

ANNUAL RETURN TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA.

Of the Officers and other members of Tray Lodge No. 56, commencing on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1891, and ending on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1892, showing the Dates of Affiliations, Initiations, Passings, and Raisings, with the Names and Dates of the Dead, Expelled, Suspended, Reinstated, Rejected, and Dimitted, since the last Return.

No.	OFFICERS AND OTHER MEMBERS. <small>All names in full.</small>	GRADE.	SPECIAL NOTICE.	DEAD.	DATES.	DIMITTED.	DATES.	
1	Flatcher J. Cowart	W. MASTER.	<small> In every instance put all names in full—not the initial nor an abbreviation. Should there be any vacancies among the officers, fill out the list with officers pro tem. If the Lodge has a Chaplain and Stewards, put their names among the other members, immediately after the Tiler. Keep on numbering to the end of the list. If possible, give the ages of the dead. Read the directions on the other side. If there are any preachers, put M. G. immediately after the name and before the red line, not between the red lines. If this Return is filled up according to the directions herein contained it will be perfect. </small>	DeWalt Williams (aged 61 years)	July 24 th 1892	William A. Barber Alsay F. Sanders William H. White John E. Graves	Nov 7 th 1891 Jan 2 - 1892 May 21 - 1892 May 21 - 1892	
2	Sad J. McMath	S. WARDEN.						
3	Charles F. White	J. WARDEN.						
4	Thomas E. Hice	TREASURER.						
5	Josiah Jernigan	SECRETARY.						
6	Thomas J. Duncanson	S. DEACON.						
7	Forest W. Hunter	J. DEACON.						
8	Daniel Pearce	TILER.						
9	Bryan Fringo D	M. M.						
10	Babinsky Edward M	"		REMARKS.				
11	Blair William J.	"						
12	Boyer Humphreys D	"						
13	Brown Joseph S.	"						
14	Blackwell William J.	"		SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.				
15	Bartwell Holly	"		None				
16	Baker Paschal H.	"						
17	Black Watter C.	"						
18	Copeland Joshua J.	"						
19	Chaffin Edwin G.	"						
20	Chaffin Thomas W.	"						
21	Collins James W.	"						
22	Columan Walter S.	"						
23	Chapman Robert B.	"						
24	Corkey Joseph E.	"						
25	Carroll John S.	"						
26	Cowart Humphreys D.	"						
27	Curtis Erno	"						
28	Culver Erasmus W.	"						
29	Chaney William J.	"						
30	Daniel James W.	"						
31	Davison John T.	"						
32	East William R. - M.G.	"						
33	Yellum Lawrence E. Jr	"						
34	Galloway Rufus F.	"						
35	Gilmore William D.	"						
36	Giffin Woodrow E.	"						
37	Goldenberg Charles	"						
38	Gallant Samuel W.	"						
39	Hammon Willis D	"						
40	Hammon Fox	"						
41	Hammon James M	"						
42	Henderson Joe C	"						
43	Henderson Charles	"						
44	Hendrick Gustavus	"						
45	Hilliard William J.	"						
46	Hagman Ewell	"						
47	Henderson Eli M	"						
48	Hammon Robert L.	"						
49	Jackson Louis	"						
50	Jackson Emil	"						
51	Jolly William H.	"						
52	Johnson James J.	"						
53	Johns Louis H.	"						
54	Johnson Edward H.	"						
55	Johnson Thomas H. M.G.	"						
56	Klawnsky Fasil	"						
57	Love William M	"						
58	Loche Elias H.	"						
59	Lee James L.	"						
60	Lee Evan	"						
61	Murphy James L.	"						
62	Murphy Joel D.	"						
63	Murphy James	"						
64	Murphy Thomas F.	"						
65	Morris Jefferson P.	"						
66	McKee Nettie F.	"						
67	Murphy William H.	"						
68	Mason Edmund R. M.G.	"						
69	Nelson Brian	"						
70	Nelson Jacob H. - M.G.	"						
71	Hall James P. - M.G.	"						
72	Pilly Stephen A. M.G.	"						
73	Connel Levi T.	"						
74	Scarborough James W.	"						
75	Standa Hollis W.	"						
76	Smith Stephen L.	"						
77	Solomon Emma W. M.G.	"						
78	Spurs William J.	"						
79	Swain William A.	"						
80	Shirley Shunda W.	"						
81	Solomon Henry L.	"						
82	Tennison A. H. Lewis	"						
83	Thompson Asa W.	"						
84	Piley Henry C.	"						
85	Pilly Oliver C.	"						
86	Watkins Jacob C.	"						
87	White William R.	"						
88	Watson Robert	"						
89	Watson John M.	"						
90	Wattis James	"						
91	Wood Frank S.	"						
92	Whaley Elijah S.	"						
93	Youngblood John L. M.G.	"						
94	Youngblood Thomas J.	"						
95	Zimmerman Frank L.	"						

DUES.	
No.	Amt.
87 Members at 50 cts.....	\$43.50
8 Ministers at 0.....	
FEES.	
For Initiating each candidate.....	\$1.50
" Passing each candidate.....	\$.50
" Raising each candidate.....	\$1.00
" Affiliating each candidate.....	\$.10
" Lodge Dues per annum, each member....	\$.10
" Grand Lodge Dues, each member.....	50

EXPELLED.
None

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.
None

REINSTATED.
Elijah S. Whaley June 6th 1892
Erasmus V. Culver Nov 7th 1891

REJECTED.
H. Blumberg Dec 5th 1891
Blair Copeland Feb 6th 1892
John W. Hamie Jr May 7th 1892
William H. McHale June 18th 1892

[SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.
[All Suspensions for non-payment of Dues must be declared immediately before the Annual Election. And no one thus suspended can vote or hold office.]

MEETINGS of this LODGE are held at the Masonic Hall, at Tray in the County of Pike, on the 1st & 3rd Saturday anniversary of St. John the Baptist for installing the officers. The fee for Initiation in this Lodge is \$ 1.50; for Passing, \$.50; for Raising, \$ 1.00; for Affiliating, \$.10; and to Grand Lodge, 50 cents. Repeat these amounts under head of Fees.

I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the Lodge to be affixed, this 14th day of September, A. D. 1892., A. L. 5892.

The Secretary of this Lodge is at Tray, in the County of Pike, to which all communications must be addressed.

Jean Secretary. Flatcher Cowart Master of Tray Lodge No. 56

SUBORDINATE

Lodge Returns.

No. 56

Tray Lodge.

DUES FOR PRESENT YEAR 1892 \$ 43.50

BACK DUES FOR PAST YEAR 18..... \$ none

Instead of putting the names of Delegates to the Grand Lodge on back of Returns, the Secretary will, just before the Annual Communication, fill out the enclosed blank certificate with the names of such of the first three officers, or their proxies, as will attend that body, and they, on their arrival in Montgomery, will deliver such certificate to the Grand Secretary, as their credentials.

RECAPITULATION.

WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR.

Put the numbers in figures only and between the braces.

ENTERED SINCE LAST RETURN	[5]
PASSED SINCE LAST RETURN	[6]
RAISED SINCE LAST RETURN	[7]
AFFILIATED SINCE LAST RETURN	[2]
REJECTED SINCE LAST RETURN	[4]
MITTED SINCE LAST RETURN	[4]
NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING	[95]

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TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdiction are held at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on the first Monday in December of each and every year, commencing at seven o'clock in the evening; and on the morning and evening of every day thereafter until closed; and the Masters and Wardens of the Subordinate Chartered Lodges, Working under its Jurisdiction, or their proxies, are members of it.

No one can represent any Lodge other than that of which he is a member; and before he can act as a representative, the Dues of his Lodge must be paid.

Dues are payable to the Grand Lodge for each officer and member of the Subordinate Chartered Lodges, except ministers who have the superintendence or pastoral charge of one or more churches; or ministers of any denomination who are prevented from preaching by disease or infirmity contracted while actually engaged in the ministry. There is no other exemption either on account of age or infirmity.

Since this form was printed the Constitution of the Grand Lodge has been so amended as to provide for the Regular Annual Communications to be held on the first Tuesday in December of each and every year.

DIRECTIONS.

1. If there is space enough in the blank for the Officers and Members of the Lodge, without the slip, it need not be used. If there is not, attach the slip (if not already attached,) with mucilage, or by some other means, at the proper place, and number regularly on, leaving out all who are dead, expelled, suspended, and dimitted, (which put in their proper places,) and include any who have been *Reinstated or Raised*.
2. If proxies go to the Grand Lodge instead of the officers, put a (*) after the names on their certificates to indicate that they are proxies.
3. Dues are to be paid for all members except for Ministers of the Gospel in charge of churches, or ministers disabled by infirmity. None other are exempted. And the dues are always FIFTY CENTS for each member of every chartered lodge, unless otherwise ordered.
4. In making out returns, date from the 15th day of September of the past year to to 14th of September of the current year, inclusive.
5. Put the seal in the place indicated by the circle, and be careful to have it upright.
6. Be careful to fill up all the blanks in the Returns, and if there is nothing to fill up with, write the word *none* in the blank, so that the Committee may know that the absence of anything is not an oversight.
7. Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges should read carefully the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and the reports of the proceedings; and especially the reports of the Grand Secretary and Committees on Chartered Lodges, that they may see what errors to avoid; and carefully observe all headings and blanks in the Returns. *And Masters of Lodges should see that the Returns are full and correct before they sign them.*
8. Opposite the name of a member who is exempt from the payment of dues by reason of being a minister in charge of one or more churches, put the letters M. G.
9. Be careful to fill up properly the memorandums on the inside under the Heads of "Dues" and "Fees."
10. Fill up nothing with a pencil. Everything must be done with ink. Give the whole of the name, and not the initials merely, *nor an abbreviation*.
11. The Grand Secretary begs that Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges will be careful to put down the post-office to which they wish communications to be directed. And to mail their communications at their own post-office. *This is very important.*
12. Be careful to put down the names of all those who have been *reinstated* since the last return.
13. The Secretary of every Lodge ought to take pride in having his returns reported *correct*, and also without blot, or blemish, or erasure. And it can easily be accomplished if he will fill up the blanks with that care and attention that he ought to bestow.
14. On the page of "Degrees Conferred," and under the head of "Master Masons," put the names of those who have been Raised since last Return, and the date; and also the date of receiving either of the other degrees. And observe—one who is now reported as a Master Mason, must not be reported under the head of "Fellow-Crafts," or "Entered Apprentices." And one who is now reported as a Fellow-Craft, must not be reported under the head of Entered Apprentices.
15. Under the head of "Fellow-Crafts and Entered Apprentices heretofore reported," put the names of those who have not advanced since last return; if they are still within the jurisdiction of the Lodge. But if they have already been reported for two successive years, either as Fellow-Crafts or Entered Apprentices, their names may be dropped from these returns.
16. Lodges under Dispensation are not required to have a Seal or to pay Dues; but every Chartered Lodge is required by the Constitution to have a Seal.
17. If one is *suspended for non-payment of dues*, and then *reinstated* during the same masonic year, his name need not be put under either of those heads.
18. Never improvise a blank. Should the Secretary not happen to have one, write to the Grand Secretary.

Secretaries will attend carefully to all directions on this Sheet.

DEGREES CONFERRED,

And Affiliations since the last Report to the Grand Lodge.

No.	NAMES.	DATE OF INITIATION AND AFFILIATION.	DATE OF PASSING.	DATE OF RAISING.
<p>MASTER MASONS. With the dates of their Initiations, Passing and Raising</p>				
	Samuel W. Gellintont		Sept 19 th 1891	Oct 22 nd 1891
	Frank S. Wood		Oct 3 rd 1891	Nov 7 th 1891
	James Wallis			Oct 8 th 1891
	Emill Hyman	Dec 17 th 1891	January 2 nd 1892	June 16 th 1892
	Eli M. Hammond	July 6 th 1892	April 18 th 1892	May 7 th 1892
	Walter C. Black	April 2 nd 1892	April 18 th 1892	May 9 th 1892
	Robert L. Harmon	April 4 th 1892	May 19 th 1892	May 23 rd 1892
<p>FELLOW CRAFTS. With the dates of Initiation and Passing, and who have not been Raised.</p>				
	<i>None</i>			
<p>ENTERED APPRENTICES. With the dates of Initiation and who have not been Passed</p>				
	Thomas E. Murphy	Sept 3 rd 1892		
<p>AFFILIATIONS.</p>				
	William R. East	May 7 th 1892		
	Edward R. Moore	June 18-1892		
<p>FELLOW-CRAFTS AND ENTERED APPRENTICES HERETOFORE REPORTED. And who have not Advanced. But after being reported under this head for two years, their names may be dropped from this place.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No dates necessary.</p> <p>FELLOW-CRAFTS.</p>				
	<i>None</i>			
<p>ENTERED APPRENTICES.</p>				
	<i>None</i>			

Read the directions carefully, and follow them, and it is impossible to make mistakes.