

UNION LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

GRAND COUNCIL U. L. A. OF NORTH-CAROLINA,
Raleigh, July, 1867.

To the President and other Officers of

Council, No.

GENTLEMEN:—The Officers of the Grand Council of the U. L. A. for the State of North-Carolina are happy to congratulate you on the rapid spread of our noble Order in this State.

It is confidently expected that by the first of November next, the Order will have such a hold on the confidence and support of our loyal people as to be of very great service in shaping the work of reconstruction. We feel sure that if the State shall be reconstructed according to the principles of our Order, our people will have a good Republican Constitution, and the State will be promptly admitted to her place in the Union.

It is of great importance that every loyal voter should be registered. The members of the U. L. A. are earnestly urged to give their attention to this matter. Let them see to it that every citizen is fully informed as to his rights and duties in this respect, for upon a full registration of the loyal voters depends the success of our efforts to restore the State to the Union.

It is also important that there should be a full representation of loyal men of both races in the approaching September State Convention. The Councils may be able in many cases, by a very small contribution from each member, to aid in defraying the expenses of worthy delegates who can not raise or spare the means necessary to attend.

It is recommended that members of the U. L. A. act with the great body of the Republicans in sending delegates to the Convention, and not separately as Councils. We are *all* members of the great Republican party, and the Councils are only helps to the cause as organizers and condensers of strength.

It is desirable, by the 4th of September, to know with some accuracy the strength of the Order in the State. Councils will, therefore, report their strength, so as to have the letters containing the reports reach Raleigh by the 25th of August.

Some of the Councils are yet without names, and they have not all been numbered. This has been unavoidable, as under the orders of the Grand National President the first object has been to plant the Order in every County, leaving the more accurate details of organization to be attended to afterwards. Councils without names will please select names, and notify the Grand Council accordingly. The numbers will be arranged after hearing from all the Councils.

The amounts due for Charters should be paid by the 4th September, as the money will be needed in conducting the campaign.

Dispensations for establishing Councils will be granted to discreet and zealous members, and Rituals sent whenever applied for.

Every member of the U. L. A. is urged to the utmost zeal and diligence in spreading and building up the Order, and is admonished to guard well the passwords and signs of the Order. For the present the national password will not be given, as we are informed by the Grand National President that it has been divulged by a traitor in Tennessee. A new national password will doubtless soon be communicated to the Councils.

Letters should be addressed to the Grand President of the State Council, so that he may consider them and hand them with instructions to the Grand Secretary

Fraternally Yours,



Grand President U. L. A. for North-Carolina.

J. C. L. HARRIS, *Grand Secretary.*

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