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Free and Accepted Masons

To all Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and Other Brethren of Light, S.: S.: S.:

WE, THE GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, according to the old institution, of the State of Georgia, by virtue and in pursuance of the right and succession legally derived from the Most Noble and Right Worshipful THOMAS THYNNE, Lord Viscount Weymouth, Grand Master of England for the year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-Five, by his Warrant directed to the Right Worshipful ROGER LACY, and by the renewal of the said power by STOLTO CHARLES DOUGLAS, Lord Aberdour, Grand Master of Scotland for the years Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Five and Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Six, and Grand Master of England for the years Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Seven and Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Eight, as will appear by his Warrant directed to the Right Worshipful GRAY ELIOT, and by virtue of, and in pursuance of a Convention of the different Lodges of said State, met in Savannah, on the Sixteenth of December, in the year Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six, when the permanent establishments were voluntarily relinquished by the Right Worshipful SAMUEL ELBERT, Grand Master, and the other Officers of the Grand Lodge and annual appointments concluded on, in consequence of which the Grand Officers giving this authority were elected for the present year:

NOW, KNOW YE, That the Most Worshipful William C. Dawson Grand Master of all Masons, in the State of Georgia, and all Lodges therein of the Most Ancient and Sublime Degree, and the Right Worshipful George D. Rice Deputy Grand Master, and the Right Worshipful William K. Kitchen Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful David E. Butler Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the said State, by virtue of the power and authority in us vested, DO HEREBY DULY CONSTITUTE AND APPOINT our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Marsh Mathis Master, Charles Jenkins Senior Warden, and Erin D. Wood Junior Warden of Dallas Lodge No. 182 at Dallas County of Paulding in the State of Georgia, as further by the Grand Lodge Books, reference being to them had, will more fully and at large appear.

AND WE DO FURTHER AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER our said trusty and well-beloved Brethren, the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden aforesaid, to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and honorable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the world and not otherwise.

AND WE DO FURTHER EMPOWER AND APPOINT the Brothers aforesaid, and their successors in office, to hear and determine all and singular the matters and things relating to the said Lodge, No. 182, and the craft within its jurisdiction.

AND LASTLY, WE DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER our aforesaid trusty and well-beloved Brethren, the Master and Senior and Junior Wardens, to install their successors in office, duly elected according to the rules of the craft, and the By-Laws of said Lodge, No. 182, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant and invest them with all their power, and dignities as Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden of said Lodge, and as Free and Accepted Master Masons; and such successors shall, in like manner, install their successors, duly elected by said Lodge, etc., such Installation to be upon or near every St. John's (the Evangelist) Day, in every year during the continuance of this Lodge, No. 182, forever; PROVIDED, That the above named Brethren and their successors pay due respect, and observe, and cause to be observed, the Orders of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge from whom they have this Authority and Charter; otherwise this Warrant to be of no force and virtue.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, AND THE SEAL OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE, AT MACON, IN THE STATE AFORESAID, This the 26 day of October in the Year of Light, 5853 and our Lord, 1853

William C. Dawson
Grand Master

William K. Kitchen
Senior Grand Warden

Joseph E. Wells
Grand Secretary

George D. Rice
Deputy Grand Master

David E. Butler
Junior Grand Warden

Kimri Rose
Grand Treasurer

This is a duplicate Charter issued to replace the original Charter which was destroyed by the elements of time. October 27, 2015

Joseph W. Watson
Joseph W. Watson, Grand Secretary



