

BY-LAWS

...OF...

Montgomery Lodge

No. 11

F. & A. MASONS

AS REVISED AND AMENDED

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE LODGE

On July 12, 1821, ten Montgomery Masons, namely: Andrew C. Mays, Francis R. Brummitt, Charles Shaw, George Wilkinson, John Diamond, J. Battelle, William Peacock, P. C. Tooley, Henry Allen, and John Falconer petitioned the MW Grand Master, Thomas W. Farrar of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Alabama for Dispensation to institute a lodge in Montgomery, Alabama. On August 31, 1821, the Dispensation was duly issued, the lodge to be known as Montgomery Lodge No. 11. On December 15, 1821, the above-named brethren petitioned the Grand Lodge for a Charter and the same was duly granted on December 17, 1821 and dated January 1, 1822 and “Consecrated” on May 20, 1822 with a membership of 22.

The following officers were installed:

George Wilkinson.....	Worshipful Master
Alvin A. McWhorter.....	Senior Warden
William Peacock.....	Junior Warden
John Falconer.....	Treasurer
Wm. A. Campbell.....	Secretary
Micajah A. Balkeley.....	Senior Deacon
Edward W. Thompson.....	Junior Deacon
Thomas Dulaney.....	Tiler

The lodge continued to meet regularly until the “anti-masonic” excitement in 1829, when the charter was surrendered.

The succession of Worshipful Masters was as follows:

Charles Shaw.....	1821
George Wilkinson.....	1822-1823
Nimrod E. Benson.....	1824
Henry Goldthwaite.....	1825
Edward W. Thompson.....	1826, 27, 28, 29, 30

Masonry remained inactive for ten years when a dispensation was applied for and obtained from Deputy Grand Master B. A. Dawson on May 18, 1840. The following officers were appointed:

Thomas McDougal.....Worshipful Master
Jonathan G. Shaw.....Senior Warden
William Bellangee.....Junior Warden

A Charter was granted by M.W. Grand Master Edward Herndon on December 10, 1840. The first communication under the new Charter was held December 19, 1840 and on December 26, 1840 the following officers were elected:

Nimrod Benson.....Worshipful Master
Charles A. Stewart.....Senior Warden
John L. Mumford.....Junior Warden
Mason Hartwell.....Treasurer
Hardy Herbert.....Secretary
E. J. D. Cunningham.....Senior Deacon
Theodore Andrews.....Junior Deacon
David Hagadon.....Tiler

Meetings were held on the first and third Saturdays until January 16, 1858, at which time the by-laws were amended and changed the meetings to the first and third Mondays of each month and has thus continued through the years.

It is not the passage of years of Montgomery Lodge No. 11 we try to commemorate, nor to rejoice because we are old, however, to the present generation it is indeed a favored heritage and a proud possession. Its value to society and mankind are in the achievements it has accomplished and the beneficent influence it has exerted upon the lives and character of its members during the years of its existence. Its past gives us abundant faith in its future.

We have the minutes of most of the lodge meetings of the early years and all of the minutes since the re-organization of December 1840. The history of Montgomery Lodge No. 11 and the history of Montgomery, Alabama are closely interwoven. The names of men in the lodge's early history and items from the "History of Montgomery, Alabama" published in 1878 make very interesting reading when taken together. To mention a few, we find that:

Andrew Dexter, the founder of the city of Montgomery, was a Charter member in 1822. At a public land sale at Milledgeville, Georgia on August 13, 1817, he bought all of Section 7, township 16, range 18, except the northwest quarter.

Confident that the seat of the state government would eventually be located here, he reserved the present location of the State Capitol for that purpose. (State Capitol moved here in 1846.)

John Falconer, a Charter member in 1821, was the first Postmaster after incorporation on December 3, 1819 and served in that role until July 1834.

The first “intendant” (mayor) 1821 to 1823 and mayor in 1847, was Nimrod E. Benson. He received the degrees in 1822, was Worshipful Master several times and Grand Master 1826 to 1828.

Jonathan Battelle, a Charter member in 1821, brought the first printing press to Montgomery and established the first newspaper, the “Montgomery Republican”. The first issue was January 6, 1821. In the fall of 1824, the name was changed to the “Alabama Journal”.

January 1830, a new newspaper was established. The publisher was Edward W. Thompson who had published the “Montgomery Republican”, the first newspaper in the city. This newspaper was the “Planters Gazette”. Three years later it was changed to the “Montgomery Advertiser” and has continued ever since. Edward W. Thompson was a Charter member in 1821; the first Junior Deacon of 1821 and Worshipful Master from 1826 to 1830.

The first military unit, “Montgomery Light Infantry” was organized in 1824 by Capt. John Goldthwaite (soldier in War of 1812) who received degrees in 1823. Other officers were: Lt. George Whitman and Ensign Edward W. Thompson.

Jerimiah Loftin was the first Justice of the Peace, received degrees in 1824.

C. C. Billinslea, a member of the lodge, was one of the first practicing physicians in the city in 1819, received degrees in 1822.

Some of the first lawyers who were members were: Andrew Dexter, Nimrod E. Benson, John Edmondson, Henry Goldthwaite, Alvin A. McWhorter and E.D. Washburn. McWhorter was the lodge’s representative at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Some of the first merchants (Fall of 1817) who were members include: John Falconer, Lewis W. Pond and George Wilkinson.

James W. Johnson, who received degrees in 1827, established the first stage line in April 1823, from Montgomery eastward. He also started another stage line from Montgomery to Fort Mitchell on the Chattahoochee River.

John Goldthwaite, who received degrees in 1822, built the first river wharf and started operation in July 1823.

George Wilkinson, Charter member in 1821, completed the first Masonic Hall in February 1823, a two-story framed building on Commerce Street, next to the Exchange Hotel.

On November 24, 1828, E. D. Washburn and Hardie Herbert (original 1821 members), “Open the Milton Academy on Commerce Street in the old Masonic Hall. This was the first high school in Montgomery. E. D. Washburn was the principal and Hardie Herbert was assistant principal. A lottery had been authorized by the Alabama Legislature to raise funds for the Academy.”

Benjamin Fitzpatrick, who received degrees in 1822, served as Alabama Governor from 1841-1845 and U.S. Senator from 1853-1861.

December 21, 1824: Sponsored Jackson Lodge No. 23, Tallahassee, Florida, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Alabama. The Grand Lodge of Florida was organized in 1830. The lodge became Jackson Lodge No. 1.

August 19, 1828: Sponsored Autauga Lodge No. 31 at Washington, Autauga County; chartered on December 7, 1829. Lodge remained at Washington in Autauga County, but later moved to Autaugaville, Autauga County. Went defunct on November 21, 1945.

PAST MASTERS

Montgomery Lodge No. 11 F. & A. M.

Charles Shaw.....	1821
George Wilkinson.....	1822-1823
Nimrod E. Benson.....	1824
Henry Goldthwaite.....	1825
Edward W. Thompson.....	to Dec. 27, 1830

Thus closed the first chapter in the existence of Montgomery Lodge; the anti-Masonic excitement starting in 1826 had reached its full force and the Lodge surrendered its Charter and remained inactive for the next ten years.

Thomas McDougal.....	to Dec. 27, 1840
Nimrod E. Benson.....	to June 24, 1841
Charles A. Stewart.....	to Dec. 27, 1842
Thomas Welch.....	to Dec. 27, 1845
Horace Tarleton.....	to Dec. 27, 1847
Nimrod E. Benson.....	to Dec. 27, 1848
Edmund M. Hastings.....	to Dec. 27, 1850
Amand O. Pfister.....	to Dec. 27, 1851
Thomas Welsh.....	to Dec. 27, 1852
R. Henry Hutchinson.....	to Dec. 27, 1853
Charles G. Gunter.....	to Dec. 27, 1854
John P. Dickinson.....	to June 24, 1857
Thomas Welsh.....	to June 24, 1858
John P. Dickinson.....	to June 24, 1859
Daniel Sayre.....	to June 24, 1865
William H. Dingley.....	to June 24, 1866
John P. Dickinson.....	to June 24, 1867
William P. Chilton.....	to June 24, 1868
William H. Dingley.....	to June 24, 1869
Daniel Sayre.....	to June 24, 1871
Henry Meyer.....	to June 24, 1872
Daniel Sayre.....	to June 24, 1873
Joseph Winn Moses.....	to June 24, 1875
Ruben W. Sharpe.....	to June 24, 1877
Daniel Sayre.....	to June 24, 1879
William H. Dingley.....	to June 24, 1880
Emil Kulman.....	to June 24, 1882
Sigmund Hecht.....	to June 24, 1883
Joseph W. Gozales.....	to June 24, 1886
Jacob Pepperman.....	to June 24, 1889

Abraham Issac.....to June 24, 1892
 Louis Bloch.....to June 24, 1896
 Samuel Issac.....to June 24, 1900
 Frank P. Chafee.....to June 24, 1902
 Alfred A. Ross.....to June 24, 1904
 Leo Klein.....to June 24, 1906
 Wallace J. Chambers.....to June 24, 1907
 John L. Harris.....to June 24, 1908
 Joseph Seeman.....to June 24, 1909
 John E. Andrews.....to June 24, 1910
 William W. Waldo.....to June 24, 1911
 Joseph Ross.....to June 24, 1912
 Julius Hesslein.....to June 24, 1913
 Simon Wampold.....to June 24, 1914
 Maurice Strauss.....to June 24, 1915
 Newman Smith.....to June 24, 1917
 Isaac Morris.....to June 24, 1918
 Bertram M. Gerson.....to June 24, 1919
 William W. Garrett.....to June 24, 1920
 Robert R. Covington.....to June 24, 1921
 Arthur M. Clanton.....to June 24, 1922
 Homer Jackson Lance.....to June 24, 1923
 Henry Clayton Roton.....to June 24, 1925
 Sol Shuwolf.....to June 24, 1926
 Thomas E. Eilliamson.....to June 24, 1927
 Blake W. Harper.....to June 24, 1928
 Harry J. Eisenberg.....to June 24, 1929
 Augustus C. Griffin.....to June 24, 1930
 Perry J. Cassimus.....to June 24, 1931
 Douglas L. Jarrard.....to June 24, 1932
 Frederick B. Waldo.....to June 24, 1933
 Richard F. Adams.....to June 24, 1934
 Baldwin W. Harvey.....to June 24, 1935
 George O. Hibbert.....to June 24, 1936
 Glenville D. Cook.....to June 24, 1937
 John C. Temple.....to June 24, 1938
 Ray S. Bazzell.....to June 24, 1939
 Archie F. Campbell.....to June 24, 1941
 Luther Vines.....to June 24, 1943
 Roy Talley.....to June 24, 1946
 Ocie E. Graham.....to June 24, 1947
 Louis H. Kushner.....to June 24, 1948
 Oren Johnson.....to June 24, 1949

Penson R. Graham.....to June 24, 1950
 Raleigh M. Vreeland.....to June 24, 1951
 Walter J. Ward.....to June 24, 1952
 Edwin R. Johnson.....to June 24, 1953
 John L. Stinson.....to June 24, 1954
 Perry C. Jinright.....to June 24, 1955
 Henry C. Kacker, Jr.....to June 24, 1956
 Joseph O. Bray.....to June 24, 1957
 Geroge A. Thornton.....to June 24, 1958
 James O. (Dick) Mathis.....to June 24, 1959
 Harry E. Gussenbauer.....to June 24, 1960
 Frank E. Loftin.....to June 24, 1961
 Gaston H. Mooney.....to June 24, 1962
 Issiah P. Russell.....to June 24, 1963
 Robert S. Day, Sr.to June 24, 1964
 Richard K. Ferrill.....to June 24, 1965
 Raymond F. Mathis.....to June 24, 1966
 Curtis L. Wells.....to June 24, 1967
 Joseph H. Robertson, Jr.....to June 24, 1968
 William H. Thorne, Jr.....to June 24, 1969
 Benny Ray Martin.....to June 24, 1970
 George O. McCall.....to June 24, 1971
 John Kendrick Dunn.....to June 24, 1972
 William I. Sims.....to June 24, 1973
 Winston T. Peavey.....to June 24, 1974
 Ernest W. Ratliff.....to June 24, 1975
 Arthur R. Parsons.....to June 24, 1976
 William C. Rivers, Jr.....to June 24, 1977
 Joseph M. Cordle.....to June 24, 1978
 Earl A. Blevins.....to June 24, 1979
 Benny R. Martin (2nd time)to June 24, 1980
 William E. DeRamus.....to June 24, 1981
 Lawrence McCall.....to June 24, 1982
 Kenneth E. Draper.....to June 24, 1983
 James H. Tomberlin.....to June 24, 1984
 Jack B. Tolerson.....to June 24, 1985
 Robert D. Scott.....to June 24, 1986
 Harold O. Thrift.....to June 24, 1987
 Toxie C. Glenn.....to June 24, 1988
 Larry Norris.....to June 24, 1989
 John L. Dijt.....to June 24, 1990
 Felix Batson.....to June 24, 1991
 Aubrey L. Heisler.....to June 24, 1992

John F. Danner.....to June 24, 1993
Ralph S. Foster, Jr.....to June 24, 1994
Paul St. John.....to June 24, 1996
John C. Laing.....to June 24, 1997
Clyde E. Hall.....to June 24, 1998
S. David Wright, Jr.....to June 24, 1999
Robert D. Scott (2nd time)to June 24, 2000
Edward R. Estrada.....to June 24, 2001
John L. Dijt (2nd time)to June 24, 2002
Steven A. Starr, III.....to June 24, 2004
S. David Wright, Jr (2nd time)to June 24, 2005
William W. Creech.....to June 24, 2006
Richard T. Boyett.....to June 24, 2008

ANNALS OF THE LODGE

June 5, 1840 – Article VI of the Bylaws was amended to read: “It shall be the duty of the secretary to notify defaulting officers and members who may be guilty of repeated negligence in attendance, to inform such delinquents, and for continued neglect, such members may be reprimanded or suspended from the privileges of the Lodge at the discretion of its members.” This mandatory attendance requirement prevailed for many years.

June 20, 1840 – The minutes show that Brother Isaac P. Pond was paid \$94.25 for making the altar, officer pedestals, and officer chairs. A Lodge property inventory, dated December 1, 1848, showed the officer pedestals were valued at \$150 (still in use at the time).

December 19, 1840 – “The Tiler was authorized to procure fire dogs, shovel and tongs”.

February 1, 1844 – The Lodge sponsored a new Lodge at Washington, Autauga County to be called “Hampden Sidney”. This Lodge became No. 67. It later moved to Robinson Springs and now is at Millbrook.

October 19, 1844 – \$25 was ordered paid to Montgomery Band for services rendered at the funeral of Brother J. G. Shaw.

November 24, 1844 – Sponsored a Lodge at Tuskegee, Macon County. In became Tuskegee Lodge No. 57. Dispensation issued March 10, 1845; Charter granted December 12, 1846.

November 15, 1845 – The Lodge unanimously resolved to authorize our representative to the Grand Lodge, Edmund E. Hastings, to tender to the Grand Lodge the use of our Lodge Room for the Annual Communication, free of charge.

January 3, 1846 – \$44 was ordered paid to representatives to Grand Lodge for expenses and stage fare for attending Grand Lodge at Tuscaloosa in December 1845.

July 4, 1846 – The Lodge was a large assemblance of visiting brethren, united in procession with the military, civic societies, state and city officials, etc., and proceeded to Capitol Hill, where the cornerstone of the State House was laid with the usual ceremonies. Brother Daniel Pratt, by invitation of the Lodge, acting as Master, and Nimrod E. Benson as Treasurer. The address was delivered by our Chaplain, Brother Henry Talbird.

July 18, 1846 – The “Middle Chamber Pillars” were presented to the Lodge and are still in use today. Brother E. H. Dickinson gratuitously furnished the lumber, Brother S. P. Sutton carved them, Brother John Powell turned them, and Brother Joseph Thoits Moore fluted, painted and bronzed them.

August 15, 1846 – \$28.50 was ordered paid to Brother W. B. Harris, that he had advanced to pay musicians for music on July 4, 1846 at the laying of the corner stone for the new State Capitol.

January 2, 1847 – A resolution was passed, that “The amount received from the Grand Lodge as a distributive share of Grand Lodge funds coming to this Lodge be paid over to the Treasurer, and the same be set apart exclusively for the purpose of educating the orphans of Master Masons.” (Money held by the Grand Lodge was prorated among the Lodges.)

May 15, 1847 – \$13 was ordered paid to Seth Roberson for candles.

1847 Bylaws – Date and time of communications. “On the First Saturday of each month at early candlelight and at 9 o’clock A.M. on the Festivals of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist.”

September 8, 1847 – Brother John L. Munford, a charter member when reorganized in 1840, died of Yellow Fever at Tampico, Mexico during the war with Mexico. Later, his body was returned here. A Masonic funeral was held at Oakwood Cemetery on February 25, 1848.

February 5, 1848 – The Lodge paid rent for the Grand Lodge. An account in favor of J. J. Stewart for one-hundred dollars for rent of Assembly Room for the use of the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication was passed for payment. “An assessment of two dollars was levied on each member to pay the amount of said rent.”

December 1, 1848 – Some interesting items in a Lodge inventory bearing this date include:

- 2 Buckets and Water Stand - \$1.50
- 3 Officer Stations at \$50 each - \$150
- 2 Mahogany Desks at \$15 each - \$30
- 2 F.C. Pillars with caps and globes - \$70
- 5 Columns and Fire Dogs - \$8
- 4 ½ dozen chairs - \$54
- 2 Bibles - \$6
- 6 Chandeliers - \$40

February 18, 1852 – The following brethren withdrew from the Lodge to establish Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173: Edward M. Hastings, John Sims, Samuel E. Norton, Samuel K. McMasters, Samuel Swan, Drewery Gardner, Benjamin S. Thiess, Thomas Harrison and Robert Bowden. On February 21st, the Lodge recommended that the petition be granted and that the use of the hall be tendered them for their organization and on March 25th, the continued use of the hall, free of charge.

December 18, 1852 – A large “Letter G” was cared by Brother Joseph Thoits Moore and presented to the Lodge. It is still in use today and as far as can be determined, has been used since that time. Dues for one year were remitted by the Lodge in appreciation. He was born in 1795,

died October 17, 1854 and buried in Greenwood Cemetery. He was Senior Warden from 1850 to 1854.

February 15, 1854 – A committee was appointed to have gas lighting facilities placed in the Lodge room.

January 3, 1857 – Right Worshipful Amand P. Pfister, Grand Secretary, and Past Master of this Lodge was buried with Masonic honors. He was Grand Secretary 1839 – 1856.

June 6, 1859 – Brother Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, was elected Worshipful Master and held this office through the Civil War period and retired from office in June 1865.

May 15, 1865 – At a regular communication of the Lodge there were present twenty-four visitors from the Federal Army then occupying the city. There were two Army Lodges here which, by invitation, held their meeting in the hall while encamped at this place and their members were frequent visitors.

July 3, 1865 – The minutes of this date show that a resolution was presented and adopted that, “The Confederate money now on hand being worthless, be placed in the Archives of the Lodge.” The amount was not mentioned, but we are \$1,601 in the Archives of the Lodge today.

February 7, 1866 – A ball was given by the Lodge at the Montgomery Theatre for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans Fund. The net proceeds over expenses were \$508.

May 28, 1869 – Brother Thomas McDougal was buried with Masonic honors. He was the first Master of this Lodge under Dispensation when it was re-organized in 1840 and was Grand Tiler from 1849 – 1867. Resolutions were adopted on June 21st. A monument was erected by the members the following year.

May 3, 1869 – A resolution as passed, “The use of tobacco in Montgomery Lodge No. 11 is positively prohibited.”

January 22, 1871 – Brother William P. Chilton, Worshipful Master 1867–1869 and Grand Master of Alabama from December 1869 until his death on January 20, 1871 was buried with Masonic Honors in Greenwood Cemetery. Chilton County, then Baker County, was named in his honor by Legislative Act on December 17, 1871. He was Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court from December 6, 1852 to January 2, 1856. A member of the Confederate Congress from November 18, 1861 to November 7, 1865.

May 20, 1872 – The Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of Masonry in Montgomery was celebrated. The Lodge proceeded to the theatre, where an address was delivered by Brother Joseph W. Moses, Senior Warden. At night, a ball was given which was largely attended.

September 9, 1873 – This day was set apart to lay the cornerstone of the City Hall by invitation of the City Council, but the Yellow Fever epidemic stopped all work of the Lodge until the middle of November.

1874 Bylaws – Required that a regular communication be held on the 24th day of June each year for the installation of officers, unless that day fell on Sunday, and in that case, the installation would be held on the following Monday.

January 4, 1892 – The Secretary was authorized to pay W.S. Hagood \$16 for the use of “Light Hacks” for the funeral of Brother Jacob Rosewald.

October 3, 1898 – Lodge removed to the new Grand Lodge Masonic Temple, S.W. corner of Washington Avenue and South Perry Street. The Lodge met there for about 66 years to June 1, 1964.

August 31, 1909 – At a joint communication of Montgomery Lodge No. 11 and Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173, the sum of \$1,848 was raised by members present for the Masonic Home.

September 3, 1909 – Montgomery Lodge No. 11 and Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173 met with the Masonic Home Committee of the Grand Lodge and reported that \$6,500 had already been raised and pledged \$10,000 in cash, provided the home was located in Montgomery with on-half to be paid by October 1st and the rest by December 1, 1909. This offer was accepted by the Grand Lodge.

September 6, 1909 – On motion of Brother Louis Bloch, two dollars per member was donated to the Masonic Home (147 members at that time). The Masonic Home was located in Montgomery. The cornerstone was laid on December 6, 1911. This Lodge has been a staunch supporter of the Home since the very beginning. The minutes show many instances.

November 17, 1913 – \$1,000 was donated to the Masonic Home. (Canceled check is located in the Archives of the Lodge)

July 22, 1914 – A special communications was held for the purpose of examining a Master and Wardens for a proposed new lodge to be known as Keystone No. 778. The following named brethren withdrew for the purpose of organizing the new lodge: Joseph Seeman, Tilford F. Leak, Gaston J. Griel, Alexander Rice, Sidney G. Weil, Emil J. Meyer, Jacob L. Wolf, Moses F. Kahn, Victor Loeb, William Houston Cooper, Samuel Wolf, Arthur M. Payne, Bernard C. Ehrenreich, Alvin Vicers, Leo J. Drum, John Haygood Patterson, Herman W. Simon, Mayer L. Greil, and Samuel Sulzbacker.

July 26, 1918 – Brother Julian M. Strassburger, Senior Warden, was killed in action in France during the “Battle of the Marne” in World War I. His remains were brought back to Montgomery on July 12, 1921 and re-interred with full military honor in Oakwood Cemetery on July 13, 1921.

As far as can be determined, he was the only member of the Lodge to make the supreme sacrifice in that conflict. The records show that 62 members of the Lodge served in the armed forces in World War I.

August 19, 1918 – A communication from Meridian Lodge No. 610 F. & A.M., Cleveland, Ohio was received advising that at a state communication of the Lodge, it was unanimously resolved to present our Lodge with a token of their appreciation of the Masonic courtesies extended. This token of appreciation is a Silver Trowel, on which is engraved a most appropriate inscription. This Trowel is in the Archive of the Lodge.

October 14, 1918 – Records show that for the year ending on this date, 551 degrees had been conferred. 405 were courtesy degrees and 146 were for this Lodge. This was during a period in World War I. An Army base, Camp Sheridan, was located in the Chisolm-Boylston area. The courtesy work was mostly for the state of Ohio and Michigan.

July 7, 1919 – A beautiful hand painted sign of Welcome, with Square and Compasses, was presented to the Lodge as a token of appreciation by Union Lodge No. 20 F. & A.M., Detroit, Michigan for courtesies received by them during World War I.

August 18, 1921 – The Lodge celebrated the One-hundredth Anniversary of the formation of organized Free Masonry in Montgomery. This was an all-day affair held at Pickett Springs. This was an area in the northern section of Chisolm, in what is known today as Boylston. Among other things on the program, Brother D. H. Hausman gave an oration. The Lodge began planning for this even in July 1915. A Centennial Souvenir Book and History of the Lodge was published in 1921. It was 8 ½ inches by 11 ½ inches and contained 96 pages.

August 6, 1945 – Father and son raised. Father, Brother Christopher C. Norris, Sr; son, Brother Louis C. Norris.

September 14, 1945 – Report to the Grand Lodge for the period ending on this date shows 82 Initiated, 78 Passed and 72 Raised (234 degrees).

December 17, 1945 – 14 Initiated.

January 31, 1946 – 12 Passed.

February 4, 1946 – 12 Passed, 3 Raised.

April 1, 1946 – 11 Initiated.

June 14, 1946 – 20 Examined of Fellow Craft Degree.

August 5, 1946 – 9 Passed.

August 9, 1946 – 10 Examined on the Entered Apprentice Degree.

September 14, 1946 – Report to the Grand Lodge for the period ending on this date shows 90 Initiated, 80 Passed, and 80 Raised. (250 degrees)

November 4, 1946 – 16 Examined on the Master Mason Degree.

November 27, 1946 – Joint Past Masters Night held. 191 Master Masons were present representing 6 Lodges.

February 3, 1947 – 8 Passed.

May 19, 1947 – 126th Anniversary celebrated. 231 Master Masons were present.

September 1, 1947 – 10 Initiated and 6 Passed.

September 14, 1947 – Report to the Grand Lodge for the period ending on this date shows 56 Initiated, 57 Passed, and 52 Raised. (165 degrees)

December 10, 1947 – Joint Past Masters Night held. 207 Master Masons were present representing 6 Lodges.

March 19, 1948 – 127th Anniversary celebrated. 260 Master Masons were present.

September 14, 1948 – Report to the Grand Lodge for the period ending on this date shows 45 Initiated, 48 Passed, and 44 Raised. (137 degrees)

October 16, 1948 – Brother M. G. Roehm, District Lecturer, examined the Lodge for Proficiency in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees and reported a score of 98.2 percent.

April 11, 1953 – Two Masonic funerals were held on this date for Brothers John C. Temple and John R. Davis.

May 18, 1962 – Lot for Temple acquired. Lot Number 1, Plat G, Montgomery Heights Plat. See Plat Book 17, Page 128.

April 27, 1963 – Groundbreaking Ceremony held on this date at 2:00 P.M.

October 5, 1963 – The cornerstone for new Temple at 1273 Federal Drive, Montgomery, Alabama was laid on this date. Brother Penson R. Graham, Past Master of this Lodge, then Grand Master of Alabama presided.

June 15, 1964 – Lodge held the Annual Communication in the new Temple.

July 1, 1974 – Sponsored Capitol Lodge No. 923. Dispensation issued July 13, 1974. The first three officers were: Worshipful Master Arlis R. Fant, Past Grand Master and Superintendent of Masonic Home; Senior Warden Robert M. Savage, later Superintendent of Masonic Home and Grand Secretary; and Junior Warden Frank L. Roton. Charter was granted on November 19, 1974.

May 18, 1979 – This date was the one-hundred thirty-ninth birthday of the continuous operation of Montgomery Lodge No. 11. Its existence actually began on August 31, 1821, but due to circumstances beyond its control, it ceased operations in 1829 and a new Dispensation was granted on May 18, 1840.

October 5, 1992 – Lodge voted to accept 15 times the current dues for a Master Mason to become a perpetual member with a minimum of \$350.

October 18, 1993 – Worshipful Master Ralph Foster was recognized by the Lodge for receiving the 1993 Human Relation Award at Auburn University.

February 7, 1994 – Montgomery Lodge No. 11 was awarded Attendance Award at the Montgomery Masonic Conference.

July 18, 1994 – The 1840 sheepskin charter was mounted in a shadow box and displayed in the Lodge Hall.

August 2, 1999 – A new Masonic Bible was presented to the Lodge and the old bible retired to the Archives of the Lodge.

September 18, 2004 – The first monthly breakfast was held with 22 meals served. A breakfast will be served monthly on Saturday mornings before the 3rd Monday meeting.

March 9, 2006 – Khur-Um Lodge No. 858 voted to present request to Montgomery Lodge No. 11 for consolidation of the two lodges.

April 17, 2006 – A special communication was held to entertain a request from Khur-Um Lodge No. 858 to consolidate with Montgomery Lodge No. 11. Standing vote was taken and vote was unanimous.

August 15, 2006 – Letters of Request from Montgomery Lodge No. 11 and Khur-Um Lodge No. 858 were presented to the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Alabama for consolidation of the Lodges.

November 2006 – At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Alabama, consolidation of Montgomery Lodge No. 11 and Khur-UM Lodge No. 858 was approved. The consolidated Lodge would be thereafter known as Montgomery Lodge No. 11.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I Communications

Section 1. The regular communications of Montgomery Lodge No. 11, F. & A. M. shall be held on the first and third Monday evenings of each month at 6:30 P.M. prevailing time, at the Masonic Temple, 1273 Federal Drive, Montgomery, AL.

Section 2. A special communication may be called at a regular communication and if done then, the minutes shall show the call and the object thereof; or it may be called by the Worshipful Master at any time he may deem it advisable, but due and sufficient notice of the time and purpose shall be given.

Section 3. The regular communication next preceding the 24th day of June shall be termed Annual.

ARTICLE II Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Lodge shall consist of the: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Marshal, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Historian and Tiler.

Section 2. The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon and Tiler shall be elected by the Lodge at the Annual Communication each year. The Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Chaplain, Marshal and Historian shall be appointed by the incoming Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master shall appoint any other officers as the Lodge may from time to time think proper to appoint.

ARTICLE III Elections and Installations

Section 1. The elections of officers of this Lodge shall take place at the meeting next preceding the 24th day of June, termed the Annual Communications.

Section 2. The election must be by ballot and each elective officer must be balloted for separately. One the night of the election, the Worshipful Master shall appoint two Master Masons to act as tellers, and himself acting as judge to conduct the election.

Section 3. A majority of all the valid votes polled shall be necessary to an election. In the case there are two or more candidates for the same office, neither of whom having received a

majority of votes, another ballot shall be held and the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped at each succeeding ballot until an election is had.

Section 4. The officers of the Lodge shall be installed as soon after their election as practicable, but in no case will they be installed prior to the 24th day of June and shall be installed no later than forty-five days after such election or appointment.

Section 5. Every member of this Lodge who shall be two years in arrears for dues and/or assessments and does not pay his dues and/or assessments shall be declared suspended as of mid-night June 23rd, and for that purpose the secretary shall read out in open lodge, immediately before the election of officers, the names of those members who are thus in arrears, and the Worshipful Master shall direct the Secretary to write "Suspended" opposite the names of each member of the Lodge where the dues and/or assessments shall remain unpaid for two years as of mid-night June 23rd.

ARTICLE IV Petitions

Section 1. All petitions for Initiation or Affiliation shall be recommended and avouched for by two Master Masons, members of this Lodge, and shall be placed in the hands of the committee consisting of three Master Mason members of this Lodge, to be appointed by the Worshipful Master, whose duty it will be to investigate into the character and standing of the petitioner, and make due report thereon, in writing to the Lodge within thirty days thereafter. The ballot then may be taken (at the option of the Lodge), provided the report of the committee has been received. If there appears two (2) black balls it shall be final, but if there is only one (1) black ball, a second ballot may be had, and if there is still one (1) black ball he shall stand rejected.

Section 2. No petition for Initiation or Affiliation, when legally received, can be withdrawn or otherwise disposed of but by ballot by the Lodge.

Section 3. Every person petitioning to become a Master Mason shall enclose in his petition no less than the fee for Initiation as required by the By-Laws. The fee for each of the other degrees respectively must be paid before advancement to each degree. (The fee for the three degrees may be included with the petition). If he is Rejected the money will be returned to the applicant and he shall be notified in writing, by the Secretary under the seal of the Lodge, that he has been Rejected.

Section 4. Should an applicant be stopped by objection, the fees paid for the degrees in which he seeks to advance must be returned to him without delay.

Section 5. A person suspended for non-payment of dues shall not be reinstated until he files a formal request and pays the amount due at time of suspension. The Worshipful Master may appoint a committee of three members of the Lodge to make an investigation, if he deems it

advisable, or he shall appoint a committee upon request of a member of the Lodge which shall, at a subsequent meeting, make a report of their findings to the Lodge.

If no committee is appointed, such application may be balloted on at the regular communication at which it was received. A favorable vote, of two-thirds majority of the members present, is required to reinstate the applicant. The Master may submit the question of reinstatement either by rising vote or secret ballot, provided that if any member present requests the Master to obtain the vote by secret ballot, the vote shall be so taken. Upon reinstatement, he will be issued a dues card for the current year's dues.

ARTICLE V
Fees and Dues

Section 1. The fees shall in all cases be as follows:

Entered Apprentice Degree.....	\$50.00
Fellow Craft Degree.....	\$25.00
Master Mason Degree.....	\$25.00

Section 2. Any regularly ordained Minister of the Gospel who is actively engaged in the exercise of his ministerial functions may receive the degrees gratuitously except the fee of \$10.00 on the Entered Apprentice Degree, required by the Grand Lodge for the Alabama Masonic Home, which must in all instances be paid by every candidate.

Section 3. There shall be no fee for affiliation. Members of the fraternity affiliating with the Lodge shall be issued a card for the current year dues, thus honoring dues cards held upon affiliation by demit or transfer.

Section 4. The annual dues of each member of this Lodge shall be \$32.00 a year plus Grand Lodge Dues each year.

Section 5. Newly Raised members shall be exempt from dues for the current Masonic year.

Section 6. Any member who has paid dues and/or assessments continuously in this Lodge for twenty-five (25) years, having been neither suspended or expelled during that time, shall become a Life Member and a Life Membership Card to that effect shall be issued him under seal of the Lodge. Those members who attain Life Membership after June 24, 1976 will be required to pay the prevailing rate of the Grand Lodge dues each year. (Subject to provisions of Section 8 below). The members who have become Life Members under the provisions of this section will retain Life Membership status; however, no Life Memberships will be granted after June 24, 1989, unless recommended by the Master and Wardens and approved by the members present.

Section 7. Every Past Master of this Lodge shall become Life Members on retirement from that office and a certificate shall be issued him in recognition of his services as Worshipful Master.

Past Masters attaining Life Membership after June 24, 1976 shall pay each year the prevailing rate of the Grand Lodge dues. (Subject to provision of Section 8 below). The members who have become Life Members under the provisions of this section will retain Life Membership status; however, no Life Memberships will be granted after June 24, 1989, unless recommended by the Master and Wardens and approved by the members present.

Section 8. Life Membership shall in no way exempt the holder from the payment of any present or future fees or assessments imposed by the Lodge or the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Members not paying such fees and assessments for a period of two (2) years shall be suspended in the same manner as a regular member and such Life Membership shall be null and void.

Section 9. The Lodge shall have power to make assessments to pay its expended and indebtedness, or for the purpose of charity, whenever the fees collected are insufficient for the purpose, but the assessments during any one year shall not exceed ten (\$10.00) to each member.

ARTICLE VI

Cash, Funds, Jewels and Property

Section 1. The cash, funds, jewels and all property belonging to this Lodge shall be and are hereby vested in and deemed the property of the Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust and for the benefit of the Lodge and dedicated to charitable purposes and to be applied and disposed of as a majority of the members present may from time to time direct.

Section 2. All checks drawn on the Lodge will be signed by the Secretary, or by the Worshipful Master and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII

Committees and Boards

Section 1. Immediately after the Annual Installation of Officers, the Worshipful Master shall appoint an Auditing Committee, composed of two members of this Lodge whose duty it will be to make an audit of the books, accounts and records of the Treasurer and Secretary, a report of which shall be presented in writing to the Lodge as soon thereafter as practicable.

Section 2. Charity: The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary shall be a standing committee on Charity, of whom the Worshipful Master shall be Chairman, and who is authorized to draw on the Treasurer for such sums as necessity may demand and for charitable purposes, not exceeding \$50.00 in urgent cases to any one person entitled to the same in any thirty days., Such sums expended shall be reported to the Lodge at the next communications. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Ward shall have power to ace in his place, and in the absence of the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall exercise the same right.

Section 3. There shall be a Board of Building Trustees, composed of the Treasurer and Secretary and five (5) members. The member's term of office shall be for three (3) years, but their election shall be so arranged that the term of one Trustee or more shall expire each year.

This Board shall elect from its members a Chairman. They shall have power to act for and in behalf of the Lodge, and shall exercise the following powers, responsibilities and duties:

- a. Be in charge and custodians of the Lodge buildings, grounds, property, furniture and fixtures, and shall see that proper records and inventories are kept.
- b. They shall make a report to the Lodge at the Annual Communications, or more often if necessary, of assts in their custody and matters under their supervision. They shall make any recommendations as to such matters as they may deem proper.
- c. Enter into agreements with other Masonic organizations or auxiliaries who may be renting space in the building.
- d. Be responsible for the maintenance of the Building and grounds.
- e. They shall have power to disburse such amounts as in their judgement may be proper and shall report the same to the Lodge for its approval, in exercising their functions as Building Trustees.

Section 4. There shall be a Financial Committee composed of the Treasurer and Secretary and three (3) members of the Lodge who shall be elected by the Lodge, whose term of office shall be for three (3) years, but their election will be so arranged that the term of one member will expire each year. (Initial committee will be appointed by the Worshipful Master). This committee shall elect from its members a Chairman. They shall have general charge and supervision of the financial affairs of the Lodge. All expenses and funds obligated or disbursed, except regular items or routine expenses, will be referred to this committee for its consideration before commitment or final action by the Lodge. It shall be the duty of said committee to investigate and report to the Lodge its conclusions and recommendations on all matters referred to it.

Section 5. Advisory Committee: Immediately after the Annual Installation of Officers, the Worshipful Master shall appoint an Advisory Committee, composed of three Past Masters of the Lodge, whose duty it will be to act in an advisory capacity to the Worshipful Master and other Lodge Officers upon request.

Section 6. Instruction of Work Committee: Immediately after the Annual Installation of Officers, the Worshipful Master shall appoint two or more qualified instructors on work, whose duty it will be to render proper instruction on ritualistic work the Lodge Officers and other members who may be interested in becoming proficient in the ritualistic work. They shall make reports to the Lodge as they may deem necessary.

ARTICLE VIII

Funerals

Section 1. It is the duty of the Worshipful Master to convene the Lodge upon notice of death of a member who may be entitled to receive funeral honors upon request made by him when living, or by his family after his demise for the purpose of attending and performing the Masonic Ceremony.

ARTICLE IX

Duties of Treasurer, Secretary and Tiler

Section 1. Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the hands of the Secretary all the funds of the Lodge, and take care of the same, payable on vouchers drawn on him by authority of the Lodge and countersigned by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, so far as the funds shall be adequate thereon; keep a regular account of receipts and disbursements and have his books and accounts ready for examination and settlement as may be required. At the Annual Communication he shall report on all monies received and all disbursements since the last annual communication; along with the amount on hand at that time, and the amount as of that date; and he shall of no account use the funds of the Lodge for any purpose without the consent of the Lodge, and any such use is hereby declared un-Masonic.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall give bond of \$5,000.00 in some responsible surety company for the faithful performance of his duties and the safety of the Lodge funds, the premium to be paid by the Lodge.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall record neatly and correctly all the proceedings of the Lodge which are proper to be written. He shall keep a separate ledger of each member, charge what money may be due from member for dues or assessments and collect and pay them over to the Treasurer and take his receipt for the same, issue notices and shall make a detailed report at the Annual Communication of the cash received and paid out by him since the last annual communication. His books and accounts shall be ready for the annual audit as provided by Section 1, Article VII of these By-Laws, or at any time as may be required. For the faithful performance of his duties as Secretary, he shall receive such amounts as may be fixed by the Lodge for expenses, and he shall be exempt from all dues and assessments.

Section 4. The Secretary shall give bond of \$5,000.00 in some responsible surety company for the faithful performance of his duties and the safety of the Lodge funds, the premium to be paid by the Lodge.

Section 5. Tiler: The Tiler shall attend punctually all regular and special communications of the Lodge, he shall serve all summonses, keep the jewels and furniture in proper order, and for the faithful performance of his duties as Tiler, he shall receive such amounts as may be fixed by the Lodge for expenses.

ARTICLE X

Withdrawals

Section 1. Any member in good standing except the first three officers, may be allowed to withdraw from this Lodge upon oral request of the brother himself, made in open Lodge, or by a written request, signed by him and presented at a regular communication; provided all dues and arrearages have been paid.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section 1. All propositions to revise, alter or amend these By-Laws, must be submitted, in writing, at a regular communication, handed to the presiding officer and distinctly read. No new law, revision or alteration of an old one shall be valid unless asserted to by a majority of the members present, and at the next regular communication following, the same shall be taken into consideration, and if two-thirds of the members then present concur to such proposed change, repeal or amendment, it shall be valid and not otherwise.

ARTICLE XII

General Regulations

Section 1. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order without debate. He shall appoint committees, fill all vacancies which may occur in the absence of a regular officer, by appointment pro-tempore, and shall in open Lodge, reprimand any brother who may be guilty of indecorous or disorderly conduct during the session of the Lodge. A second offense of the same nature may be punishable by suspension or expulsion, as the Lodge may think proper.

Section 2. Disbursements, except for charitable purposes, salaries, building maintenance and other regular expenses of the Lodge, must be made by the Lodge at a regular communication.