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The Charlotte Observer. Bro. C. W. Alexander was appointed as said committee. The committee reported the subject from time to A MEMORIALob a time, with little or no progress, except to show that the subject was TO THE PEOPLE OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY, not forgotten.

The inconveniences of the old hall Comprising a Short History of the Etbecoming more and more apparent, forts of Charlotte Free and Accepted Bro. Thos. W. Dewey struck a res-Masons to Build a Temple-- How the ponsive chord, when on the 8th day of March, 1867, he introduced the following preamble and resolution into Charlotte Chapter, which was Work has been Done so far and What

At a meeting of Charlotte Masonic Temple Association, held Dec. 6th, attested by their unanimous adoption: 1883, upon the recommendation of the "WHEREAS, This Chapter is con-vinced that it would add to the

President and Finance committee, a committe consisting of J. W. Wads-worth, Chas R. Jones and J. Roes-sler (to which the President, C. W. growth and prosperity of the Masonc order if the order owned a Lodge room of their own in the city, there-Alexander, was afterwards added,) fore, was appointed to select and purchase a lot on which to erect a Masonic

Resolved, That our efforts and en-deavors shall be made for that end, Temple, and the said committee was and this Chapter pledges herself to do her share in the laudable undertakafterwards instructed to buy the Cruse property, fronting on Tryon

street adjoining the Second Presby-terian church, if in their judgment they thought it best to do so. After ex-Resolved, further, That a copy of this be communicated to Phalanx and Excelsior Lodges, and the woramination of the property and ascershipful masters of these Lodges be taining the terms upon which it could requested to press the matter upon be purchased from the Merchants and the respective Lodges, and that they be requested to join with us, and have a joint committee of one ap-point d from each body to put the matter into shape, and to bring it to the attention of Masons in this city Farmers National Bank, the committee decided to make the purchase, and on the 31st day of December the bargain was consummated by the signing and sealing of a fee simple, warranty deed, from the Bank to the generally, and report all that may be Masonic Temple Association. At a meeting of the Association on Jan'y 11th, 1884, the committe reof interest in advancing the matter. On the adoption of this motion Companion Sam'l Taylor was apported their action to the Association, pointed on the part of the Chapter to and on motion the action of the comcarry out the spirit of the resolutions, mittee was unanimously ratified. Subwhich were immediately transmitted sequently the Association directed that as funds would be necessary to to Phalanx and Excelsior Lodges. Bro. C. W. Alexander, worshipful carry out the objects of its organizamaster, was appointed to represent tion, the grand and crowning work Excelsior Lodge on the joint commitof building a Temple, which should tee. Here it seems from the records be a home for Charlotte Masons in that the matter was dropped for the succeeding generations-a suitable present. Yet the subject was not memorial to the people of Mecklen-burg county, asking their aid and co operation should be prepared and published, to the end that a public ost sight of, for on the 8th of March, 1867. Companion Taylor was again appointed by the Chapter to co-op-erate with representatives from Phalanx and Excelsior Lodges, in discussion of the matter might awaken an interest in the great and glori-our work in which the present Maregard to a new Masonic Hall. and on the 14th of November, 1867, Exsonic Temple Association are endeavcelsior Lodge again responded by the appointment of Bro. C W. Alexanoring to carry out the wishes, hopes and aims of the fathers of Masonry der to represent her on the joint in Charlotte, as far back as 1841, and committee. But the records show which we are pleased to add, has that at least two of the Masonic never been lost sight of by Charlotte Masons from that day to this. In that spirit and with that end in view we bodiescontinued to agitate the subject until May 14, 1869, when Companion Thos. W. Dewey offered the follow-ing resolution in the Chapter, which

was adopted. "Resolved, That the council, (then composed of E. H. White, High Priest, Sam'l Taylor, King, and H. HISTORICAL SKETCH of the inception, organization and accomplishments of our present Charlotte Masonic Temple Association: G. Springs, Scribe.) be appointed a The oldest known Masonic organizacommittee to consult with parties tion in Charlotte is Phalanx Lodge about to build with regard to build-No. 31, which was instituted on the ing a Masonic Hall; and if the com-25th day of January 1841, at which mittee deem it expedient they are ime it is natural to be supposed that authorized to call a convention of Free Masonry experienced a r vival the Masons of Charlotte to confer that it had not felt for years. All authentic history of Free Masonry together with regard to the same. The committee after mature delibin Charlotte previous to this time has eration and consultation, on the 17th been lost. Tradition warrants us in day of May, 1869, issued a public call the belief that a Lodge of Masons was to the Masons of Charlotte, asking them to assemble in the Masonic Hal organized in Charlotte prior to the beginning of the present century, on the 19th to consider the subject of but we are as ignorant of its history building a Temple. A large number of the Masons of the city assembled as we are of the hist ry of the Masons who reared the pyramids of in convention, and was organized by calling Bro. W. J. Yates to the chair and appointing S. L. Riddle, secreta-Egypt, or dug out the catacombs of Rome. About the year 1830 an antin asonic political party was organized throughout the United States, and it ry. The object of the convention was explained by S. Wittkowsky Upon motion of C. W. Alexander a is supposed that in Charlotte the craft took the stampede. The name committee of ten was appointed to of the original Lodge was Phalanx, a word used by the old Romans mean take into consideration the subject of holding a Masonic Fair and Festival ing a body of troops, which may or may not signify that the pioneers of for the purpose of raising funds for building a Masonic Temple in the city of Charlotte, and thereupon the masonry in our beloved city, expect ed when they christened the child of chairman appointed their creation that they would have to 1. C. W. Alexander, contend with open enemies, and that Roesler, they must meet them in solid pha-3. E. H. White, lanx, as masons always do. It is not 4. C. A. Frasier, however, within the scope of this me-5. Samuel Taylor, 6. Thos. W Dewey, morial to go into the history of ma-Com. sonry in Charlotte, but rather to dis-cuss the subject of the efforts made D. G. Maxwell, 8. Harry Buxbaum, 9. J. W. Wadsworth, by Charlotte masons to erect a Masonic Temple in Charlotte, and to 10 S. Wittkowsky. place on record the names of a zeal-Two days afterwards the commit ous few who from time to time have tee was called together and C. W. had this end in view. Alexander was elected chairman, and The record of the Masonic organiza-D. G. Maxwell was elected secretions of Charlotte show that among tary, and it was unanimously the noble and ambitious masons, and agreed that there should be no salone whose name shines bright and effulgent on escutcheon, of his maaried officers. It was further resolved to hold a fair and festival, for the pursonic character none shines out with pose of raising funds, on the 7th, 8th and 9th of July following. The fair more lustre than SAMUEL TAYLOR. was held as agreed upon. and the oc-Brother Taylor never aspired to casion will longber emembered by the brother laylor never aspired to honor and fameamong his fellow-citi-zens, but he was always found among the "sons of light." He was a work-ing mason, and would rejoice with citizens of Charlotte, the net proceeds resulting in establishing a permanent fund of \$1,400.02. This fund was kept at interest until October 14, 1874. when it was called in for use in the us to-day, if here in the hope that the Charlotte Masonic Temple Asssocia present Masonic Temple building. tion is nearing the acme of its hopes, the result of long years of patient la-bor. As early as Dec. 20th, 1842 he was associated with Bros. A. Rob-inson, Joshua Trotter and H. C. There was at that time on hand : Net proceeds from fair and Owens as a committee "to make in-Received from Gov. Vance's quiries respecting building a hall for the frate nity." As a result of this committee's labors or January lecture on the "Scattered Nation" ..... Rec'd from Excelsior Lodge, year's rent in advance ... 26, 1846. the secretary of Phalanx Lodge was autho ized to subscribe Rec'd from Charlotte Chapter Rec'd from Phalanx Lodge ... \$200 for 8 shares in the association Received from Knights of formed to purchase the lots and im-Pythias..... provements owned by B. Cahan in the name of the Lodge." Thomas Trotter, one of the building commit-tee, was the Worshipful Master. Note given to Bank of Meck-137.05 lenburg..... Total amount expended ... \$3,463.16 Nothing ever came of this effort, for This amount was expended in buildon Feby 8th, 1847, a committee con-sisting of Bros. H. C. Owens, Joshua ing, fitting up and furnishing the present Masonic building-the third Trotter and Daniel Asbury, was appointed "to contract with LeRoy story over Elias & Cohen's store. Springs to build a masonic hall," which he did, and in which Char-On the 25th of March, 1870, the 'Masonic Temple Association of the lotte Masons "worked" until the 1st city of Charlotte," was duly incorpo-January, 1875. But in 1850 there rated with corporate powers by the Legislature of North Carolina, and were a number of masons who were since that time all its deliberations in search of "further light," and de-sirous of forming a Royal Arch Chaphave been conducted within the purview of its chartered rights. ter, and for reasons known only to capitular masons, the old hall would And this brings to us the dedicano longer answer their purpose. Sev-eral efforts were mad ) and committion of what is known as Masonic Hall. Speaking of its dedication the CHARLOTTE DAILY OBSERVER, on the tees were appointed to get a more 1st day of January, 1875 said: suitable hall until the breaking out of "The 27th day of January of each the war in 1861, when most of the leading spirits among the masons of year is generally observed by the masons of Charlotte as a day of fes-Charlotte went into the army and for a time forgot the inconveniences of tivity, and the masons of Charlotte their Charlotte masonic lodge room, took the occasion last Monday, (the 27th being dunday) to dedicate their new hall with appropriate cereor their project of instituting a chap-But on the 7th day of December, monies. At ten o'clock a. m., the craft con-1864, a Royal Arch Chapter was organized in Charlotte by Albert G. sisting of Excelsior Lodge No. 261, Mackey, of South Carolina. Free Masonry received a new impetus. and again the "architects began to design, and once more to draw their plans on the Masonic trestle-board." Another impetus given to Free Masonry in Charlotte was the organization of Excelsior Lodge, No. 261.

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delivered an eloquent and feeling address suitable to the occasion.' The completion of the hall left the association without funds and \$137.-05 in debt Since that time to De- Flesh Gloves and Towels, cember 31, '83, all monies on hand were kept at interest, and the hall room rented to the Masonic Lodges, Genuine Carls Vad Salts. the Royal Arch Chapter, the commandery and other secret and benevolent associations, from the receipts of which the association paid off all its debt, and on the 31st December, '83 had in the hands of the Treasurer With nearly \$2,000 in cash on hand and with the collection of some out- Sweet Gum and Mullein, standing accounts since that time we have been enabled to pay for 60 x 198 feet of the Cruse property except five hundred dollars, for which the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank holds our The present lease on the hall now owned by the association expires 1st January 1885. Upon its expiration the association will be entitled to receive \$1,800 loaned to Mr. Huthi son in 1874, tegether with the rents It has been thought that the time 250 00 has come to make another appeal to the good people of both our city and country for aid for funds to build a Temple on the land of the association which shall be a home for the masonc fraternity for all time to come. The building of a fit Temple for the use of the Masonic fraternity in Charlotte and vicinity, on its own land, will be the culmination of all the efforts made by Charlotte Masons in that direction for the past forty-three years. We are determined that it shall be done. We do not propose to look back in the furrow, but shall press forward in this work until the object of our organization shall have been consummated. Will not the citizens of Charlotte

come to the aid of the Temple Asso ciation with that generosity and pubic spirit for which they have ever been noted? We propose to erect a building which shall not only be creditable to the Masonic fraternity of

If contributions sufficient can be raised, it is proposed to erect a three story building, the third story of which will be set apart for the Ma sonic fraternity, and the two stories below will be rented out, and from

these rents a permanent fund can be



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