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Materials from and about the Union League of America, for the Kansas state office and for some of the local councils. It includes letters, a list of rejected candidates for the League, meeting minutes for an 1863 meeting of the Humboldt Council in Allen County and related reports, and a record book for 1863 for the Wathena, Doniphan County chapter. There is also a history of the League in Kansas, written by D. W. Houston of Garnett, Anderson County, for the Kansas State Historical Society. Two charters are also included for the local councils of DeSoto and Junction City. The purpose of the organization was to promote loyalty to the "Union" during the Civil War.

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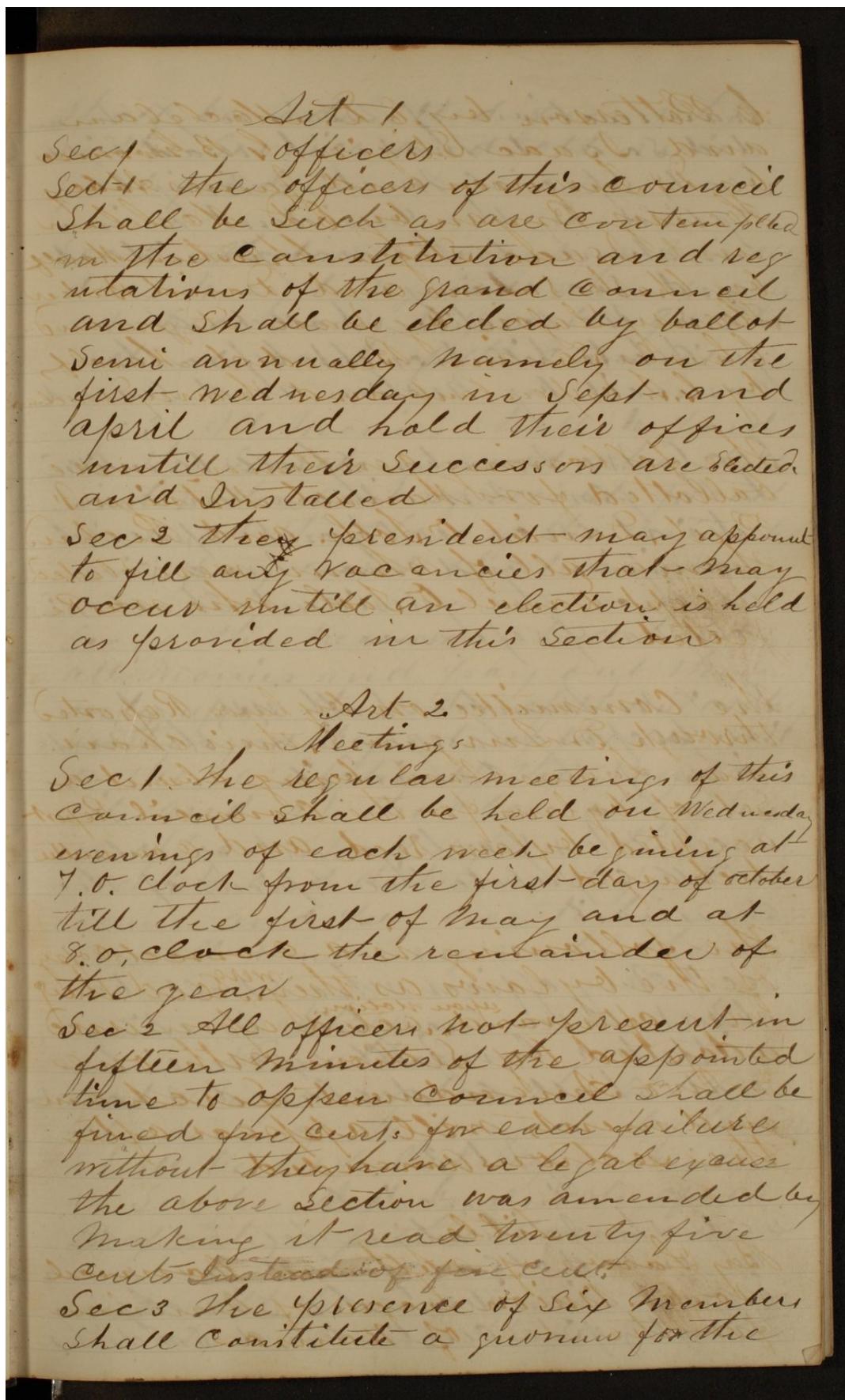
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transactions of Business arranged so as to make it read eight Sec 4 Special Meeting may be Called by the president or in his absence by the vice president and Secretary Sec 5 No question shall be open for debate till brought before the Council by Motion and Second Sec 6 No Member shall be entitled to the floor more than ten minutes at once without special permission and when two arise at once the president shall decide who has preference Sec 7 No Member shall use vulgar or profane language in the meetings of the Council Sec 8 Other parliamentary rules shall regulate the sessions of the Council Sec 9 Any officer who shall be absent three successive meetings without a lawful excuse his seat shall be declared vacant

Art 3

Financial

Sec 1 The Initiation fee shall be one dollar for all persons except Ministers who shall pay twenty five cents. and soldiers



Shall be admitted free when
in the Service and otherwise
qualified

Sec 2. Moderate weekly or monthly
dues may be required when fund
ed necessary to provide for the
actual wants of the council

Sec 3 All monies shall be paid
to the Secretary and who shall
enter the amount of receipts for each
week at the close of the minutes
and pay over to the treasurer

Sec 4 the treasurer shall hold
all monies and pay out the same
only upon the order of the Secretary
authorized by vote of the council
or the regulations of the grand coun
cil and at the close of his term
of office shall report the entire
receipts and disbursements for the
same and pay over to his succe
sor all remaining in his hands

Art 4. Penalties

Sec 1 Any member who shall vi
olate any of the foregoing by laws
shall be expelled Reprimanded
or suspended by a vote of a
Majority of the council

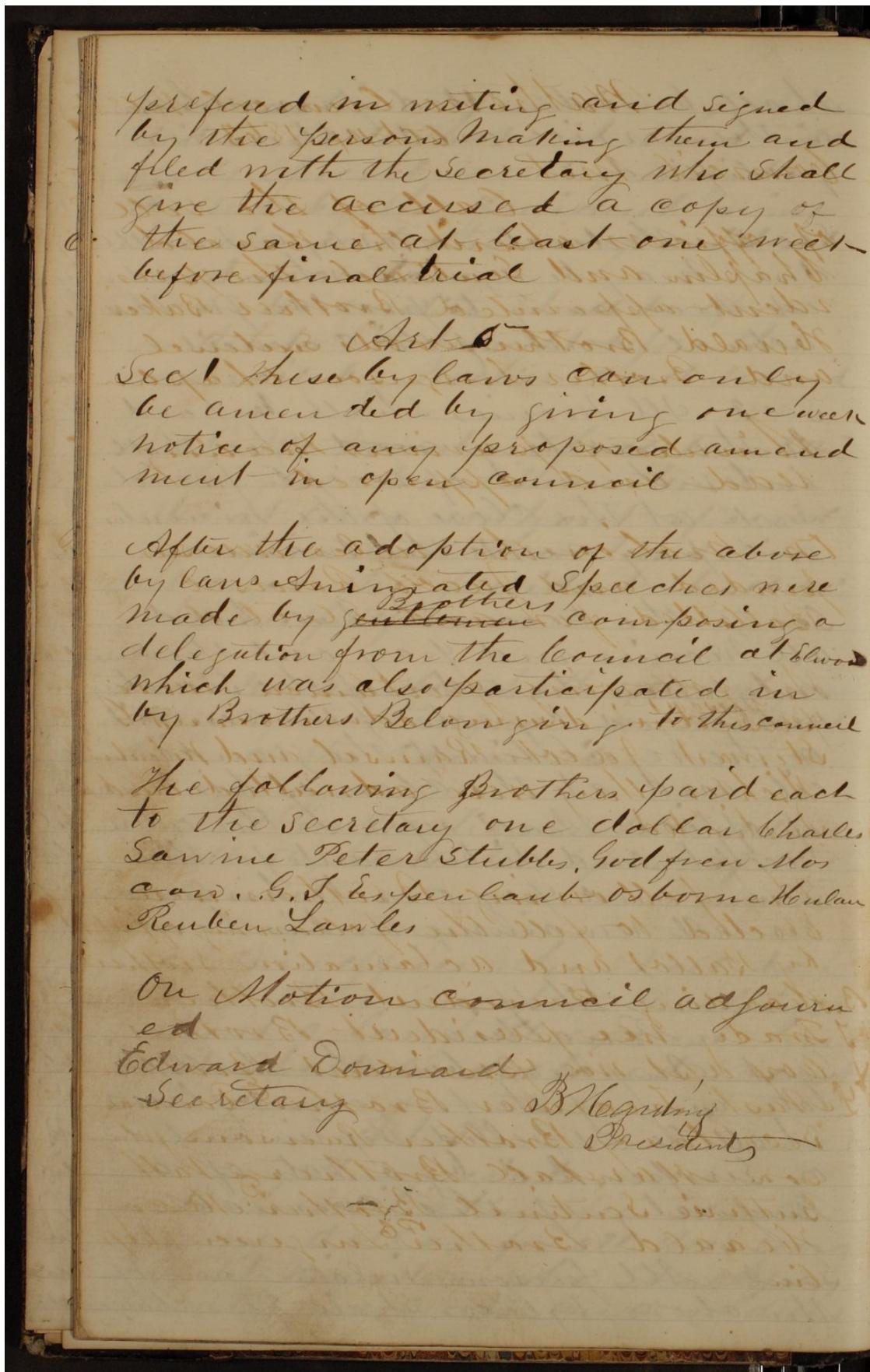
Sec 2 All persons violating any of
the above by laws shall have charges

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Wauherras Council No 68.
Oct 14 1863
Council met
Call of the roll
of officers absit the Herald
Chaplin and Sentinel the pres-
ident appointed Brother Baker
Herald Brother Woods Sentinel
and Brother Lurguon Chaplin
Minutes of previous meeting
read and approved
On motion the rules were
spended and Jacob Rausel
Ballotted for and elected
The following gentlemen were
^{present} presented deserving admission. S
Stewart Jacob Rausel and Valentine
Michler they were admitted and
Initiated
The following Brothers were
elected to fill the following offices
by Ballot and acclamation Brother
B Harding President Brother
J Brady Vice president Brother
Coy Asst vice president Brother
L Nash Treasurer Brother Dornan
Secretary. Brother Ransom John
son Marshall Brother Nath
Guthrie Sentinel Brother McCoy
Herald Brother Lurguon Chap-
lin

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The following gentlemen were proposed and received for
Master by Brother Ferguson and
Edward Downard was voted by J. S.
Brady and Leman Hatch Mr. A
Hale by J. S. Brady and Benjamin
Woods Vizman Reeder by Brother
Savage and Esplanade William
Carpenter by Brother John Stewart
and J. S. Stewart Casper Yarsman
by Brother Butcher and Baker
William Stevman by Brother
E. D. McElhaney and Mitchell
Louis Pullman by Brother Lee
Ferguson and E. D. McElhaney Charles
Eggers by J. S. Brady and Esplanade.

The following gentlemen paid
each to the Secretary one dollar
Brother T. B. Stewart and Brother
Jacob Parrot

On Motion Council adjourned
to meet at Neuse ^{occupied} ~~secret~~ by
Brother Gallion and family
Edward Downard
Secretary B. W. Hardin
President

Wathena Council No 68 Oct 24/63
Call of the roll of officers all present
Minutes of previous meeting read
and approved with amendment

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The officers elected at last meeting
were duly installed and instructed
by the president Brother B. Shadley
who was himself afterward installed
by the vice president Brother J. Brady

James Butler proposed and voted
for by Brother Butler and Brother
Matthew Smith

The committee on candidates re-
ported in favor of admitting
into the Council William Wallace
James Wilson William Shattock
C. Peterson G. B. Groome, Henry
Bryant, Christian Marolf, Charles
Davine Henry Lafon Benedict Ward
McKee Thomas Collier A. Hale
Sigman Peeter William Carpenter
Gaspar Lariviere William Keenan
Louis Bullman and Charles Eggers

On motion the name of G. B. Groome
was stricken from the roll his residence
being nearer to Troy council than
Watervliet

Ballotted by which William
William Carpenter was elected
reconsidered and his case
laid over two weeks for further
consideration

Report of Committee as corrected
Adopted

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The following gentleman were
ballotted for and elected William
Wallace, James Wilson, William Batten
& Peterson, Henry Bryan, Christian
Harolf, Benedict Hanafy, J. W.
McKee, Thomas Colter, C. A. Hale
William Carpenter, Casper Lariman
William Sherman, Louis Ruttman
Charles Eggen, Henry Lofvee, Sigmar
Reiter.

Resolved the following resolution
was adopted. Resolved that the
President appoint a Committee of
three to procure a Stone and
two tables for use of council also
to rent a room for the permanent
use of council and to do all other
things that may be necessary for the
comfort and convenience of members.

The president appointed on the above
Committee Edward Dornard Dr
Lerguson and Brother Nash.

The president appointed Brother
Nash a member of the Committee
on Candidates in place of
Brother Wagener.

The following Preamble and
resolution was unanimously
Adopted

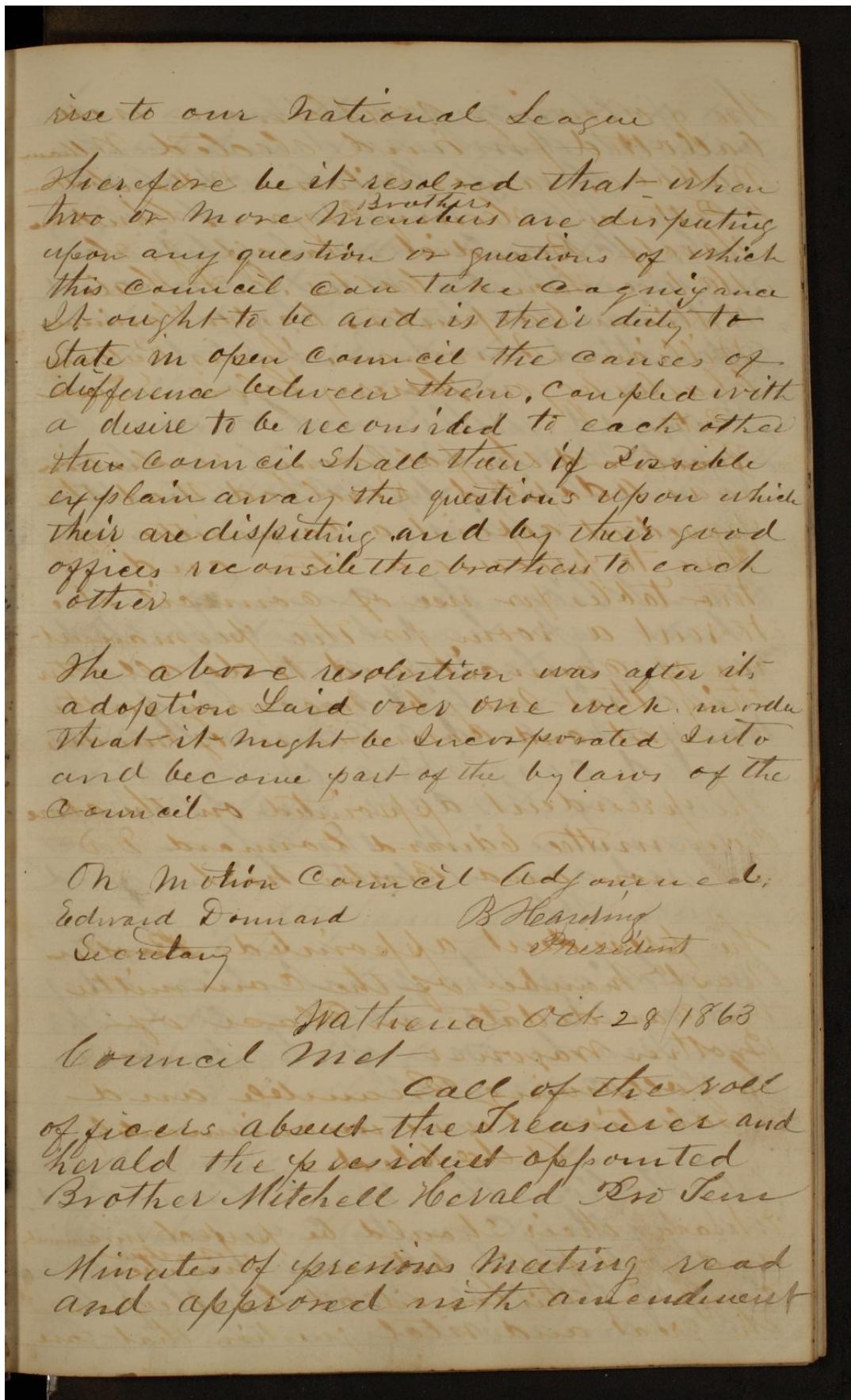
Whereas there should be perfect unanimity
and good feeling between ^{Brothers} Members
composing this Council at least upon
the great and vital question that goes

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The following gentlemen were present desiring admission under
said - Marolf. Cornday. A. Hale
Henry Tafel. Christian Marolf,
J. H. McKee. Emanuel Stenger
Wigman Peeter van Wilson. and
William Wallace. They were
admitted and Initiated

Proposed William Chickman by
David Parker Nathaniel Sutcliffe
James Kirby by ~~P. G. & B.~~ Bratton
Ransom Johnson

On Motion the case of A. J.
Moore who had been ballotted
for and elected and who app-
ealed ~~for~~ ^{to be} Initiated was laid over
two weeks and a Committee app-
ointed consisting of Brothers
John Cox Gordair and P. C. Ferguson
to examine into the charges
preferred against both him and
James Abbey

On Motion the resolution adop-
ted on the 21st day of Oct 1863
was made one of the bylaws
of the council

On Motion the resolutions adopt-
ed by the County Convention
of the U.S.A. at Troy on the
day of Oct 1863 were adopted by
acclamation

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The committee on candidates
reported in favor of James Butler
Report accepted

The Committee to rent a room
procure a store & reported that they
had rented the room now occupied
by the Council at the rate 1.50 per
Month Borrowed a store with the
spife that would answer present
purposes In regard to the Tables the
committee asked one weeks further
time which was granted

The following Brothers paid each to
the Secretary one dollar Henry
Lafolie and Cornelius Hale

On Motion Council adjourned
Edward Dornard
Secretary B. Harding
 President

Wauhonia Council No 68 ¹⁸⁶³
Council Met

Call of the roll of officers
absent the Chaplin, vice president
Herald & Sentinel, the president
appointed Brother John Stewart as
vice president Brother Baker Herald
and Brother Woods Sentinel

Minutes of previous Meeting read
and approved

On Motion the absence of Brother

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Dash on last Meeting was
excused

The following gentlemen appeared
for Initiation William Carpenter
he was admitted and Initiated

The following gentlemen were
proposed Peter Redd vouch'd for
by Brothers espenlaub and Sam'l
Lucas Setter by the same

The following gentlemen were balloted
for and elected James Kirby and
William Hickman

On Motion the Secretary was author-
ized to draw on the Treasurer for
two dollars and fifty cents and remit
the same to the Grand Council for
the State

Moved that the office of ^{Secretary} Herald
be declared vacant the Brother
filling the office having moved
to Lawrence Motion carried

Brother J H McKee was then nomi-
nated to fill the above office
ballotted for and elected

Brother Carpenter Paid one dollar

Council Adjourned

Edward Donnard
Secretary

B. Meadling
President

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Wauhona Council No. 108. Nov 11/1863
Council Met
Call of the roll of officers
about the the Sentinel. The president
appointed Brother Staats, Sentinel Printer
On Motion the rules were suspended
and Brothers Stoenke, Installd and Installd
as Herald
Minutes of previous Meeting read and
approved
One Motion the rules were suspended
and Posey Cox and Peter Redd ballotted
for and elected
the following gentleman were present
desiring admission. Posey Cox, Peter Redd
William Hickman, and James Kirby
they were admitted and Initiated
Proposed Peter Davis vouched for by
John Cox and Jacob Sharp. Anderson
Gaddis by Brother Brady and Sawins
Lucius Fetter Ballotted for and
elected
The Committee on Candidates
Reported in favor of Lucius Fetter
and Peter Redd
The president appointed on the finance
committee to fill the places of Brothers Wagner
and Church. Brothers Kulan and Sharp

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The following charge with the accompanying evidence against Brother Baker was presented by Brother Ferguson

Elwood Kansas Oct 10 1863

This is to certify that I Lewis Tracy of the County of Doniphan and State of Kansas and Washington Township said David Baker now of the town of Matherne say on or about the year 1862 that if Abe Lincoln issued a proclamation to free the negroes he the said Baker would fight for the South in virtue whereof I have this date above written signed my name and affixed my seal

Attest Lewis Tracy Seal
D. B. Jones

Charge against David Baker

Matherne KS Nov 11 1863

I hereby charge David Baker a member of Matherne Council No 68 U. L. A. for the State of Kansas of being opposed to the administration of Abe Lincoln president of the United States by saying that if he issued a proclamation to free the negroes he would fight for the south

P. C. Ferguson

On Motion the Secretary was instructed to send for copy Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States and twenty five cents appropriated for that purpose

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Brother Nash offered the following resolution to be discussed at next Meeting Resolved that all Coppershead those proven to be such by good and sufficient evidence shall be sent beyond the lines

Council adjourned the following Edward D. gentlemen paid each to the secretary one dollar Peter Redd James Kirby Valentine Michael J. McKay Risy & Co by John Stewart Paid 30^c

Council Adjourned Boarding
Edward Townsend President
Secretary

Wauhona Ks Nov 18 1863
Council met

Call of the roll of officers about the Sentinel and Marshal the president appointed John Stewart Marshall Pro Tem

Minutes of previous Meeting read and approved

proposed Wilson Mann voiced for by Brothers Sharp and Nash Large Scribe by Brothers Esplanade and Lucas Foster

the Committee on candidates reported in favor of Peter Davis upon the case of Anderson Gladden the Committee could not report

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understandingly his case was
Consequently left to the Council

Peter Davis Ballotted for and elec-
ted

The Committee on finances
made the following report we
your committee would beg leave
to report that we find on the
Treasurer's book forty nine dollars
also paid out twenty eight dollars
and fifty cents leaving a balance
in the hands of the Treasurer
of twenty dollars and fifty cents

John Cox
Jacob Sharp

On Motion brother Barker stands
acquitted of the charge of disloyal
Implied in the charge preferred
against him by Brother Ferguson
unanimously

On Motion the resolution offered
by Brother Hash stands over till
Next meeting

Council Adjourned

Edward Donnard B Warding
Secretary President

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Matthews Mon 25/63
Council Met
Call of the roll of
officers absent the Marshall
Minutes of previous Meeting read
and approved with Amendment
Leander McClellan present for
Initiation he was admitted and
initiated
The following gentlemen balloted
for and elected Wilson Mann
Vice Scribe
The case of Anderson Gladden
was dropped
The Resolution offered by Brother
Nash at previous Meeting was
on Motion laid on the table
The Vacancy filled by an
election Nov 4 should have been
settled instead of herald the
Brother elected resigning John
Guthrie was nominated and
elected
On Motion Charge against Brother
Carpenter proposed by A Johnson
I Abraham Johnson charge Brother
W Carpenter with making a wrong
accusation against me



To wit that he did on the 12th day of Oct 1863 charge me with swindling or trying to dispose of a certain mare belonging to Mrs Nancy Lee to all of which charge I plead not guilty and call upon Brother Carpenter to prove the same

Brother Hector Paid one dollar

Council Adourned
E. Denevad Boarding
Secretary President

Dec 2 1863
Matthew Council No 68
Council Met

Call of the roll
of officers absent the Marshall
and Sentinel the president appoin-
ted Brother Mitchell Marshall
and Brother Stanton ^{pro tem} Sentinel

Misstatements of previous meeting
read and approved

The following gentleman ^{George Schubert} was
present for Initiation. He was ad-
mitted and Initiated

Proposed August Miller he was
~~admitted and Initiated~~ vouched
for by J T Brady and Brother
P C Ferguson

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On Motion the charge against
William Carpenter was laid over one
week

On Motion the office of Marshal
was declared vacant and Brother
Nash nominated and elected
to fill it he was duly installed

On Motion the resolutions
offered by E. Donnard in relation
to Brother Silas Gaines deceased
was adopted by a unanimous
vote

The following Rescamble and
resolutions ~~were~~ ^{was} adopted by a
unanimous vote

Whereas death has struck down
down in our midst brother Silas
Gaines and esteemed citizen and
worthy Brother of our Council

Therefore be it resolved that we
members of Nathewa Council
of the U.L.A. heartily sympathize
with his bereaved widow and
relatives in this their sad
affliction and that we will
do all in our power to alleviate
the distress which such a calamity
entails

Resolved that a copy of the
above be given to his widow and

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one sent to Troy and published
in the Troy County Patriot

Leander McAllan paid one
dollar

B. Hardig
President

Council Adjourned
Edward Donnard
Secretary

Wethersfield, Dec 9. 1863
Council Met

Call of the roll
about the Marshall the president-
appointed Brother John Stewart
Marshall pro tem

On Motion the rules were suspended
and Augustus Miller Ballotted for
and elected

The following gentlemen were
present for Initiation Augustus
Miller & Sylvester Marsh they
were admitted and Initiated

Proposed James Hough Welsh
Vouched for by James Abbey and
Henry Dilman

On Motion the charge against
William Carpenter was
and they were ordered reprimanded

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On Motion the by laws prepared
and sent by Brother Clough Grand
Secretary were referred to a Committee
composed of Brothers Ferguson
Nash & Sharp

George Schriber paid 100

Council Adjourned
Edward Donnard
Secretary

Wathena Council Dec 23 1863
Council met

Call of the roll
of officers absent the president
vice president Sentinel & Herald

On Motion Brother Nash was
appointed president Brother Ferguson
vice president & Brother Nash Herald

Minutes of previous Meeting read
and approved

Proposed A. J. Haskell, roused
for by Brother Miller & Marsh
F. M. Eaton by Brothers Lafrie &
Garrine L. S. Branson by Brothers
Ferguson & Lafrie Nickel Branson
By Brothers Sharp & Ferguson

The committee on Candidates
reported in favor of James
Welsh. He was Ballotted for and

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Elected

The Special Committee
to examine by law's prepared
by Brother Blodugh reported favor
ably report recd and committee
discharged

On Motion the report was laid
over one week, to be then acted
upon

Brother Marsh Paid fifty Cents

Council Adjourned

& Dornward ^{B. H. Treding}
Secretary President

Watertown Jan 19 1861,
Council Met

Call of the roll
of officers about the Marshall
Liberator Herald and Sentinel
The president appointed Brother John
Stewart Marshal and Brother J
Abbey Herald

Minutes of previous meeting
read and approved

Proposed Thomas J Ridge elected
for by Brothers Cox and John Gordon
Dr Stewart by Brother Turgeon &
Gordan Allen Rhodes by Brothers
Turgeon & Dornward

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The Committee on Candidates
not being prepared to report
the council in Committee of the whole
reported in favor of Mikel Brannan
Luis Brumson & J Haskel the vote
of A St Cator was laid over one week

The following gentlemen were
then ballotted for and elected
A J Haskel, Luis Brumson and
Mikel Brannan

On Motion the election of James
Welsh was reconsidered

On Motion the by laws prepared
by Brother Clough were again
laid over one week

Brother Augustus Miller Paid 100

Council Adjourned
Edward Donnard
Secretary W Harding
President

Wauhaua Tis Jan 31 1864
Council Met

Call of the roll of
officers about the Sentinel & Herald
and Chaplin the president appointed
Brother Miller several Brothers from
Sentinel and Brother John Stewart
Chaplin



Minutes of previous Meeting
read and approved

On Motion the rules were suspended
and Dr Stewart and J S D Ridge
Ballotted for and elected

The following gentlemen appeared
for Initiation Michael Branman
J D Ridge and Dr Stewart they
were admitted and Initiated

The Committee on Candidates
reported in favor of Dr Stewart
and J. D. Ridge the case of Allen
Rhodes was continued one week

Proposed Thomas Barnes reelected
for by Brothers Miller and J. Brailey

On Motion the by laws prepared
by Brother Clough with Section one
and two of article 4 of old by
laws were adopted as the future
rule of action for the Council

The following are the by laws

Art 1

The style and title of this body
shall be Wathania Council No
68 of the U. L. A. of the State of Kansas

Art 2

This council shall consist of a
President Vice President Ass't Vice



President Secretary Treasurer Herald
Sentinel and Chaplin, and such
other Members loyal persons over
the age of eighteen years as shall be
regularly elected and Initiated in
accordance with these by laws and
the ritual of the U.S.A

Sec 2 each Member shall be entitled
to one vote

Art 3

any Member of this council in
good standing shall be eligible to
any office therein

Sec 3 the officers named in art
2 Shall be elected semi annually
at the first meetings in February
and August and shall hold
their offices until their successors
are duly elected and qualified.
said election to be by Ballot

Sec 3 A Majority of all the votes
Cast shall be necessary to a choice

Sec 4 each officer upon being
elected shall before taking his
Seat. Make an affirmative an
swer to the following pledge which
shall be administered by the retiring
President or Vice President Do
you A.B. Solemnly promise on
your honor as a man that in
your office of — of maternal Council



No 68 you will to the best
of your ability faithfully come
ply with the Constitution by laws
rule and regulations of the grand
Council of the U.S.A of the State
of Kansas with the by laws rules
and regulations of their Council
and the established usages of this
order and demean yourself
in your said office faithfully
honestly and impartially

Art 4

Sec 1 no name shall be proposed
for election as a candidate for
initiation in this Council
except his name be proposed
in writing at a regular meeting
signed by two Brothers in good
standing as vouchers and when
proposed shall be read aloud by
the Secretary in open council

Sec 2 the name so proposed shall
then be referred to a standing in
vestigating committee consisting
of three well approved brothers of
which committee the Secretary
shall be one and the chairman

Sec 3 said Committee shall make
diligent examination into the char-
acter for loyalty of all persons whose
names are thus reported and report
in writing at the next regular
meeting concerning their election

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Sec 4 upon the names being so reported upon by the investigating committee a vote shall be had upon the name of every person recommended for election

Sec 5 It shall require a vote of nine tenths of the members present and voting to elect a candidate but no candidate shall be initiated or admitted to this council if three brethren object

Sec 6 No member of the council shall vote against the admission of a loyal person who is eligible by his age and residence on merely personal grounds and if charged with so doing by any other member of the council shall state his reasons for his vote when a new vote can be had if required

Sec 7 any member of this council may be indefinitely suspended by a vote of a majority of all the members attached to the council and when so suspended shall be reported to the grand secretary for publication to the other councils

Art 5

Sec 1 there shall be a regular meeting of this council on wednesday of every



week at Seven and a half o'clock.
P.M.

Sec 2 The president and vice president may call a special meeting of the council on their own motion or must call one on the request of three members

Sec 3 one third of all the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum until the council numbers forty five members after which fifteen members shall be a quorum but a less number may adjourn from time to time and have power to compel the attendance of absent members

Sec 4 each member failing to attend a regular weekly meeting or when specially notified so to do shall be fined the sum of ten cents for each failure so to do and each officer twenty five cents unless said fine be remitted by the president or a vote of the council for reasonable excuse offered

Art 6

Sec 1 the three standing committees to be appointed in accordance with the ritual shall be composed of three members each the secretary shall be chairman of the investigating committee the vice president shall



be chairman of the committee on finance. ass't vice president of the committee on the State of the order

Sec 2 all Special committees shall consist of three members to be appointed by the president unless otherwise provided in the motion by which they are ordered

Art 7

Sec 1 The president shall preside over all meetings of the council when present Shall give the casting vote whenever the council is equally divided on any question shall preserve order and decorum and enforce the rules of Jeffersonian Manual Shall be with the vice president and secretary ex officio delegates to the grand council of the state of Kansas.

Art 8

Duties of vice president

Sec 1 The duties of the vice president shall be to preside over the council in the absence of the president and when ~~presiding~~ to perform the duties of the president

Art 9

Duties of the secretary

The secretary shall attend all meetings of the council observe and record the proceedings thereof. He shall have the custody of all books and papers belonging to the council and shall perform all things required of him by the president



officer of the council shall make regular monthly reports to the grand secretary on the first of each Month as required by him he shall receive the Initiation fees and other assessments from Members and note the amount recd at each Meeting on its Minutes and shall pay over the same to the Treasurer he shall remit the dues to the grand Secretary and for that purpose shall have power to draw on the treasurer for the same. He shall keep his record Subject to the Inspection of all officers and Members of this Council and any officers of the grand Council or the grand Lecturer

Art 10

Sect 1 Treasurer

Sect 1 The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all monies which are paid by Members of the Council and shall keep correct acct of the same shall pay out the same on the order of the president committied by the Secretary and shall pay over the dues to the dues to the grand Council on the order of the Secretary shall keep his books open to the inspection of officers and Members of this Council or the officers of the grand Council or the grand Lecturer

Art 11

Marshall

Sect 1 The Marshall shall attend all