advisable.

Resolved, That every Companion, member of any Chapter under this jurisdiction, may receive a diploma, with the signatures of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, attested by the Grand Secretary, etc., with the seal of the Grand Chapter, upon payment of four dollars to the Grand Secretary.

The following resolutions were introduced by Companion Mason, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed fifty cents, in every instance, for affixing the seal of the Grand Chapter—except to Charters, Dispensations and Communications.

Resolved, That all Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction be prohibited from using diplomas.

The minutes of this Grand Annual Convocation were then read, and adopted:

No further business appearing the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

Attest:

WALTER WINN,
Grand Secretary.

EXTRACTS

FROM THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, IN AUSTIN,

FOR

January, A. L. 5846; R. A. M. 2376; A. D. 1846.

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GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

Austin, Monday Evening, January 19th,
A. L. 5846; R. A. M. 2376; A. D. 1846.

The regular Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas, convened at the room of Lone Star Chapter, No. 3, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and was opened in due and ancient form.

PRESENT.

M. E. Moses Johnson, D. G. H. P., as G. H. Priest, P. T.	
E. Wm. G. Cooke,	Gr. King, P. T.
E. J. A. Greer,	Gr. Scribe.
E. R. S. Neighbors,	Gr. Capt. of the Host, P. T.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Gr. P. Sojourner, P. T.
E. — Doyle,	Gr. R. A. Captain, P. T.
E. Charles Mason,	Gr. Treasurer.
E. Walter Winn,	Gr. Secretary.
E. Wm. H. Cushing,	Gr. Sentinel.

The following Companions presented themselves as Representatives to this Grand Royal Arch Chapter from their respective Chapters:

Comps. J. A. Greer, H. P.; H. W. Raglin, King, and Walter Winn, Scribe, of Lone Star Chapter, No. 3, Austin.

Comp. W. H. Cushing, proxy for Washington Chapter, No. 5, Washington.

Comp. H. W. Raglin, proxy for Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7, at Fantharp's, Montgomery county.

Comp. Raglin presented the returns for Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7, together with their proceedings and by-laws, for ratifica-

tion; accompanied, also, with a request that a Charter be granted them, and introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Grand Chapter, That a Charter be granted Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7.

Adopted.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 18th February.

WALTER WINN,
Grand Secretary.

Austin, February 18th, 2376.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. Moses Johnson,	D. G. H. P., as Gr. H. Priest, P. T.
M. E. E. S. Ruthven,	Gr. King, P. T.
M. E. Thos. J. Hardiman,	Gr. Scribe, P. T.
E. W. D. Smith,	Gr. Capt. of Host, P. T.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Gr. P. Sojourner, P. T.
E. D. C. Dickson,	Gr. R. A. Captain, P. T.
E. Van R. Irion,	Gr. Master 3d Veil, P. T.
E. Jos. Harrell,	Gr. Master 2d Veil, P. T.
E. — Brown,	Gr. Master 1st Veil, P. T.
E. Charles Mason,	Gr. Treasurer.
E. Walter Winn,	Gr. Secretary.
E. Jas. L. Farquhar,	Gr. Sentinel.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

Lone Star Chapter, No. 3.—Comps. H. W. Raglin, King, and Walter Winn, Scribe.

Washington, No. 5.—Comps. James L. Farquhar and Van R. Irion.

DeWitt Clinton, No. 6.—Comp. L. D. Barry.

Jerusalem, No. 7.—Comp. D. C. Dickson.

Houston, No. 8.—Comp. W. D. Smith.

It was moved by Comp. Walter Winn that the following standing committees be appointed: Committee on Subordinate Chapters, on Finance, on By-Laws, and on Foreign Correspondence. Carried.

Whereupon the M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Companions to compose the above committees, respectively:

On Subordinate Chapters—Charles Mason, H. W. Raglin and W. D. Smith.

On Finance—Comps. Dickson, Hardiman and Barry.

On Foreign Correspondence—Comps. Ruthven, Dickson and Hardiman.

On By-Laws—Comps. Barry, Fairquhar and Van R. Irion.

It was moved by Comp. Charles Mason that the returns of the several Subordinate Chapters be referred to their respective committees. Adopted.

The Grand Secretary read his yearly report, which, on motion of Comp. Charles Mason, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Comps. Smith, Irion and Farquhar.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was introduced by Comp. H. W. Raglin:

Resolved, That the letter of the M. E. G. H. P. to the M. E. G. H. P. of Louisiana, and that of the Deputy G. H. P. to the M. E. G. H. P. of Pennsylvania, be referred to a special committee.

Adopted.

The G. H. P. appointed on said committee Comps. Raglin, Mason and Ruthven.

Comp. Moses Johnson introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon satisfactory evidence Comp. Geo. Fisher is deemed, by us, a worthy Royal Arch Mason, and declared to be in full fellowship with this Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Adopted.

It was moved by Comp. Charles Mason that a committee of one be appointed to invite Comp. Geo. Fisher into the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. G. H. Priest appointed Comp. Charles Mason said committee, who retired, and shortly returned with Comp. G. Fisher, whom he introduced to the officers and members of the G. R. A. Chapter.

Comp. Fisher addressed the G. Chapter and returned thanks for the manifestations of kindness, as well as the justice shown him by the Companions.

The following resolution was introduced:

Resolved, That the election of the officers of this Grand Chapter take place on Friday, the 20th inst.

Adopted.

It was moved by Comp. Raglin that the resolution in relation to Comps. Morrell and Johnson, laid on the table the 19th of January, be taken up. Adopted.

Comp. Raglin then moved its reference to a select committee. Adopted.

Whereupon the M. E. G. H. P. appointed Comps. Smith, Mason and Dixon; and, on motion of Comp. C. Mason, Comp. Raglin was added.

No further business appearing, the G. C. was called from labor to refreshment, until Friday, the 20th inst.

WALTER WINN,
Grand Secretary.

Austin, February, 20th, 1846.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT:

M. E. Moses Johnson, D. G. H. P., as Gr. H. Priest, P. T.	
E. Thos. J. Hardiman,	Gr. King, P. T.
E. A. S. Ruthven,	Gr. Scribe, P. T.
E. W. D. Smith,	Gr. Capt. of Host, P. T.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Gr. P. Sojourner, P. T.
E. D. C. Dickson,	Gr. R. A. Captain, P. T.
E. Jas. Bourland,	Gr. Master 3d Veil, P. T.
E. Wm. H. Bourland,	Gr. Master 2d Veil, P. T.
E. J. Harrell,	Gr. Master 1st Veil, P. T.
E. Chas. Mason,	Gr. Treasurer.
E. Walter Winn,	Gr. Secretary.
E. Jas. L. Farquhar,	Gr. Sentinel.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED:

Lone Star, No. 3—Austin.
Rising Star, No. 4—San Augustine.
Washington, No. 5—Washington.
DeWitt Clinton, No. 6—Clarksville.
Jerusalem, No. 7—Alta Mira.
Houston, No. 8—Houston.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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2d. "We have also examined the foreign communications, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to embody such portions of the same in the proceedings of this G. Chapter as his judgment may dictate, for the benefit of R. A. Masonry."

3d. "We further recommend the embodying in the proceedings of the G. Chapter the communication of the M. E. G. H. P., Comp. D. McFarlane."

Adopted.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

"Your Committee have examined the report of the G. Secretary, and find the same correct and recommend its adoption.

"In conclusion, the Committee beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution—offered by Comp. H. W. Raglin:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter remit to Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7, the fee for conferring four Degrees on Rev. Comp. J. G. Johnson and the annual contributions of Rev. Comps. Morrill and Johnson.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. SMITH,
"And others.

"Austin, February 19, 1846."

On motion, the report, as read, was adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report:

To the M. E. G. H. P., Grand K. and G. S. of the R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas:

The Committee to whom was referred the By-Laws of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7, and Houston Chapter, No. 8, have had the same under consideration—find the same correct and recommend their adoption.

J. L. FARQUHAR,
One of the Committee.

Austin, February 19, 1846.

Resolutions amendatory of the Constitution of the G. R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas, introduced by Comp. Raglin, on its second reading.

Comp. Mason moved its reference to a select committee. Adopted.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed on said committee Comps. Mason, Darnell and Dixon.

Comp. W. H. Bourland introduced the following resolution:

Resolved. That the Dispensation granted to DeWitt Clinton Chapter be renewed, and extended to the next regular meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas.

On motion of Comp. Ruthven it was laid on the table until the next meeting.

On motion of Comp. Winn the G. Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The ballot was then taken and the following Companions unanimously elected to the offices affixed to their names:

Comp. N. H. Darnell,	Gr. H. P.
Comp. T. J. Hardiman,	D. Gr. H. P.
Comp. W. H. Bourland,	Gr. King.
Comp. D. C. Dickson,	Gr. Scribe.
Comp. Chas. Mason,	Gr. Treasurer.
Comp. Moses Johnson,	Gr. Secretary.
Comp. H. W. Raglin,	Gr. Marshal.
Comp. W. D. Smith,	Gr. Lecturer.

Comp. Mason introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the G. Secretary receive for his services \$50 per annum, with such perquisites as he is at present entitled to, by a previous resolution of this G. Chapter.

Comp. Ruthven moved it be amended by adding, "and further, that the present G. Secretary receive the same amount for the past year."

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow, 7 o'clock, for the installation of officers.

WALTER WINN,
Grand Secretary.

Austin, February 21st, 2376.
The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT.

E. A. S. Ruthven,	Gr. H. Priest, P. T.
E. J. A. Greer,	Gr. King, P. T.
E. Wm. H. Bourland,	Gr. Scribe, P. T.
E. W. D. Smith,	Gr. Capt. of Host, P. T.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Gr. P. Sojourner, P. T.
E. D. C. Dickson,	Gr. R. A. Captain, P. T.
E. Moses Johnson,	Gr. Master 3d Veil, P. T.
E. J. Harrell,	Gr. Master 2d Veil, P. T.
E. James Bourland,	Gr. Master 1st Veil, P. T.
E. Charles Mason,	Gr. Treasurer.
E. Walter Winn,	Gr. Secretary.
E. James L. Farquhar,	Gr. Sentinel.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

Lone Star, No. 3—Austin.
Washington, No. 5—Washington.
DeWitt Clinton, No. 6—Clarksville.
Jerusalem, No. 7—Fanthrop's.
Houston, No. 8—Houston.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

"The undersigned, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of Comp. Mason, Grand Treasurer, to have had the same under consideration, and beg leave, respectfully, to report the same as correct; and that from the account of Companion Mason, and accompanying vouchers, it appears that there is at present in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of one hundred and eighty-four dollars and twenty-seven cents. All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID C. DICKSON,
Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters made the following report:

To the M. E. G. H. P., Grand K. and G. S. of the R. A. Chapter of the Republic of Texas:

Your Committee have examined the returns of Rising Star Chapter, No. 4, and find them correct and recommend their adoption.

W. D. SMITH,
Chairman.

February 21, 1846.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Comp. Johnson introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of preparing a Charter—to be presented to the Legislature for enactment—if, in their opinion, it should be advisable.

Adopted.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed on said committee Comps. Greer, Raglin, Cushing, Dickson and Harrell.

The resolution of DeWitt Clinton Chapter, No. 6, asking an extension of their Dispensation (laid on the table at the last meeting) was, on motion of Comp. Raglin, taken up and adopted.

On motion, the G. R. A. C. proceeded to the installation of officers-elect—Comp. Chas. Mason being appointed as the Grand Marshal.

The following report was received from the Deputy Grand High Priest:

During the past year, in the performance of my duty as D. G. H. P., I have authorized the establishment of a Chapter at Houston; one at Alta Mira, Montgomery county, and one at Clarksville; and have reorganized Lone Star Chapter, No. 3, at Austin, and would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved. That the late reorganization of Lone Star Chapter, No. 3, be approved.

MOSES JOHNSON,
D. G. H. P.

On motion, the report was received and resolution adopted.

Comp. Johnson introduced the following resolution:

Resolved. That the G. Secretary shall procure the publication of so much of the proceedings of this Convocation as he may deem useful, and pay for the same out of the funds of the G. Chapter.

Adopted.

The following resolution was presented:

Resolved. That the G. Lecturer shall receive ten dollars from the funds of the G. Chapter, and five from each Subordinate Chapter, for each Chapter he shall visit; provided he shall lecture three days at each Chapter.

Adopted.

On motion of Comp. Dickson the G. C. was called to refresh-
ment until 7 o'clock to-morrow evening.

WALTER WINN,
Grand Secretary.

Austin, February 22d, 2376.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT.

M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Gr. High Priest.
E. W. H. Bourland,	Gr. King.
E. D. C. Dickson,	Gr. Scribe.
E. W. D. Smith,	Gr. Capt. of Host, P. T.
E. Edward Burleson,	Gr. P. Sojourner, P. T.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Gr. R. A. Captain, P. T.
E. J. Harrell,	Gr. Master 3d Veil, P. T.
E. G. Fisher,	Gr. Master 2d Veil, P. T.
E. J. L. Farquhar,	Gr. Master 1st Veil, P. T.
E. Chas. Mason,	Gr. Treasurer.
E. Moses Johnson,	Gr. Secretary.
E. S. W. Pipkin,	Gr. Sentinel, P. T.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

Lone Star, No. 3.	DeWitt Clinton, No. 6.
Rising Star, No. 4.	Jerusalem, No. 7.
Washington, No. 5.	Houston, No. 8.

Comp. Smith introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That it shall be the duty of the High Priest, or presiding officer, of any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, to call a meeting of his Chapter, at such time as it may best suit the Grand Lecturer to visit the same, he giving the presiding officer ten days' notice.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until the 23d.

MOSES JOHNSON,
Grand Secretary.

Austin, February 23d, 2376.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT.

M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Gr. High Priest.
E. Chas. Mason,	Gr. King, P. T.
E. D. C. Dickson,	Gr. Scribe.

E. Moses Johnson,	Gr. Secretary.
E. W. D. Smith,	Gr. Capt. of Host, P. T.
E. Walter Winn,	Gr. P. Sojourner, P. T.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Gr. R. A. Captain, P. T.
E. Geo. A. Patillo,	Gr. Master 3d Veil, P. T.
E. Geo. Fisher,	Gr. Master 2d Veil, P. T.
E. J. Harrell,	Gr. Master 1st Veil, P. T.
E. A. S. Ruthven,	Gr. Sentinel.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

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The Special Committee on the communications of the M. E. G. High Priest, D. McFarlane, and Dep. Grand High Priest Moses Johnson, made the following report:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, King and Scribe, and Comps. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the letter of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Dugald M'Farlane, to the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, and the letter of the M. E. Dep. G. High Priest, Moses Johnson, to the M. E. G. High Priest of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report that we have examined all the authority within our reach, in reference to the constitutions of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the world; and we most cordially concur in the sentiments expressed and positions taken by our M. E. G. High Priest and Deputy Grand High P. We find that in the early history of Masonry in America all Royal Arch Masonry was entirely under the control of Grand Lodges. The approved and legitimate mode of constituting R. A. Chapters was for a sufficient number of R. A. Masons to petition the Grand Lodge for a Warrant to constitute a R. Arch Chapter, which petition was recommended by the nearest Chapter, if there was one within a convenient distance. In 1795 a Grand Chapter was organized for Pennsylvania, subordinate to and by consent of the Grand Lodge of that State. This was the first Grand Royal Arch Chapter in America. In 1798 a convention of R. A. Masons was held at Hartford, Connecticut, which established an independent Grand Chapter for the New England States and New York. This was the first Chapter, so far as your Committee has been able to learn, constituted, independent of a Grand Lodge, in America, and probably the first on the globe.

The Grand Chapter of New England, at that time, claimed jurisdiction over the six Northern States. In 1806 the constitution was amended, and claimed jurisdiction over all the U. States, and changed the name to the "General Grand Chapter of the United States." Several of the States of the Union have acknowledged the supremacy of the General Grand Chapter, and some are independent.

About the year 1832 a Royal Arch Companion of Texas procured a Charter from the General Grand Chapter, to constitute a Chapter at San Felipe, in Texas, by the name of "San Felipe de Austin Chapter." On returning to Texas he could not find R. A. Masons enough to open a Chapter; consequently he did not fill up his blank Charter. In 1838 some R. A. Masons in Galveston got the document, organized a Chapter, filled up the blanks with the names of their officers, and

established the same. In 1842 is probably the first report ever made to the General Grand Chapter, when their proceedings were approved.

In about 1837 a Chapter was organized at Matagorda by Dugald McFarlane, a Scotch Mason, and ten or twelve other Companions, styled Cyrus Chapter, without any Warrant, as they believed they had a right to do, as there was no Grand Chapter that could, by any possibility, be sufficiently acquainted with them to take cognizance of, or superintend their transactions. Some doubts having arisen of their legality, they petitioned the Grand Lodge, in 1841, for a Dispensation to hold a Royal Arch Chapter, which petition was granted, and Dispensation issued to them. At the same time a Dispensation was granted to Rising Sun Chapter, San Augustine, and Lone Star Chapter at Austin. The Dispensation of Lone Star Chapter was issued 10th day of December, 1841, and is as follows:

"We, John A. Greer, Esquire, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, in the Republic of Texas, and the Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"To the Masonic Fraternity within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, Greeting:

"Know ye, that we, the Grand Master of Masons in the Republic of Texas, by virtue of powers and authorities vested in us, by the First Section of the Fourteenth Chapter of the Constitution of our Grand Lodge, and the constitution and usages of our Fraternity, and by virtue of instruction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved Companions, H. Millard, High Priest; Barry Gillespie, King; and Alexander Russell, Scribe, to open and hold a Chapter, designated by No. 3, and by the name of Lone Star Chapter, under our Register and Jurisdiction, in the city of Austin, in the county of Travis; and we do, likewise, authorize and empower our said Companions, H. Millard, B. Gillespie and A. Russell, to advance, install, acknowledge and exalt, according to the most ancient usages and customs of the Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world, and not otherwise. And we do further authorize and empower the said H. Millard, B. Gillespie and A. Russell, and their successors, to hear and determine all matters and things relative to the Craft, within the jurisdiction of the said No. 3, and lastly, we do hereby authorize, empower and direct our trusty and well-beloved Companions, H. Millard, B. Gillespie and A. Russell, to install their successors, after being duly elected and chosen, to invest them with all the powers and dignities of their offices respectively belonging, and deliver to them this Warrant, which is to continue in force until the next Grand Annual Communication of our said Grand Lodge, unless sooner surrendered, and no longer. Provided, always, that the said above-named Companions and their successors do pay due respect and obedience to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge aforesaid, while under its jurisdiction, and to the ordinances thereof, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

"Given under our hand and the seal of our Grand Lodge, at the city of Austin, this tenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1841. Anno Lucis, 5841.

"Attest:
GEORGE K. TENLON,
"Grand Secretary, G. L. R. of T."

The petition upon which this Dispensation was granted was signed by seventeen R. A. Companions, including the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and several other officers and members of the Grand Lodge.

"JOHN A. GREER,
Grand Master.

The other Chapters thus constituted met in convention, with the delegates from San Felipe de Austin Chapter—adopted the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas, which organized and presented a memorial to the Grand Lodge, praying that body to sanction the same, and relinquish all authority or jurisdiction over them.

On the 23d day of December, 1841, the Grand Lodge passed the following Decree:

"Whereas, We have received official information that there has been constituted and formed a Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas, for the government of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in this Republic; therefore, be it known and

Resolved, by this Grand Lodge, That we surrender all jurisdiction over the said Chapters and Royal Arch Masons to the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter, they now being the appropriate head; and should, of right, control and govern the same."

Thus ended the connection between the Chapters and Grand Lodge of Texas.

The E. Comp., Delegate from San Felipe de Austin, was President of the Convention and assisted in drafting our Constitution.

The Chapter at Galveston refused to acknowledge our jurisdiction over them. The members of our Subordinate Chapters continued to meet with them as long as they worked, and they met with us until at the last Grand Annual Convocation communication with them was interdicted, for sundry good reasons well known to this Grand Chapter.

By the published proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S., we discover that a representation was made in 1842, by San Felipe de Austin Chapter, in respect to us, which was almost entirely void of truth (we sincerely hope not maliciously so), and sincerely do we hope it is an error in the report by some inexplicable oversight; and most deeply do we deplore, for the sake of our sacred brotherhood of the ancient Holy R. A.; with true and unalloyed devotion to our Companions throughout the world, we deplore the necessity of declaring it a most unpardonable and unholy act, be it through error or design. It is not true that the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas was organized by Chapters not pretending to act under authority of any head; nor is it true that they (San Felipe Chapter) continued to refuse intercourse with us, for we frequently met in their Chapter and they in ours.

We believe that the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. is the only organization of the kind in existence, or that ever did exist. To charge that Grand Chapter, and the enlightened Companions who constitute it, with a desire to claim jurisdiction over our territory from motives of gain, or to charge them with ignorance of the fundamental principles of Masonry, and the inherent rights and privileges of Masons, would be alike unreasonable and unjust. We, therefore, are confident that they will not attempt to throw discord in our ranks. Notwithstanding we have had but little communication with other Grand Chapters, as our members seldom travel in that direction, yet we are ever happy to meet and greet our Companions from other States and Jurisdictions, and administer to their wants and interest while they sojourn with us; and we ardently hope that we, with all Companions and brethren throughout the world, may dispense with all spirit of contention and spirit of rivalry and ambition, except that noble spirit of emulation of "Who can best work and best agree," and that, although scattered to the four corners of the earth, we may emphatically dwell together in unity.

From the fullest investigation of this subject, we believe it would be inexpedient to come under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. It appears to us that the principles of that organization are not conducive to the purity or prosperity of the fraternity. The plan of sending off authority to constitute Chapters in foreign countries, where it is impossible to exercise any supervision over them for years, as was the case in this country, and is the case in many instances, as is evident from the report of their Secretary on that subject, last year, we believe is liable to much abuse, and might (if it has not already) become a great grievance.

The ancient and acknowledged principle that the Grand Lodge shall supervise Chapters where there is no Grand Chapter convenient, is much more safe, in the estimation of your Committee.

We fully believe that it would be decidedly to the interest of our Grand Chapter, and to R. A. Masonry generally, for us to remain an independent Grand Chapter, unconnected and unallied with any other, except so far as kindred sentiment and the ancient landmarks bind us into one common brotherhood.

This Grand Chapter has never made an appeal, that we know of, to any G. Chapter for favors or assistance; nor have we ever had any desire to exercise authority or meddle with the private affairs of other portions of the universal family; and we ardently hope and believe that none will attempt to meddle with ours, so long as we adhere strictly to ancient usages, and walk in the paths our forefathers trod.

In conclusion, in the opinion of your Committee, there is not the least shadow of doubt of the justice and legality of our organization. That the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas is the supreme lawful head of R. A. Masonry in Texas, and we should suffer no other authority to encroach upon our jurisdiction, under any pretence whatever.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. RAGLIN,
A. S. RUTLIDGE,
CHAS. MASON,
Committee.

On motion of Comp. Johnson, the report was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Resolved, That the late election of officers for Washington Chapter be ratified, and Comp. T. J. Heard be declared H. P.; D. D. Crumpler, King; W. Y. McFarlane, Scribe; W. P. Rutledge, Secretary; and James L. Farquhar, Treasurer, for the ensuing year, for said Chapter.

Comp. Moses Johnson offered the following resolution which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That M. E. Comp. Ingoldsby W. Crawford be appointed Representative of the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

Comp. Farquhar introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the dues to this Grand Chapter for the conferring of Degrees by Washington Chapter, No. 5, on Rev. Comps. O. Fisher, Robert J. Mills and B. B. Baxter, be remitted.

The Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until to-morrow, 7 o'clock, P. M.

MOSES JOHNSON,
Grand Secretary.

Austin, February 24th, 2376.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed its labors.

PRESENT.

M. E. N. H. Darnell,	Gr. High Priest.
E. J. L. Farquhar,	Gr. King, P. T.
E. Geo. A. Pattillo,	Gr. Scribe, P. T.
E. Chas. Mason,	Gr. Capt. of Host, P. T.
E. Walter Winn,	Gr. P. Sojourner, P. T.
E. H. W. Raglin,	Gr. R. A. Captain, P. T.
E. Moses Johnson,	Gr. Secretary.
E. J. W. Swisher,	Gr. Sentinel, P. T.

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On motion of Comp. Johnson, the resolutions amendatory of the Constitution were taken up.

Comp. Johnson moved to amend by striking out all after the caption, and inserting: "Resolved, That section first of first chapter be so amended as to strike out 'seat of government of said Republic,' and insert 'the City of Houston' in lieu thereof."

Motion carried and substitute adopted—when,

On motion, the resolution was read third time and passed, as amended, and became a part of the Constitution.

Comp. C. Mason offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to purchase a blank book for the use of the Grand Chapter.

There being no further business before the Grand Chapter, the same was closed with prayer, in ancient and ample form, in peace and harmony.

N. H. DARNELL,
Grand High Priest.
MOSES JOHNSON, Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

There has been received the printed proceedings from the Grand Chapters of Maine, Connecticut, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and the Grand Councils of Ohio and Alabama, and a number of written documents, all of which show unusual prosperity in our time-honored Order.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Maine commences thus:

"It appears by our Foreign Correspondence that the shafts of malice and persecution, aimed at our institution, have nearly ceased to be hurled, and that a brighter day is breaking in upon us. Intelligence from all parts of our widespread community disclose the Bow of Promise and give assurance of future prosperity."

The Grand Chapter of Connecticut passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept the proposition of the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas for an interchange of Representatives, and that the M. E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, be recommended to the Grand Chapter of Texas for their Representative near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

The G. C. of Ohio passed the following resolution, which appears worthy of imitation:

Resolved, That the Chapters in each Congressional District, where two or more Chapters are located, be requested to hold in each succeeding year, one or more Convocations, at some convenient central point; and that the time and place of such meeting be designated by the oldest Chapter in such district.

The G. C. of Kentucky publishes full returns from fifteen Chapters and two Mark Lodges, all of which appear very flourishing.

The Grand Council of Alabama.—The following extract is from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

"In the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S., your Committee observe that it is recommended to give the authority of conferring the Council Degrees to the Royal Arch Chapter, in those States within whose limits no Grand Council exists; which your Committee believe is subversive of the ancient landmarks of Masonry."

The following is the report of the special committee:

"The special committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Recorder as relates to the death of our late worthy Companion, the Hon. Walker K. Baylor, having had the same under consideration, have instructed me to report the following preamble and resolutions:

"Whereas, It has been made known to this Grand Council that during the last summer our worthy Companion, the Hon. Walker K. Baylor, Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the State of Alabama, lost his life while traveling in the Republic of Texas, by the accidental discharge of firearms in the hands of a friend; therefore, be it

Resolved, by this Grand Council, That in him we have lost a worthy Companion, whose breast was ever ready to sympathize with human suffering wherever it was found, and whose hand was ever ready to relieve it.

Resolved, further. That in him we mourn the loss of a member, whose natural qualities of mind and heart eminently prepared him to discharge the duties of a man and a Mason.

"Resolved, further, That the members of the Grand Council will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that this preamble and resolutions be spread on the records of this Grand Council, and published with its proceedings, and that a copy of the same be sent to his brother, our worthy Companion, the Rev. R. E. B. Baylor, a citizen of the Republic of Texas. All of which is respectfully submitted.

"LEWIS E. PARSONS,
"Chairman."

The report of the G. G. Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the U. States, after referring to some Chapters nominally under that jurisdiction, which did not make the regular reports, one of which "no return has been made of their doings from the time of their organization in 1819 to 1842," says:

"There is much reason to believe, that these are not the only Chapters in like circumstances, whilst there are others that have received Charters by order of the G. G. Chapter, but have never after thought proper to report their doings, nor to pay the constitutional dues. This may arise from a want of knowledge of the provisions of your Constitution, or it may be from carelessness and inattention. It is not known that a register of the Chapters deriving their existence immediately from this G. G. Chapter, has ever been kept; consequently, no one can obtain an account of them without first searching through the records, and then instituting inquiries whether they are now in existence."

There appears to be a difference between that body and the G. Chapter of Louisiana; the latter seems not to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the former.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Virginia manifest great activity and a very healthy and prosperous condition of the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction. The following are extracts from their report on Foreign Correspondence. In speaking of the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas, it is remarked:

"This Grand Chapter presents in its proceedings regular Masonic Work; and as we find it accredited by several sister Grand Chapters, constituents of the General Grand Chapter, we presume that the objection to its regularity arises from the fact that it was not directed in its organization by the G. Grand Chapter; and as we cannot, under any circumstances, admit the authority of that body to interfere with State Jurisdictions, we are disposed to acknowledge our sister, and to recommend that the Grand Secretary institute a correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Texas, in relation to their organization, and lay the facts before your body at the next Annual Convocation."

"General Grand Chapter of the United States.—The proceedings of the body thus styled has been received by your Committee, but they cannot recognize it as a legal Masonic body. They know of no authority higher than State Grand Chapters—to establish a body superior to them, is to remove the ancient landmarks and open the door to dangerous innovations. While, therefore, they accord to the Ancient Masons who are engaged in this body, all purity of intentions, and elevated zeal, they cannot, in their associated capacity, recognize them as a Grand Chapter of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to address a circular to each Grand Chapter in the United States, proposing a convention of delegates from each Grand Chapter, to meet in the city of Richmond, or some other place convenient, in May, 1847, for the purpose of agreeing in a correct system of Work and Lectures in the Sublime Degrees, and that their instructions confine them to that Work alone."

The following letter was received since the adjournment of the G. Chapter of Texas:

Augusta, Ga., February 20, 1846.

Comp. Walter Winn, Gr. Sec. G. R. A. C. R. T.:

Dear Sir—Your letter 27th March last was laid before the Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia, in May last, by whom it was referred to a special committee of three, who made the following report:

"That they have not been able, in the short time allowed them, to ascertain the names of the individuals referred to in said communication. The Committee would suggest that some Companion be recommended to the G. C. R. T., as a suitable person to be appointed to act as their Representative near the G. C. Ga.; and that the Grand Chapter of Texas be requested to make a similar recommendation to this Grand Chapter; and that the Gr. Sec'y be instructed to communicate a copy of this report to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

"C. F. GAMETT,
"L. DWELLE,
"S. P. GARVIN,
"Committee."

Which was accepted, and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. Priest be requested to select a worthy Companion to recommend to the Grand Chapter of Texas, as a suitable individual to represent that Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Georgia."

The M. E. G. H. Priest has selected Comp. William H. Maharrey, a worthy Royal Arch Mason, residing in this city, and instructed me to recommend him to the G. R. A. C. of the Republic of Texas, as every way well qualified to represent that Grand Body near the Grand Chapter of Ga.

Will you have the goodness to lay the above report, resolution and recommendation before your Grand Chapter, and, if possible, by the first Monday in May next, communicate the name of some worthy Companion to represent the Grand Chapter of Georgia near the Grand Chapter of Texas.

I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Very fraternally, yours on the Square,

WM. K. KITCHEN,
Gr. Sec'y G. R. A. C. G.

Many other matters of interest have been received, which will be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the next G. Convocation.

MOSES JOHNSON,
Grand Secretary.

Preston, Matagorda Co., Sept. 12, '45.

M. E. D. G. H. Priest, Moses Johnson:

Worthy Companion—A few days ago my attention was drawn to an extract of a letter, from a Companion Royal Arch Mason residing in Wetumpka, Ala., stating that in reading over the proceedings of a late meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, he there observed that there now existed in the Republic of Texas several bodies of Royal Arch Masons working without authority; and that all Masonic intercourse between the members of these irregular Chapters and those under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter is prohibited and forbidden.

As Grand High Priest, I deem it within the line of my duty to inform you of this strange intelligence—unholy and unrighteous—fraught with consequences of the most serious character that possibly could occur, particularly in the present juncture of our political affairs, and is much to be regretted by the Craft in general. Not that the Royal Arch Masons here have any reason to fear the anathemas of (what every R. A. Mason of intelligence knows to be true) the self-styled and self-created G. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, as they have not, as a body, transcended any ancient constitutional rule, regulation, usage or landmark of the Order of Royal Arch Masons, known to govern it beyond the political limits of the United States of the North, where a peculiar constitutional Royal Arch power has been assumed, and in existence for some time past. Yet that instrument does not arrogate to itself a supreme or universal sovereignty. Viewed literally as published in Webb's Monitor, and other works of the same character, it is unexceptionable so far as the ostensible objects for which it was made is regarded, which are fully and satisfactorily explained in the history and circular of the convention which formed it, for the government of Royal Arch Chapters within the jurisdiction of the United States.

The convention which formed the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. had too much Masonic knowledge, sound judgment and respect for the rights of similar paternities abroad, and customs of inalienable rights, to assume any other position than that of local influence and control. The ground they occupied was a novelty in the traditions of the Order of R. A. Masons, as no such authority had previously existed, either in Europe or America. And this fact is admitted by Companion Thos. Smith Webb, one of the principle delegates and General Grand King of the new formed association, in his Monitor—part 1st, book second and third paragraph, and in the succeeding circular. Nor is any similar power assumed or known, even now, to be acknowledged or in existence, as a precedence, anywhere else. In the Republic of Texas, for exactly the same reasons which instigated their Companions of the New England States, a Grand Royal Arch Chapter was established shortly after the bonds of union with Mexico were severed. If, then, the Royal Arch Masons of Texas have violated any rule or usage, it is done in ignorance—taking the course pursued by their Companions of the United States, as a pattern for initiation, and as unchanged as the principles of the Order are said to be, they followed what they deemed a laudable example. If the Masons of Texas are liable to censure, then is the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States self-condemned.

Pennsylvania was the first to assume the guardianship of the Royal Craft; under the surveillance of the Grand Lodge, a Grand Chapter was formed. New England formed a General Grand Chapter for itself, and Companion Thomas Smith Webb, the ingenious Grand Lecturer, from these successful experiments, conceived the idea of extending the mantle of Masonic power to the utmost limit of the political organization of the United States. But who can peruse the new formed constitution without observing the extreme caution against foreign offense manifested throughout that document. The guarded use of the words "this jurisdiction"—the United States—Article first, Section first; and "where there is no Grand Chapter established." Is it not a universally admitted fact, that unless it is voluntarily surrendered or delegated within some prescribed territorial limits, and not of force otherwise?

I regret extremely that any collision or altercation should so unnecessarily and hastily occur as that alluded to; for wounds of this description are not so easily healed—or defects, if they exist, remedied. So far as I am informed, we are condemned ex parte, as a

notice of a charge has never reached us in this country. The course pursued by the Companions Royal Arch Masons is tenable against the position assumed by the late meeting of General Grand Chapter, and will be defended in the proper manner if the General Grand Chapter is pleased to condescend to a reasonable correspondence on the subject, so that amicable relations should be established between Companions of the same Order. I am led to believe that the uncourteous phrases in which this transaction appears arises from some tortuous misrepresentations made to the General Grand Chapter by local prejudice—or, perhaps, a spirit of malicious retaliation. These may rest in the hallucination of a supposed victory for a short space of time.

The most important point in question is—that there is, and has been, in successful operation for some years past, a Grand Chapter, exercising full authority over and within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Texas, which, it should have been recollect, possesses as full and ample power within its jurisdiction, or political limits of the Republic, as the General Grand Chapter does or can justly exercise or enforce within the jurisdiction of the United States of America; but God forbid it should ever arrogate to itself a questionable authority. It is somewhat strange that during a period of the greatest diffusion of general intelligence and liberal sentiment, that an institution so exalted in its views in less favored ages, should, in the broad blaze of an enlightened era, deteriorate and retrograde into potentiate despotism. But this is not the time for critical argument on a measure of such moment to those concerned, without an authentic information first obtained on the subject, in all its relations. Even then it might become doubtful if a paper discussion farther would be prudent.

The Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas is capable of transacting all business that legitimately transpires within the limits of the Republic; and I, as High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, with all due deference, hope that any interdiction passed against the Royal Arch Masons under this jurisdiction, may be rescinded; otherwise the Grand Chapter, at its next session, may act on the matter—one so unnecessary, inapropos, uncourteous, not to say despotic in its nature. The General Grand Chapter has not the power to interfere in our concerns, even after the consummation of annexation to the United States. The affair, however, I hope, will be agreeably arranged; and jealousy, if it does exist, be obliterated from among us forever.

DUGALD M'FARLANE,
G. H. P. the R. of T.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Cyrus Chapter, No. 1—Held at Matagorda.
M. E. Dugald McFarlane, H. P.
Imperfect returns.

Lone Star Chapter, No. 3—Held at the City of Austin on the second Saturday of every month.

Officers—M. E. J. A. Greer, S. P.; E. H. W. Raglin, K.; E. Walter Winn, S.; E. Charles Mason, C. H.; E. Moses Johnson, P. S.; E. J. M. Swisher, R. A. C.; E. Mm. L. Cazneau, G. M. 3d V.; E. Wm. G. Cooke, G. M. 2d V.; E. R. S. Neighbors, G. M. 1st V.; E. Wm. H. Cushney, Secretary; E. S. W. Pipkin, Sentinel.

Twenty members.

Past High Priests—Barry Gillespie, Charles Daniels, G. K. Teulon, Moses Johnson.

Rising Star Chapter, No. 4—Held at San Augustine on the first Saturday of every month.

Officers—M. E. N. H. Darnell, H. P.; E. McDonald, K.; E. Wm. M. Hurst, S.; E. John D. Nash, C. H.; E. C. W. Cronch, P. S.; E. A. M. Davis, R. A. C.; E. John G. Love, G. M. 3d V.; E. M. S. Mullin, G. M. 2d V.; E. S. Van Bibler, G. M. 1st V.; E. R. C. McDaniel, Secretary.

Twenty-three members.

Washington Chapter, No. 5—Held at the town of Washington on the first Saturday of every month.

Officers—M. E. Thos. J. Heard, H. P.; E. D. D. Crumpler, K.; E. W. Y. McFarland, S.; E. Frank S. Early, C. H.; E. D. C. Gilmore, P. S.; E. Van R. Irion, R. A. C.; E. S. C. Robertson, G. M. 3d V.; E. Lewis Wells, G. M. 2d V.; E. Daniel J. Toler, G. M. 1st V.; E. Jas. L. Farquhar, Treasurer; E. W. P. Rutledge, Secretary; E. W. W. Arrington, Sentinel.

Past H. P.—W. B. Ochiltree.

Eighteen members.

De Witt Clinton Chapter, No. 6—Held at Clarksville on the first Saturday of every month.

Officers—M. E. Edward H. Tarrant, H. P.; E. John P. McKenzie, K.; E. John S. Peters, S.; E. Wm. Harrison, Secretary; E. Geo. L. Scott, Treasurer; E. Sam'l. Corley, C. H.; E. James H. Bourland, P. S.; E. Wm. Bourland, R. A. C.; E. Geo. W. Wright, G. M. 3d V.; E. L. D. Barry, G. M. 2d V.; E. W. R. Scurry, G. M. 1st V.; E. James W. Sims, Sentinel.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7—Held at Alta Mira, (Fantharp's) Montgomery county, on the third Saturday of every month.

Officers—M. E. G. M. Patrick, H. P.; E. A. G. Perry, K.; E. James W. Barnes, S.; E. D. C. Dickson, C. H.; E. G. W. Moring, P. S.; E. A. L. Brigance, R. A. C.; E. F. W. Magee, G. M. 3d V.; E. E. Floyd, G. M. 2d V.; E. D. E. Harper, G. M. 1st V.; E. H. Fanthrop, Treasurer; E. W. F. Case, Secretary; E. T. M. White, Sentinel.

Past H. P.—N. C. Niblett.

Thirty-one members; 64 degrees conferred.

Houston Chapter, No. 8—Held at the City of Houston on the first Monday of every month.

Officers—M. E. Wm. D. Smith, H. P.; E. Alex. Ewing, K.; E. Wm. B. Watkin, S.; E. A. S. Ruthven, C. H.; E. N. T. Davies, P. S.; E. Wm. M. Rice, R. A. C.; E. Robert Brewster, G. M. 3d V.; E. John H. Brown, G. M. 2d V.; E. Wm. Needham, G. M. 1st V.; E. Wm. G. Evans, Sentinel.

Past H. P.—A. S. Ruthven.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Society of Free Masons, composed of Lodges and Chapters.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons in Texas, and their successors in office, shall have, in their corporate capacity, power to hold property both real and personal, for the purpose of erecting, endowing and maintaining an institution of learning; and to sell and convey the same at pleasure; provided, that, at no time, shall the capital exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for said Grand Lodge, and the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, to erect buildings for their own convenience, and to hold such meetings, and at such times, as they may deem proper, for the better

management of their charitable funds, and the application of the same to proper purposes, and the transaction of all other business relating to their own affairs, and shall have full power and authority to make, constitute and ordain by-laws, rules and regulations for their own government.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge is coextensive with the limits of Texas, as claimed and defined by the present statutes as the boundary.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the officers and members of the present Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Texas, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby, created a body politic and corporate—with power to sue and be sued, and that all the provisions, powers and authority granted by this act to the Grand Lodge, be extended to the Royal Arch Chapter, and to the Subordinate Chapters, in the State of Texas; and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

E. W. CRUMP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
EDWARD BURLESON,
President pro tem. of the Senate.

Approved 28th April, A. D. 1846.
J. P. HENDERSON.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE

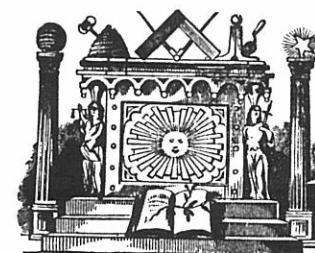
REPUBLIC OF TEXAS,

AT THEIR SIXTH

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, IN HOUSTON,

FOR

JANUARY. A. L. 5847; R. A. M. 2377; A. D. 1847.



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PROCEEDINGS.

Houston, Monday Morning, January 18th,
A. D. 1847, A. L. 5847, R. A. M. 2377.

The regular Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas, convened at the room of Houston Royal Arch Chapter, No. 8, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and was opened in due and ample form.

PRESENT.

M. E. Wm. W. Swain,	Gr. H. Priest, P. T.
M. E. Isaiah Call,	Gr. King, P. T.
M. E. G. M. Patrick,	Gr. Scribe, P. T.
Comp. W. M. Taylor,	Gr. Capt. of Host, P. T.
Comp. W. T. Austin,	Gr. P. Sojourner, P. T.
Comp. R. Brewster,	Gr. R. A. Captain, P. T.
Comp. W. D. Smith,	Gr. Treasurer, P. T.
Comp. M. Johnson,	Gr. Secretary.
Comp. W. G. Evans,	Gr. Sentinel, P. T.

The following Companions presented themselves as Representatives to this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, from their respective Chapters:

Comp. W. T. Austin, from Cyrus Chapter, No. 1.
Comp. Geo. Fisher, from Lone Star Chapter, No. 3.
Comp. A. G. Perry, from Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7.
Comp. W. M. Taylor, from Houston Chapter, No. 8.
A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed the following committees:

On Subordinate Chapters—Comps. Isaiah Call, G. M. Patrick, E. W. Taylor.

On Foreign Correspondence—Comps. W. M. Taylor, J. McKnight, E. W. Taylor, G. M. Patrick, Isaiah Call, A. G. Perry.

On Finance—Comps. J. McKnight, S. H. Darden, A. S. Ruthven, A. G. Perry.

On Returns—Comps. S. H. Darden, E. W. Taylor, A. S. Ruthven, A. G. Perry, W. T. Austin.

The following resolution was offered by Comp. Johnson, and passed to a second reading:

Resolved. That section first of the first chapter of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter be so amended as to read "at the seat of government of the State of Texas, and the city of Houston, alternately."

The following resolution was offered by Comp. Johnson and, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved. That a committee of five be appointed to revise the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and report at its next regular communication.

Committee—Comp. M. Johnson, Comp. G. M. Patrick, Comp. A. G. Perry, Comp. A. S. Ruthven, Comp. W. M. Taylor.

On motion of Comp. G. M. Patrick:

Resolved, That the election for Grand Officers take place this day, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The following resolution was offered by Comp. J. McKnight, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary shall procure the publication of so much of the proceedings of this Grand Convocation as he may deem useful, and that they be published in conjunction with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; and pay for the same out of the funds of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, Jan. 18, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Annual Communication met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Officers and Companions, as before.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence ask leave to report that communications have been received from the convention in Mississippi, held for the purpose of forming a Grand Chapter for that State; likewise from the Grand Chapters of South Carolina and Georgia. That in these communications there is nothing that requires the action of this Grand Chapter, except the communication from the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

That body has selected and recommends Companion William H. Maharrey, of Augusta, Georgia, as a suitable Representative for this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Georgia, and requests this Grand Chapter to reciprocate.

The Committee would, therefore, recommend that William H. Maharrey be appointed Representative of the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas near the Grand Chapter of the State of Georgia, and that the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to select a worthy Companion to recommend to the Grand Chapter of Georgia as a suitable individual to represent that Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Texas.

The Committee would further recommend that the Grand Secretary continue to correspond with the several Grand Chapters as heretofore; that he be instructed to embody such portions of the Foreign Correspondence in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter as his judgment may dictate for the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry; and that

he furnish each of the Grand Chapters of the United States with a copy of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, and solicit a continuance of friendly intercourse and courtesy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. M. TAYLOR,
ISAIAH CALL,
A. G. PERRY,
GEO. M. PATRICK,

Comp. Wm. M. Taylor offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Georgia of Companion William H. Maharrey, of Augusta, Georgia, to act as the Representative of this Grand Chapter near said Grand Chapter of Georgia, be accepted, and his credentials as such be forwarded to him, with the necessary documents.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest recommend Companion E. W. Taylor, of Independence, Washington county, as a suitable Representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia near the Grand Chapter of Texas, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the Grand Chapter of Georgia of the same.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters made a report, which was read and accepted.

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

The undersigned, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of Companion Charles Mason, Grand Treasurer, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same as correct, except that he has paid to Comp. W. D. Smith ten dollars in error, which sum your Committee have no doubt will be refunded; and that from the account of Comp. Mason and accompanying vouchers it appears that there is at present in the hands of the G. Treasurer the sum of one hundred and twenty-nine dollars seventy-one and one-half cents (\$129.71 1-2). All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MCKNIGHT,
Chairman.

Comp. Geo. M. Patrick offered the following resolution, and on motion of Comp. M. Johnson, the same was adopted:

Resolved. That this Grand Chapter remit to Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7, the dues of three ministers of the Gospel.

On motion of Comp. G. M. Patrick, Comp. Geo. Fisher was appointed Delegate for Lone Star Chapter, No. 3.

The Grand Lecturer presented the following report, which was read and, on motion, adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, King and Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas:

In compliance with a resolution of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, I beg leave to make the following report:

On the 24th of June last I visited Rising Star Chapter, No. 4, at San Augustine. Only one officer was present, and the members did not

appear to be well informed in regard to the usual labor. I conferred the Royal Arch Degree and gave such instruction as I thought their circumstances required. They were not in as flourishing a condition as I could desire.

On the 16th of July, after due notice, I met the officers and Companions of DeWitt Clinton Chapter, No. 6, held at Clarksville. Here we had an interesting meeting. I conferred all the Degrees and found the Companions zealous in their devotion to the institution. Their Chapter was in a most flourishing condition.

In September I met the officers and members of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7, held at Alta Mira. Here I found the officers and members in a most flourishing state, working in strict accordance with the genuine principles of the Royal Arch. They not having any Work on hand, I merely lectured, comparing their Work with mine, and not finding any material difference, I left them in peace and harmony.

I afterward visited the officers and some of the members of Lone Star Chapter, No. 3, held at Austin; but in consequence of the greater number of its members being absent—many of them having joined the army—a sufficient number could not be obtained to open a Chapter. We met, and I gave those present such instructions as their circumstances required, and such as would enable them to prosecute their labors in future. This Chapter is in as flourishing a condition as the circumstances of the times will admit.

On the 15th of September I met the officers and members of Washington Chapter, No. 5. Here I conferred all the Degrees. I found them zealous in all the duties of their Chapter, using every endeavor to promote the great cause of Masonry, and to diffuse light and knowledge to all of its members. I gave them suitable instructions, and returned to Houston, where I have labored in Houston Chapter, No. 8, with its members, much to my satisfaction.

Having been informed that Cyrus Chapter, No. 1, at Matagorda, had for some time past neglected to meet, I deemed it useless to visit that place, as it was not probable that a Chapter could be convened there.

In closing this report, I would remark that in my various visits I have generally found great zeal manifested by the Royal Arch Masons in this State to promote the great principles of morality and virtue.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. D. SMITH,
Grand Lecturer, G. R. A. C. R. of T.

The Grand Secretary presented his report, which was read, and on motion accepted.

The amendment to the Constitution, Chapter 1, Section 1, was read third time and passed.

The hour fixed for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the following Companions were unanimously elected:

M. E. Comp. M. Johnson,	Gr. High Priest.
M. E. Comp. G. M. Patrick,	Dep. Gr. High Priest.
M. E. Comp. Wm. W. Swain,	Gr. King.
M. E. Comp. L. D. Barry,	Gr. Scribe.
M. E. Comp. Charles Mason,	Gr. Treasurer.
M. E. Comp. A. S. Ruthven,	Gr. Secretary.
M. E. Comp. Wm. M. Taylor,	Gr. Lecturer.
M. E. Comp. Wm. G. Cooke,	Gr. Marshal.

Comp. A. S. Ruthven announced the decease of our worthy Companion, Geo. K. Teulon, the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Calcutta, and offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Grand Chapter towards our deceased Companion.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter will wear the usual badge of mourning for Comp. Geo. K. Teulon, deceased.

Whereupon, the M. E. Grand High Priest, P. T., appointed on the above committee:

Comp. M. Johnson, Comp. G. M. Patrick, Comp. E. W. Taylor.

The following resolution was offered by Comp. W. W. Swain, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer shall receive from the funds of the Grand Chapter twenty dollars, and from each Subordinate Chapter ten dollars, for each Chapter he shall visit. And each Subordinate Chapter shall also pay the travelling expenses of the Grand Lecturer from one Chapter to another; provided, however, that he shall lecture three times at each Chapter so paid for.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, P. T., installed the M. E. G. High Priest-elect, who was pleased to make the following appointments:

Comp. A. J. McGowen,	Gr. Chaplain.
Comp. A. G. Patillo,	Gr. Capt. of Host.
Comp. T. J. Hurd,	Gr. P. Sojourner.
Comp. James Bourland,	Gr. R. A. Captain.
Comp. A. G. Perry,	Gr. Master 3d Veil.
Comp. Geo. Fisher,	Gr. Master 2d Veil.
Comp. E. W. Taylor,	Gr. Master 1st Veil.
Comp. S. H. Darden,	Gr. Sentinel.
Comp. J. McKnight,	Gr. Tiler.

And proceeded to the installment of the subordinate officers.

Comp. Geo. Fisher offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That further time, until the 24th of June, 1847, be granted to Lone Star Chapter, No. 3, held in the city of Austin, for the transmission of the annual report and the dues for A. D. 1846, to this Grand Chapter, in consideration of the circumstances over which the said Chapter had no control, and further, that the same time be granted to all other delinquent Chapters.

Comp. E. W. Taylor offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter pay Comp. Wm. G. Evans \$3 for services as Sentinel during this Annual Convocation.

Comp. M. Johnson offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That Comp. Isaiah Call be appointed Representative of this Grand Chapter to visit and to facilitate correspondence with the several Grand Chapters of the United States of America.

The minutes of the Proceedings were then read, and on motion of Comp. Wm. M. Taylor, adopted.

No further business appearing before this Grand Chapter, the same was closed with prayer, and in due and ancient form.

WM. M. SWAIN,
Grand High Priest, P. T.
A. S. RUTHVEN, Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Cyrus Chapter, No. 1—Matagorda.
M. E. Dugald McFarlane, High Priest.
No returns.

Lone Star Chapter, No. 2, Austin.
No returns.

Rising Star Chapter, No. 4, San Augustine.
No returns.

Washington Chapter, No. 5, Washington.
No returns.

DeWitt Clinton Chapter, No. 6, Clarksville.
No returns.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7, Alta Mira:

Officers—M. E. George M. Patrick, High Priest; M. E. David C. Dickson, King; M. E. James W. Barnes, Scribe; M. E. Henry W. Raglin, Captain Host; M. E. Guilford M. Mooring, P. Sojourner; M. E. A. G. Perry, R. A. Captain; M. E. Daniel E. Harper, Master 3d Veil; M. E. Elisha Floyd, Master 2d Veil; M. E. F. W. Magee, Master 1st Veil; M. E. Uriah F. Case, Secretary; M. E. H. Fanthorp, Treasurer; M. E. Thomas M. White, Sentinel.

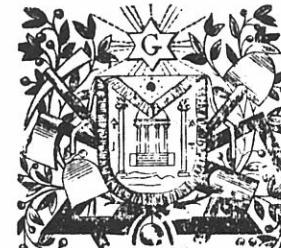
Twenty-six members.

Houston Chapter, No. 8, Houston:

Officers—M. E. Wm. W. Swain, High Priest; M. E. Alex. Ewing, King; M. E. W. B. Walker, Scribe; M. E. W. M. Taylor, Captain Host; M. E. James Reily, P. Sojourner; M. E. Robert Brewster, R. A. Captain, M. E. N. T. Davis, Treasurer; M. E. A. S. Ruthven, Secretary; M. E. J. A. Southmayd, Master 3d Veil; M. E. J. H. Brown, Master 2d Veil; M. E. E. B. Nichols, Master 1st Veil; M. E. Wm. G. Evans, Sentinel.

Twenty-five members.

Past High Priests—A. S. Ruthven, W. D. Smith.



GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

1848.

On the last outside cover of the Printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas for the year 1848, appears the following:
OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, FOR THE

YEAR ANNO TEMPLI, 2378.

M. E. Geo. M. Patrick,	G. H. P.
M. E. T. J. Heard,	D. G. H. P.
M. E. L. D. Barry,	G. King.
M. E. E. H. Tarrant,	G. Scribe.
Compan'n. E. W. Taylor,	Gr. Treasurer.
Compan'n. A. S. Ruthven,	G. Secretary.
Compan'n. J. M. Swisher,	G. Marshal.
Compan'n. Wm. M. Taylor,	G. Lecturer.
Compan'n. Adolphus Sterne,	G. C. of the H.
Compan'n. James L. Green,	G. P. S.
Compan'n. Rob't. Brewster,	G. R. A. C.
Compan'n. Geo. Fisher,	G. M. 3d Veil.
Compan'n. John N. Reed,	G. M. 2d Veil.
Compan'n. G. C. Keenan,	G. M. 1st Veil.
Compan'n. Wm. G. Evans,	G. Sentinel.
Compan'n. H. Grooms,	G. Tiler.

The next Grand Annual Convocation will be held at the City of Houston, on the first Tuesday after the third Monday in January, 1849.

VICTORIA:
Printed at the Advocate Office.
1848.

Note:—From the above I am of the opinion that the proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1848 were never printed, for, if they were, it would not have been necessary to print the list of Grand Officers on Grand Lodge Proceedings.

That the Grand Chapter met and transacted business in 1848 is certain as the officers reported above are different from those reported in printed proceedings of 1847.—Lopas.



GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

1849.

At the Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, held at the City of Houston, on the first Tuesday after the third Monday of January, A. D. 1849, there being present:

M. E. Geo. M. Patrick, G. H. Priest.
M. E. W. D. Smith, G. King.
M. E. A. Ewing, G. Scribe.
Comp. E. W. Taylor, G. Treasurer.
Comp. A. S. Ruthven, G. Secretary.
Comp. W. M. Taylor, G. C. of the Host.
Comp. John Sayles, G. R. A. C.
Comp. J. L. Green, G. P. S.
Comp. Geo. Fisher, G. M. 3d Veil.
Comp. L. P. Rucker, G. M. 2d Veil.
Comp. J. M. Hall, G. M. 1st Veil.
Comp. A. S. Ainsworth, G. Sentinel.

And the representatives of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 7; Brenham, No. 12; Houston, No. 8; and Trinity, No. 13. The following report and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Texas:

The special committee to which was referred the documents and correspondence relative to the unhappy controversy now existing between this and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, report:

That some time in A. D. 1837, some ten or twelve Companions, without any Warrant or Charter, organized a Chapter in the town of Matagorda; afterwards entertaining doubts of the legality of its formation, in A. D. 1841, they applied for and obtained a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas to hold a Royal Arch Chapter. At the same time a Dispensation was granted by same Grand Lodge to Rising Star Chapter, San Augustine, and Lone Star, at Austin. During the same year, these three Chapters, with the San Felipe de Austin Chapter, met in convention, adopted a Constitution, and organized the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas. Some time previously, A. D. 1835, a Charter was granted by the General Grand Chapter of the United States to the requisite

number of Companions to open a Chapter at San Felipe de Austin; but for certain good reasons the Chapter was removed to Galveston, and opened on the 2d day of June, A. D. 1840. When the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was organized in Texas the San Felipe de Austin Chapter declined to sign the Constitution, withdrew from the convention, refused to hold Masonic intercourse with them, and reported the whole matter to the General Grand Secretary. At the first convention of the General Grand Chapter after the receipt of the information respecting the situation of the Chapters in Texas and the difficulties subsisting between them, that body decided the organization of the Chapter first named irregular, and sanctioned the course pursued by the San Felipe de Austin Chapter.

At the Grand Convention in September, A. D. 1847, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That Royal Arch Masons under this jurisdiction are hereby forbidden to hold Masonic intercourse with the said so-called Grand Chapter of Texas, its subordinates, and those acknowledging the authority of said Grand Chapter.

"Resolved, That the G. G. Secretary cause a copy of the foregoing resolution to be published in some newspaper in the State of Texas.

"Resolved, That the G. G. Secretary transmit a copy of the first resolution to the so-called G. Chapter of Texas, and inform that body that it is with great regret that this G. G. Chapter finds itself compelled to adopt this course, and that entertaining none but the most fraternal feelings towards their Companions in Texas, would hail with sincere pleasure an acknowledgment of their errors and the retracing of those steps which must inevitably lead to much discord, and do inconceivable injury to that cause for which they, as well as ourselves, profess the warmest friendship."

The effect of the foregoing resolutions has been to cut off Royal Arch Masons in Texas from Masonic communication with Companions in other portions of the Union. New Chapters have been formed within the limits of this State, under Charters emanating from the G. G. Chapter of the United States; and the members of these respective Chapters are mutually debarred from entering the others. Repeated and persevering efforts have been made, and an extensive correspondence carried on with the G. G. Secretary, for the purpose of settling this unhappy controversy. Your Committee are decidedly of opinion, that for the sake of peace and harmony among the Craft, it is advisable for this Grand Chapter to concede to the demands of the G. G. Chapter, abandon the position it has assumed, and dissolve. We offer and recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter do hereby make a donation to the Grand Lodge of Texas, of all moneys, jewels and other property belonging to this Grand Chapter, to be held in trust as follows: The interest thereon accruing to be applied to charitable purposes, the principal of the moneys and all other property to be delivered up to any legally constituted Grand Royal Arch Chapter organized in the State of Texas, whenever the same shall be demanded by the proper officers.

Resolved, That the several Subordinate Chapters be advised to make a similar disposition of their funds and property to the Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1849, A. L. 5849, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas, dissolve.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary immediately transmit to the Subordinate Chapters and Grand Officers a copy of the foregoing report and resolutions.

JOHN SAYLES,
A. S. RUTHVEN,
GEO. FISHER,
W. D. SMITH,
Committee.

January, A. D. 1849, A. L. 5849

I, A. S. Ruthven, Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, certify that he foregoing is a true copy from the minutes.

A. S. RUTHVEN,
Grand Secretary.