



THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
GRAND LODGE F. & A. M.
OF ARIZONA
ORGANIZED 1882

WILCOX LODGE NUMBER 10,
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ARIZONA.

First preliminary meeting was held in Willcox, Cochise County, Arizona, January 20th, A. L. 5891.

The following named Brethren, recognized by each other in good standing, assembled at the office of the Justice of the Peace in the place and on the date above written at 7 o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of taking the necessary measures for the establishment of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, viz:-

Bro. Brannick Riggs
" Nathan Lewis Guthrie
" George Washington Baker
" Thomas Steele
" James W. Baker
" Samuel Smith Rogers & George Washington Baker.

Bro. James W. Baker was called to the Chair and Bro. George W. Baker named as secretary. The Chairman stated the afore-said purpose, as name of the proposed Lodge, "Willcox Lodge". Selection of the Master and Wardens. The following Brethren were unanimously chosen for such nomination, Viz:-

Bro. Nathan Lewis Guthrie, Master
" James W. Baker, Senior Warden
" Samuel Smith Rogers, Junior Warden

The chairman stated that the preparation of a petition to the Grand Master, praying him to grant a Dispensation would be next in order, whereupon this Instrument was immediately prepared and signed by the following Brethren as herein set forth:

Brannick Riggs, Hopkinsville Lodge No. 183, Texas	
James W. Baker, Marfa, " " 596 "	
Nathan Lewis Guthrie, Flagstaff " " 7 A. T.	
Edward Roseberry Monk, Pioneer " " 22 Des Moines Iowa.	
Thomas Steele, Tucson " " 4 A. T.	
Andrew Thomas Wisdom, Aztlan " " 1 A. T.	
Mark Allen, Mokoluma Hill, " " 31 Cal.	
Jackson P. Richardson, Angeroni " " 193 Mo. City, Mo.	
George W. Baker, Occidental, " " 22 Cal.	
Benjamin A. Frazer, Covington, " " 109 Ky.	

The necessary requisites were attended by the signers, also the recommendation of the nearest Lodge sought which was "King Solomon

Lodge" at Tombstone, and certificate of qualification of the officers obtained,. The meeting adjourned.

Second preliminary meeting, May 6th, 1891.

The minutes of the proceeding meeting were read and approved. According to the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, suitable rooms were obtained, and occupied to the present time.

At this meeting, the Grand Master, George W. Cheyney, being present, the Petition, dimits, recommendation and certificates of qualifications were placed in his hands, for the issuance of a Dispensation for the establishment of the proposed Lodge.

Funds for the necessary expenses were raised by four Brothers signing a note for the sum \$150. payable in ninety days.

The Dispensation to Willcox Lodge No. 10, F. & A. M. dates as follows:

Given under my hand and the seal of our Grand Lodge of Arizona, this 20th day of May, A. L. 5891, A. D. 1891.

(Signed) George W. Cheyney,
Grand Master.

(Seal)
Attest:

George J. Roskruge,
Secretary.

First meeting under Dispensation,

Hall of Willcox Lodge, U. D. F. & A. M.

Willcox, June 1st, 1891,
A. L. 5891.

Bro's. Nathan L. Guthrie, S. S. Rogers, James W. Baker, A. T. Wisdom, Benjamin A. Frazer, and Thomas Steele, being present, also the most Worshipful Grand Master, George W. Cheyney, assembled at the Lodge room at 7:30 p. m.

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The Chairman stated that the Grand Master having been pleased to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners, they were called together for the purpose of opening the New Lodge, and by his direction the secretary (pro tem) read the Dispensation.

Immediately thereafter, in accordance with the Authority in them vested, the following Brethren took their respective stations; and places: Nathan L. Guthrie, W. M. James, W. Baker, S. W. Samuel, S. Rogers J. W. Brannick, Riggs Treasurer, George W. Baker, Secretary, Edward R.

Monk, S. D. Andrew, T. Wisdom, J. D. Benjamin, A. Frazer, and Jackson P. Richardson, to be stewards, Thomas Steele, Tyler.

The Lodge was opened in the third degree in due form.

The By-Laws were approved by the Grand Master.

Miscellaneous and unfinished business concluded, the Lodge was closed in due Form.

(Signed) George W. Baker,
Secretary.

Approved:
N. L. Guthrie,
Master.

The first regular meeting U. D. Was held June 3rd, 1891, degrees of Masonry in our Lodge, by: Edgar Adelbert Nichols.

On the fifth regular meeting, October 7th, 1891, a petition was prepared, to be presented to the next Grand Lodge meeting, praying that a Charter be granted to said Lodge, and therein recommended that Bro. James William Baker, be named as Master, Edgar A. Nichols, as Senior Warden and George N. Stratton as Junior Warden.

Bro. William Francis Nichols, was chosen as Delegate to represent the Lodge.

Approved,
James W. Baker
Ac't. Master

(Signed) G. W. Baker,
Secretary.

The Grand Lodge met at Tucson, Arizona, and during this session on the 11th day of November, A. D. 1891, A. L. 5891, issued a Charter, wherein Bros. James William Baker, Master, Edgar A. Nichold, S. W. & George H. Stratton, J. W., together with all the brethren to authorize and constitute a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the town of Willcox, Arizona, by the name and designation of Willcox Lodge No. 10.

Attest,
George J. Roskruge,
Grand Secretary,

Signed Geo. W. Cheney,
Grand Master.

(Seal)

FIRST MEETING UNDER CHARTER,
November 13th, 1891.

The Grand Master being unable to be present in person, authorized the Past Grand Master Geo. W. Cheney, to act for the occasion, the acting Grand Master appointed the following Brethren to assist him, Viz:

F. M. David Cohn, to act as S. G. Warden,
 James W. Baker, " " " J. G. "
 Geo. W. Baker, Grand Secretary.
 T. B. Chattman, " Marshall.

A special meeting of a Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arizona was opened in the customary manner, the object stated by the acting Grand Master, the ceremony of constituting and dedicating Willcox Lodge No. 10, F. & A. M. in accordance with ancient usage was then performed.

After the officers of the Lodge were installed as follows:

Bro. James William Baker,	Master
" Edgar Adelbert Nichols,	Senior Warden
" George Henry Stratton,	Junior Warden
" George W. Baker,	Secretary
" William F. Nichols,	Senior Deacon
" Andrew T. Wisdom,	Junior Deacon
" Thomas B. Chattman,	Tyler.

After some words of admonition to the officers and members by the Acting Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was closed and the officers installed resumed their respective stations and places, the lodge was then closed in due form.

Approved, (Signed) G. W. Baker,
 James W. Baker, Secretary.
 Master.

This Lodge has been honored by the election of two Grand Masters, namely: William Francis Nichols, and Henry Alfred Morgan.

Since the organization of Willcox Lodge the list of Past Masters include the following: Nathan L. Guthrie, James W. Baker, William F. Nichols, Edgar A. Nichols, Kasper Hauser, Henry A. Morgan, Wilfred A. Piage, John V. Leam, Benjamin J. McKinney, John C. Wilson, Joseph W. Angle, Harvey L. McCary, and Alfonso B. Marchman, Lea Wallace, Frank Woodan, Frank Rottman and John Gung'l.

The officers for the present year are as follows:

Frank W. Rottman, W. M.; Charles Simkins, S. W.; J. F. Cummings, J. W.; Henry A. Morgan, Treasurer; Gordon Ewing, Sec.; John Gung'l, Chaplain; Thomas Odom, S. D.; Thomas M. Crowley, J. D.; P. W. Hamilton, Tyler.

The Lodge, from the beginning has grown slowly and prospered satisfactorily. Up to 1900 our membership varied from twenty five to forty and since that time has increased to over 100 members. A number of these are Scottish Rite and York Rite Masons. The Lodge now owns a corner lot in the city of Willcox, and has constructed a two story Masonic Temple which cost prior to War times, close to \$15,000.00.

It is equipped with a large, well furnished Lodge room, the usual preparation and ante-rooms, and a banquet hall and kitchen. The indebtedness of the Lodge on this building is some where around \$7,000.00, which the Lodge is fixed to liquidate within the next three or four years.

The outlook for the growth of the Lodge is unusually bright.

H. A. MORGAN
Past Master
Wilcox Lodge #10.