

At a meeting of Master Masons held at the house of Bro. Octavius Waters in the town of Delta, Fulton County, Ohio, on Thursday Evening February 22nd A. L. 5854, A. D. 1854, being duly organized, the following Warrant of Dispensation was read

Warrant of Dispensation,

FOR A NEW LODGE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.



To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: WHEREAS, it has been duly represented unto me that in the *Town* of *Delta* County of *Fulton* in the State of *Ohio* there resides a number of Brethren of the Most **Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Master Masons**, who are desirous of being authorized to proceed forthwith to work as a regular LODGE; and it appearing to be for the benefit of the CRAFT in general, as well as of the afore-said Brethren in particular, that they should be encouraged in their lawful designs:

THEREFORE KNOW YE, That I, *Lucius B. Binn* Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, by virtue of the high power and authority in me vested, do hereby grant the prayer of the applicants, and do hereby nominate and appoint our trusty and well beloved Brothers *Daniel Knawles* as MASTER, *Octavius Waters* — as SEN'R WARDEN, and — *R. Bloomfield* as JUN'R WARDEN, with all such other true and lawful brethren Master Masons as may be permitted to associate with them, to assemble together and work as a regular LODGE, in the *Town* — — aforesaid, by the name and designation of *Fulton* Lodge No. — — and there to initiate and make APPRENTICES, pass FELLOW CRAFTS, and raise MASTER MASONs, agreeably to the customs and usages of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; subject to and in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations of the GRAND LODGE of Ohio, and not otherwise. And I do hereby require and enjoin the MASTER and WARDENS aforesaid to make due return of this Warrant of Dispensation, with a copy of all the proceedings had thereunder, to our GRAND LODGE, at its next GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, to be holden in the city of *Chillicothe* — on the *Third Tuesday of Oct* — next ensuing, until which time this Warrant may continue in full force and virtue.

Given under the Hand of the Grand Master, and his private Seal, at his office in the *Town* of *Delta* this *15th* day of *July* A. L. 5854, A. D. 1854

Lucius B. Binn
Grand Master



Whereupon a Lodge of Master Masons was opened
in due and ancient form

Present. Bro. Daniel Knowles, Worshipful Master
" " Octavius Waters, Senior Warden
" " Robt Bloomfield Junior " "
" " J. N. Marsh Secretary Pro. Tem - -

And Bro. Elisha Williams Avery Lamb, Tho. Gleason
John Leonard, A Huntington, Myron Williams
~~and~~, W. Washbaugh and M. H. Butler

On Motion it was
Ordered that a committee of three be appointed
by the chair, to draft a code of By-Laws and
present the same at the next meeting

Whereupon
Bro. M. H. Butler Robt Bloomfield and
J. N. Marsh were appointed said committee

And that Bro. Bloomfield
procure three dozen Masonic Aprons, also that
Bro. J. N. Marsh furnish a Ballot Box and six
blank Books for the Treasurer and Secretary

Bro. O. Waters kindly donated to this Lodge
the use of his front room up stairs as a
place of meeting until such time as we can
obtain one more suitable. Which offer was
thankfully accepted

There being no further
business before the Lodge

Adjourned to meet
on Thursday Evening next at 6. O. clock

Countersigned

Daniel Knowles W.M.

J. N. Marsh Sec. - Pro Tem