

FORMATION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

At a Convention of Delegates of Knights Templars, from South-Carolina Encampment No. 1, Charleston; Columbia Encampment, No. 2, Columbia and Lafayette Encampment, No. 3, Georgetown: assembled agreeably to previous notice, in Charleston, on the 16th, and continued in session, by adjournment, from day to day, until the 19th January, 1826, and of the order of Knighthood, 709 - there were present

Encampment No. 1, Charleston.

Sir F.S. Curtis, Past Grand Commander.
Sir M. Holbrook, M.D. Past Grand Commander.
Sir James Eyeland, Grand Commander.
Sir A. M'Donald, Generallissimo.
Sir James M'Annally, Captain General.

Encampment No. 2, Columbia.

Sir E. H. Maxcy, Grand Commander, by his proxy,
Sir William Waller.
Sir W. E. Shaffer, Generallissimo, by his proxy,
Sir Edward Hughes.
Sir M. M'Elroy, Captain General, by his proxy,
Sir Samuel Seyle.

Encampment No. 3, Georgetown.

Sir Benjamin Green, Grand Commander.
Sir W. E. Lathrop, Generallissimo.
Sir A. B. Shackelford, Captain General, by his proxy,
Sir John Barker.

The Delegation presented credentials from their respective Encampments, authorizing and deputising them to assemble in Convention, for the purpose of forming a Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, for the State of South Carolina. Whereupon, Sir Francis S. Curtis, was called to the chair, and Sir James Eyeland, appointed Secretary.

Sir Moses Holbrook, Past Grand Commander, of South-Carolina Encampment No. 1, laid before the Convention letters from M.E. Sir Dewitt Clinton, General Grand Master, and Sir Henry Fowle, Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment of the U.S.A. authorizing and approving of the formation of a Grand Encampment for this State, by the three Encampments above named.

Whereupon, on motion of Sir Moses Holbrook, it was unanimously

"RESOLVED," That it is expedient to form a State Grand Encampment, and that we, the Delegates appointed by South-Carolina Encampment No. 1, Columbia Encampment No. 2, and Lafayette Encampment No. 3, do hereby form ourselves, and our legal successors, into such Grand Encampment, agreeably to the permission of Sir Dewitt Clinton, G.G.M. and of Sir Henry Fowle, D.C.G. M. and in conformity to the Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Encampment of the United States of America; to be known and distinguished by the style and title of the "GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA." (Signed by all the Delegates present.)

After the appointment of a committee, consisting of Sir James Eyeland, Sir E. H. Maxcy, and Sir Benjamin Green, to prepare a code of by-laws for the government of the Grand Encampment, the Convention proceeded to the election of officers; when on counting the

votes, the following Sir Knights appeared to be duly elected.

Sir MOSES HOLBROOK, M.D., Grand Master.
SIR BENJAMIN GREEN, Deputy Grand Master.
Sir J. R. ARTHUR, Grand Generallissimo.
Sir W. E. LATHROP, Grand Captain General.
Sir John BRYCE, Grand Prelate.
Sir JAMES EYELAND, Grand Senior Warden.
SIR A. B. SHACKELFORD, Grand Senior Warden.
Sir JOSEPH M'COSE, Grand Treasurer.
Sir C.C. SEBRING, Grand Recorder.
Sir WILLIAM LANCE, Grand Warder.
Sir E. BENJAMIN, Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir E. SEBRING, Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir JOHN ROCHE, Grand Sentinel.

The Officers elect present, were then installed into their respective offices, and the Grand Encampment declared to be duly constituted, and proclaimed under the style and title of the "GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF SOUTH-CAROLINA."

The Committee on the Rules having submitted a report, it was read, amended and adopted.

Whereupon, on motion of Sir C.C. Sebring-

RESOLVED. That the Rules for the government of the Grand Encampment, as amended and adopted, be referred to a Committee of two, for engrossment and revision, who shall make a report at the anniversary meeting, to be held in February next.

Sir W. E. Lathrop, and Sir C.C. Sebring, were accordingly appointed.

On motion of Sir Benjamin Green,

RESOLVED, That the Grand Recorder be directed to write to Columbia Encampment No.2 requesting them to send one or more of their first officers to attend the meeting of the Grand Encampment, to be held on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday in February next, for the purpose of considering and adopting such rules and by-laws as may then be submitted.

On motion,

RESOLVED, That the Grand Recorder be directed to prepare an abstract of the proceedings of ~~the~~ late Convention at its several adjourned meetings, and the proceedings of the Grand Encampment, and cause the same to be published in one or more of the Gazettes of the city.

The Grand Encampment was then adjourned until the Tuesday previous to the fourth Wednesday in February next, being the twenty-first day of the month.

By Order.

C. C. Sebring, Grand Recorder

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