

THE YORK RITE  
of  
FREEMASONRY  
of  
ALABAMA

1995



GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER  
GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

## RECEPTION

An informal reception was held on Sunday afternoon, February 26, 1995 in the Clarendon Room of the Holiday Inn, Homewood, Birmingham, Alabama, as members and guests were registering in the Main Hall. Hostesses were Mrs. Irma Locke, wife of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Jesse W. Locke, and Mrs. Joyce Byars, wife of Right Eminent Grand Commander Robert L. Byars, Jr. The wife of Most Excellent Grand High Priest, W. Malcolm Killingsworth, Helen Killingsworth, was unable to attend as her sister had back surgery. The above hostesses were assisted by many other wives of Alabama Grand York Rite members, and a superb reception with many sweet treats was enjoyed by everyone.

## DIVINE SERVICE

The Annual Divine Service of the Grand York Rite was held on Sunday afternoon, February 26, 1995, in the Arlington Room of the Motel. The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Rev. Dr. Robert L. Byars, Jr. conducted the service and delivered the message.

The Sir Knights marched in to the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers." After the message was delivered by the Right Eminent Grand Commander an offering was received and the Grand Commander announced that it will be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

## THE GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

The Grand York Rite Annual Banquet was held on Sunday evening in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn. After the Invocation, a delicious prime rib dinner was enjoyed by all.

The three Presiding Grand Officers introduced their Families, their Distinguished Guests, Grand Line Officers, the Past Presiding Grand Officers, and all their Ladies.

Most Excellent Companion R. Glenn Capps, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, was introduced and asked to present the General Grand Chapter Medal of Honor to the recipient, Companion Franklin Lafayette Moon, a member of Dothan Chapter No. 113 who accepted the award with appreciation. The Grand Chapter of Alabama adds his name to their list of previous recipients.

The Right Puissant General Grand Sentinel, Robert D. Yonce of The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, was introduced as the Personal Representative of the General Grand Master, Dalvin L. Hollaway and asked to present the General Grand Council's Cryptic Mason or the Year Award to Companion Charles Lewis Ingram of Phenix City Council No. 82. Companion Ingram accepted the award with appreciation. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Jesse W. Locke presented two Ish Sodi awards to Companion William M. Newsome and Companion William C. Snyder.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Robert L. Byars, Jr., then introduced the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford who presented the Knight Templar Cross of Honor to the recipient, Sir Knight William Jesse Bice, a member of Woodlawn Commandery No. 31. His name will be added to the list of those Sir Knight in Alabama who have received this high award. The Grand Master then

requested that the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Robert L. Byars present himself before the microphone where he presented him with a plaque from the Grand Encampment naming him a permanent member of the Grand Encampment as a Past Grand Commander.

### LADIES ENTERTAINMENT

The ladies attended a brunch on Monday morning held in the Lounge area of the Holiday Inn. The Hospitality room was open on Monday and Tuesday where the ladies met to partake of the many sweet treats and other refreshments furnished by the Wives of the Alabama Grand York Rite.

On Monday a number of the ladies went shopping at the nearby malls.

The sixth annual Craft Shop with donated hand-made items was open throughout the Grand Session. The Craft Shop was again organized with Mrs. Sarah Garrett as Chairperson. The total sales this year amounted to \$1,175.61, which was equally divided between the three Grand York Rite charities.

### KNIGHT MASONS

Vulcan Council No. 22, Knight Masons of Alabama, held their Eleventh Annual Banquet on Monday evening, February 27, 1995 at the Fifth Quarter Restaurant. Following the Banquet, the Council of Anointed High Priests, the Order of the Silver Trowel and the Knight Crusaders of the Cross held their meetings and conferred their degrees and orders at the Metro York Rite Temple.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL CONCLAVE

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY

of

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

of

ALABAMA

HELD FEBRUARY 26, 27 AND 28TH, 1995

HOLIDAY INN-HOMEWOOD  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

PRESIDING 1994-1995

Robert L. Byars, Jr., *Right Eminent Grand Commander*  
P. O. Box 320184, Birmingham, AL 35232-0184

Arthur C. Harding, *Eminent Grand Recorder*  
P. O. Box 320262, Birmingham, AL 35232

ELECTED 1995-1996

Ray Rutledge, *Right Eminent Grand Commander*  
Route 11, Box 342, Jasper, AL 35505

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH**  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Thirty-Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama was declared convened by Sir Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander on February 27, 1995,

The Invocation was given by Sir Knight Jack F. Douglas, Eminent Grand Prelate, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The following Grand Commandery Officers were present and in their stations:

Sir Knight Robert L. Bryas, Jr.....	Grand Commander
Sir Knight George L. Marshall, Jr.....	Deputy Grand Commander
Sir Knight Ray Rutledge.....	Grand Generalissimo
Sir Knight James F. Vaughan.....	Grand Captain General
Sir Knight Bobby Ray Terry.....	Grand Senior Warden
Sir Knight Joe D. Lee.....	Grand Junior Warden
Sir Knight Jack F. Douglas.....	Grand Prelate
Sir Knight Fred W. McCluskey.....	Grand Treasurer
Sir Knight Arthur C. Harding.....	Grand Recorder
Sir Knight Jesse W. Locke.....	Grand Standard Bearer
Sir Knight Wayne D. Jordan.....	Grand Sword Bearer
Sir Knight Robert T. Crawford.....	Grand Warder
Sir Knight William J. Bice.....	Grand Sentinel

All Sir Knights and Distinguished Guests were welcomed to the Annual Conclave by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Robert L. Byars, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF PAST RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDERS

The following Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery were introduced and welcomed to this Grand Conclave:

McMurray L. Griffith.....	1975-1976
William M. Newsome, Jr.....	1976-1977
Fred W. Vaughan.....	1978-1979
Arthur C. Harding.....	1979-1980
Joseph D. Brackin.....	1980-1981
Erskine K. Smith.....	1982-1983
William H. Ealy.....	1983-1984
Richard Sim Hamilton.....	1984-1985
Emory J. Ferguson.....	1988-1989
Charles W. McDonald.....	1989-1990
Charles R. Pate.....	1991-1992
Bobby C. Park.....	1992-1993
Sam L. Garrett, Sr.....	1993-1994

ADDRESS OF RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
ROBERT L. BYARS, JR.

1994-1995

*To the Grand Officers, Sir Knights and Distinguished Guests of the  
Grand Commandery of Alabama:*

I welcome each of you to the One Hundred Thirty-Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama. Joyce and I extend a cordial invitation to our Grand Commandery meeting and wish for you a most enjoyable time together. May our Southern Hospitality be worthy of your visit with us. Please call on us if we can help in any way. We are sure that your presence will make for us the memorable event for which it is intended.

STATE OF THE ORDER

Edmond Burke said all that need saying "To guarantee failure all that needs to happen is for good men to do nothing."

NECROLOGY

I am thankful God saw fit to leave our Grand Line intact; however, our ranks have been decimated by the loss of faithful and dedicated Sir Knights this Templar year.

We have been saddened by the loss of Past Grand Commander William Sterling Roberts on December 4, 1994. He was a dedicated Sir Knight and a close personal friend.

Our Grand Prelate will give a more detailed report later in the conclave.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED TO REPRESENT  
OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES  
NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ALABAMA

Arizona .....	Howard E. Hayes
Arkansas .....	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.
California .....	William J. Bice
Louisiana .....	Billy A. Rikard
Minnesota .....	Johnson E. Harris, Jr.
Missouri .....	Amos Glenn Welborn
New Hampshire .....	Lance Anthony
New Mexico .....	Maurice C. Himes
Philippines .....	J. C. Brady
West Virginia .....	Kenneth M. Chastain

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED TO REPRESENT  
ALABAMA NEAR OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Sir Knight Vernon R. Borgeson -----	Utah
Sir Knight James E. Sexson -----	District of Columbia
Sir Knight James V. Pedano -----	Pennsylvania

## VISITATIONS

Israel .....	February 12-22
Mississippi - Grand Commandery .....	March 18
Tennessee - Grand Commandery .....	April 23
Oklahoma, - Grand Commandery .....	April 25
Florida - Grand Commandery .....	May 3
Greece - Grand Commandery .....	May 16
Montgomery Commandery #4 .....	June 11
K.Y.C.H. ....	July 16
Grand Encampment .....	August 18
Cyrene Commandery #10 .....	October 28
Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alabama .....	November 21
Zamora Shrine Temple .....	December 10

Numerous other masonic meetings were also attended.

## REVIEW OF BOOKS

On December 9, 1994, I authorized Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Arthur C. Harding, to secure the services of Brother Raymond E. Potter, C.P.A. and his firm to conduct a review of the books of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama for the year ending December 31, 1994.

## DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

To receive and ballot on petitions our of statutory time:

Woodlawn Commandery #31 .....	May 6
Montgomery Commandery #4 .....	August 6
Huntsville Commandery #7 .....	August 9
Mobile Commandery #2 .....	September 24
Woodlawn Commandery #31 .....	October 22

## MERGERS-CONSOLIDATIONS

I merged Sylacauga Commandery #21 with Cyrene Commandery #10 as of December 31, 1994 for the good of the order. In addition I was authorized by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Malcolm Killingsworth and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Jesse W. Locke to secure the records and financial assets of Sylacauga Chapter #104 and Sylacauga Council #89 and turn them over to Companion McMurray L. Griffith, Secretary-Recorder of the Birmingham Metro Chapter and Council. I fulfilled this obligation in the company and presence of the Grand Secretary-Recorder Arthur Harding and Companion McMurray L. Griffith.

## AUTHORIZED THE SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

On September 12, 1994 I authorized Sir Knight Ray Rutledge to solicit funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

## CONCLUSION

For this great honor and privilege of serving each of you, I thank you. "He who Humbleth Himself shall be Exalted."

To my wife, Joyce, and other family members I say "It would not have been possible without each of you."

What can I say to those friends and Sir Knights out of state for their great acts of kindness and hospitality. A special thanks to Sir Knight Gordon Anderson of Florida, He knows why.

My kindest personal regards and appreciation to Most Excellent Companion Killingsworth and Most Illustrious Companion Locke and their wives for their help and assistance.

I cannot say enough good things about our Excellent, Illustrious, and certainly Right Eminent Grand Secretary-Recorder, Art Harding and his assistant and wife, Charlotte. They have been of untold help and have given me very personal attention. I will forever remain grateful. I certainly am under obligation to pay my respects and convey my thanks to our Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. for his assistance and advise.

To all the Sir Knights of Alabama "You are the Greatest." and especially all the other Grand Line Officers.

Woodlawn Commandery shall forever be a part of my life. Without those Sir Knights I would never have had this opportunity. Thanks to each of you. I shall miss Right Eminent Sir Knight Sterling Roberts.

To Ray Rutledge, I pledge my all.

I strongly recommend that the Grand Commandery shorten the elective line to 4 elective officers not including the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer. Common sense dictates that more good men would be willing to serve 4 years rather than 10, especially in view of our ever-aging membership.

I urge the change to a two day Friday and Saturday meeting as opposed to a three day Sunday, Monday and Tuesday meeting, for both economics and convenience.

Finally, I must express thanks to The Great Captain of our Salvation for His Guidance, Protection and Provision not only this year but all the years of my life. Upon leaving office I pledge to Him my all because He is alone worthy of my all. To each of you I pledge my unqualified love. This is the greatest thing I have to offer. Sir Knights, Pray for me continually.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Byars, Jr.  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest: Arthur C. Harding  
Grand Recorder



## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Submitted below is my Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1994.

## RECEIPTS

Dues .....	\$28,147.00	
Fees .....	1,010.00	
Interest .....	1,985.85	
Sale of Supplies .....	707.70	
Sale of Banquet Tickets .....	709.00	
Donation .....	<u>20.00</u>	
Total Receipts .....		\$32,579.55

## DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Expenses .....	\$40,213.84	
Triennial Reserve .....	2,400.00	
Purchase of Supplies for Resale .....	<u>540.50</u>	
Total Disbursements .....		<u>43,154.34</u>

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS ..... (10,574.79)

CASH ON HAND - JANUARY 1, 1994 ..... 77,014.00

CASH ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1994 ..... \$66,439.21

CASH ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1994 CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Petty Cash .....	\$ 50.00
Checking Account .....	32,102.53
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Accpimts .....	<u>34,286.68</u>

Total Cash on Hand December 31, 1993 ..... \$66,439.21

Respectfully submitted,

Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.  
Grand Treasurer

Adopted.

## GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

Sir Knights, my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1994 is as follows:

Membership as of January 1, 1994 ..... 4,965

### ADDITIONS

Knighted .....	124	
Affiliated .....	53	
Reinstated .....	54	
Adjusted .....	0	+ 231
Total Gross Membership .....		5,196

### LOSSES:

Died .....	146	
Demitted .....	59	
Suspended N.P.D .....	257	
Adjusted .....	18	480
Total Net Membership as of December 31, 1994 .....		4,716

Loss in Membership for 1994 .....	-249
Chartered Commanderies .....	16
Commanderies Reporting .....	15
Commanderies Under Dispensation .....	0

## APPRECIATION

I would like to express appreciation and thanks to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Robert L. Byars, Jr., the Grand Line Officers, and the Recorders of the Constituent Commanderies for their understanding, support, help and assistance rendered during the past year.

Fraternally submitted

Arthur C. Harding  
Grand Recorder

*Adopted.*

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

NO.	NAME	1/1/94 MEMBERSHIP	KNIGHTED	AFFILIATED	REINSTATED	ADJUSTED	DIED	DEMITTED	SUSPENDED	12/31/94 MEMBERSHIP	GAIN/LOSS
2	MOBILE	451	9	1	4	0	7	0	22	436	-15
4	MONTGOMERY	250	8	1	4	0	4	1	6	252	+ 2
7	HUNTSVILLE	283	11	0	4	0	8	2	27	261	-22
10	CYRENE	907	14	51	5	-1	41	1	32	902	- 5
13	TUSCALOOSA	196	4	0	0	0	10	0	3	187	- 9
14	DECATUR	182	8	0	11	-4	3	1	11	182	- 0
15	ETOWAH	271	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	272	+ 1
21	SYLACAUGA	62	0	0	0	-13	1	48	0	0	-62
23	ANNISTON	248	9	0	1	0	8	1	10	239	- 9
25	DOTHAN	147	0	0	0	0	5	0	6	136	-11
29	PIEDMONT	91	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	86	- 5
31	WOODLAWN	658	3	0	8	0	16	2	36	615	-43
39	FLORENCE	256	3	0	5	0	10	3	32	219	-37
43	EAST LAKE	378	6	0	11	0	9	0	33	353	-25
45	LEE	160	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	152	- 8
46	DeKALE-JACKSON	348	15	0	0	0	11	0	19	333	-15
47	MONROEVILLE	77	30	0	0	0	5	0	11	91	+14
TOTALS		5,965	124	53	54	-18	146	59	257	4,716	-249

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Six Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama:*

We your committee on Finance, wish to submit the following report as well as a proposed budget for the year 1995 for your review and consideration.

We have examined the Review as completed by Potter, Bryant and Tate, C.P.A. of the Grand Commandery and recommend that it be accepted.

The annual budget was prepared by the combined efforts of this committee as well as the R. E. Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

McMurray L. Griffith P.G.C., Chairman  
George W. Busby  
Charles R. Pate, P.G.C.

### GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET

ACC'T #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 1994	SPENT 1994	BUDGET 1995
82	Payroll Taxes	750.00	587.74	700.00
83	Telephone	500.00	419.12	500.00
84	Postage & P.O. Box	350.00	314.49	375.00
85	Contingency Fund	100.00	32.00	200.00
86	Grand Commander's Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
87	Grand Recorder's Salary	3,240.00	3,240.00	3,240.00
88	Grand Treasurer's Expense	270.00	270.00	270.00
89	Grand Encap. Per Cap. Tax	17,000.00	16,384.50	15,000.00
89-A	Grand Encamp. K.T.E.F. Dues	3,200.00	2,565.00	2,400.00
91	Office Ass't Salary	4,248.00	4,248.00	4,248.00
92	Printing Grand Proceedings	1,500.00	1,363.39	1,500.00
93	Stationery ,Printing, etc.	500.00	789.43	500.00
95	Review of Books	400.00	375.00	400.00
96	Office Rent	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
98	Jewel for Junior Past Grand Commander	0.00	0.00	700.00
99	Insurance - Bonds, Fire, etc.	450.00	403.60	450.00

ACC'T #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 1994	SPENT 1994	BUDGET 1995
102	Triennial Reserve (First Four Grand Officers & Grand Recorder)	600.00	600.00	675.00
103	Donation to DeMolay	350.00	350.00	300.00
103-A	Donation-Order of Knighthood	75.00	100.00	75.00
103-B	Donation to Order of Rainbow for Girls	350.00	350.00	300.00
104	Purchases for Resale	335.00	540.50	300.00
105	Southeastern Regional York Rite Conference (Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo & Grand Recorder \$100.00 Max. for each)	300.00	33.00	335.00
106	Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance	2,500.00	2,500.01	2,500.00
106-A	Office Ass't Travel Allow.	360.00	360.00	360.00
114	Presiding Grand Officer Stationery	50.00	48.63	50.00
117	Ladies' Luncheon (Convention)	0.00	194.68	0.00
118	Distinguished Guests	300.00	318.82	500.00
119	Banquet (Net-Cost less tickets sold)	300.00	507.64	400.00
121	Per Diem and Mileage (Grand Officer, Past Grands, & Standing Committees only)	1,500.00	950.79	0.00
	Totals	<u>\$42,328.00</u>	<u>\$40,646.34</u>	<u>\$39,078.00</u>

ADOPTED

POTTER, BRYANT & TATE, P.C.  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

RAYMOND E POTTER C P A  
J ROYCE BRYANT, JR C P A  
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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Mr. Robert L. Byars, Jr.  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama  
Birmingham, Alabama

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities and fund balance - cash basis of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama (a non-profit organization) as of December 31, 1994, and the related statements of revenue and expenses - cash basis and changes in fund balance - cash basis for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of the Commandery.

A review consists principally of inquiries of personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note A.

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note A. The information in the accompanying Schedule 1 is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes. Such information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements. This information is presented on the cash basis of accounting, and we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto.

POTTER, BRYANT & TATE, P.C.  
Certified Public Accountants

*Potter, Bryant & Tate, P.C.*

Birmingham, Alabama  
February 13, 1995

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND BALANCE - CASH BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 1994

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 32,152.53
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Account	34,286.68
Inventory - Supplies for Resale	<u>882.15</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 67,321.36
<u>Property and Equipment</u>	
Office Equipment	7,143.85
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>5,829.29</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>1,314.56</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>68,635.92</u>

FUND BALANCE

Reserved for Triennial	\$ 1,134.00
Reserved for Triennial - Post Grand Commanders	266.00
Reserved for Southern Breakfast	200.00
Unreserved	<u>67,035.92</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$ <u>68,635.92</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

<u>Revenue</u>	
Dues	\$ 28,147.00
Fees	1,010.00
Sale of Banquet Tickets	709.00
Interest	1,985.85
Divine Service	20.00
Sale of Supplies	\$ 707.70
Inventory - January 1, 1994	\$ 807.50
Purchases	<u>540.50</u>
Total	1,348.00
Inventory - December 31, 1994	<u>882.15</u> <u>465.85</u> <u>241.85</u>
Total Revenue	32,113.70
<u>Expenses - Cash Basis (Schedule 1)</u>	
Depreciation	40,213.84
Triennial Reserve Expense	334.51
	<u>600.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>41,148.35</u>
Excess of Expenses over Revenues	\$ <u>9,034.65</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

Fund Balance - January 1, 1994	\$ 76,070.57
Add: Transfer to Triennial Reserve	1,134.00
Transfer to Triennial Reserve - Past Grand Commanders	266.00
Transfer to Southern Breakfast Reserve	<u>200.00</u>
	77,670.57
Deduct: Excess of Expenses over Revenues	<u>9,034.65</u>
Fund Balance - December 31, 1994	\$ <u>68,635.92</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1994

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

A. Basis of Accounting

The organization's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting. Under this method certain revenue and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements do not purport to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

B. Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost determined by the first-in, first-out method, or market.

C. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Depreciation was computed on the straight line method for financial reporting purposes.

NOTE 2 - TAX STATUS:

The Commandery is exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c), and from state income taxes under Alabama Code Section 40-18-32. An informational tax return is filed each year on IRS Form 990.



## SCHEDULE 1

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES - CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

<u>Grand Officer Expenses</u>		
Allowance for Grand Officer	\$ 1,000.00	
Stationery for Grand Officer	<u>48.63</u>	
Total Grand Officer Expenses		\$ 1,048.63
<u>Grand Recorder's Office Expenses</u>		
Salary - Grand Recorder	3,240.00	
Salary - Office Secretary	4,248.00	
Allowance - Grand Treasurer	270.00	
Insurance - Bonds, Fire, Theft and Liability	403.60	
Payroll Taxes	587.74	
Rent	1,800.00	
Stationery and Printing	789.43	
Postage and Post Office Box Rental	314.49	
Telephone	419.12	
Annual Accounting Services	375.00	
Travel Allowance - Grand Recorder	2,500.01	
Travel Allowance - Office Secretary	<u>360.00</u>	
Total Grand Recorder's Office Expenses		15,307.39
<u>Annual Convention Expenses</u>		
Expenses for Distinguished Guests	318.82	
Per Diem and Mileage - Annual Convocation	950.79	
Banquet - Annual Conclave	1,215.64	
Southeastern Regional Meeting	33.00	
Ladies Luncheon - Annual Conclave	<u>194.68</u>	
Total Annual Convention Expenses		2,712.93
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>		
Grand Encampment Dues	16,384.50	
Eye Foundation Dues	2,565.00	
Special Award - Demolay	350.00	
Special Award - Rainbow	350.00	
Order of Knighthood Award	100.00	
Printing Annual Proceedings	1,363.39	
Contingencies	<u>32.00</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		<u>21,144.89</u>
Total Expenses		\$ <u>40,213.84</u>

See accountants' report.

GRAND COMMANDERY ROLL CALL OF  
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

ARIZONA	Howard E. Hayes
ARKANSAS	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.
CALIFORNIA	****Billy A. Clark
COLORADO	George F. Mills
CONNECTICUT	Bobby C. Park
DELAWARE	*Gerald E. Wilson
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Richard Sim Hamilton
FLORIDA	***Thomas W. Mann
GEORGIA	*Claude C. McGraw
IDAHO	*Loyd D. Durden
ILLINOIS	Arthur C. Harding
INDIANA	James E. Stutts
IOWA	Jesse W. Locke
KANSAS	J. Woodrow Smith
KENTUCKY	*Michael L. Jones
LOUISIANA	Billy A. Rikard
MAINE	William M. Newsome, Jr.
MARYLAND	Joseph D. Brackin
MASSACHUSETTS & RHODE ISLAND	Fred W. Vaughan
MICHIGAN	*James F. Vaughan
MINNESOTA	*Johnson E. Harris, Jr.
MISSISSIPPI	Emory J. Ferguson
MISSOURI	Amos Glenn Welborn
MONTANA	Charles R. Pate
NEBRASKA	Fred L. Graham
NEVADA	*Johnny A. Baker
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Lance C. Anthony
NEW JERSEY	George L. Marshall, Jr.
NEW MEXICO	Maurice C. Himes
NEW YORK	Anthony M. Deming
NORTH CAROLINA	James R. Bromley
NORTH DAKOTA	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.
OHIO	Phillip J. Sherman
OKLAHOMA	Erskine K. Smith
OREGON	MacArthur Davis
PENNSYLVANIA	Bobby Ray Terry
PHILIPPINES	***Clifford J. Turner
SOUTH CAROLINA	*Anthony V. Jannett III
SOUTH DAKOTA	**Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.
TENNESSEE	*****Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.
TEXAS	McMurray L. Griffith
UTAH	Robert T. Crawford
VERMONT	Thomas F. Craig
VIRGINIA	Charles W. McDonald
WASHINGTON	W. Malcolm Killingsworth
WEST VIRGINIA	***Oliver L. Moore, Jr.
WISCONSIN	Wayne D. Jordan
WYOMING	Robert L. Byars, Jr.

\*Denotes number of consecutive years absent.

**REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA**

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Arizona	Howard E. Hayes	540 Camellia Road. Birmingham, 35215	Kenneth W. Smith	Glendale
Arkansas	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.	2201 3rd Street, N.E. Birmingham, 35215	James Fernald, Jr.	E. Dorado
California	William J. Bice	9049 Beverly Drive Birmingham, 35206	Grover T. Halbrooks	Riverside
Colorado	George F. Mills	P. O. Box 1393 Decatur, 35602	Edwin D. Chase	Grand Junction
Connecticut	Bobby C. Park	1577 Oscar Patterson Road New Market, 35761	Joseph J. Howard	Old Lyme
Delaware	Gerald E. Wilson	1306 Ferrehaute Avenue, Decatur, 35601	S. W. Harold C. Hill	
District of Columbia	Richard Sim Hamilton	2302 Hamilton Drive, S. W. Decatur, 35601	William T. Cox	Springfield, Virginia
Florida	Thomas W. Mann	354 Sun Valley Circle Birmingham, 35215	Francis L. Dancy	Fort Pierce
Georgia	Claude C. McGraw	1173 Dogwood Lane Birmingham, 35215	Hugh L. Smith	Albany
Idaho	Loyd D. Durden	507 South Edgewood Drive Dothan, 36301	Eldred J. Thomas	Lewiston
Illinois	Arthur C. Harding	309 Sun Valley Road Birmingham 35215	William D. Jarrett	Jacksonville
Indiana	James E. Stutts	612 East Pasadena Avenue Muscle Shoals, 35660	Emil L. Steffey	Shelbyville
Iowa	Jesse W. Locke	P. O. Box 2331 Phenix City, 36867-2331	Ronald W. Guthrie	Mason City
Kansas	J. Woodrow Smith	3667 Cedar Springs Road Jacksonville, 36265-9704	Edward B. Sherwood	Newton
Kentucky	Michael I. Jones	1711 Cagle Avenue, S. W. Decatur, 35601	Clifford T. Stigger	Louisville
Louisiana	Billy A. Rikard	2236 2nd Place, N.E. Birmingham, 35215	Huston F. Boothe, Sr.	Hammond
Maine	William M. Newsome, Jr.	1600 - 45th Street Phenix City, 36867	John D. Baggett	Bucksport

REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Maryland	Joseph D. Brackin	2702 Hardwick Drive Dothan, 36303	Calvin W. Parker	Glen Burnie
Massachusetts & Rhode Island	Fred W. Vaughan	108 Harwood Drive Gadsden, 35901	Harley F. McCartney	Templeton
Michigan	James F. Vaughan	190 Azalea Drive Gadsden, 35901	Donald M. Krueger	Sturgis
Minnesota	Johnson E. Harris, Jr.	417 Argonne Drive Birmingham, 35215	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	Souh Saint Paul
Mississippi	Emory J. Ferguson	1615 Lakeview Drive, N.W. Cullman, 35055	R. Marshall Shields	Meridian
Missouri	Amos Glenn Welborn	P. O. Box 181 Pinson, 35126	William F. Strode	Louisiana, Missouri
Montana	Charles R. Pate	P. O. Box 1526 Anniston, 36202	C. Thomas Barsuch	Lewistown
Nebraska	Fred L. Graham	1208 Conger Road Anniston, 36201	Robert C. Franklin	Papillion
Nevada	Johnny A. Baker	P. O. Box 11037 Chickasaw, 36611	Winfield S. Rash	Las Vegas
New Hampshire	Lance C. Anthony	P. O. Box 3050 Phenix City, 36868-3050	Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.	Newmarket
New Jersey	George L. Marshall, Jr.	161 Anna Kathryn Drive Gurley, 35748	Thurman C. Pace, Jr.	Westfield
New Mexico	Maurice C. Himes	P. O. Box 637 Daleville, 36322	Darrel D. Hornsby	Santa Fe
New York	Anthony M. Deming	130 Shoal Creek Road Hayden, 35079	Lawson L. Brown	Elmira Heights
North Carolina	James R. Bromley	2127 Worwood Boulevard Florence, 35630	James H. Horne	Fayetteville
North Dakota	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	1402 Melanie Lane Phenix City, 36867	Paul Torgeson	Grafton
Ohio	Phillip J. Sherman	2218 Galahad Drive S.W. Decatur, 35603	R. Dale Long	Cambridge
Oklahoma	Erskine K. Smith	1835 Cheaha Drive Oxford, 36203	Joe F. Warriner	Oklahoma City

**REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA (Continued)**

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Oregon	MacArthur Davis	Route 4, Box 306 Brewton, 36426	Glendon K. Jefferies	Ashland
Pennsylvania	Bobby Ray Terry	Route 1, Box 10 Decatur, 35601	Arthur R. Gebert	Norristown
Philippines	Clifford J. Turner	c/o Masonic Home P. O. Box 6164 Montgomery, 36106-0614	Abelardo T. Camahala	Imus Carite, Philippines
South Carolina	Anthony V. Jannett, III	4712 Seminole Circle Birmingham, 35243	James E. Waldrop	Easley
South Dakota	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	83 Crimson Tide Drive Piedmont, 36272	Allen J. Eide	Watertown
Tennessee	Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.	3110 East 18th Avenue Sheffield, 35660	Charles L. Brooks	Memphis
Texas	McMurray L. Griffith	P. O. Box 130215 Birmingham, 35213	Michael H. Shively	Spring
Utah	Robert T. Crawford	911 - 4th Terrace Pleasant Grove, 35127	Raymond F. White	Ogden
Vermont	Thomas F. Craig	1000 Lexington Street, Huntsville, 35801	S. E. Robert Boyce	Windsor
Virginia	Charles W. McDonald	615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	W. Elliott Button	Winchester
Washington	W. Malcolm Killingsworth	1801 Fern Drive Dothan, 36301	Robert J. Cole	Goldendale
West Virginia	Oliver L. Moore, Jr.	Route 1, Box 238 Killen, 35645	Robert L. Caldwell	Lewisburg
Wisconsin	Wayne D. Jordan	929 Tascosa Drive, Huntsville, 35802	Herbert L. Matter	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	P. O. Box 320184 Birmingham, 35232	Sam Allen	Cody

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND

### REGISTRATION

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama:*

We your Committee on Credentials and Registration, submit the following report:

There are present and registered with this Committee 12 Grand Officers and 13 Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

There are 16 Constituent Commanderies which comprise the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, and of these 16 Commanderies are registered with this Committee for this 135th Annual Conclave.

We have examined the credentials of Commandery Officers or their Proxies, and the following is our conclusion:

TOTAL OFFICERS OR PROXIES PRESENT.....	45
TOTAL PAST COMMANDERS.....	86
TOTAL QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THIS CONCLAVE.....	131

We wish to thank the Grand Recorder and the Right Eminent Grand Commander for their support and assistance in making our work easier at this Grand Commandery. We have enjoyed the privilege of serving the Grand Commandery on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Bromley, Chairman  
Howard E. Hayes  
Henry B. Tyra, Jr.

*Adopted.*

## GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

*Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and/or proxies present from Constituent Commanderies:*

2. Mobile	Hugh T. Shaw	Commander
	Ernest G. Inmon	Generalissimo
	*Charles W. McDonald	Captain General
4. Montgomery	*William J. Loerch	Commander
	James T. Woofford	Generalissimo
	*Larry W. Stinson	Captain General
7. Huntsville	Robert F. Culley	Commander
	*James L. Gossett	Generalissimo
	Theo J. Combel, Jr.	Captain General
10. Cyrene	John D. Biddy	Commander
	*James Macon	Generalissimo
	Arlice Stanford	Captain General
13. Tuscaloosa	*Henry G. Terry	Commander
	*Henry G. Terry	Generalissimo
	*Henry G. Terry	Captain General
14. DeMolay	John R. Appleton, Jr.	Commander
	*John R. Appleton, Jr.	Generalissimo

		*Phillip J. Sherman	Captain General
15.	Etowah	*Fred W. Vaughan	Commander
		*Fred W. Vaughan	Generalissimo
		*Fred W. Vaughan	Captain General
23.	Anniston	William C. McNeal	Commander
		Calvin C. Snow	Generalissimo
		Edwin B. Thomas	Captain General
25.	Dothan	*Joseph D. Brackin	Commander
		Franklin L. Moon	Generalissimo
		Roger Simmons	Captain General
29.	Piedmont	*Weldon H. Roberts	Commander
		*Alvin Parker	Generalissimo
		*Weldon H. Roberts	Captain General
31.	Woodlawn	*William J. Bice	Commander
		T. L. Cooley, Jr.	Generalissimo
		*Glen Welborn	Captain General
39.	Florence	Ned Cox	Commander
		Ronald D. Moore	Generalissimo
		Robert B. Dixon	Captain General
43.	East Lake	Joe H. Lee	Commander
		*Joe H. Lee	Generalissimo
		*Joe R. Bush	Captain General
45.	Lee	Samuel E. Nelson	Commander
		*Gene M. Day	Generalissimo
		M. Thomas Oliver	Captain General
46.	DeKalb-Jackson	*Floyd Hambrick, Jr.	Commander
47.	Monroeville	*MacArthur Davis	Generalissimo
		Charles L. Turk	Captain General

\*Denotes Proxy.

#### PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS PRESENT

2. Mobile: Charles W. McDonald, Brent R. Haller, Philip F. Stenzel, William J. Sirmon, William C. Havens, Frank Allen Brown, Maurice M. Chastain.
4. Montgomery: Bobby W. Cheney, Luther E. Lee, Norman L. Flournoy, Fletcher D. Martin.
7. Huntsville: James L. Gossett, Wayne Dee Jordan, Emory J. Ferguson, Thomas F. Craig, Henry, B. Tyra, George L. Marshall, Jr., Doyle H. Ealy, William H. Ealy, Lincoln H. Townsend.
10. Cyrene: McMurray L. Griffith, Ray Rutledge, James W. Battle, J. C. Brady, Joe D. Lee, T. C. Marriott, III, Robert L. Crawford, Louis W. Meyer, Dan Maddox.
13. Tuscaloosa: Henry B. Terry, James Tesney.
14. DeMolay: Bobby Ray Terry, George F. Mills, Phillip J. Sherman, Richard Sim Hamilton, Bobby C. Park.
15. Etowah: Fred W. Vaughan, Clarence F. Rhea, Paul L. Allen, Robert A. Moore, Horace Hampton, Jr., John S. Arther.
23. Anniston: Calvin C. Snow. J. Woodrow Smith, Erskin K. Smith, Charles R. Pate, Homer Tidwell, R. Wayne Grantham, Fred LeBrun Graham.
25. Dothan: W. Malcolm Killingsworth, William D. Barr, Roger A. Simmons, Joseph D. Brackin Earl C. Fordham, M. C. Himes.
29. Piedmont: Weldon H. Roberts, Alvin Parker.
31. Woodlawn: Arthur C. Harding, T. L. Cooley, Jr., Billy Rikard, Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., R. L. Byars, Jr., Howard E. Hayes, Anthony M. Deming, W. M. Hewitt, George W. Busby, William J. Bice, Glen Welborn, James M. Deming..
39. Florence: Lamon C. Griffin, James E. Stutts, James R. Bromley, B. H. Brackin, Kenard B. Pilkington.

43. ~~East Lake~~: Joe R. Bush, Kenneth E. Bush, Van Bell, Jr.  
 45. Lee: William M. Newsome, Jr., Sam L. Garrett, Sr., Connie Miller, J. W. Locke, Gene M. Day, Lance C. Anthony, William C. Snyder.  
 46. DeKalb-Jackson: Floyd Hambrick, Jr.  
 47. Monroeville: MacArthur Davis.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUALISTIC WORK

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

We your committee on Ritualistic Work regret that there has been no request or question this entire year for clarification or exemplification of the work or tactics. As in the past several years, fewer Sir Knights are involved in conferring the degrees and orders of Templar Masonry. I am aware that this report sounds like a broken record and this very fact is most alarming. We have hid behind the excuse of lack of uniforms as our problem. We have also used the excuse that everyone was too busy to attend rehearsal and conferrals. Sir Knights, our problem is not uniforms or time, our problem is apathy and the inability of too many to learn the work. We have lost our enthusiasm for Templar Masonry.

We therefore recommend that at least one school of instruction be held during the coming year with attendance mandatory for Grand Commandery Officers and the Dais Officers of each Commandery in Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph D. Brackin, PGC, Chairman  
 Bobby C. Park, PGC  
 Maurice M. Chastain, K.Y.C.H.

*Adopted.*

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

Your Committee to whom was referred this address of the Grand Commander, submit the following report:

We recommend that the portion of the Address referring to Necrology be referred to the Grand Prelate.

We recommend that portion of the address under the headings "Grand Representatives Nominated and Appointed" be approved.

We recommend that the portion of the address referring to the "Review of Books" be referred to the Finance Committee.

We recommend that the portion of the address referring to "Mergers-Consolidations" be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

We recommend that the portion of the address referring to "Dispensations Granted" be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

We recommend that all other portions of the Address, not herein referred to, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard S. Hamilton, P.G.C.

*Adopted.*



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DeMOLAY

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

During the past year DeMolay has drastically declined in Alabama, especially in membership. We lost two Chapters, Etowah in Gadsden and Gilbertown. Further we lost members because we did not initiate new members as we should have because of declining interest. Our young men lost interest because of inactivity. We were inactive because of lack of quality adult leadership. We desperately need each of you to take an active interest in our Youth Organizations.

DeMolay is a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity. In forming a DeMolay Chapter it is necessary to have ten Master Masons sign a Resolution to Sponsor. Any Masonic affiliated organization may sponsor a Chapter. A Chapter must have at least three Advisors or adult leaders. They may be Senior DeMolays, those DeMolays who have reached their twenty-first birthday, or Master Masons. Some jurisdictions, outside Alabama, allow adult leaders or Advisors who are not members of the Masonic fraternity.

This Grand Commandery is the sponsor of the Gordon L. Evatt Memorial Priory, an organization for those DeMolays who have reached the age of seventeen. Membership has been so low that they have been unable to meet except when DeMolay has their Fall Session immediately prior to Grand Lodge. There has not been an officer of this Grand Commandery in attendance for so long no one cares to remember the exact date. That my brethren is pitiful.

Everyone within the Masonic Fraternity has his plate full as the responses go when asked for help with our youth organizations. My Brethren there is a crisis in our nation, our state and in the community in which each of us lives, the decline of our youth. Our youth are our greatest resource, our salvation. It is high time we quit complaining, griping and whining about how much we have to do. We must do it ourselves. And if we cannot, or will not, then we must elicit the help of someone who will help with our youth. We must support them more with our time, even if it is a small amount of time.

Who of you can say when the last time was that you put your arm around one of our DeMolay boys and told him how proud you were of him, for what he had done or for just being a member of DeMolay, the finest youth organization in the world! When was the last time you spoke to one of the Advisors of a DeMolay Chapter and told him how much you appreciate what he is doing for the youth organization that you sponsor, for giving the time in your place that you do not have to give.

Words are meaningless if they do not invoke thought that causes a response. It is our prayer to almighty God that these words of truth will evoke in you a positive response before it is too late and DeMolay is gone in Alabama. It is up to you. We may be preaching to the choir. But, just maybe, the choir will tell a friend or at least one of their dedicated Masonic Brothers that their youth organization desperately needs their help.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. Wetzell, Chairman

Adopted.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

*To the Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand  
Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

The Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Alabama continues to struggle for survival like so many of our Masonic organizations are doing. The terrific losses that we are sustaining in our Grand Lodges are affecting the nucleus from which Rainbow has to obtain its members as it is with most of our appendant and concordant organizations. Rainbow has adjusted its requirement for membership in an effort to overcome its losses but so far, it too, has failed to come up with a solution to its losses. A few years ago Supreme Assembly lowered the age requirement from 12 years of age to 11 years of age for membership, they started allowing underage girls to become pledges, and they started allowing the mothers and fathers of non-masonic members to observe the initiation ceremonies and attend the meetings. Still this has not helped increase, or even keep in check, the numbers in membership of the Assemblies.

While there are few Assemblies that are still maintaining a respectable membership most are not. Even the strongest Assemblies do not have the membership that they once had and many of the Assemblies that were once very large have gone defunct.

Whether or not Rainbow is going to survive this present trend is uncertain but one thing for sure is, that if it does not, the masons of this state will have to share part of the responsibility for its demise.

Respectfully submitted,

Emory J. Ferguson, PGC, Chairman

*Adopted*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand  
Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

We, your Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, submit the following report for your consideration and approval:

We find that portion of the Grand Commander's Address pertaining to Dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions out of statutory time to be in order.

We have studied the several recommendations to change the Constitution and find them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

Erskine K. Smith, PGC,

Emory J. Ferguson, PGC

Charles R. Pate, PGC

*Adopted.*

## RESOLUTION NO. 1

Received in the Grand Recorder's Office October 16, 1993.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama.

The following resolution is submitted for your consideration:

WHEREAS the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama is required to pay per capita tax to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States each year in the amount of three dollars and thirty cents (\$3.30) for each Knight Templar on our rolls and

WHEREAS the per capita tax in Alabama has not been increased since 1986 and

WHEREAS the membership in Alabama has decreased by over 1,300 Knights Templar resulting in a decrease in per capita tax income of approximately \$10,500 per year since 1986 and

WHEREAS interest income has decreased approximately 60% during this same period while budgeted expenses have remained approximately the same.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 9 (3) (a) and (3) (b) of the Constitution be replaced as follows:

Section 9 (3) (a) For each Knight Templar borne upon the rolls at the date of the annual return, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) which shall include the Grand Encampment Per Capita Tax.

(3) (b) Any future increase in the Per Capita Tax levied by the Grand Encampment of the United States will automatically be added to the amount levied in (3) (a) above effective with the first annual return submitted by the subordinate Commandery to the Grand Recorder after the adoption of such increase by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Jones, PGC  
Robert L. Byars, Jr., Deputy Grand Commander  
James F. Vaughan, Grand Senior Warden  
Erskine K. Smith, PGC

Adopted.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2

Received in the Grand Recorder's Office October 16, 1993.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama.

The following resolution is submitted for the consideration of the members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama

WHEREAS the membership in Alabama has decreased by over 1,300 Knights Templar since 1986 resulting in a decrease in per capita tax income of approximately \$10,500 per year and

WHEREAS interest income has decreased approximately 60% during this same period while budgeted expenses have remained approximately the same.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article II, Section 10 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the following paragraph:

All members of the Standing Committees shall be allowed mileage for attending the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery at the rate of

ten cents per mile round trip from their home to the city in which the Annual Conclave is held and the same per diem as allowed by the Finance Committee to the elected Grand Commandery Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Jones, PGC  
Robert L. Byars, Jr., Deputy Grand Commander  
James F. Vaughan, Grand Senior Warden  
Erskine K. Smith, PGC

*Adopted.*

## REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SUPPLEMENT EDITOR

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

This year has been like most, and I could almost copy a previous year's report without missing much. Only a few Commanderies have had events they felt should be reported, and I am grateful to the Sir Knights of Mobile, Florence and Monroeville for providing me information over the past year. Otherwise, I have had to rely on events of the York Rite Bodies and some of the appendant orders in my own area and a liberal use of filler material, much of it from the magazine "The Masonic Square."

A few months ago it was suggested to me that the various reports presented here would be a good source of material, since most of the Sir Knights do not receive the Proceedings. This seems like an excellent idea. Although possibly some of the reports might have to be abbreviated to fit (and to allow inclusion of any real news from the Commanderies), it would provide our members information which is not readily available to them.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you as state supplement editor, and I hope my efforts are meeting your expectations. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Craig

*Adopted.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

We, your Patriotic Committee, beg leave to report, only one Commandery, Montgomery Commandery No. 4, submitted a patriotic observance report since the One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Annual Conclave, held February 27, 28 and March 1, 1994.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry B. Tyra, Chairman

*Adopted.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

The following is a report of the Committee on the Knight Templar Eye Foundation:

Sir Knights, this year the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is Forty years old. It was brought up, voted on and approved at the triennial Convention in New York City in 1955. Since the origination of this Great Humanitarian Charity there have been untold blessings to so many people that could not, but can now see God's gifts to man or see it in a different and better way.

Just to quote a few figures for your consideration, this past year in Alabama alone thirteen Commanderies handled 151 cases through the Eye Foundation at a cost of \$347,000.00 and this is about the average the Foundation has paid out in Alabama each year for the last forty years, which would amount to well over thirteen million dollars.

Sir Knights, Alabama is not the only state receiving this kind of assistance from the Foundation and on the flip side of the coin, Alabama has contributed to the Eye Foundation this past year 356 Life Sponsors at \$30.00, 13 Patrons at \$100.00 and 4 Associate Patrons at \$50.00 each for a total of \$12,180.00, according to the records furnished from the Foundation. This is about the average Alabama has contributed each year for the past 40 years.

Sir Knights, if your commandery is not one hundred per cent Life Sponsors, let me urge you to go back and try to get them one hundred per cent. Also, sell as many Patrons for \$100.00 or Associate Patrons for \$50.00.

My Thanks to right Eminent Grand Commander, Bob Byars, for the honor of serving on such a Great Humanitarian Charity.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Busby, Chairman

*Adopted.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama:*

We your Educational Foundation Committee submit the following report:

During the year ending December 31, 1994, your Committee processed four (4) student loans. One (1) Male in the amount of \$1,500.00, one (1) Male in the amount of \$800.00 and two (2) Female in the amount of \$1,500.00 each.

There are twenty-four (24) loans outstanding on our books totaling \$42,323.21.

Under the Grand Encampment rules and regulations it is required that a budget be submitted within a short time after our conclave for approval by the National Chairman. This Budget is for the following

year and in compliance with this we are submitting the following budget for your approval:

Attorney or Collection Fees .....	100.00
Review of Books .....	4500.00
Expense for Secretary & Office Help .....	1,500.00
Postage .....	64.00
Miscellaneous .....	100.00
Total Budget for 1995 .....	<u>2,164.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Howard E. Hayes, *Chairman*  
 James A. Kile  
 Robert T. Crawford  
 W. Mack Hewitt  
 Fred W. McCluskey, Jr

*Attest:* Arthur C. Harding, Secretary-Treasurer

*Adopted.*

### ALABAMA GRAND YORK RITE HOLDING COMPANY

*To the Grand Officers and Members of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Alabama:*

On Saturday, July 16, 1994, the members of the Grand York Rite of Alabama Holding Company convened at the Decatur Masonic Temple in Decatur, Alabama following a special called meeting of the Alabama Prior No. 31, Knight of the York Cross of Honour. All members of the elected Holding Company were present along with a number of others.

There was a lengthy discussion on the duties and purposes of the Holding Company. Grand Commander Robert L. Byars, Jr. stated that he had asked Judge Charles Crowder to look at the Articles of Incorporation of the Holding Company and that Judge Crowder's opinion was that the document was a legal entity.

President Emory Ferguson informed the committee that the lease on the existing location of the Grand York Rite offices would expire on December 31, 1994 and that he had not been in contact with the owners about a new lease. Following discussion on the matter as to whether or not to pursue the continuance of a lease on the present facilities it was agreed that it would be difficult to find another location for the same cost that provided an equal amount of space. It was decided that the Holding Company members would search out possible new locations for the offices but if it was decided to remain at the present location, and if the owners asked for a new lease to be signed, to request a twelve month lease with a sixty day notice clause. Suitable facilities were not found and on consultation with the Grand Secretary-Recorder it was decided that the offices should remain at the present location. To date the owners have not requested a new lease.

The Holding Company then held its annual election of officers which resulted in retaining the same officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Emory J. Ferguson, President; Charles R. Pate, Vice President; Ray

Rutledge, Vice President; Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., Treasurer and Arthur C. Harding, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Emory J. Ferguson, President

Adopted.

#### REPORT OF BY-LAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama:

We, the members of your Committee on By-Laws Review, beg leave to report the following:

This committee received a request from a subordinate Commandery to review amendments to its By-Laws. We did this in accordance with the Grand Commandery Constitution and By-Laws, dated 1 March 1991. Our response to their changes was sent to the subordinate Commandery, the Grand Secretary and the Jurisprudence Committee.

We appreciate the opportunity of serving on this committee and the confidence of the Right Eminent Sir in asking us to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby C. Park, P.G.C, Chairman  
Charles W. McDonald, P.G.C.

Adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 27TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama:

A formal report for the 27th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was not received at the Annual Conclave or in the Grand Recorder's office.

From information received by the Grand Recorder from the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, the following information was elicited: through the 13th week of the campaign ending February 24, 1995 Alabama had contributed a total of \$6,376.00 which ranked Alabama #19 among all Jurisdictions and 24th in per capita amount among all Jurisdiction. The total for the campaign for all jurisdictions was \$333,108.18.

Arthur C. Harding  
Grand Recorder

## REPORT ON NECROLOGY

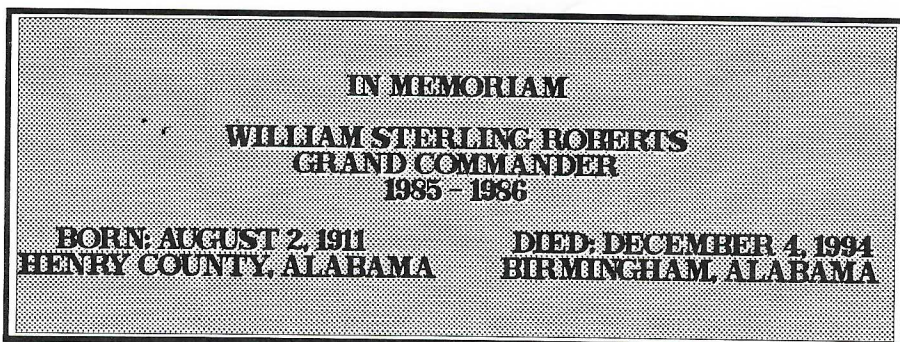
*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

We Thank God for this past year and His blessings to each of us. All things work together for good to those who Love the Lord! The cessation of breath is not the cessation of eternal life through Jesus Christ. We look at death as only a doorway for the next step of our journey with the Lord, as a joyous end of pain, suffering, worry, fears and doubts. A miraculous reunion with our Loved ones and face to face with our Supreme Grand Master of this Universe. 146 of the Sojourners with us through this Vale of Tears have been taken to be with the Lord. One was our friend and illustrious leader in past years, Sir Knight W. Sterling Roberts. We will miss their fellowship and talents among us. However, their love will live on in our lives as friends and loved ones. We Thank God for those who have gone on before and for the blessed hope of our bodily resurrection, when we shall all be together again.

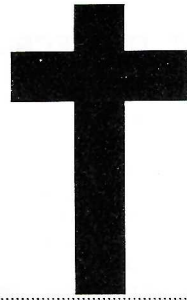
Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jack J. Douglas  
Grand Prelate

*Adopted.*







**Inscribed To The Memory  
Of  
Our Honored Dead  
And In Memory  
Of The  
Deceased Sir Knights  
In  
Other Grand Jurisdictions**

## MINUTES OF LAST CONCLAVE

Sir Knight Arthur C. Harding moved that the minutes as published in the Proceedings of 1994 be accepted as the minutes, and that they be approved as printed.

*Motion seconded and carried.*

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
CONCLAVE - 1996

It was moved that the next Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama conclave be held in the greater Birmingham, Alabama area on February 25, 26 and 27, 1996

*Motion seconded and carried.*

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

of the United



States of America

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

"The Knights Templar Cross of Honor shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service to the Order of Knights Templar, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an Officer or Member. In deciding upon the award, precedents shall be entirely ignored and each case shall be decided upon its own merits. No posthumous awards may be made." (*Grand Encampment regulation.*)

PRESENTATION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS  
TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Robert L. Byars, Jr., selected Sir Knight William Jesse Bice of Woodlawn Commandery No. 31 to receive the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award.

Night by Most Eminent Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, Sir Knight Bice's name is added to the list of previous recipients of this prestigious award.

### RECIPIENTS IN ALABAMA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

*Alexander Murray Weems.....	1960
*Charles Curtis McCoy.....	1967
Horace Richard Batchelor.....	1968
+William G. Caffey, Jr.....	1969
*John F. Welch, Sr.....	1970
*James Merlin Christopher, Sr.....	1971
*Earl Pervine Woodall.....	1972
*John Sebastian Gamundi.....	1973
*Arlie Eldon Blackburn.....	1974
*James Allen Bradford.....	1975
*Norman Curtis Wilkinson.....	1976
*Johnnie H. Ray, Sr.....	1977
*Charles Carl Graham.....	1978
*Lawrence Kline.....	1979
*John Doyal Prince, Jr.....	1980
Loyd D. Durden.....	1981
Charles William McDonald.....	1982
Charles Robert Pate.....	1983
*Richard A. Chapman.....	1984
Bobby Clyde Park.....	1985
Robert Lee Byars, Jr.....	1986
*James Paul Gray.....	1987
Ernest Latroy Bishop, Sr.....	1988
Thomas Franklin Craig.....	1989
MacArthur Davis.....	1990
James F. Vaughan.....	1991
Homer Lee Tidwell.....	1992
Walter J. Krueger.....	1993
Billy Allen Clark.....	1994
William Jesse Bice.....	1995

\*Denotes deceased.

+Denotes suspended

### ELECTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1995 - 1996

There being no further business to come before this Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. All the officers, except the Eminent Grand Warder were elected by acclamation. Each officer was advanced one station with the exception of the Eminent Grand Treasurer and the Eminent Grand Recorder, who shall remain in their stations.

Sir Knight Phillip J. Sherman of DeMolay Commandery #14 was elected by secret ballot to the station of Grand Warder. Sir Knight Sherman accepted election to the office.

This Grand Commandery was concluded with prayer to reconvene at eleven A.M., February 28th for open installation of the Grand Officers.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS  
FOR 1995 - 1996

At the conclusion of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery annual business sessions on Tuesday, February 28, 1995, at an open meeting, the Grand Commandery Officers were duly installed by Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, McMurray L. Griffith with Sir Knight Dan Maddox as Installing Prelate and Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, Fred W. Vaughan as Installing Marshal.

The new Grand Commander, Sir Knight Ray Rutledge was invested with the jewel of his office by his wife, Lorelle. After the investiture, he made several remarks concerning the great honor which had been bestowed upon him.

Right Eminent Robert L. Byars, Jr., Junior Past Grand Commander, was then escorted to the East and Grand Commander Rutledge presented Sir Knight Byars with his Past Grand Commander's Certificate. A presentation of a Past Grand Commander's plaque from the Grand Encampment, stating that he is a permanent member of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America had been previously presented to Right Eminent Sir Knight Byars.

*Attest: Arthur C. Harding,  
Grand Recorder*

ADJOURNMENT

All business of this Annual Conclave being concluded, Right Eminent Sir Knight Rutledge declared the 135th Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama adjourned after the Prelate had pronounced the benediction.

*Attest: Arthur C. Harding  
Grand Recorder*



**RAY RUTLEDGE**  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
1995 - 1996

RAY RUTLEDGE  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
1995 - 1996  
PERSONAL HISTORY

Ray Rutledge was born on July 31, 1921, at Jasper, Alabama. He was one of twin sons of William Jackson Rutledge and Mary Emma Estes Rutledge.

He receive his public school education in Walker County, Alabama. His formal education was obtained at Auburn University and The Pennsylvania State University.

During World War II, he served in the USAF for four years and received several awards.

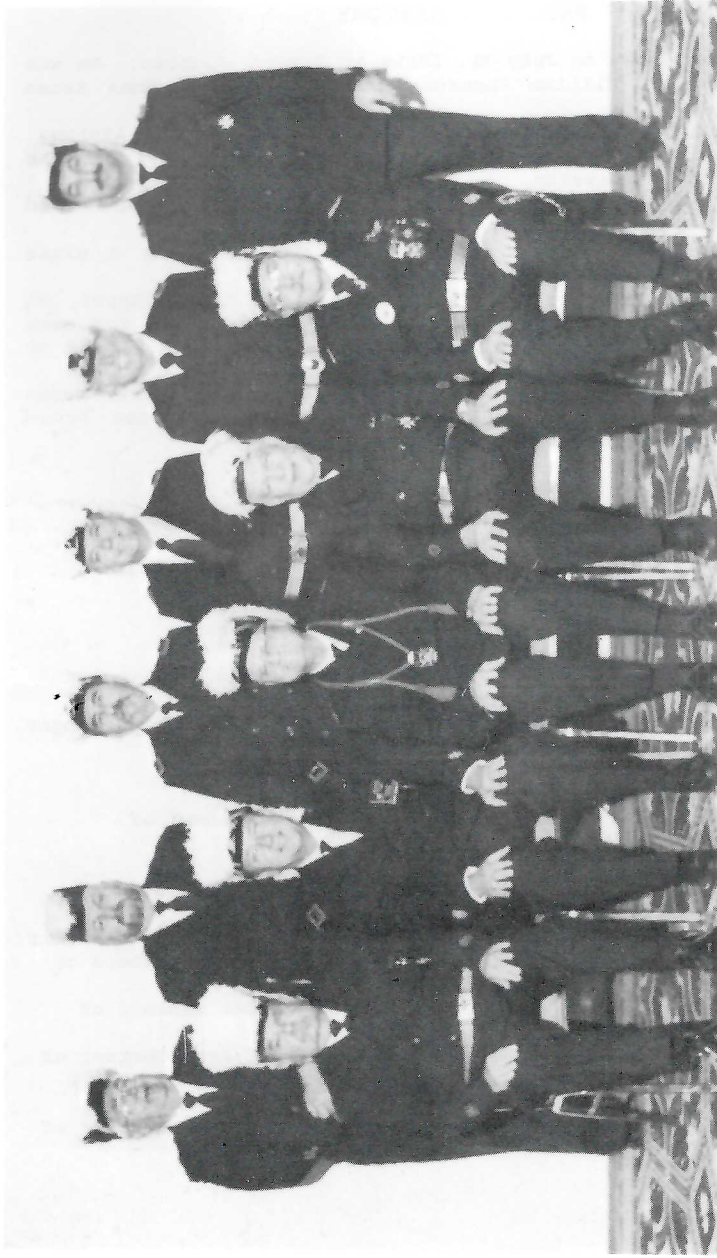
His primary business endeavor was owning and operating a glass business in his home town of Jasper.

He is an active member of The First Baptist Church of Jasper, Al and has taught The Men's Senior Adult Sunday School Class for over twenty years. It was his privilege to serve as Chairman, Board of Deacons.

He married Lorelle Davis in 1942. They have two daughters, Susan and Ann, and one son, John. He and his wife are the proud grandparents of one grandchild - Jenny.

MASONIC HISTORY

Raised to Master Mason - March 30, 1948. Past Master of Evansport Lodge #511 F & A. M., Stryker, Ohio.  
Past Master of York Lodge #211, F. & A. M., Jasper, Alabama.  
Trustee of York Lodge #211, F. & A. M., Jasper, Alabama.  
Secretary of York Lodge #211, F. & A. M., Jasper, Alabama.  
Past High Priest, Jasper Chapter #188, R. A. M.  
Past Illustrious Master, Jasper Council #70, R & S. M.  
Past Eminent Commander, Jasper Commandery #48, K.T.  
Secretary-Recorder of Jasper York Rite for many years prior to merger with Birmingham Metro York Rite.  
Past Prior Alabama Priory #31, K.Y.C.H.  
Past President Anointed High Priests of Alabama.  
Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Order of the Silver Trowel of Alabama.  
Life Sponsor of Knights Templar Eye Foundation.  
Grand Representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.  
Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas near the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama.  
Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama.  
Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.  
Past Patron of Jasper Chapter #17, Order of the Eastern Star.  
Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Alabama.



GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1995 -1996

Seated left to right: Jesse W. Locke, George W. Marshall, Jr., Ray Rutledge. (Right Eminent Grand Commander), Joe D. Lee, Arthur C. Harding

Standing left to right: Fred W. McCiuskey, Jr., Louis W. Meyer, Wayne D. Jordan, Robert T. Crawford, Bobby R. Terry, Phillip J. Sherman

## GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 1994 - 1995

Ray Rutledge, K.Y.C.H.....*Right Eminent Grand Commander*  
Route 11, Box 342, Jasper, 35501.....387-1097  
George L. Marshall, Jr., K.Y.C.H....*Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander*  
161 Anna Kathryn Drive, Gurley, 35748.....776-2534  
James F. Vaughan.....*Eminent Grand Generalissimo*  
190 Azalea Drive, Gadsden, 35901.....547-4893  
Bobby Ray Terry, K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Captain General*  
Route 1, Box 10, Decatur, 35601.....353-4883  
Joe D. Lee, K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Senior Warden*  
405 Roundabout Drive, Trussville, 35173.....655-7295  
Jesse W. Locke, K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Junior Warden*  
P. O. Box 2331, Phenix City, 36868-2331.....297-8587  
Erskine K. Smith, K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Prelate*  
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James A. Kile, K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Treasurer, Emeritus*  
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Arthur C. Harding, K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Recorder*  
P. O. Box 320262, Birmingham, 35232.....595-7040  
Thomas W. Mann, K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Recorder, Emeritus*  
354 Sun Valley Circle, Birmingham, 35215  
Wayne D. Jordan, K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Standard Bearer*  
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Robert T. Crawford, K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Sword Bearer*  
911 4th Terrace, Pleasant Grove, 35127.....744-7270  
Phillip J. Sherman, K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Warden*  
2218 Galahad Drive, S.W., Decatur, 35603  
Louis W. Meyer, Jr., K.Y.C.H.....*Eminent Grand Sentinel*  
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## STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

FOR 1995 -1996

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama

## CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION:

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Clarence F. Rhea, K.Y.C.H.....2104 Scenic Drive, Gadsden, 35901

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Charles R. Pate, K.Y.C.H.....P. O. Box 1526, Anniston, 36202



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James G. Macon, *Chairman* . . . . .2105 S. 3rd Ave., Pell City, 35125

**25TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION:**

Arthur C. Harding, K.Y.C.H. . . . .P. O. Box 320262, Birmingham, 35232

### KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama was held on Monday, February 27, 1995, at the Birmingham Metro York Rite Temple in Birmingham, Alabama with Knight Joseph D. Brackin presiding. The degree team was composed of the following:

Anthony M. Deming.....*Knight Crusader of the East*  
 Joseph D. Brackin.....*Knight Crusader of the West*  
 Arthur C. Harding.....*Knight Crusader of the South*  
 Emory J. Ferguson.....*Knight Crusader of the North*  
 Bobby Ray Terry.....*Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross*

The Order was conferred on the following candidates: R. Wayne Grantham, Wallace Byrd, John O. Biddy, Samuel E. Wilson, Joe H. Lee, Hugh T. Shaw, Robert F. Culley, Kenneth D. Chandler, Ned Cox, Kenard B. Pilkington, John R. Appleton, Jr., Norman G. Williams, Grand Commander of the District of Columbia, William D. McNeal, J. H. Pennington, Past Grand Commander of Missouri, and Joe M. Lancaster.

The minutes were adopted as printed in the Proceedings, and the proceeds of the Class were directed to be paid to the Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The following officers were elected and installed by Knight Anthony M. Deming.

Maurice C. Himes.....*Knight Crusader of the East*  
 Maurice M. Chastain.....*Knight Crusader of the West*  
 Jesse W. Locke.....*Knight Crusader of the South*  
 Lance C. Anthony.....*Knight Crusader of the North*  
 Robert L. Byars, Jr.....*Knight Crusader Treasurer-Recorder*  
 James E. Stutts.....*Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross*  
 James F. Vaughan.....*Knight Crusader of the Temple*  
 George W. Marshall, Jr.....*Knight Crusader Sentinel*

The Meeting was closed with prayer.

Maurice C. Himes  
 Knight Crusader of the East

Attest: Robert L. Byars, Jr.  
 Knight Crusader Recorder

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ALABAMA  
 JUNE, 1994 - 1995

NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	CONCLAVE DATE
2. Mobile	Mobile	Hugh T. Shaw P. O. Box 761 Saraland, 36571	Charles W. McDonald 615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	4nd Monday
4. Montgomery	Montgomery	Fred E. Zoes 2411 Hermitage Drive Montgomery, 36111	William J. Loerch 208 Pine Forest Drive Wetumpka, 36092	1st Thursday
7. Huntsville	Huntsville	Robert F. Culley 534 Lanier Drive Huntsville, 35801	Wayne D. Jordan P. O. Box 371 Huntsville, 35804	2nd Tuesday
10. Cyrene	Birmingham	John D. Biddy 4849 S. Shades Crest Road Bessemer, 35023	McMurray L. Griffith P. O. Box 130215 Birmingham, 35213	2nd Friday
13. Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Paul L. Diehl Rt. 5, Box 202 Cottondale, 35453-9405	Henry G. Terry 2530 39th Street Tuscaloosa 35405-2842	3rd Tuesday
14. DeMolay	Decatur	John R. Appleton, Jr. 207 Broadway Street Hartselle, 35640	Richard Sim Hamilton P. O. Box 1312 Decatur, 35602	1st Thursday
15. Etowah	Gadsden	Horace Hampton 358 Riverside Drive Gadsden, 35903	James F. Vaughan 190 Azalea Drive Gadsden, 35901	1st Thursday

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NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	CONCLAVE DATE
23. Anniston	Anniston	William D. McNeal 708 5th Avenue Jacksonville, 36265	Charles R. Pate P. O. Box 613 Anniston, 36202	3rd Thursday
25. Dothan	Dothan	John Howell 205 Short Street Enterprise, 36330	Charles J. Linderman, Jr. 3 North Woodland Road Daleville, 36322	3rd Thursday
29. Piedmont	Piedmont	Danny Mack Pointer 830 Bethel Church Road Piedmont, 36272	Jerry R. Kirk P. O. Box 447 Piedmont, 36272	2nd Thursday
31. Woodlawn	Birmingham	Jon Michael Taylor 1301 Elizabeth Avenue Birmingham, 35217	Robert L. Byars, Jr. P. O. Box 320184 Birmingham, 35232	2nd Tuesday
39. Florence	Florence	Ned Cox 417 Hansel Court Florence, 35630	James E. Stutts P. O. Box 566 Florence, 35631	2nd & 4th Tuesday
43. East Lake	Birmingham	Joe Haywood Lee 753 Gene Reed Road Birmingham, 35235	Claude C. McGraw 1173 Dogwood Lane Birmingham, 35215	1st & 3rd Friday

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF  
ALABAMA (Continued)

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NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	CONCLAVE DATE
45. Lee	Phenix City	Samuel E. Nelson 3025 Oak Circle Columbus, 31907	Jesse W. Locke P. O. Box 2331 Phenix City, 36868-2331	3rd Tuesday
46. DeKalb-Jackson	Scottsboro	William C. Peek Route 1, Box 409 Pisgal, 35765	Floyd L. Hambrick, Jr. Rt. 2 Section, 35771	1st Wednesday
47. Monroeville	Monroeville	Wallace R. Byrd P. O. Box 881 Atmore, 36480	MacArthur Davis Route 4, Box 306 Brewton, 36426	4th Friday

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## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

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**60th GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE  
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
August, 1997**

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM ALABAMA**

Joseph D. Brackin, P.D.C. .... Trustee (2003) of the Permanent Fund  
Charles R. Pate, P.G.C.  
Alabama Coordinator-Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

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Year	Place of Meeting	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Recorder	Number of Commanderies	Total Members
1860	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*William Field	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	144
1861	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Sterling A. M. Wood	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	155
1862	Montgomery	No quorum present	Adjourned to Dec. 5, 1863					
1863	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Henry P. Lee	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	127
1864	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William S. Knox	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	141
1865	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William S. Knox	*Edmund M. Hastings	6	113
1866	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Edmund M. Hastings	7	207
1867	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	7	227
1868	Montgomery	*Peleg Brown	*Abram J. Walker	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	8	242
1869	Mobile	*Peleg Brown	*Joseph H. Johnson	*William W. Harder	*John N. Browder	*Daniel Sayre	9	249
1870	Mobile	*Abram J. Walker	*Joseph H. Johnson	*William W. Harder	*John N. Browder	*Daniel Sayre	9	249
1871	No Meeting	*Adjourned in December, 1870, to meet in February, 1872						
1872	Marion	*Joseph H. Johnson	*Walter L. Bragg	*Porter Knight	*Andrew J. Blair	*Daniel Sayre	9	283
1873	Huntsville	*Walter L. Bragg	*George P. I. Reid	*John J. Deмент	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	9	286
1874	Montgomery	*Walter L. Bragg	*John G. Smith	*James B. Iuckie	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	10	264
1875	Selma	*Felix G. Norman	*Benjamin H. Riggs	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	9	234
1876	Montgomery	*John G. Smith	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Sayre	9	236
1877	Mobile	*John G. Smith	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Sayre	9	209
1878	Eufala	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Daniel Sayre	9	210
1879	Montgomery	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Daniel Sayre	9	206
1880	Birmingham	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Daniel Sayre	9	212
1881	Mobile	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Francis P. O'Brien	*Daniel Sayre	9	212
1882	Tuskegee	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Francis P. O'Brien	*Daniel Sayre	8	215
1883	Montgomery	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	9	222
1884	Montgomery	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	10	245
1885	Selma	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*William I. Atkins	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	10	245
1886	Montgomery	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	7	321
1887	Mobile	*Daniel Smith	*John D. Wilkins	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	10	321
1888	Birmingham	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	7	209
1889	Montgomery	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*William A. Alexander	*William F. Aldrich	*Daniel Sayre	6	195
1890	Montgomery	*William A. Alexander	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*James B. Iuckie	*Adam R. Baker	6	202
1891	Huntsville	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*John A. McKinnon	*James B. Iuckie	*Edmund R. Hastings	6	220
1892	Mobile	*John A. McKinnon	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*Charles Wheelock	*Edmund R. Hastings	5	209
1893	Selma	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*George S. Obeir	*George S. Obeir	*Edmund R. Hastings	8	266
1894	Gadsden	*Charles Wheelock	*William H. Long	*William H. Long	*William H. Long	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	308
1895	Birmingham	*Charles Wheelock	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Charles Hann	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	342
1896	Mobile	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglass	*Robert L. Douglass	*Robert L. Douglass	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	357
1897	Montgomery	*Robert L. Douglass	*Henry H. Matthews	*Henry H. Matthews	*Philip Milhous	*William B. Phillips	10	368
1898	Birmingham	*Henry H. Matthews	*Philip Milhous	*Philip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*H. Clay Armstrong	10	376
1899	Selma	*Philip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*H. Clay Armstrong	10	380
				*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Rob't Moulthrop, Jr.	*H. Clay Armstrong	7	288

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1899	Mobile	*William E. Oakley	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*George F. Wheelock	*George F. Wheelock	6	298
1900	New Decatur	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Lewis W. Hubbard	6	351
1901	Tuscaloosa	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles R. Westcott	*Charles R. Westcott	*Charles R. Westcott	9	463
1902	Mobile	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles R. Westcott	*Robert S. Teague	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	8	510
1903	Montgomery	*Charles R. Westcott	*Robert S. Teague	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	*Edward S. Gatchell	9	516
1904	Selma	*Robert S. Teague	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	11	546
1905	Birmingham	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	13	621
1906	Gadsden	*Walter Smith	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*Louis J. Wright	14	743
1907	Mobile	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*Louis J. Wright	*Alexander D. Simpson	17	824
1908	Tuscaloosa	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*Louis J. Wright	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	18	1,013
1909	Andalusia	*John W. Phillips	*Louis J. Wright	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	20	1,085
1910	Anniston	*Louis J. Wright	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	20	1,210
1911	Montgomery	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	20	1,305
1912	Selma	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	20	1,475
1913	Dothan	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	21	1,473
1914	Talladega	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	21	1,663
1915	Troy	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*Walter H. Trimby	22	1,808
1916	Birmingham	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*Walter H. Trimby	*Lawrence H. Lee	24	2,032
1917	Tuscaloosa	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*Walter H. Trimby	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John Philip Melvin	25	2,367
1918	Birmingham	*John V. Falck	*Walter H. Trimby	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John Philip Melvin	*Woolsey Finnell	26	2,661
1919	Dothan	*Walter H. Trimby	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John Philip Melvin	*Woolsey Finnell	*L. E. Gellerstedt	27	3,559
1920	Mobile	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John Philip Melvin	*Woolsey Finnell	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Robert T. Ward	30	5,183
1921	Selma	*John Philip Melvin	*Woolsey Finnell	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Robert T. Ward	*Philip S. Meyer	33	6,669
1922	Gadsden	*Woolsey Finnell	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Robert T. Ward	*Philip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	36	7,427
1923	Birmingham	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Robert T. Ward	*Philip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	*Henry F. Williamson	38	8,259
1924	Huntsville	*Joseph D. Matlock	*Robert T. Ward	*Philip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	*Franklin L. Milhous	40	8,867
1925	Troy	*Robert T. Ward	*Philip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	39	8,638
1926	Tuscaloosa	*Philip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	39	8,772
1927	Albany	*Orlando S. Finch	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*John W. Jones	39	8,683
1928	Montgomery	*William C. Davis	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*Robert McL. Strong	39	8,463
1929	Mobile	*William C. Davis	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*T. Gaines St. John	38	7,810
1930	Dothan	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*John W. Jones	*William D. Hawkins	38	7,305
1931	Huntsville	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*John W. Jones	*William D. Hawkins	*Guy T. Smith	35	6,378
1932	Birmingham	*Tully A. Goodwin	*John W. Jones	*William D. Hawkins	*Robert McL. Strong	*Guy T. Smith	35	5,459
1933	Anniston	*John W. Jones	*William D. Hawkins	*Robert McL. Strong	*Guy T. Smith	*Guy T. Smith	34	4,308
1934	Tuscaloosa	*William D. Hawkins	*Robert McL. Strong	*Guy T. Smith	*James M. Frazer	*Guy T. Smith	31	3,316
1935	Montgomery	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert McL. Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazer	*John Heard Saxon	31	3,121
1936	Mobile	*Robert McL. Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazer	*John Heard Saxon	*William W. Waldo	28	2,814
1937	Montgomery	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazer	*John Heard Saxon	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	26	2,633
1938	Montgomery	*James M. Frazer	*John Heard Saxon	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines		25	2,482

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1939	Birmingham	*John Heard Saxon	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Guy T. Smith	23	2,384
1940	Montgomery	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Guy T. Smith	23	2,295
1941	Montgomery	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClendon	*Guy T. Smith	23	2,265
1942	Montgomery	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClendon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*Guy T. Smith	23	2,310
1943	Montgomery	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClendon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Guy T. Smith	22	2,526
1944	Montgomery	*Hoyt McClendon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Guy T. Smith	22	3,152
1945	Birmingham	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*Guy T. Smith	25	4,494
1946	Birmingham	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Guy T. Smith	25	5,198
1947	Montgomery	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*C. H. Stubinger	25	5,785
1948	Gadsden	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*Newman S. Cryer, Jr.	*C. H. Stubinger	24	6,133
1949	Montgomery	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*Julius L. Layman	*Rob't McL. Strong, Jr.	*C. H. Stubinger	24	6,499
1950	Birmingham	*Julius L. Layman	*Rob't McL. Strong, Jr.	*Llewellyn R. Hillier	*Edgar M. Gober	*C. H. Stubinger	25	6,651
1951	Mobile	*Llewellyn R. Hillier	*Edgar M. Gober	*Emrys W. John	*William W. Glass	*C. H. Stubinger	25	6,887
1952	Selma	*Edgar M. Gober	*Emrys W. John	*Archelus F. Campbell	*J. Collier Foster	*C. H. Stubinger	26	7,131
1953	Florence	*Emrys W. John	*J. Collier Foster	*George G. Rees	*Lonnie H. Teele	*C. H. Stubinger	27	8,101
1954	Huntsville	*J. Collier Foster	*George G. Rees	*Lonnie H. Teele	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*C. H. Stubinger	28	8,935
1955	Tuscaloosa	*George G. Rees	*Lonnie H. Teele	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*C. H. Stubinger	28	9,272
1956	Montgomery	*Lonnie H. Teele	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*C. H. Stubinger	27	9,584
1957	Birmingham	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*Claude Stallworth	*C. C. McCoy, P. T.	27	9,855
1958	Montgomery	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*Claude Stallworth	*George H. Crook	*C. H. Stubinger	26	9,975
1959	Decatur	*George W. Sorrell	*Claude Stallworth	*George H. Crook	*Arthur C. Willson	*C. H. Stubinger	26	10,073
1960	Birmingham	*Claude Stallworth	*Arthur C. Willson	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*T. L. Cochran	26	10,084
1961	Tuscaloosa	*Arthur C. Willson	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*A. F. Campbell, P. T.	*Gordon L. Ewalt	26	10,075
1962	Mobile	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*Julian P. Butler	*John S. Robinson	*Gordon L. Ewalt	26	10,085
1963	Birmingham	*Earl D. Holmes	*Julian P. Butler	*John S. Robinson	*Charles L. Campbell	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9,974
1963	Birmingham	*Julian P. Butler	*John S. Robinson	*Charles L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9,918
1964	Birmingham	*John S. Robinson	*Charles L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9,847
1965	Sylacauga	*C. L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9,808
1966	Tuscaloosa	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9,692
1967	Birmingham	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9,494
1968	Birmingham	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9,226
1969	Mobile	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*Clifford J. Turner	*S. F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9,226
1970	Birmingham	*Clifford J. Turner	*S. F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann	*Thomas W. Mann	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9,116
1971	Gadsden	*S. F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann	*Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	8,971
1972	Tuscaloosa	*Thomas W. Mann	*Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Thomas W. Mann	26	8,687
1973	Birmingham	*Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann	26	8,439
1974	Gulf Shores	*Charles D. Miller	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr.	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Thomas W. Mann	25	8,608
1975	Birmingham	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr.	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Oscar L. Ledbetter	*Thomas W. Mann	25	8,465
1976	Birmingham	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr.	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Fred W. Vaughan	*Arthur C. Harding	*Thomas W. Mann	25	8,516

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1978	Birmingham	Fred W. Vaughan	Joseph D. Brackin	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert E. Shipp	Thomas W. Mann	25	8,092
1979	Birmingham	Arthur C. Harding	Robert E. Shipp	Robert E. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	Thomas W. Mann	24	7,834
1980	Birmingham	Joseph D. Brackin	Erskine K. Smith	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Thomas W. Mann	24	7,631
1981	Dothan	Robert E. Shipp	William H. Ealy	Richard S. Hamilton	Richard S. Hamilton	Thomas W. Mann	24	7,278
1982	Birmingham	Erskine K. Smith	Richard S. Hamilton	*W. Sterling Roberts	*W. Sterling Roberts	Thomas W. Mann	23	7,117
1983	Birmingham	William H. Ealy	*W. Sterling Roberts	*George E. Tremelling	*George E. Tremelling	Thomas W. Mann	22	6,993
1984	Huntsville	Richard S. Hamilton	*G. E. Tremelling	*James L. Allen	James H. Lee	Thomas W. Mann	22	6,861
1985	Birmingham	*W. S. Roberts	James H. Lee	Emory J. Ferguson	Charles W. McDonald	Thomas W. Mann	21	6,614
1986	Birmingham	*G. E. Tremelling	Emory J. Ferguson	Charles W. McDonald	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Thomas W. Mann	20	6,653
1987	Birmingham	James H. Lee	Charles W. McDonald	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Charles R. Pate	Thomas W. Mann	19	6,526
1988	Sheffield	Emory J. Ferguson	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Charles R. Pate	Bobby C. Park	Thomas W. Mann	18	6,569
1989	Mobile	C. W. McDonald	Charles R. Pate	Bobby C. Park	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	Thomas W. Mann	18	6,260
1990	Birmingham	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Bobby C. Park	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	Thomas W. Mann	18	5,945
1991	Birmingham	Charles R. Pate	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	Arthur C. Harding	18	5,733
1992	Birmingham	Bobby C. Park	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	*Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Arthur C. Harding	18	5,334
1993	Decatur	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	Geo. L. Marshall, Jr.	Ray Rutledge	Arthur C. Harding	17	4,965
1994	Dothan	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	Geo. L. Marshall, Jr.	Ray Rutledge	James R. Vaughan	Arthur C. Harding	17	4,716
1995	Birmingham	Ray Rutledge	Geo. L. Marshall, Jr.	James R. Vaughan	Bobby Ray Terry	Arthur C. Harding	16	

\*Denotes deceased

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Grand Commandery Office moved from Montgomery to Birmingham after election of Thomas W. Oliver as Grand Recorder in 1962

At the Annual Conclave, April, 1963, Earl D. Holmes was elected and installed as Grand Commander, but he died before he could serve.

At the Annual Conclave, April, 1973, Thomas W. Mann was elected Grand Recorder, Thomas W. Oliver was elected Grand Recorder Emeritus, and the Annual Conclave date was changed from April each year, to the last Monday in February to correspond with Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

As proof of continual effort of Alabama to promote York Rite unity, the first combined meeting of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery was held in February, 1974.

On November 1, 1974, the Grand York Rite Office moved to 3621 South Fifth Avenue, Birmingham.

In September, 1979, the Grand York Rite Office moved to 5504 1/2 North First Avenue, Birmingham, 35212.

On May 16, 1980, James A. Kile was appointed Grand Treasurer to succeed Hoyt McClendon who resigned.

At the Annual Conclave, February, 1981, Hoyt McClendon was elected Grand Treasurer, Emeritus.

On September 1, 1991, Thomas W. Mann and James A. Kile resigned as Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer. Arthur C. Harding was appointed as Grand Recorder and Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. was appointed as Grand Treasurer.

At the Annual Conclave, February, 1992, Arthur C. Harding was elected Grand Recorder and Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. was elected Grand Treasurer. Thomas W. Mann was elected as Grand Recorder Emeritus and James A. Kile was elected as Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

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## CHRONOLOGY

### Titles of Meetings and Dates of Bodies Composed Exclusively of Masons.

The ordinary Calendar, or vulgar era, is not generally used by Freemasons in dating their official documents. They have one peculiar to themselves, differing according to their various Rites.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS in all parts of the World, add 4,000 years to the Christian era, calling it Anno Lucis-Year of Light; abbreviated A.L. (This fact has a symbolic reference, not because they believe Freemasonry is, but that the principles and light of the institution are coeval with the creation. (See below.) F&AM Lodges hold "Communications."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the building of the second Temple-530 B.C. Their style is, therefore, Anno Inventionis-A. Inv.- in the year of the discovery. Royal Arch Chapters hold "Convocations."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS date from the completion of Solomon's Temple 1000 B.C. Their style is Anno Depositionis-A. Dep.-in the year of Deposit. Royal and Select Councils hold "Assemblies."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR date from the organization of the Order in 1118 A.D. Their style is, therefore, Anno Ordinis-A.O.-in the year of the Order. Knight Templar Commanderies hold "Conclaves."

ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, which occurred 1914 B.C. Their style is Anno Benedictionis-A.B.-in the year of the Blessing. Councils of Anointed High Priest hold "Convocations."

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE MASONS use the Jewish Calendar, which adds 3760 to the Christian era, styled Anno Mundi-A.M.-year of the World. Or, they sometimes use the Hebrew year which begins on the seventeenth of September, or feast of Tisri, using the initials A.H.-Anno Hebraico.

TEMPLES, A.A.O.N. MYSTIC SHRINE; Each thirty years from the Hejira, or July 15th, A.D. 602 constitutes a cycle. Nineteen of these years contain 355 days, Eleven, 356.

### RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS - Add 4,000 years.

Thus:  $1995 + 4,000 = \text{A.L. } 5995$

ROYAL ARCH MASONS - Add 530 years.

Thus:  $1995 + 530 = \text{A. Inv. } 2525$

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS - Add 1,000 years.

Thus:  $1995 + 1,000 \text{ years} = \text{A. Dept. } 2995$

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR - subtract 1,118 years.

Thus:  $1995 - 1,118 = \text{A.O. } 877$

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD - Add 1,913 years.

Thus  $1995 + 1,913 = \text{A.B. } 3,908$

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS - Add 3,760 years.

Thus:  $1995 + 3,760 = \text{A.M. } 5755$