

THE YORK RITE  
of  
FREEMASONRY  
of  
ALABAMA

1997



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

## RECEPTION

An informal reception was held on Sunday afternoon, February 23, 1997 in the Wall Street Room of the Holiday Inn, Research Park Huntsville, Alabama, as members and guests were registering in the Indoor Pool Area. Hostesses were Mrs. Bobbie Ferguson, wife of Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Emory J. Ferguson, Mrs. Jackie Gossett, Wife of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, James L. Gossett and Mrs. Libby Marshall, Wife of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, George L. Marshall, Jr. 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 23, 1997, in the Grand Ball Room of the Motel. The Message was delivered by the Grand Prelate, Rev. Brady E. McCullough.

The Sir Knights marched in to the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers." After the message was delivered, the Right Eminent Grand Commander George L. Marshall, Jr. announced that the offering received would 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 Grand 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.

Murray E. Cooke, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter was introduced and asked to present the General Grand Chapter Medal of Honor to the recipient, Companion Henry Burleson Tyra, Jr., a member of Eureka Chapter No. 5. Companion Tyra accepted the award with appreciation. The Grand Chapter of Alabama adds his name to their list of previous recipients.

The Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master for the Southeast Region, Maurice C. Himes, of The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, was introduced as the Personal Representative of the General Grand Master, Orville E. Wessler and asked to present the General Grand Council's Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Companion Wayne Dee Jordan of Eureka Council No. 5. Companion Jordan accepted the award with appreciation. The Adult Youth Leadership Award of the General Grand Council was presented to Mrs. Joan Murphy, Supreme Deputy for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. This is the first presentation under the new rules adopted by the General Grand Council at its Triennial Assembly in November, 1996. It is believed that this is the first award of its kind ever presented to a non-mason and a woman.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, George L. Marshall, Jr., then introduced David L. Hargett, Department Commander for the Southeast Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, personal representative of Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, Most Eminent Grand Master, who presented the Knight Templar Cross

of Honor to the recipient, Sir Knight Robert Frank Elkin, a member of Huntsville Commandery No. 7. His name will be added to the list of those Sir Knights in Alabama who have received this high award. Sir Knight Hargett then requested that the Right Eminent Grand Commander, George L. Marshall, Jr., 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 mall while others made a bus tour of Huntsville which included a tour of Helion Lodge #1, the oldest lodge in Alabama, the old area of Huntsville including a hardware store with many items of interest.

The eighth 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 \$1,200.00, which was equally divided between the three Grand York Rite charities.

## KNIGHT MASONS

Vulcan Council No. 22, Knight Masons of Alabama, held their thirteenth Annual Banquet on Monday evening, February 24, 1997 at the Golden Coral 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 Helion Lodge #1 Masonic Temple.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTIETH  
ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
OF THE  
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER  
of  
ALABAMA  
HELD FEBRUARY 23, 24 AND 25, 1997  
  
HOLIDAY INN, RESEARCH PARK  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

**PRESIDING 1996-1997**

**Emory J. Ferguson, *Most Excellent Grand High Priest*  
1615 Lakeview Drive, Cullman AL 35055**

**Arthur C. Harding, *Right Excellent Grand Secretary*  
P. O. Box 320262, Birmingham, AL 35232**

**ELECTED 1997-1998**

**Luther E. Lee, *Most Excellent Grand High Priest*  
421 North Moye Drive, Montgomery, AL 36109-4615**

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTIETH  
OF THE  
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn-Research Park, Huntsville, Alabama February 24, 1997, A. I. 2527.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Emory J. Ferguson declared the One Hundred Seventieth Annual Convocation open after Eureka Chapter #5 opened their chapter and receiving the Grand High Priest and that a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters were represented. The following Grand Chapter Officers were present and in their stations:

Companion Emory J. Ferguson.....	Grand High Priest
Companion Luther E. Lee.....	Grand King
Companion Calvin C. Snow.....	Grand Scribe
Companion Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.....	Grand Treasurer
Companion Arthur C. Harding.....	Grand Secretary
Companion R. Nelson Williams.....	Grand Chaplain
Companion William C. Havens.....	Grand Marshal
Companion Charles W. McDonald.....	Grand Capt. of Hosts
Companion J. C. Brady.....	Grand Prin. Sojourner
Companion Steven G. Lee.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Companion MacArthur Davis.....	Grand Master of 3rd Veil
Companion Bobby W. Cheney.....	Grand Master of 2nd Veil
Companion Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.....	Grand Master of 1st Veil
Companion Edward D. Hardin.....	Grand Sentinel

The Invocation was given by Companion R. Nelson Williams, Grand Chaplain followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

The following Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Alabama were escorted to the East for introduction:

McMurray L. Griffith.....	1972-1973
Ray Rutledge.....	1975-1976
Fred W. Vaughan.....	1976-1977
Erskine K. Smith.....	1977-1978
William H. Ealy.....	1978-1979
Sam L. Garrett, Sr.....	1982-1983
Joseph D. Brackin.....	1986-1987
George L. Marshall, Jr.....	1987-1988
William M. Newsome, Jr.....	1988-1989
Charles R. Pate.....	1989-1990
Anthony M. Deming.....	1990-1991
Robert T. Crawford.....	1992-1993
Bobby Ray Terry.....	1993-1994
W. Malcolm Killingsworth.....	1994-1995
James E. Stutts.....	1995-1996

ADDRESS OF MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH  
PRIEST  
EMORY JAY FERGUSON  
1996

*To the General Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, Companions, and Distinguished Guests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:*

Greetings Companions! I welcome each of you to the 170th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama. My wish is that each of you will enjoy yourselves so much that you will want to attend the Grand Royal Arch Chapter many more times in the future and that you will leave here with the satisfaction of knowing that the time you spent here was well worth your while. To the General Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Murray E. Cooke, and all the other out-of-state guests, we extend a very special and warm Alabama welcome and pledge that the Grand Officers and Companions of this Grand Chapter will do everything in our power to make your stay here most pleasant. If there is anything that we can do to assure that will happen please let us know what it is.

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

While attending the degrees and orders being conferred by the Anniston York Rite Bodies on Saturday, April 20, 1996, I opened the Grand Chapter for the purpose of installing the Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent Companion Roy Nelson Williams. Assisting with the installation was Most Excellent Companion Charles R. Pate, Past Grand High Priest, serving as Grand Marshal and Most Excellent Companion Erskine K Smith, Past Grand High Priest, serving as Grand Chaplain.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

I will not attempt to convey to you what my opinion is of the State of the Craft in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter but I will present to you some very important data that I have collected from my visits to the Chapters in Alabama over the past year and some data that I have taken from earlier proceedings of the Grand Chapter and let each of you make your own conclusions as to what the State of the Craft really is.

I think that it is important to let you know that previous to making any of my official visits to the Subordinate Chapters I sent out ample notice to each Chapter as to the date of my visit and asked each to verify that the proposed date was agreeable to them. I received only one request for a change in date and that was complied with. I also sent letters to each Grand Officer notifying them of my itinerary. In my letter to the Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters I asked that the Treasurer and Secretary meet with me one hour before the Chapter was to open and that all officers meet with me one-half hour before the Chapter was to open. Of the 15 Chapters I met with 13 Secretaries, 12 of the Treasurers and with a portion of the officers of 9 of the Chapters. Only two Chapters had all the officers present. Of the 6 Chapters that the officers did not meet with me 5 did not meet because the Secretaries had not notified them of my request. The officers from

the other Chapter simply ignored my request. The meetings I held with the officers appeared to be beneficial to the officers and to me and for the most part we had some very good discussions as to how they could improve their local chapters. However, none could make any suggestions as to how the Grand Chapter or Grand Officers could assist them in improving their Chapters. The comment that I heard most often was that the Grand Officers should be more active in the discharge of their duties. The number of Chapters I visited where other Grand Officers were present was 9 and the majority of those were at their own Chapter. The only Grand Officer who was regular in attending my official visits was Right Excellent Companion Luther E. Lee, Grand King, and he attended 6. There were only 3 other Grand Officers that attended an official visit other than their own.

Of the 15 Chapters 8 of them failed to open during the year at least one time. There were 2 Chapters that had only opened 3 times all year and one of those was for my visit. There were 4 Chapters that the average attendance was 9, 3 whose average attendance was 10, 2 whose average attendance was 11. The average overall attendance for all the Subordinate Chapters was slightly less than 14. The Chapter with the best average attendance is my own Chapter, Eunomia No. 5 in Huntsville. The average number present at my official visits were 15. There were 2 Chapters that did not have the required number of Companions present to open for my visit. None of the Chapters sent notices to their membership as to the dates of my intended visits. There were 6 Chapters that opened in full form but none without the use of the ritual although there were a few Companions who knew their opening parts and a few who attempted their parts but clearly did not know the work. There are 3 Chapters that I do not consider to be financially sound. There were 6 Secretaries and 7 Treasurers not bonded even though the bonding of both is required by the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter and the Constitution, Standing Regulations, Statutes and Edicts of the General Grand Chapter. There were 2 Chapters that did not have copies of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter and 9 that did not have copies of the Constitution, Standing Regulations, Statutes and Edicts of the General Grand Chapter. There are only 3 Chapters that have a fund raiser for our charity, the Royal Arch Research Assistance. There are 6 Chapters that hold special events for the Companions and their families and usually those are jointly with the Council and/or Commandery.

In 1979 when I was the Grand Master of the Grand Council there were 32 Chapter in Alabama, we now have 15. A 47% loss. We boasted 9,437 Companions and in 1996 we had 4,802 Companions. A 51% loss. The percentages will be greater after our losses are reported for this year. The Grand Chapter reported "Cash on Hand" in 1979 the sum of \$118,892.89. In 1996 we reported \$193,935.31. An increase of 61%. But how did we accomplish this additional revenue? One way, of course, was through increases in per capita. Other ways were by eliminating per diem and mileage for the committees, Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priest to the Annual Convocations, by eliminating the men's luncheon and the ladies luncheon at the Annual Convocations, by eliminating the Triennial expenses for the Past Grand High Priest to the General Grand Chapter, by eliminating expenses for the Grand York Rite of Alabama Holding Company, by eliminating expenses for some of the dais Grand Officers to the Southeastern York Rite Conference, by eliminating expenses for the Annual Convocation photographer, by lowering the travel allowance for the Grand High Priest and by lowering the salary of the Grand Secretary.



## NECROLOGY

While the Grand Chapter line has remained unbroken this year, and for that we are grateful, we were saddened by the loss of our Most Excellent Companion William Hollis Smitherman, Grand High Priest 1980, who passed this life on May 3, 1996. We lost two good friends and dedicated Masons from the General Grand Chapter, Most Excellent Companion Harold Frances Yeager, General Grand High Priest 1990-1993 and Most excellent Companion William R. Selby, Sr., General Grand Secretary who was a frequent visitor to this Grand Chapter. We shall miss them both very much. We also mourn the loss of 135 other Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama and pray that our Father in Heaven will give them a lasting place in His Eternal Kingdom. Our condolences go out to the families and friends of each of these departed Companions.

## VISITATION

Everywhere that Bobbie and I have traveled this year, both in state and out of state, we have been received with all the courtesies that go with the office of Grand High Priest. We have received many gifts and to all who have extended the hand of friendship through those courtesies and gifts we thank you very much. We have had a great time and I am certain that I can speak for Bobbie, as well as myself, when I say that I am sorry that my time is coming to an end. I especially thank Most Illustrious Companion Maurice "Bud" Himes and his lovely wife, Glenda, for housing and feeding me on my visit to the Dothan Chapter No. 113. They run a terrific bed and breakfast, but, it is by invitation only. I also thank Most Excellent Companion Joe Brackin for offering to house me on the same visit. I should have stayed two nights in Dothan. One special gift came from the Companions and Sir Knights of my York Rite Bodies. On May 14th Most Excellent Companion William H. Ealy, Past Grand High Priest, presented me with a beautiful Shittimwood gavel crafted by Excellent Companion Doyle W. Ealy, Past High Priest of Eunomia Chapter No. 5. Thanks Companions!

I was honored by being asked to speak at the Grand Chapters of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Quebec and Kentucky and I served as a scrutineer of the ballot for the election of officers at the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec. I also installed the officers of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Master (Silver Trowel) at the Grand Chapter of Virginia. I was asked and did prepare and present a paper titled "In Seeking Candidates for the Royal Arch, Should We Be More Interested In Quality Or Quantity?" at the Southeast Regional York Rite Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. The highlight of my year however came at an event where I was not asked to speak and, in fact, I was not even introduced. On December 9, 1996 I was invited to attend a Christmas party for the Alabama Boys Ranch located in Danville. The party was hosted by the Decatur York Rite Bodies, Rising Sun Masonic Lodge and Mary Lou Dancey Eastern Star Chapter. It was one of the most successful and thoughtful events that I have seen a group of Masons and Eastern Star members participate in a long time. There were 38 boys and house moms and dads from the ranch present and more than 80 Masons and Eastern Stars. A wonderful meal was prepared with plenty of deserts for all to enjoy. Companion William F. Dendy was the guest speaker and Companion Brady McCullough led Christmas carols. And, of course, Santa was present who had his picture made with each boy as he presented them with a \$25.00 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.

As I have traveled to the several Subordinate Chapters throughout the state I have attempted to promote the General Grand Chapter and show to all the Chapters just what materials are available through the General Grand Chapter. I have attempted to promote the Royal Arch Research Assistance and to emphasize the importance of all masonic bodies supporting the charities. I have attempted to promote the Royal Arch Mason magazine and have succeeded in acquiring numerous new subscriptions for that publication.

### OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

- March 10-12, 1996 .. Grand York Rite of South Caroline, Myrtle Beach
- March 24-26, 1996 Grand Chapter/Grand Council of Tennessee, Nashville
- March 29-30, 1996 .. . . . Grand York Rite of North Caroline, Asheville
- April 14-16, 1996 .. . . . Grand Chapter/Grand Council of Georgia, Macon
- May 10-11, 1996 Grand Chapter/Grand Council of Mississippi, Jackson
- May 20-22, 1996 .. . . . Grand York Rite of Florida, Orlando
- June 4-5, 1996 .. . . . Grand Chapter of Quebec, Montreal
- June 6-9, 1996 .. . . . Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine  
Harrisburg, PA
- June 13-15, 1996 .. . . . Southeast Regional York Rite Conference,  
Charlotte, NC
- July 12, 1996 .. . . . Retirement Banquet for Kolen Flack  
Grand Sec./Rec. of NC
- July 13, 1996 .. . . . Smoky Mountain York Rite College, Waynesville, NC
- July 14-16, 1996 .. . . . Great Smokies Summer Assembly, Waynesville, NC
- Aug. 1-4, 1996 .. . . . York Rite Sovereign College of North America  
Chicago, IL
- Aug. 1 - Sept 1, 1996 .. . . . Convent General Knights of the York Cross  
of Honor, Lubbock, TX
- Sept. 16-18, 1996 .. . . . Grand York Rite of Kentucky, Louisville
- October 29, 1996 Cherokee Rose Priory No. 56, K.Y.C.H., Atlanta, GA
- Nov. 3-6, 1996 .. . . . General Grand Chapter/General Grand Council  
Asheville, NC
- Nov. 15-16, 1996 .. . . . Grand Chapter of Virginia, Williamsburg

### IN STATE VISITATIONS

- March 6, 1996 Cahaba Temple, AAONMS- visit of the Imperial Potentate
- March 7, 1996 .. . . . Baileyton Lodge No. 472-served as Master for  
presentation of 50 year Grand Lodge Award to Bro. W. M. Mitchell
- March 8, 1996 .. Holy Sepulchre Conclave , Red Cross of Constantine,  
Huntsville
- March 9, 1996 .. . . . Vulcan Council, Knight Masons and  
Alabama Priory No. 31, K.Y.C.H., Decatur
- March 16, 1996 .. . . . Montgomery York Rite Bodies  
One-Day Class-Conferred Order of the Temple
- March 22, 1996 .. . . . Met with the Illustrious Grand Master and Grand  
Commander to select a motel for the 1997 Grand York Rite
- April 11, 1996 . Arab Lodge No. 663- raised Bro. Ricky Stewart Green
- April 13, 1996 .. . . . Lunar Lodge No. 918, Madison-assisted  
in raising Bro. Matthew Douglas Mitchell
- April 13, 1996 Planning session for District York Rite Class, Decatur
- April 17, 1996 Met with the Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Commander  
Grand Secretary and representatives from Holiday Inn to  
complete plans for 1997 Grand York Rite sessions.
- April 18, 1996 .. . . . Anniston Chapter Degrees  
Captain of the Host in Royal Arch

April 19, 1996.....Anniston Council Degrees and Commandery Orders  
   Warder in the Order of the Red Cross and  
   Senior Warden in the Order of the Temple  
 April 30, 1996.....Misph Chapter No. 19  
   O.E.S. 95th Anniversary, Decatur  
 May 4, 1996.....Alabama York Rite College No. 51, Mobile  
 May 6, 1996.....Funeral for Most Excellent Companion  
   William Hollis Smitherman, Tuscaloosa  
 May 14, 1996.....Huntsville York Rite-Presented Sir Knight  
   Thomas F. Craig with the Knight Commander of the Temple  
 June 15, 1996.....St. Asaph Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine  
   Montgomery  
 June 27, 1996 Montgomery York Rite-installed officers in the Chapter  
 June 29, 1996 Huntsville York Rite-installed officers in the Chapter  
 July 1, 1996..Huntsville Scottish Rite-received 25 year certificate  
 July 8, 1996.....Cullman Lodge No. 421-Sr. Warden in E. A. Degree  
   for Bro. Jason S. Fowler  
 July 9, 1996.....Huntsville York Rite Bodies-formally received  
 July 20, 1996.....Anniston York Rite-installed officers in the  
   Chapter and presented the paper that I prepared  
   for the Southeast Regional Y.R. Conference  
   served as Installing Marshal for the Commandery  
 July 26, 1996.....Monroeville York Rite-Installed officers  
   in the Chapter and Council  
 July 27, 1996.....Regional York Rite Degrees, Decatur  
   Participated in much of the work  
 August 5, 1996.....Huntsville Scottish Rite  
 August 13, 1996.....Huntsville York Rite Bodies  
 August 15, 1996.....Helion Lodge No. 1-Sr. Deacon and 1st Spokesman  
   in 3rd Degree for Bro. Frederick Clark Campbell  
 August 17, 1996.....Brundidge Council No. 69, Anniston  
   Super Excellent Masters Degree-assisted in minor parts  
 August 20, 1996.....Helion Lodge No. 1, Past Master's Night  
 August 22, 1996. Montgomery York Rite Bodies-Speaker Dr. Gary Leazer  
 August 26, 1996.....Cullman Lodge No. 421-1st Ruffian in 3rd Degree  
   for Bro. Jason Stancel Fowler  
 August 27, 1996....Nunn-Oden Lodge No. 398, Hartselle served as Sr.  
   Warden in 2nd Section of 3rd Degree for Bro. Jeffrey Hall  
 Sept. 2, 1996.....Huntsville Scottish Rite  
 Sept. 9, 1996.....Lunched with Right Excellent Companion  
   R. Nelson Williams Grand Chaplain, Ft. Payne  
 Sept. 9, 1996.....Emrys W. John Y. R. College  
   attended organizational meeting, Birmingham  
 Sept. 10, 1996.....Huntsville York Rite Bodies  
 Sept. 13, 1996....Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine  
   Huntsville  
 Sept. 14, 1996.....Montgomery York Rite one day class  
   conferred Order of the Temple  
 Sept. 21, 1996.....Ashmole York Rite College, Montgomery  
 Sept. 22, 1996...Met with Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Commander  
   and wives to plan for 1997 Grand York Rite, Greenbriar  
 Sept. 28, 1996.....Morgan County Masonic Conference, Decatur  
 Sept. 28, 1996..Crane Hill Lodge No. 554- Sr. Deacon for Grand Lodge  
   50 yr. awards to Bros. Emmett e. Kilgo and Marion Key  
 Sept. 29, 1996..attended the funeral of the Rt. Worshipful and Rev.  
   Luther C. Tucker, Past Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge  
 Oct. 2, 1996.....DeKalb-Jackson Chapter No. 107, Scottsboro  
   Official visit, did not meet, only Secretary present  
 Oct. 3, 1996.....Montgomery Chapter No. 22-Official visit  
 Oct. 5, 1996 Phenix City Grand Officer's Night-Commandery Inspection  
 Oct. 7, 1996.....Huntsville Scottish Rite

Oct. 8, 1996 ..... Woodlawn Chapter No. 146-Official visit  
 Oct. 10, 1996 ..... Piedmont Chapter No. 111-Official visit  
 Oct. 11, 1996 ..... Metro Chapter No. 76-Official visit  
 Oct. 14, 1996 ..... Mobile Chapter No. 21-Official visit  
 Oct. 15, 1996 ..... Phenix Chapter No. 149-Official visit  
 Oct. 19, 1996 ..... Cullman County Masonic Conference, Crane Hill  
 Nov. 12, 1996 ..... Huntsville York Rite-Jr. Overseer in  
   Mark Master Degree  
 Nov. 18-19, 1996 ..... Alabama Grand Lodge, Montgomery  
 Nov. 18, 1996 ..... met with Jurisprudence Committee, Montgomery  
 Nov. 21, 1996 ..... Dothan Chapter No. 113-Official visit  
 Nov. 23, 1996 ... Vulcan Council No. 22, Knight Masons, Center Point  
 Dec. 2, 1996 ..... Huntsville Scottish Rite  
 Dec. 3, 1996 ..... Cyrus Chapter No. 6, Florence-Official visit  
   did not have a quorum to meet  
 Dec. 4, 1996 ..... DeKalb-Jackson Chapter No. 170-2nd Official visit  
   did not have a quorum to meet  
 Dec. 5, 1996 ..... Coosa Chapter No. 38, Gadsden-Official visit  
 Dec. 7, 1996 ..... Anniston Chapter No. 105-Official visit  
 Dec. 9, 1996 ..... Christmas party for Alabama Boys Ranch  
   Decatur York Rite  
 Dec. 10, 1996 ..... Eunomia Chapter No. 5, Huntsville-Official visit  
   Captain of the Hosts in Royal Arch Degree  
 Dec. 13, 1996 .... Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine  
   Installed College and Senate  
 December 14, 1996 ..... Jerusalem Tabernacle No. XXXII, H.R.A.K.T.P.  
   Tuscaloosa  
 Dec. 17, 1996 ..... Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1-Official visit  
 Dec. 28, 1996 ..... attended funeral of Bro. Haskell Sumrall  
   Past Grand Patron, O.E.S.  
 Jan. 6, 1997 ..... Huntsville Scottish Rite  
 Jan. 9, 1997 ..... Center Point Lodge No. 872  
 Jan. 11, 1997 ..... Ashmole York Rite College, Phenix City  
 Jan. 14, 1997 ... met with Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Commander  
   and wives to select ladies gifts for 1997 Grand York Rite  
 Jan. 14, 1997 ..... Huntsville York Rite-Cond. of  
   Council in Royal and Select Master Degree  
 Jan. 16, 1997 ..... Huntsville K.C.C.H. dinner and meeting  
 Jan. 18, 1997 Grand York Rite Finance Committee Meeting, Birmingham

### INVITATIONS DECLINED

I received invitations to attend a few events that I just could not possibly make. It was certainly not that I wanted to, but, at some point no matter how hard you try there will be a conflict. I was invited to attend a reception for the Grand Officers of the Grand Assembly International Order of Rainbow on April 13, 1996 in Montgomery. On that date I was at the Grand Chapter of Georgia. I was invited to the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Newfoundland in Corner Brook on May 24 and 25, 1996 but due to the conflict of dates with the Grand York Rite of Florida and because of difficulty in arranging travel to Newfoundland I was forced to decline that invitation. For a similar reason I was forced to decline an invitation to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois on July 19, 1996. It was just too close to the dates of the Great Smokies Assembly. It was also necessary for me to decline an invitation to the Supreme Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Greece on November 29 and 30, 1996 in Athens mainly because Bobbie had used up all her vacation. Because I had already set the date for my

official visit to the Montgomery Chapter No. 22 on October 3, 1996 I had to miss the Grand Lodge 50 year award to Right Excellent Companion Arthur C. Harding, Grand Secretary, at his lodge, Center Point No. 872. I did write a letter of congratulations which was read in open lodge by Most Excellent Companion Anthony M. Deming, Past Grand High Priest.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED TO REPRESENT ALABAMA NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

New Jersey ..... Thurman C. Pace

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED TO REPRESENT OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA

North Carolina ..... Lincoln H. Townsend  
 Newfoundland ..... William Jesse Bice  
 Argentina ..... Robert Duane Moseson  
 Manitoba, Canada ..... Robert Daniel Maddox

## DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

To receive and ballot on petitions out of statutory time:

Montgomery Chapter No. 22 ..... March 16, 1996  
 Anniston Chapter No. 105 ..... April 18, 1996  
 Eunomia Chapter No. 5 ..... July 27, 1996  
 Cyrus Chapter No. 6 ..... July 27, 1996  
 Decatur Chapter No. 38 ..... July 27, 1996  
 DeKalb-Jackson Chapter No. 107 ..... July 27, 1996  
 Montgomery Chapter No. 22 ..... September 14, 1996  
 Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1 ..... November 7, 1996

To move charter:

Eunomia Chapter No. 5 ..... July 27, 1996  
 Cyrus Chapter NO. 6 ..... July 27, 1996  
 DeKalb-Jackson Chapter No. 107 ..... July 27, 1996  
 Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1 ..... November 7, 1996

To change the Annual Convocation out of statutory time:

Birmingham, Metro Chapter No. 76 . from June 14 to July 12, 1996

## REVIEW OF BOOKS

On November 15, 1996, I authorized our Grand Secretary, Right Excellent Companion Arthur C. Harding, to secure the services of the firm of Potter, Bryant and Tate, Certified Public Accountants of Birmingham, Alabama to review the books of the Grand Chapter.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

I make the following recommendations for the consideration of the incoming Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter at large: that the Grand Secretary include the time and name of the lodge where each of the Subordinate Chapters meet in the proceedings, that the schedule of the Grand York Rite meetings be published in the supplement of the Knights Templar Magazine each February so that all York Rite Masons might be aware of the events, that the incoming Grand High Priest appoint a By-laws Committee to bring the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter up to date, that he also appoint a committee to make plans for an appropriate celebration on or about October 27, 1997 for the 200th Anniversary of the General Grand Chapter, that he and the incoming Grand King appoint a committee to make plans to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Grand Chapter on or about January 10, 1999 and consideration be given to having the Royal Arch Mason Magazine sent to all Royal Arch Masons in Alabama. With the 8 supplement pages it would be cheaper than publishing a newsletter at \$0.47 an issue and the Grand Chapter needs a way to communicate badly.

## HONORS RECEIVED

During this past year I have received many honorary memberships from the various jurisdictions. Many of them were duplicated because I had attended those jurisdictions before. However, there were several jurisdictions I visited for the first time and those are the ones I will attempt to list. I was made a Kentucky Colonel by Gov. Paul E. Patton on April 29, 1996 on recommendation of Most Illustrious Companion W. Howard Rogers, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky. I was made an honorary member of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec on June 4, 1996 and the Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky on September 18, 1996. I also received many appendant honorary memberships of the various Masonic side degrees held at the out of state jurisdictions I visited.

## FRATERNAL RECOGNITION DENIED

I received a letter dated April 22, 1996 from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Greece, whose Grand High Priest is Savas Vafiadis, requesting fraternal recognition and the exchange of Grand Representatives. I answered by letter dated May 27, 1996 informing Mr. Vafiadis that the Grand Chapter of Alabama and the General Grand Chapter was in fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Greece whose Grand High Priest was Most Excellent Companion Pandelis E. Mastromanolis. (See attached letter).

## CONCLUSION

The first thing that comes to my mind is the 23 great years that I have had serving these Grand Bodies as a Grand Officer (none of them concurrent). I thank each and every one of you and many who have passed on or have become inactive for some reason in these Grand Bodies. There have been many changes in our Grand Bodies since I was first elected in the Grand Council line in 1975. Many of them have been necessary and many have been experimental. Some of them have turned out for the good and some have turned out not

so good. But we must keep trying. If Freemasonry is to survive for our children and our children's children we must find ways to not only get new and more dedicated members but ways to keep them. I am convinced that Freemasonry can and will survive but it is going to take that one thing that Masons cannot tolerate thinking about and that is money. Without money we cannot launch any kind of program to enhance Masonry, to promote Masonry through public relations, to beautify our lodges so that the profane will want to belong to a first class organization, or to provide activities for the membership and their families. Changes in the ritual, eliminating the catechisms, lowering the age requirements or streamlining the amount of time it takes to go through the degrees will not resolve our problems. Money will. Just like the original Operative Masons did when they started taking in Speculative Masons, we need to start targeting men of means. We also need to loosen up on our own purse strings. It is time for Freemasonry to drastically increase their fees and dues. To the point where it possibly hurts, but in the long run I think it will be beneficial to us just like it was to those early Operative Masons. The only image we have with the public is our outward appearance both in our conduct and our structures.

To the members of my York Rite Bodies I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the support that you have given me all these years. I only hope that good health will continue to bless me so that I can return some of that which you have so generously given to me.

To Bobbie and all my girls I send out both my love and apologies. My love for supporting me all these years and my apologies for taking so much of my time from you. All of you of course know what a trouper that Bobbie has been supporting me. She has always done more than her share and I am the one who has reaped the honors.

To the Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Arthur C. Harding, and his lovely wife and Secretary, Charlotte, I think that you are doing a terrific job with the office. I appreciate very much your help and for keeping me informed as to the necessary transactions of the Grand Chapter this year

To Most Illustrious Companion James L. Gossett and his wife, Jackie, I think that you are the best. I have enjoyed the many trips that we have shared this year but most of all I enjoy the friendship that we have enjoyed over these many years. May God continue to bless you with good health and a long life.

To the right Eminent Grand Commander, George L. Marshall, Jr. and Libby, I want to express my warmest regards. Unfortunately, we have been unable to participate in many activities together as I had hoped that we would when we were installed into office. Bobbie and I have only had the opportunity to be with Libby on one occasion and that has been our loss.

Though I usually don't like to single out individuals because so many have been special over the years there are two that I would like to express my gratitude to and those are Most Excellent Companion Fred Vaughan and Most Excellent Companion McMurray Griffith, both Past Grand High Priest. Over the years we have had some terrible disputes but even though we have disagreed we have remained what I feel is very good friends. I have always respected their right to their opinions and I feel that they have respected my right to mine. They have always been able to disagree without being disagreeable. They are both true and great Masons.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emory J. Ferguson  
Grand High Priest-1996

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

*To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:*

Submitted below is my Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1996.

### RECEIPTS;

Dues .....	\$20,051.00
Fees .....	350.00
Interest .....	8,477.85
Sale of Supplies .....	38.25
Sale of Banquet Tickets .....	<u>753.33</u>

Total Receipts ..... \$ 29,070.43

### DISBURSEMENTS;

Operating Expenses .....	\$ 23,688.11
Purchase of Supplies for resale ...	57.03
Net Expense from Triennial Reserve .....	<u>600.00</u>

Total Disbursements ..... 24,345.14

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements ..... 5,325.29

Cash on Hand - January 1, 1996 ..... \$193,935.31

Cash on Hand - December 31, 1996 ... \$199,260.60

Cash on Hand - December 31, 1996 consists of the following:

Petty Cash .....	\$ 50.00
Checking Account .....	14,180.06
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Accounts .....	<u>185,030.54</u>

Total Cash on Hand - December 31, 1996 ..... \$199,260.60

Respectfully submitted,

Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.  
Grand Treasurer

At this time I would like to extend my appreciation to Companion Arthur C. Harding, Grand Secretary, and his office assistant, Charlotte, for their cooperation and assistance throughout the year in helping me to do my work efficiently. I wish to thank the members for the opportunity to have served you this past year as your Grand Treasurer

Adopted.



## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

*To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:*

Companions: Herewith is my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1996:

Membership as of January 1, 1996 ..... 4,802

### ADDITIONS

Exalted.....	72
Affiliated.....	27
Reinstated.....	<u>27</u>

Total Additions..... 126

Total Gross Membership..... 4,928

### LOSSES

Died.....	135
Demitted.....	20
Suspended N.P.D.....	229
Adjusted.....	<u>17</u>

Total Losses..... -401

Total Net Membership as of December 31, 1996..... 4,527

Loss in Membership for 1996.....	-275
Chartered Chapters.....	15
Chapters Reporting.....	15
Chapters Under Dispensation.....	0

## APPRECIATION

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Emory J. Ferguson, the Grand Line Officers, and the Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters for their help, support and assistance rendered during this past year.

Fraternally submitted,

Arthur C. Harding  
Grand Secretary

*Adopted.*

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

CHAPTER NO.	NAME	1/1/96 MEMBERSHIP	ADJUSTED	EXALTED	AFFILIATED	REINSTATED	DIED	DEMITTED	SUSPENDED	12/31/96 MEMBERSHIP	GAIN/LOSS
1	TUSCALOOSA	197	0	6	0	1	13	1	3	187	- 10
5	EUNOMIA	273	0	3	2	0	0	1	9	268	- 5
6	CYRUS	249	0	3	0	1	8	0	25	220	- 29
21	MOBILE	412	0	8	3	4	6	0	19	402	- 10
22	MONTGOMERY	264	0	15	0	1	10	3	10	257	- 7
38	DECATUR	205	0	2	0	0	3	0	8	196	- 9
76	BIRMINGHAM METRO	1357	0	8	1	4	42	2	51	1275	- 82
86	COOSA	254	0	3	1	3	14	3	14	230	- 24
105	ANNISTON	281	-17	12	19	1	7	4	17	268	- 13
107	DeKALB-JACKSON	304	0	3	0	0	4	2	17	284	- 20
111	PIEDMONT	103	0	0	0	1	3	0	20	81	- 22
113	DOTHAN	158	0	3	1	3	4	1	9	151	- 7
146	WOODLAWN	515	0	3	0	8	10	3	23	490	- 25
149	PHENIX CITY	134	0	1	0	0	7	0	2	126	- 8
170	MONROEVILLE	96	0	2	0	0	4	0	2	92	- 4
TOTALS		4,802	-17	72	27	27	135	20	229	4,527	-275

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and  
Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:*

Your committee has examined the records of the Grand Chapter and submits the following report. The Review of Grand Chapter finances as submitted by Potter, Bryant & Tate, P.C., CPA, we find to be in order and recommend that it be accepted. In addition, we offer a proposed budget for the year 1997 for your consideration. We commend the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for their reports, and thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for giving us this opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony M. Deming, PGHP, Chairman  
Robert D. Moseson, K.Y.C.H.  
James T. Wofford  
Henry B. Tyra, Jr., K.Y.C.H.

Adopted.

### GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET

ACC'T #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 1996	SPENT 1996	BUDGET 1997
800	Payroll Taxes	700.00	647.54	700.00
801	Telephone	500.00	400.24	500.00
802	Postage & P. O. Box	400.00	405.37	400.00
803	Contingency Fund	200.00	58.80	200.00
804	Gen. Gr. Chap. Per Capita Tax	2,200.00	2,160.90	2,100.00
805	Grand Secretary Salary	3,240.00	3,240.00	3,600.00
806	Grand Treasurer Expense	270.00	270.00	300.00
807	Grand High Priest Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
808	Office Ass't. Salary	4,248.00	4,248.00	4,464.00
809	Printing Grand Proceedings	1,500.00	1,473.04	1,500.00
810	Stationery, Printing & Office Supplies	500.00	464.23	500.00
811	Review of Books	400.00	375.00	400.00
812	Office Rent	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
813	Apron & Case for Grand High Priest	350.00	298.30	350.00
814	Insurance - Bonds, Fire, etc.	400.00	391.20	400.00

GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET

ACC'T #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 1996	SPENT 1996	BUDGET 1997
815	Triennial Reserve (First three Grand Officers & Sect'y Max. 450.00 ea Dias officer & 225.00 Sect'y)	525.00	525.00	525.00
816	Donation - DeMolay	300.00	300.00	300.00
817	Donation - Order of Rainbow for Girls	300.00	300.00	300.00
818	Southeastern Regional York Rite Conference (Dias Officers and Grand Sect'y only. \$100 ea. Grand Sect'y pro-rated ea. body)	335.00	234.00	335.00
819	Grand Secretary Travel Allowance	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,760.00
820	Office Ass't. Travel Allowance	360.00	360.00	360.00
821	Presiding Grand Officer Stationery	50.00	54.60	50.00
823	Distinguished Guests (2 Nights)	600.00	692.13	700.00
824	Banquet (Net-Cost less tickets sold)	500.00	236.91	500.00
825	Aprons for Grand Marshal, Grand Sentinel, Grand Chaplain, Grand Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary*	750.00	499.50	0.00
830	Copy Machine and Computer Supplies	0.00	0.00	600.00
	Totals	<u>23,928.00</u>	<u>22,934.76</u>	<u>24,844.00</u>
	Under Budget	<u>993.24</u>		

\* Refer to motion from floor in Finance Committee Report on Page 14 of  
1996 Proceedings.

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

HAYMOND E. POTTER, CPA  
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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Mr. Emory J. Ferguson  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama  
Birmingham, Alabama

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities and fund balance - cash basis of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama (a non-profit organization) as of December 31, 1996, 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 Chapter.

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.*

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 1996

<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>Current Assets</u>	
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 14,230.06
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Account	185,030.54
Inventory - Supplies for Resale	<u>461.75</u>
Total Current Assets	\$199,722.35
<u>Property and Equipment</u>	
Office Equipment	10,487.66
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>9,507.74</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>979.92</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$200,702.27</u>
 <u>FUND BALANCE</u>	
Reserved for Triennial	\$ 450.00
Unreserved	<u>200,252.27</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$200,702.27</u>

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

<u>Revenue</u>	
Dues	\$ 20,051.00
Fees	350.00
Interest Income	8,477.85
Sale of Banquet Tickets	753.33
Sales of Supplies	\$ 38.25
Inventory - January 1, 1996	\$ 478.63
Purchases	<u>57.03</u>
Total	535.66
Inventory - December 31, 1996	<u>461.75</u> <u>73.91</u> <u>(35.66)</u>
Total Revenue	29,596.52
 <u>Expenses - Cash Basis (Schedule 1)</u>	
Depreciation	23,163.11
Triennial Reserve Expense	334.51
	<u>1,125.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>24,622.62</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	<u>\$ 4,973.90</u>

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

Fund Balance - January 1, 1996	\$195,728.37
Add: Excess of Revenue over Expenses	<u>4,973.90</u>
Fund Balance - December 31, 1996	<u>\$200,702.27</u>

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1996

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 Chapter 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 1GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMASCHEDULE OF EXPENSES - CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

<u>Grand Officer Expenses</u>	
Apron and Case for Grand Officer and Junior High Priest	\$ 298.30
Southeastern Regional Meeting	234.00
Grand High Priest's Expense	1,000.00
Stationery - Presiding Grand Officer	<u>54.60</u>
Total Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 1,586.90
<u>Grand Secretary's Office Expenses</u>	
Salary - Grand Secretary	3,240.00
Salary - Office Secretary	4,248.00
Allowance for Grand Treasurer	270.00
Insurance - Bonds, Fire, Theft and Liability	391.20
Payroll Taxes	647.56
Office Rent	1,800.00
Stationery and Printing	464.23
Postage and Post Office Box Rent	405.37
Telephone	400.24
Annual Accounting Services	375.00
Travel Allowance - Grand Secretary	2,500.00
Travel Allowance - Office Secretary	<u>360.00</u>
Total Grand Secretary's Office Expenses	15,101.60
<u>Annual Convention Expenses</u>	
Expenses for Distinguished Guests	692.13
Banquet	<u>990.24</u>
Total Annual Convention Expenses	1,682.37
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>	
Per Capita Tax - General Grand Chapter	2,160.90
Special Awards - Demolay	300.00
Special Awards - Rainbow	300.00
Printing Annual Proceedings	1,473.04
Contingencies	58.80
Purchases of Apron Cases	<u>499.50</u>
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>4,792.24</u>
Total Expenses	\$ <u>23,163.11</u>



## GRAND CHAPTER ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

ALASKA.....	Floyd L. Hamrick, Jr.
ALBERTA, CANADA.....	James E. Stutts
ARGENTINA.....	Robert D. Moseson
ARIZONA.....	Billy H. Brackin
ARKANSAS.....	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.
BELGIUM.....	L. C. Minks
BRITISH COLUMBIA.....	Franklin L. Moon
CALIFORNIA.....	James W. Battle
COLORADO.....	Michael L. Jones
CONNECTICUT.....	Bobby Warren Cheney
DELAWARE.....	**Michael E. Addams
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	William C. Havens
FINLAND.....	J. C. Brady
FLORIDA.....	Howard E. Hayes
FRANCE.....	Arthur C. Harding
GEORGIA.....	McMurray L. Griffith
GERMANY (WEST).....	*James R. Bromley
GREECE.....	Luther E. Lee
HAWAII.....	James Woodrow Smith
IDAHO.....	*George W. Busby
ILLINOIS.....	William C. Snyder
INDIA.....	**Alvin Parker
INDIANA.....	**Delton Earl Havard
IOWA.....	Wayne D. Jordan
IRELAND.....	Calvin C. Snow
ISRAEL.....	William D. Barr
ITALY.....	**Karl F. Reed II
KANSAS.....	Joe D. Lee
KENTUCKY.....	Robert T. Crawford
LOUISIANA.....	James F. Vaughan
MAINE.....	John R. Appleton
MANITOBA, CANADA.....	*Robert Daniel Maddox
MARYLAND.....	Anthony M. Deming
MASSACHUSETTS.....	Jesse W. Locke
MEXICO.....	Robert B. Dixon
MICHIGAN.....	***Claude C. McGraw
MINNESOTA.....	Brent R. Haller
MISSISSIPPI.....	W. Malcolm Killingsworth
MISSOURI.....	**Fred L. Graham
MONTANA.....	*Steven G. Lee
NEBRASKA.....	Lamon C. Griffin
NEVADA.....	Robert L. Byars, Jr.
NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA.....	Thomas F. Craig
NEWFOUNDLAND.....	William Jesse Bice
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	William M. Newsome, Jr.
NEW JERSEY.....	George L. Marshall, Jr.
NEW MEXICO.....	Maurice C. Himes
NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.....	***Lewis L. Childs, Jr.
NEW YORK.....	Henry B. Tyra, Jr.
NEW ZEALAND.....	***Lloyd D. Durden
NORTH CAROLINA.....	Lincoln H. Townsend
NORTH DAKOTA.....	*Weldon H. Roberts
NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA.....	Roger Simmons
OHIO.....	Paul L. Allen
OKLAHOMA.....	Henry Garner Terry

ONTARIO, CANADA ..... Joe R. Bush  
 OREGON ..... Fred W. Vaughan  
 PENNSYLVANIA ..... William J. Loerch  
 PHILIPPINES ..... Fred W. McCluskey, Jr  
 QUEBEC, CANADA ..... Richard Sim Hamilton  
 QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA ..... \*Hugh T. Shaw  
 RHODE ISLAND ..... Phillip J. Sherman  
 SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA ..... \*\*\*R. Harris Henderson, Sr.  
 SCOTLAND ..... Emory J. Ferguson  
 SOUTH CAROLINA ..... Ray Rutledge  
 SOUTH DAKOTA ..... Erskine K. Smith  
 SWITZERLAND ..... Charles W. McDonald  
 TENNESSEE ..... Joseph D. Brackin  
 TEXAS ..... Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.  
 UTAH ..... James L. Gossett  
 VENEZUELA ..... William J. Sirmon, Jr.  
 VERMONT ..... Charles R. Pate  
 VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA ..... Clarence F. Rhea  
 VIRGINIA ..... Bobby Ray Terry  
 WASHINGTON ..... MacArthur Davis  
 WEST AUSTRALIA ..... Bobby C. Park  
 WEST VIRGINIA ..... \*Ned Cox  
 WISCONSIN ..... \*\*Maurice M. Chastain  
 WYOMING ..... Lance C. Anthony

\* Denotes number of consecutive years absent from Grand Convocation

**REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA**

Grand Chapter	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative To	Town
Alaska	Floyd L. Hambrick, Jr.	1190 County Road 120 Section, 35771	Forbes L. Baker	Fairbanks
Alberta, Canada	James E. Stutts	612 East Pasadena Ave. Muscle Shoals, 35660	E. Jesse Carr	Cold Lake, Alberta
Argentina	Robert D. Moseason	4400 Bridgewater Circle Phoenix City, 36867	Henry Orther	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Arizona	Billy H. Brackin	735 Prospect Street Florence, 35630	Johnnie M. Wagener	Sierra Vista
Arkansas	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	1402 Melanie Lane Phoenix City, 36867	Thomas E. Mason	Osceola
Belgium	L. C. Minks	607 Meadowlake Drive Ozark, 36360	Pierre Boesmans	Sint Maartenstraat 58, 3000 Leuven
British Columbia	Franklin L. Moon	Route 3, Box 608 Ashford, 36312	David B. Milne	Powell River, British Columbia
California	James W. Battle	1029 Sherbrooke Drive Birmingham, 35209	Grover T. Halbrooks	Riverside
Colorado	Michael L. Jones	1711 Cagle Avenue, S.W. Decatur, 35601	Robert C. Prater	Longmont
Connecticut	Bobby Warren Cheney	335 Hope Hull Drive Hope Hull, 36043	Bruce R. Bellmore	Hamden
Delaware	Michael E. Addams	2209 Barrywood Road, N.W. Huntsville, 35810-2342	Glen D. Conley	Bear
District of Columbia	William C. Havens	5708 Deerwood Drive, N. Mobile, 36618	William T. Cox	Springfield, Virginia
Finland	J. C. Brady	721-B Lloyd Nolan Pkwy Fairfield, AL 35064	Antti Kolehmainen	Turku, Finland
Florida	Howard E. Hayes	540 Camellia Road Birmingham, 35215	Paul W. Friend	Port Saint Lucie
France	Arthur C. Harding	309 Sun Valley Road Birmingham, 35215	Jean Charles Foellner	Neully-sur-Seine, France
Georgia	McMurray L. Griffith	P.O. Box 130215 Birmingham, 35213	James C. Bentley, Jr.	Quitman
Germany	James R. Bromley	7337 Pinewood Drive Theodore, 36582	Dennis D. Duncan	Berlin, West Germany

REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA (Continued)

Grand Chapter	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative To	Town
Greece	Luther E. Lee	21 No. Moye Drive Montgomery 36109-4615	Eustace H. Liakopoulos	Athens, Greece
Hawaii	James Woodrow Smith	3667 Cedar Springs Road Jacksonville, 36265	Reginald E. Gulliver	Hawaii National Park
Idaho	George W. Busby	P. O. Box 365 Pelham, 35124	David Triplett	Boise
Illinois	Erskine K. Smith	1835 Cheaha Drive Oxford, 36203	Ronald E. Ericksen	Morton Grove
India	Alvin Parker	513 North Center Avenue Piedmont, 36272	Dr. P. C. Chunder	Calcutta, India
Indiana	Delton Earl Havard	2200 Fairway Drive Mobile, 36606	James DeMond	Fort Wayne
Iowa	Wayne D. Jordan	929 Tascosa Dr., S. E. Huntsville, 35802	W. Floyd Scott	Muscatine
Ireland	Calvin C. Snow	1201 Oldwood Road Huntsville, 35802	William McKelvey	Newtonnabbey, Ireland
Israel	William D. Barr	111 Bracewell Avenue Dothan, 36301	Selwyn Golomb	Haifa 34791 Israel
Italy	Karl F. Reed, II	P. O. Box 43 Saginaw, 35137-0043	Raoul Orvieto	Livorno, Italy
Kansas	Joe D. Lee	405 Roundabout Drive Trussville, 35173	Joe W. Atkins	Arkansas City
Kentucky	Robert T. Crawford	911 - 4th Terrace Pleasant Grove, 35127	Dundee Fulford	Hopkinsville
Louisiana	James F. Vaughan	190 Azalea Drive Gadsden, 35901	Billy West	Vinton
Maine	John R. Appleton, Jr.	207 Broadway Street Hartselle, 35640	C. Ross Buzzell	Clinton
Manitoba, Canada	Robert Daniel Maddox	Route 11, Box 334 Jasper, 35501	Milton W. Coghill	Winnipeg
Maryland	Anthony M. Deming	130 Shoal Creek Road Hayden, 35079	Frank Olah, Jr.	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Jesse W. Locke	P. O. Box 2331 Phenix City, 36868-2331	Robert E. Monroe	Reading

REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA (Continued)

Grand Chapter	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative To	Town
Mexico	Robert B. Dixon	Route 7, Box 67-B Florence, 35630	Rafael Quijano R.	Mexico City, Mexico
Michigan	Claude C. McGraw	1173 Dogwood Lane Birmingham, 35215	Ernest L. Welsh	Gobles
Minnesota	Brent R. Haller	5767 Zeigler Boulevard Mobile, 36608	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	South Saint Paul
Mississippi	W. Malcolm Killingsworth	1801 Fern Drive Dothan, 36301	T. Edwin Hightower	Vicksburg
Missouri	Fred L. Graham	1208 Conger Road Anniston, 36201	John J. Pollard	Lexington
Montana	Steven G. Lee	1201 Clairmont Drive Weaver, 36277	Clayton R. Wolff	Forsyth
Nebraska	Lamon C. Griffin	4006 Eastwood Drive Florence, 35630	Vernon T. Chiccoine	Chadron
Nevada	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	P.O. Box 320184 Birmingham, 35232	Frank Kihara	Winnemucca
New Brunswick, Canada	Thomas F. Craig	1000 Lexington Street, SE Huntsville, 35801	Robert W. Stokes	Woodstock, New Brunswick
Newfoundland	William J. Bice	9049 Beverly Drive Birmingham, 35206	Kenneth A. Smith	Rumney
New Hampshire	William M. Newsome, Jr.	1600 - 45th Street Phenix City, 36867	Thurman C. Pace	Westfield
New Jersey	George L. Marshall, Jr.	161 Anna Kathryn Drive Gurley, 35748	Glen W. Burtram	Carlsbad
New Mexico	Maurice C. Himes	Route 1, Box 297 Slocomb, 36375-9754	Brian Stead Bainbridge	85 Esrom St. Bathurst, 2795
New South Wales	Lewis L. Childs, Jr.	2251 Senator Street Mobile, 36606	N. S. W.	Australia
New York	Henry B. Tyra, Jr.	906 Chatterson Road, SE Huntsville, 35802	Paul Roshkind	Croton
New Zealand	Lloyd D. Durden	507 South Edgewood Drive Dothan, 36301	A. G. A. Jeffrey	Auckland, New Zealand
North Carolina	Lincoln H. Townsend	107 Christopher Drive Madison, 35758	Paul Ethridge, Jr.	Raleigh

REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA (Continued)

Grand Chapter	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative To	Town
North Dakota	Weldon H. Roberts	P. O. Box 67 Piedmont, 36272	Lloyd Putney	Bismarck
Nova Scotia, Canada	Roger Simons	P. O. Box 268 Newton, 36352	Irving C. Brooks	Smith's Cove Digby Co.
Ohio	Paul L. Allen	1223 Halsey Gadsden, 35901	Raymond E. Loose	Upper Sandusky
Oklahoma	Henry Garner Terry	2530 39th Street Tuscaloosa, 35405-2842	Donald W. Rimmer	Norman
Ontario, Canada	Joe R. Bush	2050 Buckley Trail Snellville, GA 30278	Verne E. Young	Peterborough,
Oregon	Fred W. Vaughan	108 Harwood Drive Gadsden, 35901	Theodore C. Roake	Salem
Pennsylvania	William J. Loerch	208 Pine Forest Drive Wetumpka, 36093	Richard W. Roell	Pittsburgh
Philippines	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.	2201 - 3rd Street, N.E. Birmingham, 35215	Isaac F. Arribas, Jr.	
Quebec, Canada	Richard Sim Hamilton	2302 Hamilton Drive, SW Decatur, 35601	Leonard Noon	Sutton, Quebec, Canada
Queensland, Australia	Hugh T. Shaw	P. O. Box 916 Saraland, 36571	John Charles Burnell	Cairns, Queensland
Rhode Island	Phillip J. Sherman	2218 Galahad Drive, SW Decatur, 35603	Charles F. Lindsley	Narragansett
Saskatchewan, Canada	R. Harris Henderson, Sr.	3411 - 14th Street Phenix City, 36867	Robert E. Chapman	Vidora Saskatchewan
Scotland	Emory J. Ferguson	1615 Lakeview Drive, NW Cullman, 35055	John Hunter	Paisley
South Carolina	Ray Rutledge	2701 North Airport Road Jasper, 35504	Robert W. Kendrick	
South Dakota	Roman Hochhalter	304 Cornell Road Montgomery, 36109-3218	Larry Hofmeister	Pierre
Switzerland	Charles W. McDonald	615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	Henry G. Cross	Geneva
Tennessee	Joseph D. Brackin	2102 Hardwick Drive Dothan, 36303	C. Everett Blanton, Jr.	Nashville

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Texas	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	83 Crimson Tide Drive Piedmont, 36272	Robert H. Waters	Garland
Utah	James L. Gossett	117 Meadow Pass, N.E. Huntsville, 35811	Vernon R. Borgeson	Clearfield
Venezuela	William J. Simmon, Jr.	1238 Barcelona Drive Mobile, 36609	Alberto Aman Ch.	Caracas, Venezuela
Vermont	Charles R. Pate	P. O. Box 1526 Anniston, 36202	Rodney A. Akers	White River Junction
Victoria, Australia	Clarence F. Rhea	2104 Scenic Drive Gadsden, 35901	Edwin Leslie Page	Yarraville
Virginia	Bobby Ray Terry	Route 1, Box 10 Decatur, 35601	John E. Foster	Chesterfield
Washington	MacArthur Davis	4291 Grissett Bridge Road Brewton, 36426	Norman F. Campo	
West Australia	Bobby C. Park	1577 Oscar Patterson Rd. New Market, 35761	Samuel L. Nicholas	
West Virginia	Ned Cox	P. O. Box 244 Florence, 35630	Leo L. Bowers	Inwood
Wisconsin	Maurice M. Chastain	1250 Garland Street Mobile, 36608	LaVern W. Hansen	Wautoma
Wyoming	Lance C. Anthony	P. O. Box 3050 Phenix City, 36868-3050	David S. Tanner	Riverton

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama:*

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

There are present and registered with this Committee 13 Grand Officers and 15 Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.

There are 15 Subordinate Chapters which comprise the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, and of these 15 Chapters are registered with this Committee for this 170th Annual Convocation.

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

TOTAL OFFICERS OR PROXIES PRESENT.....	43
TOTAL PAST HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT.....	96
TOTAL QUALIFIED TO VOTE.....	139

We wish to thank the Grand Secretary and the Grand High Priest for their support and assistance in making our work easier at this Grand Chapter. We have enjoyed the privilege of serving the Grand Chapter on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Loerch, Chairman  
Shirley P. Hale

*Adopted*

### GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA

*High Priests, Kings Scribes, and/or Proxies present from Subordinate Chapters.*

1.	Tuscaloosa	*Henry G. Terry *James Tesney	High Priest King
		*Henry G. Terry	Scribe
5	Eunomia	Shirley P. Hale	High Priest
		Ray C. Dunn	King
		Boyd L. Neblett	Scribe
6.	Cyrus	Edgar B. Burgess, Jr.	High Priest
		Billy H. Brackin	King
		*Billy H. Brackin	Scribe
21.	Mobile	*Ernest G. Inmon	High Priest
		*William C. Havens	King
		*Frاند A. Brown	Scribe
22.	Montgomery	*William J. Loerch	High Priest
		Dennis E. Thompson	King
		Larry W. Stinson	Scribe
38.	Decatur	Clifford D. Williams	High Priest
		Brady E. McCullough	King
		*Robert E. Dumas	Scribe
76	Birmingham-Metro	Arlice O. Stanford	High Priest
		*Joe D. Lee	King
		*Arlice O. Stanford	Scribe



*High Priests, Kings, Scribes, and/or Proxies present from Subordinate Chapters. (Continued)*

86	Coosa	*Robert A. Moore *James F. Vaughan *C. Horace Hampton, Jr.	High Priest King Scribe
105.	Anniston	Bobby Joe Ledford Jimmy D. O'Dell *Charles R. Pate	High Priest King Scribe
107	DeKalb Jackson	*Floyd Hambrick, Jr.	High Priest
111.	Piedmont	*Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. *Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. *Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	High Priest King Scribe
113.	Dothan	Randall Chris Bell *Buford C. Flowers *C. Sterling Hughes	High Priest King Scribe
146.	Woodlawn	Ronald Scarborough Anthony M. Deming Billy Rikard	High Priest King Scribe
149.	Phenix City	M. Thomas Oliver Richard M. Wright *William M. Newsome	High Priest King Scribe
170.	Monroeville	MacArthur Davis *Charles L. Turk *Vories Fowler	High Priest King Scribe

\*Denotes Proxy.

### EXCELLENT PAST HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT

1. **Tuscaloosa:** Henry G. Terry, James Tesney.
5. **Eunomia:** George L. Marshall, Jr., Lincoln H. Townsend, Theo J. Combel, Wayne Dee Jordan, Abe Benefield, James L. Gossett, Hank Tyra, Doyle W. Ealy, Walter J. Krueger, Bernie Belcher, Robert F. Elkin, Thomas F. Craig, Emory J. Ferguson, Charles Rice, William H. Ealy, William F. Dendy.
6. **Cyrus:** James E. Stutts, Lamon C. Griffin, Billy H. Brackin, Edgar B. Burgess, Jr. Oliver L. Moore, Jr., Ronnie Moore, Robert B. Dixon.
21. **Mobile:** Ernest G. Inmon, Charles W. McDonald, Brent R. Haller, William C. Havens, Frank A. Brown, William J. Sirmon.
22. **Montgomery:** Bobby W. Cheney, Robert L. Schick, James T. Wofford, Fletcher D. Martin, Luther D. Lee, Eldon C. Davis, James E. Sexson.
38. **Decatur:** George F. Mills, Gerald E. Wilson, Bobby R. Terry, Robert E. Dumas, Phillip J. Sherman, Bobby C. Park, Mike Jones, Charles H. McGill, John R. Appleton, Richard S. Hamilton, Joe W. Williams.
76. **Birmingham-Metro:** Joe D. Lee, James W. Battle, J. C. Brady, McMurray C. Griffith, Ray Rutledge, James A. Tyus, Joe R. Bush, Robert C. Crawford, Louis W. Meyer, Jr.
86. **Coosa:** James F. Vaughan, Clarence F. Rhea, Robert A. Moore, Paul A. Allen, C. Horace Hampton, Jr., Fred W. Vaughan.
105. **Anniston:** J. Woodrow Smith, Charles R. Pate, Calvin C. Snow, Erskine K. Smith, Edwin B. Thomas.

## EXCELLENT PAST HIGH PRIESTS PRESENT (Continued)

- 107. DeKalb-Jackson: Floyd Hambrick, Jr.
- 111. Piedmont: Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.
- 113. Dothan: William D. Barr, Franklin L. Moon, Joseph D. Brackin, L. C. Minks, W. Malcolm Killingsworth, Roger Simmons, Maurice C. Himes.
- 146. Woodlawn: Arthur C. Harding, Howard E. Hayes, Billy Rikard, Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., Anthony M. Deming, William J. Bice, Robert L. Byars, Jr.
- 149. Phenix City: Sam L. Garrett, William M. Newsome, Jr., Robert D. Moseson, Jesse W. Locke, Lance C. Anthony, William C. Snyder, Charles L. Ingram, Connie Miller.
- 170. Monroeville: MacArthur Davis, C. L. Turk.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CAPITULAR WORK

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama:*

We, the members of the Grand Chapter Committee on Capitular Work, are pleased to report that in our visiting at festivals that the Chapter Work was performed in an outstanding manner. On other occasions the Chapter Work was performed to a very satisfactory manner.

We were not consulted for clarifications of the work. It was our privilege to serve this Grand Chapter this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Erskine K. Smith, PGHP, Chairman  
R. Daniel Maddox  
Michael L. Jones  
George L. Marshall, Jr., PGHP

*Adopted*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama:*

We, your committee to whom was referred the address of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest submit the following report:

We recommend that portion of the address referring to Necrology and the death of Right Excellent Companion Robert C. Hopple and Most Illustrious and Right Eminent Clifford J. Turner be referred to the Right Excellent Grand Chaplain.

We recommend that portion of the address referring to dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions out statutory time, to move charter and to change an annual convocation out of statutory time be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend that portion of the address pertaining denial of fraternal recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Greece whose Grand High Priest is Savas Vafiadis be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We also recommend that portion of the address pertaining to the demits of James E. Sexson be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

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

We recommend that all remaining portions of the address not herein referred to be approved.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we thank you for the privilege of serving you and this Grand Chapter this year. Our recommendations and congratulations are extended to you for the exemplary and superb way you have led and represented the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and on your twenty-three years of outstanding service to the Grand York Rite Bodies of Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Malcolm Killingsworth, PGHP Chairman  
James E. Stutts, PGHP  
Sam L. Garrett, PGHP  
Charles R. Pate, PGHP

*Adopted.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

*To The Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alabama:*

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I consider it a privilege to have served again on the Committee on Youth. I have good news and bad news about the youth organizations in the State of Alabama at this time. For three years the Rainbow Girls have been exceeding what the DeMolay has been doing as far as fund raising and their membership. At this point in time DeMolay is on the rebound. The past two years they have been having tremendous problems finding youth, but the major problem that the youth has in the State of Alabama is Masons. Not that the Masons don't open up their billfold or get their checkbook out and write a check. What DeMolay and Rainbow in Alabama need most is our presence. As our Grand High Priest has done over the past numerous decades, he has taken part not only because he has had daughters but his presence has been there and that is what the youth of our state needs. They need us to be there as advisors, they need us there for guidance and they also need us to be there as examples. If we want Masonry to grow in the State of Alabama, the best investment we can give is time to our youth. If we show them that we care and give them of our time, our knowledge and our expertise, then the youth will prosper and Masonry itself will prosper.

Fraternally submitted,

James F. Vaughan  
Committee on Youth

*Adopted.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama:*

We your committee on Capitular Jurisprudence, wish to make the following report:

We recommend that the portion of the Grand High Priest's Address pertaining to Dispensations be approved.

We recommend that the portion of the Grand High Priest's Address pertaining to Appointment of Grand Representatives near Other Jurisdictions be approved.

We recommend that the portion of the Grand High Priest's Address pertaining to the Nomination of Companions to represent Other Jurisdictions Near the Grand Chapter of Alabama be approved.

We report that the Amendments to By-Laws, Article III, Section 2 and Article I, Section 2 are in proper form

Respectfully submitted,

McMurray L Griffith, PGHP, Chairman  
Fred W. Vaughan, PGHP  
William J. Sirmon  
Eldon C. Davis

Supplement to Jurisprudence Report:

Concerning the supplement to the Grand High Priest's Address relating to possible illegal Companion attending Chapter Convocations in Alabama, We recommend that the local Constituent Chapter should take action as it deems necessary before any action is considered on the Grand Level.

*Adopted.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:*

There has been no report of any correspondence with any Representatives or from any other Grand Chapter Jurisdictions. I have received from Rhode Island a copy of their Proceedings for last year.

We ask that every Representative try to contact their respective counterparts in other states to get some kind of dialogue started between states.

We thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the honor and privilege of serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip J. Sherman, Chairman

*Adopted*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama:*

It is very difficult to write a report when there is no information to report on. I have requested time and again for the Chapters to notify me of any donations they make to the charity but to no avail. I have not received a single statement from any Chapter as to any contribution they have made though every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction except one, has promised me a contribution to the Royal Arch Research Assistance. The only contribution that I can report on at this time is one that I personally made in the name of the Grand Chapter. A sum of \$250.00 collected from Companions from various other Jurisdictions for a video tape I made of a talk given by the featured speaker at the Great Smokies Assembly in Waynesville, North Carolina, Dr. Gary Leazer (now Brother), on the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board attitudes toward Freemasonry. Hopefully every Chapter that has made a promise to donate to the R.A.R.A. will come forward at this time and do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Emory J. Ferguson, Chairman  
Executive Officer/Alabama

*Adopted.*

## REPORT ON NECROLOGY

*To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and esteemed Brethren:*

We are proud that the Supreme High Priest has seen fit to allow the Grand Line to remain intact this year, although our hearts are saddened that he has seen the need to call 135 of our Companions from our midst to dwell in that Celestial Lodge above.

Jesus said; "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also".

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the many blessings that thou has bestowed upon us and ask if it be Thy will to continue these blessings. We ask, Father, that Thou will be with the families and loved ones of those that have passed on, comfort them in their hour of need and be with them always, and when our time here on earth is over, that Thou will provide us a home with Thee. All these things we ask in the name of our Saviour, Jesus. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby R. Terry

*Adopted.*

# IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM HOLLIS SMITHERMAN

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

1980 - 1981

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." These words from the letters of St. Paul describe the life of Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest William Hollis Smitherman.

His love for his family, his friends, his church and his Masonic affiliations were an inspiration to all who knew him.

William Hollis Smitherman was born May 22, 1914 in Randolph, (Bibb County) Alabama to Bulah Parnell and Randle William Smitherman.

He attended and graduated from Bibb County High School, at Centerville, Alabama and completed courses in accounting at the University of Alabama.

He was united in marriage to Annie Mae Gray of Northport, Alabama on September 24, 1937. They have two daughters, Mrs. Sidney Hamner (Charlotte) of Northport, Alabama and Mrs. Charles Armor (Linda) of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He had three grandsons, Kevin Hamner of Northport and Bryan and Neil Armor of Chattanooga.

He retired from the Veterans Hospital at Tuscaloosa, Alabama on June 30, 1973. He was employed for 32 years in Physical Medicine Rehabilitation Services.

He and his wife were members of the Alberta Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa.

Brother Hollis received the first light in masonry on June 1, 1935, passed to Fellowcraft on June 15, 1935 and raised to a Master Mason on July 20, 1935. On March 5, 1938 he transferred to Rising Virtue Lodge No. 4, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1959-1960. He received a Grand Lodge Proficiency Certificate on May 4, 1956.

Companion Hollis received the Chapter Degrees on May 3, 1961 in Chapter No. 1, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and served as Excellent High Priest of Chapter No. 1 in 1970-1971. He served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.

Companion Hollis received the Council Degrees in Tuscaloosa Council No. 4 on May 10, 1961 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Council No. 4 in 1966-1967. He received the Order of The Silver Trowel on February 13, 1967 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master, Order of the Silver Trowel in 1976-1977.

Sir Knight Hollis was Knighted in Tuscaloosa Commandery No. 13 on December 4, 1963 and served as Eminent Commander of Tuscaloosa Commandery No. 13 in 1971-1972.

Companion Hollis became a member of Alabama Priory No. 31, Knights York Cross of Honor in July 1972.

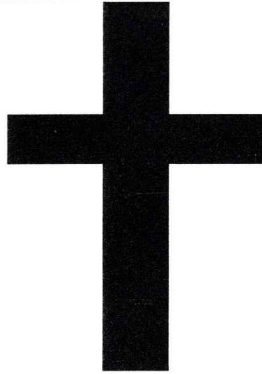
Companion Hollis and Annie Mae were members of Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 395, Order of the Eastern Star where they served as Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron in 1965-1966. They were Charter members of Lurleen Wallace Court No. 14, Order of the Amaranth, Northport, where Companion Hollis served as Royal Patron in 1973-1974.

Companion Hollis has served as an Advisory Council Member of the Order of DeMolay and was designated a member of the Grand Cross of Color of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

The Supreme Grand High Priest called the Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest William Hollis Smitherman from our midst on May 3, 1996 and he was laid to rest with Masonic graveside services on May 5, 1996. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Respectfully submitted

Bobby R. Terry, P.G.H.P.



**Inscribed to the Memory**  
**of**  
**Our Honored Dead**  
**and in Memory**  
**of the**  
**Deceased Companions**  
**in**  
**Other Grand Jurisdictions**



## MINUTES OF LAST CONVOCATION

Companion Arthur C. Harding moved that the minutes as published in the Proceedings of 1996 be accepted as the minutes, and that they be approved as printed.

*Motion seconded and carried.*

## GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER CONVOCATION - 1998

It was moved that the next Grand Royal Arch Chapter Convocation be held in the Birmingham, Alabama, area on February 22, 23, and 24, 1998.

*Motion seconded and carried.*

**General Grand Chapter  
R. A. M.  
Distinguished Service  
Award**



## PRESENTATION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER MEDAL OF HONOR

The Grand High Priest, Emory J. Ferguson through his committee, selected Companion Henry Burleson, Tyra, Jr, Eunomia Chapter No. 5, to receive the General Grand Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Medal. The Presentation was made during the Grand York Rite Banquet on Sunday Night by Most Excellent Companion Murray E. Cooke, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International. Companion Tyra will be added to the list of recipients in Alabama who have received this high honor.

## RECIPIENTS IN ALABAMA OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER MEDAL OF HONOR

Arthur Henry Dailey.....	1952
*John C. Patterson.....	1953
*Charles L. Campbell.....	1954
*Troy Jackson Roberts.....	1955
†Robert L. Harrison.....	1956
†Jimmy Brasfield.....	1957
*Thomas W. Love.....	1958
*Miles Sellers Lee.....	1959
†Howard D. Lindsay.....	1960
*Milton Lee Fegenbush.....	1961
*A. Murray Weems.....	1962
Alfred Edward Little.....	1963
*J. H. Scarbrough.....	1964
*Major Whisnant.....	1965
*Charles D. Miller.....	1966
*Rodney W. Martin.....	1967
*Lawrence Kline.....	1968
*Woodrow W. Williams.....	1969
*Fred J. Gentry.....	1970
*Charles A. Long, Sr.....	1971
*John Sebastian Gamundi.....	1972
*George Edward Tremelling.....	1973
*Earl Pervine Woodall.....	1974
*Clifford James Turner.....	1975
*Teddy Roosevelt Grogan, Sr.....	1976
*Lee Martin Bidby.....	1977
*John H. McCollister.....	1978
Charles William McDonald.....	1979
Paul Earl Drinnon.....	1980
*Henry Miller.....	1981
Fernwood Morris.....	1982
George R. Schnitzlein.....	1983
*James Leslie Allen.....	1984
Robert F. Elkin.....	1985
Claude Calvin McGraw.....	1986
Teddy Roosevelt Grogan, Jr.....	1987
Michael Leoid Jones.....	1988
*Mark Heber Ward, Jr.....	1989
*James Paul Gray.....	1990
Maurice Clifford Himes.....	1991
J. Woodrow Smith.....	1992
Steven Glynn Lee.....	1993
Richard Sim Hamilton.....	1994
Franklin Lafayette Moon.....	1995
Robert B. Dixon.....	1996
Henry Burleson Tyra, Jr.....	1997

\*Denotes deceased.

†Denotes suspended

## ALABAMA GRAND YORK RITE HOLDING COMPANY

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

On Saturday, March 9, 1996 the officers of the Grand York Rite of Alabama Holding Company convened at the Rising Sun Masonic Temple in Decatur following the Annual Conclave of the Alabama Priory No. 31. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the 1996-97 term and to conduct such other business as was necessary.

The first order of business being the election of officers Emory J. Ferguson was re-elected President, Charles R. Pate, Vice-President, Ray Rutledge, Vice-President, Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., Treasurer and Arthur C. Harding, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ray Rutledge, Vice-President  
Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., Treasurer  
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During the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama it was announced that the term of Emory J. Ferguson was expiring and an election was necessary. Emory J. Ferguson was nominated and unanimously elected to another term. A discussion was held concerning a proposal of Birmingham Metro York Rite Bodies to include space in their new building for offices suitable for the Grand York Rite office. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Grand York Rite Holding Company be instructed to enter into an agreement with Birmingham Metro Holding Company up to a limitation of \$50,000. The amount spent would be repaid in the form of rent until the total amount invested was recovered and thereafter the Grand York Rite would pay rent at a predetermined amount monthly.

*Attest: Arthur C. Harding*  
*Secretary*

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*Secretary*

## KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR ALABAMA PRIORY NO. 31

*Officers, March 1996 to March, 1997:*

Maurice C. Himes .....	Prior
Joseph D. Brackin .....	Deputy Prior
J. Woodrow Smith .....	Warder
Emory J. Ferguson .....	Registrar
Joe D. Lee .....	Prelate
James L. Gossett .....	Orator
W. Malcolm Killingsworth .....	Herald

Alabama Priory No. 31, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, held its Annual Conclave on Saturday, March 8, 1997, at the Andrew Jackson Masonic Temple in Montgomery with Eminent Prior Maurice C. Himes presiding.

The regular order of business was conducted and the following Sir Knights were proposed and elected to be extended an invitation for membership in the Priory: Macon Wayne Anders, Lance Coleman Anthony, Charles Arnold Lambert, Ronald Dale Moore, James Lawrence Peters, Charles Seaman Rice, Rodney Ray Taylor, Clifford Dewel Williams and Joe Wesley Williams

New officers were elected and installed with all officers being advanced one station and Knight Ferguson retained as Treasurer-Registrar. Knight Phillip J. Sherman was elected Herald.

The Officers were installed by Most Eminent Knight William Schoene, Grand Master General as Installing Officer, Eminent Knight Fred W. Vaughan, Past Prior, as Installing Marshal and Jesse W. Locke, Past Prior, as Installing Prelate.

The Knights of the York Cross of Honour is a very select group. To become a member one must have served as the presiding officer of a Masonic Blue Lodge and of each of the three York Rite Bodies, and then, by invitation only.

The next Conclave of the Alabama Priory No. 31, K.Y.C.H. will be held on Saturday, July 19, 1997 at the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge, in Montgomery, beginning with lunch at 12:00 noon.

ALABAMA PRIORY NO. 31  
MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF MARCH, 1996

Wilson Kinchen Abbott	Wesley Ray Ensey
Harris Ferrell Adams	*Emory Jay Ferguson
Michael Eugene Addams	Noah Haywood Flanagan
Dalton Claude Aldridge	Norman Lee Flournoy
Paul Lewis Allen	O'Day Fontenot, Jr.
George Macon Anders	Billy Jim Gallahar
John R. Appleton, Jr.	*Sam Lawrence Garrett, Sr.
William Lloyd Barnes	James Lathern Gossett
William Damascus Barr	Fred Lebrun Graham
James Watson Battle	William Oscar Graham
Bernice Belcher	Lamon Carlton Griffin
Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.	*McMurray Logan Griffith
Abraham Benefield	Teddy Roosevelt Grogan, Jr.
William Jesse Bice	Frank Edgar Hadder
John David Bidy	Kenneth Leon Hamilton
Ernest Latory Bishop, Sr.	*Richard Sim Hamilton
Anthony James Bolter, Jr.	Wayne Richmond Hammond
George Nathan Boyd, Jr.	Charles Horace Hampton, Jr.
Billy Hayes Brackin	Arthur Cleveland Harding
Joseph Daniel Brackin	Johnson E. Harris, Jr.
J. C. Brady	Oliver Howell Harris
Charles Terry Bray	Ronald Paul Harris
James Clinton Brewer	Theodore Lee Harrison
William Floyd Bridges	Howard Colvin Haskell
William Henry Brooks	William Curtis Havens
Frank Allen Brown	Howard Enoch Hayes
Lemuel Hiram Bryant, Jr.	Luck Jenkins Hays, Jr.
Timothy James Burgett	Clyde Rupert Headley
George William Busby	James Earl Hedgepeth, Jr.
Joe Reid Bush	Thomas Hugo Heinig
Kenneth Eugene Bush	Ralph Harris Henderson, Sr.
Robert Lee Byars, Jr.	Woodrow Mack Hewitt
James Milton Cain	*Maurice Clifford Himes
William Aubrey Carter	Robert Travis Howle
Maurice McKinley Chastain	Charles Buren Hudson
Bobby Warren Cheney	Joseph Curry Huey
Billy Allen Clark	Leroy Hunt
Edwin Monroe Clay	H. Clifton Hurter
Robert Eugene Clemens	Charles Lewis Ingram, Sr.
Harlan Whitney Cleveland, Jr.	Anthony Vermiaud Jannett, III
Thomas Lowery Cooley, Jr.	Calvin Murray Jones
Ned Cox	*Michael Leoid Jones
Thomas Franklin Craig	Wayne Dee Jordan
Robert Thomas Crawford	James Augustus Kile
Bobby Clarence Crow	Warren Malcolm Killingsworth
Kenneth Carter Damp	William Harmon Lakey
MacArthur Davis	Charles Thomas Lambert
Gene Monroe Day	Wayler Wallace Ledbetter
William Floyd Dendy	Joe David Lee
Laverne Carmon Drinkard	Joe Haywood Lee
Paul Edward Drinnon	Luther Emmett Lee
Frank Taylor Dugger	Steven Glynn Lee
Loyd D. Durden	Thomas Lemons
Doyle Wallace Ealy	James Lawson Little, Sr.
*William Hiram Ealy	*Jesse Walten Locke, Sr.
Robert Frank Elkin	Robert Edward Lyle

ALABAMA PRIORY NO. 31  
MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF MARCH, 1996 (Continued)

Robert Daniel Maddox  
\*Thomas Wallace Mann  
Obed Cornelius Manning  
Thomas Cary Marriott III  
George Leon Marshall, Jr.  
Fred William McCluskey, Jr.  
Charles William McDonald  
Claude Calvin McGraw  
Richard William Mebius  
Louis William Meyer, Jr.  
George Flavious Mills  
L. C. Minks  
Franklin Lafayette Moon  
Carlton Bryce Moore  
Robert Allen Moore  
Fernwood Mitchell Morris  
Robert Duane Moseson  
\*William Montee Newsome, Jr.  
Edwin Gibson Northcutt  
Bobby Clyde Park  
\*Charles Robert Pate  
Clifton Thomas Pryor  
Charles Fleming Rawls  
\*Clarence Frost Rhea  
Billy Alwyn Rikard  
Douglas Lee Rogers  
Olin David Rosier  
Frank Lewis Roton  
\*Ray Rutledge  
Phillip Juan Sherman  
Jessie Carey Shinn  
Roger Arlis Simmons

William Joseph Sirmon, Jr.  
Richard Meredith Slaughter  
\*Erskine Knox Smith  
James Woodrow Smith  
Walter Lowell Smith, Sr.  
Calvin Coolidge Snow  
Bernie Hobart Steele  
George Thomas Stephens  
William Histaspas Stewart, Jr.  
Charles Alexander Sweeney  
Lewis Donald Tapscott  
Charles Gary Taylor  
Hermon Webb Taylor  
\*Bobby Ray Terry  
Henry Garner Terry  
James Tesney  
George Albert Thompson  
Aubrey Wayne Thrasher  
Bryan Edward Thrasher  
Homer Lee Tidwell  
John Genearl Tuberville  
Henry Burleson Tyra, Jr.  
\*Fredrick William Vaughan  
James Frederick Vaughan  
J. B. Wade, Jr.  
George Thomas Waldrop, Jr.  
Henry James Walker  
James Utley Ward  
Amos Glenn Welborn  
James Godfrey Williams  
Roy Nelson Williams  
Gerald Eldon Wilson  
Frederick Ellison Zoes

\*Denotes Past Prior

**ELECTION OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS  
FOR 1997 - 1998**

There being no further business to come before this Annual Convocation, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. All the officers, except the Master of the First Veil, were elected by acclamation. Each officer was advanced one station with the exception of the Right Excellent Grand Treasurer and the Right Excellent Grand Secretary, who shall remain in their stations.

Companion Jesse W. Locke, Phenix City Chapter No. 149, was elected by secret ballot to start in line in the station of Grand Master of the First Veil, and he accepted his election.

This Grand Chapter was concluded with prayer to reconvene at eleven A.M. on Tuesday February 25, 1997, for open installation of the Grand Officers.

**INSTALLATION OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS  
FOR 1997 - 1998**

At the conclusion of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery annual business sessions on Tuesday, February 25, 1996, at an open meeting, the Grand Chapter Officers were duly installed by Most Excellent Companion Murray E. Cooke, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons assisted by Past Grand High Priest Erskine K. Smith as Installing Grand Chaplain and Past Grand High Priest Charles R. Pate as installing Grand Marshal.

The new Grand High Priest, Companion Luther E. Lee, was invested with the jewel and apron of his office by his Lady Glenna.

All business of Annual Convocation being concluded, Companion Luther E. Lee, declared the 170th Session of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama duly closed after the chaplain had pronounced the benediction.

*Attest: Arthur C. Harding,  
Grand Secretary*





LUTHER E. LEE  
*Most Excellent Grand High Priest*  
1997 - 1998

LUTHER E. LEE  
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
1997 - 1998

PERSONAL HISTORY

Hazel Luther Langston was born in Birmingham, Alabama on February 23, 1927 to Hazel Langston and Nellie Scrimsher. His parents were separated and at his birth they divorced. He was adopted by his maternal Great Uncle and Great Aunt, Raymond Emmett and Dallas Lee. His name was legally changed to Luther E. Lee. Like President Harry S. Truman, he has no middle name but uses Emmett which was his adopted father's middle name. He received his grammar school education at Gibson School in Birmingham, Alabama and attended Woodlawn High School leaving there in 1945 for military service. He returned and graduated with the class of 1947.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, a Master's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Library Service, all from the University of Alabama. In 1960 he was honored as the outstanding journalist student of the year. He served as Librarian at the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama for 25 years retiring in 1985. During his career he was active in professional associations. For ten years he served as Editor of *The Alabama Librarian*, the professional journal of the Alabama Library Association. He also served as President of the Association. In addition he was active in the Special Libraries Association both locally and nationally. He was editor of the Bulletin of the Alabama Chapter, Special Libraries Association and served as President of the Alabama Chapter. He also edited the bulletin for the Military Librarians Division of the Special Librarians Division of the Special Libraries Association. He received a plaque from the Alabama Library Association for 20 years outstanding service to library service in Alabama.

He enlisted in the Army Reserve as a Private on February 2, 1945 and retired 38 years later as a Colonel. This period included tours of duty in Germany and Korea. He was active in the Reserve Officers Association and served as President of the Alabama Department. In addition he was Secretary of the Alabama Department for ten years. He was honored by being selected as Reservist of the Year.

Being interested in Communications, he joined Toastmasters in 1961 and continues as a member now. He served in all club offices and moved on to District Offices. He served as District Governor of District 48 in 1969-70. District 48 included the State of Alabama with the exception of Mobile County. In 1976 he won the District 48 speech contest and represented the District in the Southeast Region Contest. He was the first Past District Governor to have that honor.

He is a member of Perry Hill United Methodist Church in Montgomery where he is active in the Men's Sunday School Class. He has served as Lay Delegate to the Alabama-West Florida Conference and now serves as District Steward on the Administrative Board. He has also been a Sunday School Teacher.

He was married in 1946 to the former Glenna Stringer. They had one son, Raymond Charles Lee, Sr., who died on April 11, 1988 of a massive heart attack. Glenna has put up with Luther for over 50 years which should qualify her for Sainthood. This year she has been named as Grand Chauffeur for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama. When his son, Raymond, passed away in 1988 he was owner of Fraternal Jewelry Company. This passed to Luther and Glenna and they have been operating it since then.

## MASONIC HISTORY

A member of the Order of DeMolay who lost his father when he was 16 was determined to petition his father's lodge when he became of age. This was primarily because of the aid given to he and his mother by the lodge after his father's death. Brother Lee was initiated on April 19, 1948, passed on May 6, 1948 and raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 15, 1948 in Woodlawn Fraternal Lodge #525 in Birmingham, Alabama. Shortly after being raised he was called to active duty with the Army and was a card carrier until 1976. His son was a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. He was going into the York Rite and wanted his father to join with him. Brother Lee and his son were exalted to the Most Sublime Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Montgomery Chapter No. 22 on May 8, 1976. They were greeted as Royal & Select Masters and were Knighted in a statewide Bicentennial Festival dedicated to Governor George C. Wallace on May 15, 1976. Forty masons from Montgomery became York Rite members on this day.

Companion Lee is a member of Montgomery Chapter No. 22 and served as High Priest. He is a member of Montgomery Council No. 3 and has served as its Illustrious Master. He is a member of Montgomery Commandery No. 4 and has served as Eminent Commander. In August 1979 Brother Lee transferred from Woodlawn Fraternal Lodge #525 to Andrew Jackson Lodge #173 in Montgomery where he served as Worshipful Master in 1986-87. In July 1987 he became a member of Alabama Priory No. 31, Knight York Cross of Honor. He was elected a member of St. Asaph Conclave of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and served as its Sovereign. He is a Past Excellent Chief of Vulcan Council No. 22, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. He is a member of Ashmole York Rite College and is presently involved in Chartering a new College in Birmingham, to be named the Emrys W. John College. He is a member of the Valley of Montgomery of the Scottish Rite and is on two degree teams. He is a member of Alcazar Temple of the Shrine and is a member of the ritual cast. He is a Past Monarch of Bandar Grotto and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and the Mother Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees.

He has served twice as Worthy Patron of Elizabeth Armstrong Chapter No 10, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a Past Watchman of Shepherds of Palestine Shrine No. 3 of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. He is Past Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court of Alabama, Order of the Amaranth. He is a member of Montgomery Chapter No. 365, National Sojourners and has served as Secretary and President. He is a member of General Gorgas Camp, Heroes of '76 and a member of Alabama's Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and was a founding Tall Cedar of America's Forest in Montgomery. He is a Senior DeMolay and has served on the Board of Alcazar DeMolay Chapter. His son, at his death, was an Honorary member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. His Granddaughter served as Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow Assembly in Montgomery and was proud when she selected him as Rainbow Dad. He has also served on the Board of that Assembly.

At the Grand York Rite meeting in February 1988 my son, Raymond Charles (Chuck) Lee, Sr. was advanced in the Grand Chapter line to Grand Principal Sojourner. On April 11, 1988 he died of a massive heart attack. In the February session of 1989, the Grand Chapter members honored him by electing me to the Grand Master of the First Veil. For that I will be eternally grateful. Advanced through the line to the position of Grand High Priest in 1997.



Seated Left to Right:

Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., Calvin C. Snow, Luther E. Lee, (Most Excellent Grand High Priest) Charles W. McDonald, Arthur C. Harding

Standing Left to Right:

Joseph D. Brackin, William J. Loerch, MacArthur Davis, Bobby W. Cheney, Teddy R. Grogan, Jr., Jesse W. Locke

## GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 1997 - 1998

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Steven G. Lee, K.Y.C.H. .... *Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner*  
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STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
 FOR 1997 -1998

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama

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McMurray L. Griffith, K.Y.C.H.  
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**STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
FOR 1996 -1997 (Continued)**  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama

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**YOUTH:**

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

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All members of Montgomery Chapter #22

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS OF ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of Alabama was held at Birmingham-Metro Birmingham, Alabama on February 26, 1996. Excellent President, Howard Hayes, opened the meeting with prayer.

The business of the Council was deferred until after the election and the Anointing of candidates: Robert Lee Schick, James W. Battle, Philip F. Stenzel, Charles Labon Turk, Robert Brank Dixon and Ray Edwin Dotson.

The Following officers were elected and then installed by Excellent Companion Robert L. Byars, Jr.

- Roger A. Simmons... Excellent President
Wayne D. Jordan... Excellent Vice President
Joseph D. Brackin... Excellent Treasurer-Recorder
Maurice C. Himes... Excellent Chaplain
Lance C. Anthony... Excellent Master of Ceremonies
Bobby W. Cheney... Excellent Conductor of the Council
James W. Battle... Excellent Herald
Luther E. Lee... Excellent Steward
Billy Rikard... Excellent Sentinel

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted, to accept the minutes in the Proceedings. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to donate \$100.00 to Royal Arch Research Assistance. All Distinguished Guests were made Honorary Life Members. The business being concluded, following prayer, the Council was closed in due form.

Roger A. Simmons
Excellent President

Attest: Joseph D. Brackin
Excellent Recorder

TREASURER'S REPORT

SAVINGS ACCOUNT
South Trust Bank C. D. (Interest Added) ... \$2,028.41

SAVINGS ACCOUNT
South Trust Bank (Passbook) ... \$335.92
Expenses Paid in 1996-1997
Donation To R.A.R.A. ... 100.00
Printing, Postage & Supplies ... 93.43
Total Expenses ... \$193.43
Balance in Passbook ... \$142.49

DEPOSITS TO PASSBOOK
6 Petitions @ \$20.00 ... \$120.00
Total added to Passbook ... 120.00
TOTAL PASSBOOK, March 3, 1997 ... 262.49
TOTAL ASSETS, March 3, 1997 ... \$2,290.90

Joseph D. Brackin
Excellent Treasurer



**REGISTER OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA  
JUNE, 1996 - 1997**

NO.	NAME	LOCATION	HIGH PRIEST & ADDRESS	SECRETARY & ADDRESS	CONVOCACTION DATE
1.	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	M. Wayne Anders 4109 Ashburton Lane Northport, 35476	Henry G. Terry 2530 39th Street Tuscaloosa, 35405-2842	3rd Tuesday 7:30 P.M.
5.	Eunomia	Huntsville	Shirley P. Hale 323 SpringValley Court Huntsville, 35801	Wayne Dee Jordan P. O. Box 371 Huntsville, 35804	2nd Tuesday
6.	Cyrus	Florence	Edgar B. Burgess, Jr. 311 Renee Drive Tuscumbia, 35674	James E. Stutts P. O. Box 566 Florence, 35631	1st Tuesday
21.	Mobile	Mobile	Hugh T. Shaw Box 761 Saraland, 36571	Charles W. McDonald 615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	2nd Monday
22.	Montgomery	Montgomery	Gregory R. Benson 145 Sycamore Drive Prattville, 36066	William J. Loerch 208 Pine Forest Drive Wetumpka, 36092	1st Thursday
36.	Decatur	Decatur	Clifford D. Williams 2017 Main Street, E. Hartsell, 35640	Bobby R. Terry P. O. Box 1312 Decatur, 35602	1st Thursday
76.	B'ham Metro	Birmingham	Arlice O. Stanford 809 3rd Street Pleasant Grove, 35127	McMurray L. Griffith 22 Stonchurst Green Birmingham, 35213	3rd Saturday
86.	Coosa	Gadsden	Eddie Entrekin 300 Harts Ave. E. Gadsden. 35902	F. E. (Bill) Greene 5425 Gilmer Lane Rainbow City, 35906	1st Thursday
105.	Anniston	Anniston	Bobby Joe Lefford 10 Ridgecrest Brynum, 36253	Charles R. Pate 1905 Canterbury Square Anniston, 36207	1st Saturday

REGISTER OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA  
JUNE, 1996 - 1997 (Continued)

NO.	NAME	LOCATION	HIGH PRIEST & ADDRESS	SECRETARY & ADDRESS	CONVOCAION DATE
107.	Dekalb-Jackson	Scottsboro		Floyd L. Hambrick, Jr. 1190 County Road 120 Section, 35771	1st Wednesday
111.	Piedmont	Piedmont	Gene Kirk 130 Taylor Street Piedmont, 36272	Jerry Raymond Kirk 321 Aderholdt Road Piedmont, 36272	2nd Thursday
113.	Dothan	Dothan	Randall Chris Bell 1006 Rucker Boulevard Enterprise, 36330	Joseph D. Bracklin 2102 Hardwick Drive Dothan, 36303	3rd Thursday
146.	Woodlawn	Birmingham	Ronald E. Scarborough, Sr. 900 29th Avenue, N.E. Birmingham, 35215	Robert Lee Byars, Jr. P. O. Box 320184 Birmingham, 35232	2nd Tuesday
149.	Phenix City	Phenix City	Marion T. Oliver P. O. Box 582 Columbus, GA 31902	Jesse W. Locke 4907 Summerville Road Phenix City, 36867	3rd Tuesday
170.	Monroeville	Monroeville	Charles A. Lambert 55 Lambert Lane Uriah, 36480	MacArthur Davis Route 4, Box 306 Brewton, 36426	4th Friday

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DISTRICT DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST  
SOUTHEAST REGION

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- Calvin A. Behle ..... 1855 - 27th Street  
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(1978-1981) Barboursville, West Virginia 25504
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(1984-1987) Dunedin, Florida 33528

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James B. Wall, *Executive Director*

**64th GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER  
TRIENNIAL CONVOCATION  
WICHITA, KANSAS**

**October 30 – November 3, 1999**

## GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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Year	Grand High Priest	Deputy G. H. Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1823 a	*Dugald McFarlane	*John Elliott	*E. Roberts	*William B. Patton	*H. P. Bagby	*John B. Hogan
1824 b	*Israel Pickens	*John Elliott	*C. Cunningham	*C. Cunningham	*Charles Steele	*John B. Hogan
1825 c	*Isaac E. Bensen	*John Elliott	*Anderson Hutchinson	*James H. Meakley	*John H. Vance	*John B. Hogan
1826	*John Murphy	*John Elliott	*Horatio Thornton	*Thaddeus Sanford	*Andrew McBrady	*John B. Hogan
1827 d	*John Murphy	*John Elliott	*Horatio G. Perry	*Benjamin B. Fontaine	*Henry A. Snow	*John G. Aikin
1828 e	*John Murphy	*John Elliott	*Harry I. Thornton	*Benjamin B. Fontaine	*Henry A. Snow	*John G. Aikin
1829 f				*Charles O. Foster		*William D. Stone
1830			*Thomas B. Creagh	*Anderson Hutchinson	*Henry A. Snow	*John G. Aikin
1831			*James Penn			
1832						
1833						
1834						
1835						
1836						
1837 g	*John C. Hicks	*George W. Esselman	*Isham Woodward	*Thomas B. Jones	*Major Cook	
1838	*John C. Hicks	*James L. F. Cottrell	*Armistead B. Dawson	*Felix G. Norman	*Major Cook	
1839	*John C. Hicks	*Armistead B. Dawson	*William Moore	*Robert H. Dalton	*Major Cook	*Doric S. Ball
1840	*Armistead B. Dawson	*Edward Herndon	*Nathaniel W. Fletcher	*John A. Whetstone	*Luther S. Skinner	*Doric S. Ball
1841	*David Moore	*Edward Herndon	*Felix G. Norman	*Gerard W. Creagh	*William Garrett	*Amund P. Pfister
1842	*David Moore	*Edward Herndon	*Charles Whelan	*Eugene V. LeVest	*William Garrett	*Amund P. Pfister
1843	*David Moore	*Gerard W. Creagh	*Charles Whelan	*Eugene V. LeVest	*Edward Herndon	*Amund P. Pfister
1844	*James Penn	*Gerard W. Creagh	*Stephen F. Hale	*William Hendrix	*William Garrett	*Amund P. Pfister
1845	*Felix G. Norman	*James McCallab Wiley	*Sterling A. M. Wood	*Sidney Smith		*Amund P. Pfister
1846	*Felix G. Norman	*William Hendrix	*James M. Brundidge	*James F. Stout		*Amund P. Pfister
1847	*William Hendrix	*Rufus Greene	*Rufus Greene	*John R. Clark		*Amund P. Pfister
1848	*William Hendrix	*Rufus Greene	*William P. Chilton	*John R. Clark		*Amund P. Pfister
1849	*William Hendrix	*Rufus Greene	*John R. Clark	*Sidney Smith		*Amund P. Pfister
1850	*Rufus Greene	*William P. Chilton	*John R. Clark	*Thomas J. Clark		*Amund P. Pfister
1851	*William P. Chilton	*James L. Price	*William H. Norris	*Thomas J. Clark		*Amund P. Pfister
1852	*William P. Chilton	*James L. Price	*William H. Norris	*Thomas J. Clark		*Amund P. Pfister
1853	*William P. Chilton	*James L. Price	*Thomas J. Clark	*Malachi W. Davis		*Amund P. Pfister
1854	*William A. Ferrell	*John R. Clark	*Humphrey S. Shelton	*Malachi W. Davis		*Amund P. Pfister
1855	*William A. Ferrell	*Thomas C. Hartwell	*Hugh Parks Watson	*Thomas F. Flournoy		*Amund P. Pfister
1856		*Sterling A. M. Wood	*Hugh Parks Watson	*Robert D. Huckabee		*Amund P. Pfister
1857	*David Clopton	*Sterling A. M. Wood	*Hugh Parks Watson	*Robert D. Huckabee		*Daniel Sayre
1858	*David Clopton	*Sterling A. M. Wood	*Hugh Parks Watson	*John R. Clark		*Daniel Sayre
1859	*Sterling A. M. Wood	*Thomas F. Flournoy	*Hugh Parks Watson	*John R. Clark		*Daniel Sayre
1860	*Sterling A. M. Wood	*Thomas F. Flournoy	*Hugh Parks Watson	*Humphrey S. Shelton		*Daniel Sayre
1861	*Hugh Parks Watson	*James McCallab Wiley	*Hugh Parks Watson	*Noah B. Cloud		*Daniel Sayre
1862	*Hugh Parks Watson	*James McCallab Wiley	*James B. Harrison	*Noah B. Cloud		*Daniel Sayre
1863		*James McCallab Wiley	*Peleg Brown	*Thomas F. Flournoy		*Daniel Sayre
1864	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Isaac W. Suttle	*Steven C. Williams		*Daniel Sayre
1865	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William Kerr	*William Kerr		*Daniel Sayre
1866	*George D. Norris	*Richard F. Knott	*James H. Joiner	*George D. Norris		*Daniel Sayre
1867	*Peleg Brown	*Richard F. Knott	*James H. Joiner	*Palmer J. Pillars		*Daniel Sayre
1868	*H. Clay Armstrong	*H. Clay Armstrong	*James B. Luckie	*James B. Luckie		*Daniel Sayre
1869	*H. Clay Armstrong	*H. Clay Armstrong	*James B. Luckie	*James M. Dedman		*Daniel Sayre
1870	*Henry Clay Armstrong	*James B. Luckie	*James M. Dedman	*Myles J. Greene		*Daniel Sayre
1871		*James B. Luckie	*James M. Dedman	*Myles J. Greene		*Daniel Sayre
1872		*Myles Jefferson Greene	*James M. Dedman	*Myles Jefferson Greene		*Daniel Sayre
			*James M. Dedman	*James E. Cobb		*Daniel Sayre
			*James Milton	*William Henry Dingley		*Daniel Sayre

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1873	*Myles Jefferson Greene	*James M. Dedman	James Milton	*James E. Cobb	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1874	*Myles Jefferson Greene	James E. Cobb	*James Milton	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1875	*James E. Cobb	*James Milton	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1876	*James E. Cobb	*James Milton	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1877	*James E. Cobb	*James Milton	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1878	*James Harvey Joiner	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*William Story Foster	*William D. Wadsworth	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1879	*James Harvey Joiner	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*William Story Foster	*William D. Wadsworth	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1880	*James Harvey Joiner	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*William Story Foster	*William D. Wadsworth	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1881	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*William Story Foster	*William D. Wadsworth	*John R. Goldthwaite	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1882	*Lucky Walker Jenkins	*William Story Foster	*William D. Wadsworth	*William W. McCollum	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1883	*William Story Foster	*William W. McCollum	*William W. McCollum	*John Gideon Harris	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1884	*William W. McCollum	*William W. McCollum	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1885	*William W. McCollum	*William W. McCollum	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1886	*Joseph Henry Johnson	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1887	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1888	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1889	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*John Gideon Harris	*William Henry Dingley	*Daniel Sayre
1890	*James Tait Beck	*John A. McKinnon	*John A. McKinnon	*Henry Clay Wiley	*William Henry Dingley	*Myles Jefferson Greene
1891	*James Tait Beck	*John A. McKinnon	*John A. McKinnon	*Henry Clay Wiley	*William Henry Dingley	*Myles Jefferson Greene
1892	*John A. McKinnon	*John Gilbert Smith	*Henry Clay Wiley	*Andrew J. Nunnally	*William Henry Dingley	*Myles Jefferson Greene
1893	*John A. McKinnon	*John Gilbert Smith	*John Gilbert Smith	*Andrew J. Nunnally	*William Henry Dingley	*Myles Jefferson Greene
1894	*John Gilbert Smith	*Andrew J. Nunnally	*Andrew J. Nunnally	*Josiah Jernigan	*William Henry Dingley	*Henry Clay Armstrong
1895	*John Flivwer Amth	*Josiah Jernigan	*Josiah Jernigan	*William J. Rhodes	*William Henry Dingley	*Henry Clay Armstrong
1896	*Josiah Jernigan	*William J. Rhodes	*William J. Rhodes	*Edward S. Gatchell	*William Henry Dingley	*Henry Clay Armstrong
1897	*Josiah Jernigan	*William J. Rhodes	*William J. Rhodes	*Edward S. Gatchell	*William Henry Dingley	*Henry Clay Armstrong
1898	*Edward S. Gatchell	*George F. Moore	*Charles R. Bricken	*George F. Moore	*William Henry Dingley	*Henry Clay Armstrong
1899	*Edward S. Gatchell	*George F. Moore	*Charles R. Bricken	*George F. Moore	*William Henry Dingley	*Henry Clay Armstrong
1900	*Edward S. Gatchell	*George F. Moore	*Charles R. Bricken	*George F. Moore	*William Henry Dingley	*Henry Clay Armstrong
1901	*George F. Moore	*Charles R. Bricken	*Charles R. Bricken	*George A. Beauchamp	*William Henry Dingley	*Henry Clay Armstrong
1902	*Charles R. Bricken	*Basil Manly Hill	*Basil Manly Hill	*Joseph P. McQueen	*William Henry Dingley	*George A. Beauchamp
1903	*Charles R. Bricken	*Basil Manly Hill	*Basil Manly Hill	*Joseph P. McQueen	*William Henry Dingley	*George A. Beauchamp
1904	*Basil Manly Hill	*Francis H. Bates	*Francis H. Bates	*Robert S. Teague	*William Henry Dingley	*George A. Beauchamp
1905	*Francis H. Bates	*Robert S. Teague	*Robert S. Teague	*Lew Lazarus	*William Henry Dingley	*George A. Beauchamp
1906	*Robert S. Teague	*Lew Lazarus	*Lew Lazarus	*Robert W. Southerland	*William Henry Dingley	*George A. Beauchamp
1907	*Lew Lazarus	*Robert W. Southerland	*Robert W. Southerland	*John B. Christian	*William Henry Dingley	*George A. Beauchamp
1908	*Robert W. Southerland	*John B. Christian	*John B. Christian	*William E. Bingham	*William Henry Dingley	*George A. Beauchamp
1909	*John B. Christian	*William E. Bingham	*William E. Bingham	*Lawrence H. Lee	*William Henry Dingley	*George A. Beauchamp
1910	*William E. Bingham	*Lawrence H. Lee	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John B. Lyons	*William Henry Dingley	*George A. Beauchamp
1911	*William E. Bingham	*Lawrence H. Lee	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John B. Lyons	*William Henry Dingley	*George A. Beauchamp
1912	*John B. Lyons	*Albert E. Pace	*Albert E. Pace	*Norman Gunn	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1913	*John B. Lyons	*Albert E. Pace	*Albert E. Pace	*Norman Gunn	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1914	*Albert E. Pace	*Norman Gunn	*Norman Gunn	*William Walter Ransom	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1915	*William Walter Ransom	*John H. McCormick	*John H. McCormick	*Henry F. Reese	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1916	*John H. McCormick	*Henry F. Reese	*Henry F. Reese	*Joseph Dixon Matlock	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1917	*Henry F. Reese	*Joseph Dixon Matlock	*Joseph Dixon Matlock	*John Philip Melvin	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1918	*Joseph Dixon Matlock	*John Philip Melvin	*John Philip Melvin	*William L. Lee	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1919	*John Philip Melvin	*William L. Lee	*William L. Lee	*Robert T. Ward	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1920	*William L. Lee	*Robert T. Ward	*Robert T. Ward	*Jacob Bley	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1921	*Robert T. Ward	*Jacob Bley	*Jacob Bley	*Joseph Leon Gunter	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1922	*Jacob Bley	*Joseph Leon Gunter	*Joseph Leon Gunter	*Charles B. Bethas	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1923	*Joseph Leon Gunter	*Charles B. Bethas	*Charles B. Bethas	*John B. Bethas	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1924	*Joseph Leon Gunter	*Charles B. Bethas	*Charles B. Bethas	*Siddons Stollenwerck	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp

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1924	*Charles A. L. Johnstone	*John B. Bethea	*Siddons Stollenwerck	*Leonidas W. Kolb	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1925	*John B. Bethea		*Siddons Stollenwerck	*Leonidas W. Kolb	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1926	*Siddons Stollenwerck		*Woolsey Fennell	*Woolsey Fennell	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1927	*Leonidas W. Kolb		*Woolsey Fennell	*Woolsey Fennell	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1928	*Woolsey Fennell		*James M. Frazer	*Julian F. Spearman	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1929	*James M. Frazer		*Julian F. Spearman	*Julian F. Spearman	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1930	*Julian F. Spearman		*Charles O. Rolfe	*William H. Stewart	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1931	*Charles O. Rolfe		*William H. Stewart	*James J. Douglas	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1932	*William H. Stewart		*James J. Douglas	*Edward Houston Walls	*John Wilson Terry	*George A. Beauchamp
1933	*James J. Douglas		*Edward Houston Walls	*Elmer Lee Moss	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1934	*Edward Houston Walls		*Elmer Lee Moss	*Walter Smith	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1935	*Walter Smith		*Henry C. McGee	*Roscoe O. Fleming	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1936	*Henry C. McGee		*Roscoe O. Fleming	*William C. Davis	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1937	*Roscoe O. Fleming		*William C. Davis	*William Samuel Gamble	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1938	*William C. Davis		*William Samuel Gamble	*William Samuel Gamble	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1939	*William Samuel Gamble		*William Samuel Gamble	*William Samuel Gamble	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1940	*Llewellyn R. Hillyer		*Julius L. Layman	*Julius L. Layman	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1941	*Julius L. Layman		*Julius L. Layman	*William W. Waldo	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1942	*William W. Waldo		*William W. Waldo	*William D. Hawkins	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1943	*William D. Hawkins		*William D. Hawkins	*William A. Hood	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1944	*William A. Hood		*William A. Hood	*Newman S. Cryer	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1945	*Newman S. Cryer		*Newman S. Cryer	*Ency F. Yeilding	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1946	*Ency F. Yeilding		*Ency F. Yeilding	*James M. Jones, Sr.	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1947	*James M. Jones, Sr.		*James M. Jones, Sr.	*Robert S. Wildemath	*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1948	*Robert S. Wildemath		*Robert S. Wildemath		*John Wilson Terry	*Guy T. Smith
1949	*Allen P. Wize		*Allen P. Wize	*John S. Robinson	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Willis E. Glazner
1950	*John S. Robinson		*John S. Robinson	*Oliver B. Hall	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Charles H. Stubinger
1951	*Oliver B. Hall		*Oliver B. Hall	*Edgar M. Gobar	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Charles H. Stubinger
1952	*Edgar M. Gobar		*Edgar M. Gobar	*Roger W. Gobar	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Charles H. Stubinger
1953	*Velmar A. Meadows		*Velmar A. Meadows	*Emrys W. Johnson	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Charles H. Stubinger
1954	*Emrys W. Johnson		*Emrys W. Johnson	*Emrys W. Johnson	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Charles H. Stubinger
1955	*Claude Stallworth		*Claude Stallworth	*Claude Stallworth	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Charles H. Stubinger
1956	*Charles H. Stubinger		*Radford H. Ellis	*Radford H. Ellis	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Charles H. Stubinger
1957	*Hoyt McClendon		*Hoyt McClendon	*Hoyt McClendon	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Claude Stallworth
1958	*Earl D. Holmes		*Earl D. Holmes	*Earl D. Holmes	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Charles H. Stubinger
1959	*James T. McKee, Sr.		*James T. McKee, Sr.	*Arthur H. Dailey	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Charles H. Stubinger
1960	*Arthur H. Dailey		*Arthur H. Dailey	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Charles H. Stubinger
1961	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.		*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*D. Shelby Vaughn	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Thomas L. Cochran
1962	*D. Shelby Vaughn		*D. Shelby Vaughn	*Charles A. Guthrie, Sr.	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Verdon L. Everett
1963	*Charles A. Guthrie, Sr.		*Charles A. Guthrie, Sr.	*Joseph R. Brown	*Frank Albert Gillette	*Gordon L. Ewart
1964	*Joseph R. Brown		*Joseph R. Brown	*Loyd D. Durden	*Hoyt McClendon	*Gordon L. Ewart
1965	*Loyd D. Durden		*Loyd D. Durden	*Guss H. Gadd	*Hoyt McClendon	*Thomas W. Oliver
1966	*Guss H. Gadd		*Guss H. Gadd	*Roy J. Roberts	*Hoyt McClendon	*Thomas W. Oliver
1967	*Roy J. Roberts		*Roy J. Roberts	*Sidney B. Morris	*Hoyt McClendon	*Thomas W. Oliver
1968	*Sidney B. Morris		*Sidney B. Morris	*Charles C. McCoy	*Hoyt McClendon	*Thomas W. Oliver
1969	*Charles C. McCoy		*Charles C. McCoy	*V. Nash Carmichael	*Hoyt McClendon	*Thomas W. Oliver
1970	*V. Nash Carmichael		*V. Nash Carmichael	*Chas. L. Campbell	*Hoyt McClendon	*Thomas W. Oliver
1971	*Chas. L. Campbell		*Chas. L. Campbell	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Hoyt McClendon	*Thomas W. Oliver
				*Arthur C. Wilson		

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Year	Grand High Priest	Deputy G.H. Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1872	McMurray L. Griffith					
1873	*Arthur C. Wilson	*Arthur C. Wilson	Richard H. Clem	*Hoyt McClendon	*Thomas W. Mann	*Thomas W. Oliver
1874	Holden B. Norwood	Holden B. Norwood	Ray Rutledge	*Hoyt McClendon	Thomas W. Mann	Thomas W. Mann
1875	Ray Rutledge	Ray Rutledge	Fred W. Vaughan	Fred W. Vaughan	*Hoyt McClendon	Thomas W. Mann
1876	Fred W. Vaughan	Erskine K. Smith	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	*Hoyt McClendon	Thomas W. Mann
1877	Fred W. Vaughan	William H. Ealy	William H. Ealy	*Garlin S. Stout	*Hoyt McClendon	Thomas W. Mann
1878	George W. Busby	George W. Busby	*W. Hollis Smitherman	*W. Hollis Smitherman	*Hoyt McClendon	Thomas W. Mann
1879	George W. Busby	*W. Hollis Smitherman	*Charles J. Adams	*Charles J. Adams	*Hoyt McClendon	Thomas W. Mann
1880	*W. Hollis Smitherman			Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	*Hoyt McClendon	Thomas W. Mann
1881	*Charles J. Adams			Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1882	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.			*George E. Tremelling	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1883	*George E. Tremelling			*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1884	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.			*William O. Farmer	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1885	*William O. Farmer			Joseph D. Brackin	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1886	Joseph D. Brackin			George L. Marshall, Jr.	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1887	William M. Newsome, Jr.			William M. Newsome, Jr.	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1888	William M. Newsome, Jr.			Charles R. Fate	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1889	Charles R. Fate			Anthony M. Deming	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1890	Anthony M. Deming			Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1891	*Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.			*Robert T. Crawford	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1892	Thomas W. Mann (Honorary)			Robert T. Crawford	James A. Kile	Thomas W. Mann
1893	Bobby Ray Terry			Bobby Ray Terry	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.	Arthur C. Harding
1894	W. Malcolin Killingsworth			W. Malcolin Killingsworth	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.	Arthur C. Harding
1895	James E. Stutts			James E. Stutts	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.	Arthur C. Harding
1896	Emory J. Ferguson			Emory J. Ferguson	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.	Arthur C. Harding
1897	Luther E. Lee			Luther E. Lee	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.	Arthur C. Harding

\*Denotes Deceased

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- a.....May, 1823: A small group met in Mobile, for the purpose of forming the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Alabama, and Grand Officers were appointed.
- b.....January, 1824: Regular annual convocation, and at the same time henceforward until otherwise noted.
- c.....June: There being no convocation in January, the Grand Chapter being declared irregular by the General Grand Chapter, it was therefore re-organized in June, 1827, and a new constitution adopted.
- d.....December: At this time annual convocations were changed to July.
- e.....July: In accordance with previous order, and at same time henceforward until otherwise noted.
- f.....No election, the Grand Chapter having "adjourned" on the evening of July 14th, until the next evening; but it did not convene again, the members having dispersed.
- g.....There had been no convocation of the Grand Chapter for upwards of seven years, in consequence, perhaps, of the Morgan excitement. In December, 1837, a few companions assembled in Tuscaloosa and re-organized by the adoption of a constitution and the election of Grand Officers. The constitution of 1837 was adopted, and the annual convocations fixed for December.
- h.....In 1925 the office of Deputy Grand High Priest was abolished.
- i.....At the Annual Convocation in December, 1944, the time of meeting was changed to the Third Monday in November.
- j.....At Annual Convocation in 1946, on account of ill health, Companion John Wilson Terry was made Grand Treasurer Emeritus, and Companion Frank Albert Gillette was elected Grand Treasurer.
- k.....On August 4, 1947, following the death of Companion Guy t. Smith, Companion W. E. Glazner was appointed Acting Grand Secretary.
- l.....At the Annual Convocation, November, 1947, Companion Chas. H. Stubinger was elected Grand Secretary.
- m.....At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Alabama held on February 14, 1956, Companion Charles H. Stubinger was elected M.E. Grand High Priest, to serve in this capacity during the election of officers.
- n.....On June 27, 1960, following sudden death of Companion Charles H. Stubinger, Companion Thomas L. Cochran was appointed Acting Grand Secretary.
- o.....On September 16, 1960 following resignation of Companion Thomas L. Cochran, Companion Gordon L. Evatt was appointed Grand Secretary.
- p.....On December 1, 1960, Companion Varma A. Rushton was appointed Grand Secretary to succeed Companion Gordon L. Evatt, who had resigned.
- q.....Grand York Rite office moved from Montgomery to Birmingham after election of Thomas W. Oliver as Grand Secretary.
- r.....At Annual Convocation, February, 1973, Thomas W. Mann was elected Grand Secretary. Thomas W. Oliver was elected Grand Secretary Emeritus.
- s.....Annual Convocation date changed to last Monday in February.
- t.....As proof of continued 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.
- u.....On November 1, 1974, the Grand York Rite Office was moved to a new location at 3621 South 5th Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35222.
- v.....On October 1, 1979, the Grand York Rite Office was moved to a new location at 5504 1/2 North 1st Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35212.
- w.....On May 16, 1960, James A. Kille was appointed Grand Treasurer to succeed Hoyt McClendon who resigned.
- x.....At Annual Convocation, February, 1981, Hoyt McClendon was elected Grand Treasurer Emeritus.
- y.....On September 1, 1991, Companion Thomas W. Mann and Companion James A. Kille resigned and Companion Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. appointed as Grand Treasurer and Companion Arthur C. Harding appointed as Grand Secretary.
- z.....At the Annual Convocation in February, 1992 Companion Thomas W. Mann was elected Grand Secretary Emeritus and Past Grand High Priest (Honorary). Companion James A. Kille was elected Grand Treasurer Emeritus. Companion Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. was elected Grand Treasurer and Companion Arthur C. Harding was elected Grand Secretary.