

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 THIRTY SEVENTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
of
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
of
ALABAMA**

HELD FEBRUARY 23, 24 AND 25TH, 1997

**HOLIDAY INN-RESEARCH PARK
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

PRESIDING 1996-1997

**George L. Marshall, Jr., *Eminent Grand Commander*
161 Anna Kathryn Drive, Gurley, AL 35748**

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

ELECTED 1997-1998

**James F. Vaughan, *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
190 Azalea Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901**

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

The One Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama was declared convened by Sir Knight George L. Marshall, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander on February 25, 1997,

The Invocation was given by Sir Knight Rev. Brady E. McCullough, Eminent Grand Prelate, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

Sir Knight George L. Marshall, Jr.	Grand Commander
Sir Knight James F. Vaughan	Deputy Grand Commander
Sir Knight Bobby Ray Terry	Grand Generalissimo
Sir Knight Joe D. Lee	Grand Captain General
Sir Knight Jesse W. Locke	Grand Senior Warden
Sir Knight Wayne D. Jordan	Grand Junior Warden
Sir Knight Rev. Brady E. McCullough	Grand Prelate
Sir Knight Fred W. McCluskey	Grand Treasurer
Sir Knight Arthur C. Harding	Grand Recorder
Sir Knight Robert T. Crawford	Grand Standard Bearer
Sir Knight Phillip J. Sherman	Grand Sword Bearer
Sir Knight Anthony M. Deming	Grand Warder
Sir Knight Michael E. Addams	Grand Sentinel

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

INTRODUCTION OF PAST RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDERS

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

Michael L. Jones	1973-1974
McMurray L. Griffith	1975-1976
William M. Newsome, Jr.	1976-1977
Fred W. Vaughan	1978-1979
Arthur C. Harding	1979-1980
Joseph D. Brackin	1980-1981
Erskine K. Smith	1982-1983
William H. Ealy	1983-1984
Richard Sim Hamilton	1984-1985
Emory J. Ferguson	1988-1989
Charles W. McDonald	1989-1990
Charles R. Pate	1991-1992
Bobby C. Park	1992-1993
Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	1993-1994
Robert L. Byars, Jr.	1994-1995
Ray Rutledge	1995-1996

ADDRESS OF RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
GEORGE L. MARSHALL, JR.
1996-1997

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

I bid each of you a most cordial and fraternal welcome to the One Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama. We are pleased to have each of you present here in the "Rocket City" of Huntsville for what we believe is a historic "first" for Grand York Rite of Alabama - namely, that the three presiding officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery are each members and past presiding officers of the Huntsville York Rite Bodies. We wish each of you, our guests, a most enjoyable and pleasant visit to our fair city and the Tennessee Valley region of North Alabama. Please let us know if we can do anything to make your sojourn here more comfortable.

STATE OF THE ORDER

I wish I could say that our Grand Commandery is experiencing a period of growth and increased activity but in truth, I cannot. The membership facts and figures tell a different story. We are losing more and more members each month. I recently looked in my 1977 Grand York Rite proceedings. At the start of 1977 we had 8,517 Sir Knights in Alabama. At the start of 1997 we have less than 4,500. In twenty years we have lost over 4,000 members! It doesn't take a genius to figure out, that if the loss rate remains the same, by the year 2017 we won't have a Grand Commandery! I know that most of you present are concerned and are doing your part to keep your local York Rite bodies going. But we need to get better programs and more people (especially younger men) involved. We are still attracting good men - what we have to do is figure out how to hold them, get them to return to meetings, and contribute fresh ideas for Commandery growth, both in membership and activities. Monthly dry, repetitious business meetings and every now and then the conferral of a few time-hallowed degrees and orders, often by poor, ill-prepared "ritualists" (?) isn't going to do the trick. If it could, our Commanderies would be full! We must devise programs and activities relevant to our members and their interests.

This year one of my fondest desires was that the local York Rite bodies in each of the three regions of the state (North, Central and South) would come together to plan and carry out regional York Rite Festivals. I am pleased to say that this materialized in two regions. I feel that such regional Festivals present a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, cooperation, and pooling together the best ritualistic talent available in the region.

Another innovation I desired to implement was the creation of a special Grand Commandery committee styled the "Corps of Aides-de-Camp to the Grand Commander". This Corps consisted of 2 aides from each region, plus 2 at-large, making a total of 8. Their function would be to assist and visit the local commanderies in their regions as well as take the lead in planning regional Festivals. For the most part, their work and contributions have been exceptional, and I thank

each of them for the service and talent they have contributed. I urge the incoming Grand Commander and future Grand Commanders to continue the Aide-de-Camp program, as I truly believe it will improve Templary in Alabama if used effectively.

Finally, I am pleased to say that Alabama, under the continued watchful care of PGC Ray Rutledge, KCT, is doing very well in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign for this year. I believe we still have 100% Life Sponsorship in Alabama, but R. E. Sir Knight Rutledge will give us full details when he makes his report. He is truly "Mr. KTEF" in Alabama, and we greatly appreciate his efforts for this noble charitable endeavor.

NECROLOGY

As I write this report, our Heavenly Father has blessed this Grand Line by allowing its ranks to remain intact, but we are saddened by the loss of many Sir Knights across the state who have left us to be in the nearer presence of our Blessed Savior. The Grand Prelate will present a more detailed report later during this Conclave.

REVIEW OF BOOKS

On November 15, 1996, I authorized our Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir Knight Arthur Harding, to secure the services of the firm of Potter, Bryant and Tate, C.P.A.'s of Birmingham, AL. to conduct a review of the books of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama for the year ending December 31, 1996.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

To receive and ballot on petitions out of statutory time:

Huntsville Commandery #7	July 25
Montgomery Commandery #4	August 30
Huntsville Commandery #7	September 26
Tuscaloosa Commandery #13	October 30

To change Annual Conclave date:

Cyrene Commandery #10	June 12
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VISITATIONS

OUT OF STATE INVITATIONS ACCEPTED AND ATTENDED:

Grand Commandery of Tennessee	April 26 - 27
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IN STATE VISITATIONS MADE:

Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine	March 8
DeMolay Commandery #14	March 7
Vulcan Council #22, Knight Masons	March 9
Alabama Priory, KYCH	March 9
Huntsville Commandery #7	March 12
Huntsville AASR Bodies (Maundy Thursday Speaker)	April 4
Huntsville Commandery #7	April 9
Anniston Commandery #23 (Council & Commandery work) ..	April 20
Ten Sephiroth Council AMD	May 10

Huntsville Commandery #7	May 14
Alabama College, MSRICF	May 18
Huntsville AASR Bodies	June 3
Masonic Day (Huntsville Lodges), Speaker on York Rite ..	June 8
Huntsville Commandery #7	June 11
Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine	June 14
Ten Sephiroth Council AMD	June 28
Huntsville Commandery #7 (Installed Officers)	June 29
Apollo Lodge #921 (Installed Officers)	July 3
Huntsville AASR Bodies	July 8
Huntsville Commandery #7	July 9
North Alabama Regional York Rite Festival	July 27
Huntsville AASR Bodies	August 5
Huntsville Commandery #7	August 13
Holy Sepulchre Conclave Red Cross of Constantine ..	September 13
Annual Grand Officers Reception and Inspection at	
Lee Commandery #45, Phenix City	October 5
Ten Sephiroth Council, AMD	November 8
Central Alabama Regional York Rite Festival	November 9
Huntsville Commandery #7	December 10
Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine ..	December 13
Huntsville Commandery #7 (Christmas Observance) ..	December 21
Huntsville AASR Bodies	January 6
Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine ..	January 25
Ten Sephiroth Council, AMD	February 1
Alabama College, MSRICF	February 1
Huntsville AASR Bodies	February 3

(Working full-time days at one job and part-time nights at a second doesn't leave much time for visiting as widely as I would have liked to)

In all my visits I was received with warm fraternal courtesies and accorded every respect as Grand Commander.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED TO REPRESENT ALABAMA NEAR OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Indiana	Douglas O. Fegenbush
Massachusetts/Rhode Island	James A. Willis, Jr.
New York	Ronald W. Dunn

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

California	Louis W. Meyer, Jr.
Florida	Joe D. Lee
Philippines	Doyle W. Ealy
Tennessee	Henry B. Tyra, Jr.
West Virginia	James L. Gossett

CONCLUSION

Sir Knights, permit me to again thank you for the opportunity of serving as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Alabama for this past year. It has been most enjoyable and educational, and I have truly enjoyed meeting many of you during those times I was able to visit. Perhaps your interests would have been better served by someone who had more time to devote to the position in order to perform the manifold duties inherent in it, and I apologize for my apparent lack of zeal. I particularly wish to thank the officers and Sir Knights of my home Commandery, Huntsville #7, for the untiring support and fraternal affection they have so unstintingly given to me as I progressed through the Grand Commandery line. I also deeply appreciate the hard and diligent work of our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Arthur Harding and his always wise counsel this year. Also, it would be wrong not to recognize with gratitude the efforts of my committeemen this past year who helped me administer the affairs of Templary in our state.

Finally, to my wife, Libby, ever patient, loving, and understanding as I have tended to Masonic affairs, I express my deepest love and thanks for bearing with me and supporting me this year.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. Marshall, Jr.
Grand Commander

Attest:

Arthur C. Harding
Grand Recorder

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

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

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$43,935.00
Fees	710.00
Interest	2,456.72
Sale of Supplies	26.25
Sale of Banquet Tickets	753.34
Other Income	<u>11.70</u>

Total Receipts..... \$47,893.01

DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Expenses.....	\$35,845.57
Purchases for Resale.....	341.00
Due to Grand Council.....	<u>602.00</u>

Total Disbursements 36,788.57

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS.....\$11,104.44

CASH ON HAND - JANUARY 1, 1996..... 78,394.31

CASH ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1996..... \$89,498.75

CASH ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1996 CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Petty Cash	\$ 50.00
Checking Account	52,040.54
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Accounts	<u>37,408.21</u>

Total Cash on Hand December 31, 1996 \$89,498.75

Respectfully submitted,

Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.
Grand Treasurer

I wish to express my appreciation to Sir Knight Arthur C. Harding, Grand Recorder 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.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Sir Knights, my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1996 is as follows:

Membership as of January 1, 1996 4,598

ADDITIONS

Knighted	77	
Affiliated	9	
Reinstated	32	
Adjusted	0	+ 118

Total Gross Membership 4,716

LOSSES;

Died	120	
Demitted	20	
Suspended N.P.D	220	
Adjusted	0	- 360

Total Net Membership as of December 31, 1996 4,356

Loss in Membership for 1996 -242

Chartered Commanderies 15

Commanderies Reporting 15

Commanderies Under Dispensation 0

APPRECIATION

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

Fraternally submitted

Arthur C. Harding
Grand Recorder

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

NO.	NAME	1/1/96 MEMBERSHIP	ADJUSTED	KNIGHTED	AFFILIATED	REINSTATED	DIED	DEMITTED	SUSPENDED	12/31/96 MEMBERSHIP	GAIN/LOSS
2	MOBILE	412	0	9	3	4	6	0	19	403	- 9
4	MONTGOMERY	230	0	15	1	1	10	3	10	224	- 6
7	HUNTSVILLE	258	0	3	2	0	0	1	9	253	- 5
10	CYRENE	1245	0	8	1	4	38	2	49	1169	- 76
13	TUSCALOOSA	191	0	6	0	1	10	1	6	181	- 10
14	DeMOLAY	195	0	3	0	0	3	0	8	187	- 8
15	ETOWAH	254	0	3	1	3	9	3	19	230	- 24
23	ANNISTON	248	0	12	0	4	4	4	11	245	- 3
25	DOTHAN	146	0	3	1	3	4	1	9	139	- 7
29	PIEDMONT	84	0	0	0	1	2	0	13	70	- 14
31	WOODLAWN	581	0	3	0	10	12	3	26	553	- 28
39	FLORENCE	214	0	5	0	1	7	0	20	193	- 21
45	LEE	145	0	1	0	0	7	0	2	137	- 8
46	DeKALB-JACKSON	299	0	3	0	0	4	2	17	279	- 20
47	MONROEVILLE	96	0	3	0	0	4	0	2	93	- 3
TOTALS		4,598	0	77	9	32	120	20	220	4,356	-242

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

We your committee on Finance, wish to submit the following report as well as a proposed budget for the year 1997 for your review and consideration.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Pate, P.G.C., Chairman
Michael L. Jones, P.G.C.
Robert F. Elkin, K.Y.C.H.
Erskine K. Smith, P.G.C.

GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET

ACC'T #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 1996	SPENT 1996	BUDGET 1997
800	Payroll Taxes	700.00	647.54	700.00
801	Telephone	500.00	365.23	500.00
802	Postage & P.O. Box	400.00	405.37	400.00
803	Contingency Fund	200.00	58.80	200.00
804	Grand Encap. Per Cap. Tax	16,000.00	15,173.40	14,200.00
804-A	Grand Encamp. K.T.E.F. Dues	500.00	399.00	50.00
805	Grand Recorder's Salary	3,240.00	3,240.00	3,600.00
806	Grand Treasurer's Expense	270.00	270.00	300.00
807	Grand Commander's 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	1,419.12	1,500.00
810	Stat., Printing & Supplies	500.00	757.92	700.00
811	Review of Books	400.00	375.00	400.00
812	Office Rent	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
814	Insurance - Bonds, Fire, etc.	400.00	391.20	400.00
815	Triennial Reserve (First Four Grand Officers & Grand Rec.)	675.00	675.00	675.00

ACC'T #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 1996	SPENT 1996	BUDGET 1997
816	Donation to DeMolay	300.00	300.00	300.00
816	Donation to Order of Knighthood	75.00	75.00	75.00
817	Donation to Order of Rainbow for Girls	300.00	300.00	300.00
301	Purchases for Resale	300.00	341.00	0.00
818	Southeastern Regional York Rite Conference (Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo & Grand Recorder Only \$100.00 Max for each)	335.00	33.00	335.00
819	Grand Rec. 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 Gr. Officer Stat.	50.00	54.60	50.00
823	Distinguished Guests	600.00	692.13	700.00
824	Banquet (Net-Cost less tickets sold)	500.00	236.90	500.00
830	Copy Machine and Computer Supplies	0.00	0.00	600.00
	Totals	<u>\$37,653.00</u>	<u>36,118.29</u>	<u>37,069.00</u>
	Under Budget	<u>1,534.79</u>		

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Mr. George L. Marshall
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama
Birmingham, Alabama

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

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

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

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

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

Potter, Bryant & Tate, P.C.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 52,090.54
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Account	37,408.21
Inventory - Supplies for Resale	<u>854.72</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 90,353.47
<u>Property and Equipment</u>	
Office Equipment	7,143.85
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>6,498.31</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>645.54</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>90,999.01</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

<u>Fund Balance</u>	
Reserved for Triennial	\$ 2,434.00
Reserved for Triennial - Past Grand Commanders	266.00
Reserved for Southern Breakfast	200.00
Unreserved	<u>88,099.01</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$ <u>90,999.01</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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

<u>Revenue</u>	
Dues	\$ 43,935.00
Fees	710.00
Sale of Banquet Tickets	753.34
Interest	2,456.72
Other Income	21.70
Sale of Supplies	\$ 26.25
Inventory - January 1, 1996	\$ 591.68
Purchases	<u>341.00</u>
	932.68
Inventory - December 31, 1996	<u>854.72</u>
	77.96
	<u>(51.71)</u>
Total Revenue	47,825.05
<u>Expenses - Cash Basis (Schedule 1)</u>	
Depreciation	35,855.57
Triennial Reserve Expense	334.51
	<u>625.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>36,815.08</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$ <u>11,009.97</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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

Fund Balance - January 1, 1996	\$ 79,364.04
Add: Excess of Revenues over Expenses	11,009.97
Transfer to Triennial Reserve	<u>625.00</u>
Fund Balance - December 31, 1996	\$ <u>90,999.01</u>

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

SCHEDULE 1GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMASCHEDULE OF EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

<u>Grand Officer Expenses</u>		
Southeastern Regional Meeting	\$	33.00
Stationery for Grand Officer		<u>54.60</u>
Total Grand Officer Expenses	\$	87.60
<u>Grand Recorder's Office Expenses</u>		
Salary - Grand Recorder		3,240.00
Salary - Office Secretary		4,248.00
Allowance - Grand Treasurer		270.00
Allowance - Grand Commander		1,000.00
Insurance - Bonds, Fire, Theft and Liability		391.20
Payroll Taxes		647.56
Rent		1,800.00
Stationery and Printing		757.92
Postage and Post Office Box Rental		405.37
Telephone		365.23
Annual Accounting Services		375.00
Travel Allowance - Grand Recorder		2,500.00
Travel Allowance - Office Secretary		<u>360.00</u>
Total Grand Recorder's Office Expenses		16,360.28
<u>Annual Convention Expenses</u>		
Expenses for Distinguished Guests		692.13
Banquet - Annual Conclave		<u>990.24</u>
Total Annual Convention Expenses		1,682.37
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>		
Grand Encampment Dues		15,173.40
Eye Foundation Dues		399.00
Special Award - Demolay		300.00
Special Award - Rainbow		300.00
Order of Knighthood Award		75.00
Printing Annual Proceedings		1,419.12
Contingencies		<u>58.80</u>
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		<u>17,725.32</u>
Total Expenses	\$	<u>35,855.57</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

*Denotes number of consecutive years absent.

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

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Arizona	Howard E. Hayes Birmingham, 35215	540 Camellia Road	Kenneth W. Smith	Glendale
Arkansas	Fred W McCluskey, Jr.	2201 3rd Street, N.E. Birmingham, 35215	James Fernald, Jr.	E. Dorado
California	Louis W. Meyer, Jr.	5701 Avenue P, Ensley Birmingham, 35228	Grover T. Halbrooks	Riverside
Colorado	George F. Mills	P. O. Box 1393 Decatur, 35602	Edwin D. Chase	Grand Junction
Connecticut	Bobby C. Park	1577 Oscar Patterson Road New Market, 35761	Judd R. Harding	Stamford
Delaware	Gerald E. Wilson	1306 Terrehaute Avenue, S.W. Decatur, 35601	Harold C. Hill	
District of Columbia	Richard Sim Hamilton	2302 Hamilton Drive, S. W.	William T. Cox	Springfield, Virginia
Florida	Joe D. Lee	405 Roundabout Drive Trussville, 35173	Francis L. Dancy	Fort Pierce
Georgia	Claude C. McGraw	1173 Dogwood Lane Birmingham, 35215	Bobby Joe Townsend	Mableton
Idaho	Lloyd D. Durden	507 South Edgewood Drive Dothan, 36301	Eldred J. Thomas	Lewiston
Illinois	Arthur C. Harding	309 Sun Valley Road Birmingham 35215	William D. Jarrett	Jacksonville
Indiana	James E. Stutts	612 East Pasadena Avenue Muscle Shoals, 35660	Douglas O. Fegenbush	Indianapolis
Iowa	Jesse W. Locke	P. O. Box 2331 Phenix City, 36867-2331	Ronald W. Guthrie	Mason City
Kansas	J. Woodrow Smith	3667 Cedar Springs Road Jacksonville, 36265	Edward B. Sherwood	Newton
Kentucky	Michael L. Jones	1711 Cagle Avenue, S. W. Decatur, 35601	Clifford T. Stigger	Louisville
Louisiana	Billy A. Rikard	2236 2nd Place, N.E. Birmingham, 35215	Huston F. Boothe, Sr.	Hammond
Maine	William M. Newsome, Jr.	1600 - 45th Street Phenix City, 36867	John D. Baggett	Bucksport

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

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Maryland	Joseph D. Brackin	2102 Hardwick Drive. Dothan, 36303	Calvin W. Parker	Glen Burnie
Massachusetts	Fred W. Vaughan	108 Harwood Drive. Gadsden, 35901	James A. Willis, Jr.	Warwick, RI
Michigan	James F. Vaughan	190 Azalea Drive. Gadsden, 35901	Donald M. Krueger	Sturgis
Minnesota	Johnson E. Harris, Jr.	417 Argonne Drive. Birmingham, 35215	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	Sough Saint Paul
Mississippi	Emory J. Ferguson	1615 Lakeview Drive, N.W. Cullman, 35055	Dale Howe	Meridian
Missouri	Amos Glenn Welborn	P. O. Box 181. Pinson, 35126	William F. Strode	Louisiana, Missouri
Montana	Charles R. Pate	1905 Canterbury Square. Anniston, 36207	C. Thomas Bersuch	Lewistown
Nebraska	Fred L. Graham	1208 Conger Road. Anniston, 36201	Robert C. Franklin	Papillion
Nevada	Johnny A. Baker	P. O. Box 11037. Chickasaw, 36611	Winfield S. Rash	Las Vegas
New Hampshire	Lance C. Anthony	P. O. Box 3050. Phenix City, 36868-3050	Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.	Newmarket
New Jersey	George L. Marshall, Jr.	161 Anna Kathryn Drive. Gurley, 35748	Thurman C. Pace, Jr.	Westfield
New Mexico	Maurice C. Himes	Route 1, Box 297. Slocumb, 36375-9754	Darrel D. Hornsby	Santa Fe
New York	Anthony M. Deming	130 Shoal Creek Road. Hayden, 35079	Ronald W. Dunn	Elmira
North Carolina	James R. Bromley	7337 Pinewood Drive. Theodore, 36582	James H. Horne	Fayetteville
North Dakota	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	1402 Melanie Lane. Phenix City, 36867	Paul Torgeson	Grafton
Ohio	Phillip J. Sherman	2218 Galahad Drive S.W. Decatur, 35603	R. Dale Long	Cambridge
Oklahoma	Erskine K. Smith	1835 Cheaha Drive. Oxford, 36203	Joe F. Warriner	Oklahoma City

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

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Oregon	MacArthur Davis	4291 Grissett Bridge Road Brewton, 36426	Glendon K. Jefferies	Ashland
Pennsylvania	Bobby Ray Terry	Route 1, Box 10 Decatur, 35601	Arthur R. Gebert	Norristown
Philippines	Doyle W. Ealy	822 Giles Drive, N. E. Huntsville, 35801	Abelardo T. Camahala	Imus Carite, Philippines
South Carolina	Anthony V. Jannett, III	4712 Seminole Circle Birmingham, 35243	James E. Waldrop	Easley
South Dakota	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	83 Crimson Tide Drive Fiedmont, 36272	Allen J. Eide	Watertown
Tennessee	Henry B. Tyra, Jr.	906 Chatterson Road, S. E. Huntsville, 35802	Charles L. Brooks	Memphis
Texas	McMurray L. Griffith	P. O. Box 130215 Birmingham, 35213	Michael H. Shively	Spring
Utah	Robert T. Crawford	911 - 4th Terrace Pleasant Grove, 35127	Raymond F. White	Ogden
Vermont	Thomas F. Craig	1000 Lexington Street, S.E. Huntsville, 35801	Robert Boyce	Windsor
Virginia	Charles W. McDonald	615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	Robert S. Hughes	Richmond
Washington	W. Malcolm Killingsworth	1801 Fern Drive Dothan, 36301	Robert J. Cole	Goldendale
West Virginia	James L. Gossett	117 Meadow Pass, N. E. Huntsville, 35811	Robert L. Caldwell	Lewisburg
Wisconsin	Wayne D. Jordan	929 Tascosa Drive, Huntsville, 35802	Herbert L. Matter	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	P. O. Box 320184 Birmingham, 35232	Sam Allen	Cody

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION

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

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

There are present and registered with this Committee 13 Grand Officers and 16 Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

There are 15 Constituent Commanderies which comprise the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, and of these 15 Commanderies are registered with this Committee for this 137th Annual Conclave.

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

TOTAL OFFICERS OR PROXIES PRESENT.....	42
TOTAL PAST COMMANDERS.....	91
TOTAL QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THIS CONCLAVE.....	133

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

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Dendy, Chairman
George F. Mills

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

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

2. Mobile	*William C. Havens	Commander
	*Charles W. McDonald	Generalissimo
	*Frank Brown	Captain General
4. Montgomery	Robert L. Schick	Commander
	Dennis E. Thompson	Generalissimo
	*William J. Loerch	Captain General
7. Huntsville	Theo J. Combel, Jr.	Commander
	*Wayne D. Jordan	Generalissimo
	*Shirley P. Hale	Captain General
10. Cyrene	James A. Tyus	Commander
	*McMurray L. Griffith	Generalissimo
	*Joe D. Lee	Captain General
13. Tuscaloosa	M. Wayne Anders	Commander
	*James Tesney	Generalissimo
	*Henry G. Terry	Captain General
14. DeMolay	Clifford D. Williams	Commander
	Brady E. McCullough	Generalissimo
	*Robert E. Dumas	Captain General

15.	Etowah	*James F. Vaughan	Commander
		*Horace Hampton, Jr.	Generalissimo
		*Robert A. Moore	Captain General
23.	Anniston	Edwin B. Thomas	Commander
		Bobby Joe Ledford	Generalissimo
		Scott E. Duncan	Captain General
25.	Dothan	Hiram W. Davis	Commander
		*William D. Barr	Generalissimo
		*L. C. Minks	Captain General
29.	Piedmont	*Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	Commander
		*Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	Generalissimo
		*Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	Captain General
31.	Woodlawn	*William J. Bice	Commander
			Generalissimo
		*Ronald E. Scarborough	Captain General
39.	Florence	Billy H. Brackin	Commander
		Edgar B. Burgess, Jr.	Generalissimo
		*Robert B. Dixon	Captain General
45.	Lee	Richard M. Wright	Commander
		M. Thomas Oliver	Generalissimo
		*Charles Ingram	Captain General
46.	DeKalb-Jackson	*Floyd Hambrick, Jr.	Commander
47.	Monroeville	Charles L. Turk	Commander
		*Vories Fowler	Generalissimo
		*MacArthur Davis	Captain General

*Denotes Proxy.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS PRESENT

2. Mobile: Ernest G. Inmon, Charles W. McDonald, Brent R. Haller, William C. Havems, Frank A. Brown, Stenzel, William J. Sirmon.
4. Montgomery: Bobby W. Cheney, James T. Wofford, Fletcher D. Martin, Luther E. Lee, Eldon C. Davis, James E. Sexson.
7. Huntsville: George L. Marshall, Jr., Lincoln H. Townsend, Theo J. Combel, Jr., Edward D. Hardin, Wayne D. Jordan, Abe Benefield, James L. Gossett, Hank Tyra, Doyle W. Ealy, Walter J. Krueger, Jr., Bernie Belcher, Charles Rice, Robert F. Elkin, Thomas F. Craig, Emory J. Ferguson, William H. Ealy, William F. Dendy.
10. Cyrene: Joe D. Lee, James W. Battle, J. C. Brady, McMurray L. Griffith, Arlice O. Stanford, Ray Rutledge, Joe R. Bush, Robert T. Crawford, Louis W. Meyer, Jr., Brady, McMurray L. Griffith, Louis W. Meyer.
13. Tuscaloosa: Henry B. Terry, James Tesney.
14. DeMolay: George F. Mills, Gerald E. Wilson, Bobby R. Terry, Phillip J. Sherman, Bobby C. Park, Mike Jones, John R. Appleton, Richard S. Hamilton, Joe W. Williams, Charles H. McGill.
15. Etowah: James F. Vaughan, Clarence F. Rhea, Fred W. Vaughan, Robert A. Moore, Paul L. Allen, Horace Hampton, Jr.
23. Anniston: J. Woodrow Smith, Erskine K. Smith, Charles R. Pate, Calvin C. Snow.
25. Dothan: William D. Barr, Franklin L. Moon, Joseph D. Brackin, L. C. Minks, W. Malcolm Killingsworth, Roger A. Simmons, Maurice C. Himes.
29. Piedmont: Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.
31. Woodlawn: Arthur C. Harding, Howard E. Hayes, Billy Rikard, Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. Anthony M. Deming, William J. Bice, Robert L. Byars, Jr..

39. Florence: James E. Stutts, Lamon C. Griffin, Billy H. Brackin, Edgar B. Burgess, Jr., Oliver L. Moore, Jr., Ronald Moore.
45. Lee: Sam L. Garrett, William M. Newsome, Jr., Robert D. Moseson, Jesse W. Locke, Lance C. Anthony, William C. Snyder, Charles L. Ingram, Connie Miller.
46. DeKalb-Jackson: Floyd Hambrick, Jr.
47. Monroeville: MacArthur Davis.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUALISTIC WORK

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

We your committee on Ritualistic Work regret that there has been no request or question this entire year for clarification or exemplification of the work or tactics.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Addams, Chairman

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

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

We, The Grand Commandery Committee on the Grand Commander's Address, to whom the address was referred, submit the following report:

We recommend that portion of the address pertaining to the creation of a special committee to be known as the "Corps of Aids-de-Camp to the Grand Commander" be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

We recommend that portion of the address pertaining to Necrology be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

We recommend that portion of the address referring to the review of the books of the Grand Commandery be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We recommend that portion of the address pertaining to receiving and balloting on petitions out of statutory time and to change an Annual Conclave out of statutory time be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

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

Right Eminent Grand Commander, this committee extends our thanks to you for allowing us the privilege of serving the Grand Commandery of Alabama this year. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve in any capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Emory J. Ferguson, P.G.C., Chairman
Erskine K. Smith, P.G.C.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

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

We recommend the approval of the portion of the Grand Commander's Address pertaining to receiving and balloting on petitions out of statutory time and to change an Annual Conclave out of statutory time be approved.

The Special Committee known as the "Corps of Aids-de-Camp to the Grand Commander" we find within the authority of the Grand Commander to appoint special committees and that the continuation of this Special Committee be left to the discretion of the incoming Grand Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred W. Vaughan, PGC,
Robert L. Byars, Jr., PGC
McMurray L. Griffith, PGC

Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

RECEIVED IN GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE DECEMBER 20, 1995.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

ARTICLE 1:

Section 4: (member)

Section 4 of Article 1 of Constitution be amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Grand Commander
The Deputy Grand Commander
The Grand Generalissimo
The Grand Captain General

The Grand Senior Warden
The Grand Junior Warden
The Grand Prelate
The Grand Treasurer
The Grand Recorder
The Grand Standard Bearer
The Grand Sword Bearer
The Grand Warder, and
The Grand Sentinel

The first four of these, together with The Grand Treasurer and The Grand Recorder, shall be elected. All others shall be appointed by the Grand Commander, at the time of his installation.

NOTE: Those Sir Knights that now hold an office in the progressive line shall promote, if elected, until they shall have been advanced to the office of Grand Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Rutledge, Grand Commander
Fred W. Vaughan, Past Grand Commander
Erskine K. Smith, Past Grand Commander
Clarence F. Rhea

Defeated.

REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SUPPLEMENT EDITOR

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Although at the time I prepared this report I had not started on the March submission to the Knight Templar, up until now I have had some form of York Rite news in every issue of the Knight Templar, although one issue only included a message from our Grand Commander and some filler material. I have received information from five of our Commanderies across the state on activity in their York Rite Bodies. In addition, I received information on two of our area Festivals, the North Alabama Festival and the Central Alabama Festival. Four appendant bodies which base their membership on York Rite membership have also provided reports: one of our York Rite Colleges, the only Allied Masonic Degrees Council in the state at this time (although I understand a second is being formed), one of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross Conclaves and Jerusalem tabernacle of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Besides that, I received two personal communications which I thought were very interesting and well worth being shared: an original poem from Sir Knight Larrimore and an account of Sir Knight Woodruff's visit back to France after a fifty year absence.

That being said, and although I deeply appreciate what information has been sent to me over the years I have served in this position, I really believe that there is a lot more that our York Rite Bodies are doing in this state that should be shared with the other Sir Knights. Even if every Sir Knight in your Commandery is aware of what you have done on behalf of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation or for some local charity, by sharing it with us through the Knight Templar magazine, you may give a Commandery in another part of the state an idea for a project of function that they could pursue for the benefit of their members or their community.

Finally, I appreciate the compliments I have received from various individuals over the years about the articles I have provided, although much of the credit belongs to those who have sent me information for publication. I hope I can continue to merit such comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Craig

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

We received one report of correspondence this year from Sir Knight Thomas Craig who has been writing his counterpart in Vermont. I have also been receiving some mail from Scotland.

We urge every Grand Representative to write their counterpart in other Jurisdictions to try to find out what is happening in other areas around the world.

Your committee on Fraternal Correspondence takes this opportunity to extend our thanks for the honor and privilege of serving on this committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Michael E. Addams, K.Y.C.H.
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We, your committee on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. submit the following report:

As it has been said by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. we, as Sir Knights are aware that the purpose and objective of the Eye foundation is to provide financial assistance for those less fortunate who are in need of hospitalization and surgery to restore or preserve their sight. Funds for these cases are provided through the generosity of Sir Knights and others with a similar interest in our goals.

It is our privilege to report that as of this date, we have received notice that nine (9) commanderies have purchased an additional Twenty-Nine (29) Life Sponsors, Two (2) Associate Patron Certificates and Two (2) donations were made by individuals, the total for the Eye Foundation being \$970.00. This does not include amounts donated by the several Commanderies to the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC., 29th VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN, which is headed by its Chairman, Sir Knight and Past Grand Commander, Ray Rutledge. We believe these additional purchases keeps the Grand Commandery of the Great State of Alabama at 100% membership participation as Life Sponsors in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. program.

On the helping side of the Foundation Program, we have received approved applications authorizing payments for Twenty-Six (26) less fortunate persons totaling \$70,435.00. Sir Knights, this would not be possible if it was not for all of our donations and participation in this most worthwhile cause. We can only ask that you dig a little deeper and keep up the good work.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, we, your Committee on Knights Templar Eye Foundation, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and this Grand Commandery during your year.

Respectfully submitted,
James E. Stutts, Chairman
Ray Rutledge, KYCH
James L. Gossett, KYCH

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

We your Educational Foundation Committee submit the following report:

During the year ending December 31, 1996, your Committee processed four (4) student loans in the amount of \$1,500.00. This year all loans were made to female students. Of the four loans processed one (1) was a second loan and three (3) were new loans.

There are nineteen (19) loans outstanding on our books totaling \$31,835.16.

During the year there were two (2) loans charged off the books. These loans originated in 1971 and 1973 in the amount of \$971.04 and \$1,664.63 with no payment of any kind received since 1988 or 1989 and unable to locate borrower with the guarantor being deceased in both cases.

Under the Grand Encampment rules and regulations it is required that a budget be submitted within a short time after our conclave for approval by the National Chairman. This Budget is for the following year and in compliance with this we are submitting the following budget for your approval:

Attorney for Collection Fees	100.00
Review of Books	400.00
Expense for Secretary & Office Help	1,500.00
Postage	64.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>
Total Budget for 1998	<u>2,164.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Howard E. Hayes, Chairman
James A. Kile
McMurray L. Griffith
Joe D. Lee
Fred W. McCluskey, Jr

Attest: Arthur C. Harding, Secretary-Treasurer

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION
29TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

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

Your Committee for the 28th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. submits the following report:

Last year we attained 100% Life Sponsor membership in our great State of Alabama. I am pleased to report that we have been able to maintain this 100% participation. The funds which come in through the Voluntary Campaign are used to assist us in maintaining this 100%. In order to do this it is necessary that the local Recorders furnish me with the names and addresses of all new Knightings as well as the names and addresses of those Sir Knights who have been reinstated and do not possess a Life Sponsor Certificate.

Sir Knights, should I again be appointed to this committee, it will again be necessary for me to ask for the continued cooperation of the local Recorders in furnishing me with the names and addresses of those who need a Life Sponsor Certificate to Maintain our 100% membership participation.

Fraternally submitted,

Ray Rutledge, P.G.C.
Chairman

Adopted.

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

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

I stand here with all the answers to membership, so pay close attention. You can observe that they have been applied in the Grand Lodge, the York Rite Bodies and the Scottish Rite Bodies in Alabama as in every other jurisdiction of which I can't think of a one that has a gain. Is there one? You know whose fault it is? Look in a mirror and you will see whose fault it is. It's ours! There are a few things we can do toward membership that would be of a credit to us but we have that apathy - "Let George do it". George gets it done most of the time. Ask for help Brethren and Sir Knights. Don't be vain - you don't know everything. Analyze your problems, enumerate assets - keep the good ones. I don't care what you do with the others but the others are not always bad. Don't be so vain that you think you know which ones are the good ones because very often the things that will work have not even been considered. Be attentive to all solutions, not just the ones that you think are good solutions. First you have to analyze your problem. You've got to recognize your problems first as we all have them. Count on help from everybody

because out of the mouths of babes can come wisdom. It's the fellow that does all the legwork from whom your best ideas come. Don't eliminate and close doors. Extract the best and don't be reticent to accept ideas and enthusiasm. Believe it or not enthusiasm is catching. Get them enthusiastic in the right direction and put him to work and he will be back to make a report to tell you what "I" did. I is about the most important word you know because we think the most of "I" and the least of "you" quite often which is not as it should be.

Fraternally submitted,

George W. Busby, Chairman
James R. Bromley
W. Malcolm Killingsworth

REPORT ON NECROLOGY

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

As we reflect on the blessings which God has so bountifully bestowed upon us this past year. May we do so with reverence and love.

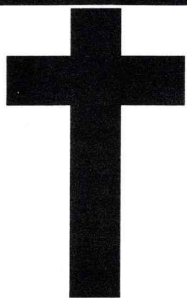
We are most thankful that the Commandery Grand Line has again been spared this past year.

Yet, one hundred and twenty Knight Templars of Alabama were called from this life to their reward. Our hearts are saddened at the loss we have all sustained. But, my brethren, we may all rejoice in the fact that one day all that know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may spend eternity with Him.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Brady E. McCullough
Grand Prelate

Adopted.



INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY
OF
OUR HONORED DEAD
AND IN MEMORY
OF THE
DECEASED SIR KNIGHTS
IN
OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

MINUTES OF LAST CONCLAVE

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

Motion seconded and carried.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CONCLAVE - 1998

It was moved that the next Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama conclave be held in the Birmingham, Alabama area on February 22, 23 and 24, 1998

Motion seconded and carried.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

of the United



States of America

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

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

PRESENTATION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Ray Rutledge, selected Sir Knight Dan Maddox of Cyrene Commandery No. 10 to receive the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award. The presentation was made at the Grand York Rite Banquet on Sunday Night by Right Eminent Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and Personal Representative of Most Eminent Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Maddox's name is added to the list of previous recipients of this prestigious award.

RECIPIENTS IN ALABAMA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

*Alexander Murray Weems.....	1960
*Charles Curtis McCoy.....	1967
Horace Richard Batchelor.....	1968
+William G. Caffey, Jr.....	1969
*John F. Welch, Sr.....	1970
*James Merlin Christopher, Sr.....	1971
*Earl Pervine Woodall.....	1972
*John Sebastian Gamundi.....	1973
*Arlie Eldon Blackburn.....	1974
*James Allen Bradford.....	1975
*Norman Curtis Wilkinson.....	1976
*Johnnie H. Ray, Sr.....	1977
*Charles Carl Graham.....	1978
*Lawrence Kline.....	1979
*John Doyal Prince, Jr.....	1980
Lloyd D. Durden.....	1981
Charles William McDonald.....	1982
Charles Robert Pate.....	1983
*Richard A. Chapman.....	1984
Bobby Clyde Park.....	1985
Robert Lee Byars, Jr.....	1986
*James Paul Gray.....	1987
Ernest Latroy Bishop, Sr.....	1988
Thomas Franklin Craig.....	1989
MacArthur Davis.....	1990
James F. Vaughan.....	1991
Homer Lee Tidwell.....	1992
Walter J. Krueger.....	1993
Billy Allen Clark.....	1994
William Jesse Bice.....	1995
Dan Maddox.....	1996
Robert Frank Elkin.....	1997

*Denotes deceased.

+Denotes suspended

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

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

Sir Knight Roger A. Simons of Dothan Commandery #25 was elected by secret ballot to the station of Grand Warder. Sir Knight Simmons accepted election to the office.

This Grand Commandery was concluded with prayer to reconvene at eleven A.M., February 25th for open installation of the Grand Officers.

**INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY 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 Commandery Officers were duly installed by Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, Fred W. Vaughan with Past Right Eminent Grand Commander Erskine K. Smith as Installing Prelate and Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, Charles R. Pate as Installing Marshal.

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

Right Eminent George L. Marshall, Jr., Junior Past Grand Commander, was then escorted to the East and Grand Commander Vaughan presented Sir Knight Marshall with his Past Grand Commander's Certificate and Past Grand Commander's Jewel which was pinned on his uniform by his Lady, Elizabeth. A presentation of a Past Grand Commander's plaque from the Grand Encampment, stating that he is a permanent member of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America had been previously presented to Right Eminent Sir Knight Marshall.

Attest: *Arthur C. Harding,*
Grand Recorder

ADJOURNMENT

All business of this Annual Conclave being concluded, Right Eminent Sir Knight Vaughan declared the 137th Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama adjourned after the Prelate had pronounced the benediction.

Attest: *Arthur C. Harding*
Grand Recorder



JAMES F. VAUGHAN
Right Eminent Grand Commander
1997 - 1998

JAMES FREDERICK (RICK) VAUGHAN**Right Eminent Grand Commander****1997 - 1998****PERSONAL HISTORY**

Brother and Sir Knight Rick Vaughan was born in Gadsden, Alabama on October 29, 1946 to Fred W. and Nickie Dodd Vaughan (Now Deceased). He received his elementary education in the Gadsden school system. Immediately after High School, he enlisted in the army and shortly after basic training he was sent to Vietnam. He served 30 months in Special Services earning several awards, among them, the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Two Bronze Stars and Three Purple Hearts.

Following his Army service Rick worked at the Goodyear Plant for 23 years until being retired due to a work injury in 1992.

Rick and Carole Robertson were married in 1987. He has one daughter, Kristina, from a previous marriage who is in the army and stationed in Texas.

He is an Eagle Scout and received the Order of the Arrow. He also was a DeMolay at age 17 and continued in the DeMolay Order as an Advisor for several years. He received the Order of Chevalier from the Supreme Council of the DeMolay.

His Masonic Career began soon after his 21st birthday as he became a Master Mason in Dwight Lodge #550. He served the Lodge as Worshipful Master and is a Perpetual Member. Rick served the Grand Lodge several years on the Pennies Program for the Masonic Home. In 1995 he was appointed Grand Orator by Grand Master Wortham.

Brother Vaughan served in the York Rite as a member and High Priest of Coosa Chapter #86, Illustrious Master of Gadsden Council #56 and Commander of Etowah Commandery #15. Most of his York Rite career he served as a member of several committees, namely Youth. He was awarded the Knight Templar Cross of Honor and the Grand Council Youth Award.

His Masonic membership includes the Scottish Rite, Zamora Shrine, Monte Sano York Rite College, K.Y.C.H., Order of High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, Knight Cresader of the Cross, Knight Mason, and Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, Jerusalem Tabernacle. He is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Ben Franklin Conclave, and is presently serving as Sovereign. He is also a Past Patron of Queen City Order of the Eastern Star.

He attended Gadsden State Junior College and also earned a Degree in Business Administration from the University of Alabama. He is presently serving as Veterans Service Officer for the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.



GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1997 -1998

Seated left to right:

Arthur C. Harding, Joe D. Lee, Bobby R. Terry, James F. Vaughan, (Right Eminent Grand Commander), Jesse W. Locke,
Wayne D. Jordan, Robert T. Crawford

Standing left to right:

Lance C. Anthony, Rev. Brady E. McCullough, W. Richmond Hammond, Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., Phillip J. Sherman,
Anthony M. Deming, Billy A. Clark, Roger A. Simmons

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 1997 - 1998

James F. Vaughan, Jr., K.Y.C.H.....	Right Eminent Grand Commander
190 Azalea Drive, Gadsden, 35901.....	205-547-4893
Bobby Ray Terry, K.Y.C.H.....	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Route 1, Box 10, Decatur, 35601.....	205-353-6654
Joe D. Lee, K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
405 Roundabout Drive, Trussville, 35173.....	205-655-7295
Jesse W. Locke, K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Captain General
4907 Summerville Road, Phenix City, 36867.....	334-297-8587
Wayne D. Jordan, K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
929 Tascosa Drive, Huntsville, 35802.....	205-881-9299
Robert T. Crawford, K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
911 4th Terrace, Pleasant Grove, 35127.....	205-744-7270
W. Richmond Hammond, K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Prelate
1204 Walmond Street, Gadsden, 35901.....	
Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Treasurer
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James A. Kile, K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Treasurer, Emeritus
200 18th Avenue, N.W., Birmingham, 35215.....	
Arthur C. Harding, K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Recorder
P. O. Box 320262, Birmingham, 35232.....	205-595-7040
Thomas W. Mann, K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Recorder, Emeritus
354 Sun Valley Circle, Birmingham, 35215.....	
Phillip J. Sherman, K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
2218 Galahad Drive, S. W., Decatur, 35603.....	
Anthony M. Deming.....	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
130 Shoal Creek Road, Hayden, 35079.....	205-559-7831
Roger A. Simmons, K.Y.C.H.....	Eminent Grand Warder
P. O. Box 268, Newton, 36352.....	
Billy A. Clark.....	Eminent Grand Sentinel
205 Elsmore Blvd., Gadsden, 35901.....	205-543-7589

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

FOR 1997 -1998

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama

CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION:

Robert A. Moore, Chairman.....	5395 Fairview Cove Rd., Altoona, 35952
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Joseph D. Brackin, K.Y.C.H.....	2102 Hardwick Drive, Dothan, 36303

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Michael L. Jones, K.Y.C.H.....	1711 Cagle Avenue, Decatur, 35601
MacArthur Davis, K.Y.C.H.....	4291 Grissett Bridge Rd., Brewton, 36426

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**30TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE
FOUNDATION:**Ray Rutledge, K.Y.C.H., *Chairman*.2701 North Airport Rd., Jasper 35504**SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR GRAND COMMANDER:****HONORARY GRAND COMMANDERS**

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KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama was held on Monday, February 24, 1997, at the Helion Lodge #1 Temple in Huntsville, Alabama with Knight Jesse W. Locke presiding. The degree team was composed of the following:

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

The Order was conferred on the following candidates: M. Wayne Anders, Theophile Joseph Combel, Jr., Hiram William Davis, James L. Peters, Earl Franklin Ransdell, Grand Commander of Kentucky, Robert L. Schick, Arlice O. Stanford, Edwin B. Thomas, Charles L. Turk, James A. Tyus, Clifford D. Williams, Joe D. Williams and Richard M. Wright.

The minutes were adopted as printed in the Proceedings, and the proceeds of the Class were directed to be paid to the Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Motion was made, seconded and approved that the Recorder send a letter from the Order to Honorable Roy Moore, Circuit Judge of Etowah County, commending him on his stand to display the "Ten Commandments" in his courtroom. The following officers were elected and installed by Knight Richard B. Baldwin, Honorary Past Department Commander.

Jesse W. Locke.....*Knight Crusader of the East*
 Lance C. Anthony.....*Knight Crusader of the West*
 James E. Stutts.....*Knight Crusader of the South*
 James F. Vaughan.....*Knight Crusader of the North*
 Joseph D. Brackin.....*Knight Crusader Treasurer-Recorder*
 George L. Marshall, Jr.....*Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross*
 MacArthur Davis.....*Knight Crusader of the Temple*
 Robert Thomas Crawford.....*Knight Crusader Sentinel*

Jesse W. Locke
 Knight Crusader of the East

Attest: Joseph D. Brackin
 Knight Crusader Recorder

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
ALABAMA
JUNE, 1995 - 1996

NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	CONCLAVE DATE
2. Mobile	Mobile	William A. Atwood, Jr. P. O. Box 906 Saraland, 36571	Charles W. McDonald 615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	4nd Monday
4. Montgomery	Montgomery	Robert L. Schick 3587 Wareingwood Drive Montgomery, 36109	William J. Loerch 208 Pine Forest Drive Wetumpka, 36092	1st Thursday
7. Huntsville	Huntsville	Theophile J. Combel, Jr. 819 Giles Drive Huntsville, 35801	Wayne D. Jordan 929 Tascosa Drive Huntsville, 35802	2nd Tuesday
10. Cyrene	Birmingham	James A. Tyus P. O. Box 692 Pell City, 35125	McMurray L. Griffith P. O. Box 130215 Birmingham, 35213	3rd Saturday
13. Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	M. Wayne Anders 4109 Ashburton Lane Northport, 35476	Henry G. Terry 2530 39th Street Tuscaloosa 35405-2842	3rd Tuesday
14. DeMolay	Decatur	Clifford D. Williams 2017 Main Street, E. Hartselle, 35640	Bobby R. Terry P. O. Box 1312 Decatur, 35602	1st Thursday
15. Etowah	Gadsden	Glen Goodson 1302 Fowler Avenue Gadsden, 35904	F. E. (Bill) Greene 5425 Gilmer Lane Rainbow City, 35901	1st Thursday

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ALABAMA (Continued)
JUNE, 1995 - 1996

NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	CONCLAVE DATE
23. Anniston	Anniston	Edwin B. Thomas 915 Mundy Drive Anniston, 36207	Charles R. Pate 1905 Canterbury Square Anniston, 36207	1st & 3rd Saturday
25. Dothan	Dothan	Hiram A. Davis 3108 Clayborne Drive Dothan, 36303	Joseph D. Brackin 2102 Hardwick Drive Dothan, 36303	3rd Thursday
29. Piedmont	Piedmont	Gene Kirk 130 Taylor Street Piedmont, 36272	Jerry R. Kirk 321 Aderholdt Road Piedmont, 36272	2nd Thursday
31. Woodlawn	Birmingham	Tom Cooley 444 13th Avenue, N.W. Birmingham, 35215	Robert L. Byars, Jr. P. O. Box 320184 Birmingham, 35232	2nd Tuesday
39. Florence	Florence	Billy H. Brackin 735 Prospect Street Florence, 35630	James E. Stutts P. O. Box 566 Florence, 35631	3rd Tuesday
45. Lee	Phenix City	Richard M. Wright 7012 Land Drive Columbus, Ga 31904	Jesse W. Locke 4907 Summerville Road Phenix City, 36867	3rd Tuesday
46. DeKalb-Jackson Scottsboro			Floyd L. Hambrick, Jr. 1190 County Road 120 Section, 35771	1st Wednesday

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 ALABAMA (Continued)
 JUNE, 1995 - 1996

NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	CONCLAVE DATE
47. Monroeville	Monroeville	Charles L. Turk P. O. Box 4 Uriah, 36480	MacArthur Davis 4291 Grissett Bridge Rd. Brewton, 36426	4th Friday

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS, 1994 -1997

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Donald H. Smith.....1985-1988
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William H. Thornley, Jr.....1991-1994
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**60th GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
August 9-13, 1997**

GRAND ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM ALABAMA

Joseph D. Brackin, P.D.C.Trustee (2003) of the Permanent Fund
Charles R. Pate, P.G.C.

Alabama Coordinator-Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

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Washington.....	Robert J. Johnston.....	501 E. Mt. View #8 Ellensburg, 98926
West Virginia.....	H. Courtney Jones.....	2103 Percy Avenue Parkersburg, 26101
Wisconsin.....	Milton F. Gregory.....	Grand York Rite Grand Masonic Center 36275 Sunset Drive Dousman, 53118
Wyoming.....	Kenneth S. Watts.....	506 West Park Avenue Riverton 82501
GRAND ENCAMPMENT..	Charles R. Neumann.....	5097 North Elston Ave. Suite 101 Chicago, Illinois 60630

TABULAR VIEW OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ALABAMA SINCE ITS FORMATION
On Friday, November 30, 1860, in Montgomery, Alabama

Year	Place of Meeting	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Recorder	Number of Commanderies	Total Members
1860	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*William Field	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	144
1861	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Sterling A. M. Wood	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	155
1862	Montgomery	No quorum present	Adjourned to Dec. 5, 1863					
1863	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Henry P. Lee	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	127
1864	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William S. Knox	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	141
1865	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William S. Knox	*Edmund M. Hastings	6	113
1866	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James R. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Edmund M. Hastings	7	207
1867	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	7	227
1868	Montgomery	*Peleg Brown	*Abram J. Walker	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	8	242
1869	Mobile	*Richard F. Knott	*Joseph H. Johnson	*William W. Harder	*John N. Browder	*Daniel Sayre	9	249
1870	Mobile	*Abram J. Walker	*Joseph H. Johnson	*William W. Harder	*Walter L. Bragg	*Daniel Sayre	9	235
1871	No Meeting	Adjourned in December, 1870, to meet in February, 1872						
1872	Marrion	*Joseph H. Johnson	*Walter L. Bragg	*Porter Knig	*Andrew J. Blair	*Daniel Sayre	9	283
1873	Huntsville	*Walter L. Bragg	*George P. I. Reid	*John J. Dement	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	9	286
1874	Montgomery	*Walter L. Bragg	*John G. Smith	*James B. Luckie	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	10	264
1875	Selma	*Felix G. Norman	*Benjamin H. Riggs	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	9	234
1876	Montgomery	*John G. Smith	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Sayre	9	236
1877	Mobile	*John G. Smith	*William S. Foster	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Daniel Sayre	9	209
1878	Eufala	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Daniel Sayre	9	206
1879	Montgomery	*William S. Foster	*Dagniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Francis P. O'Brien	*Daniel Sayre	7	212
1880	Birmingham	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*Francis P. O'Brien	*Daniel Sayre	8	215
1881	Mobile	*Stephen H. Beasley	*James T. Holtzclaw	*William T. Atkins	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	9	222
1882	Tuskegee	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John D. Wilkins	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	10	245
1883	Montgomery	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	10	321
1884	Selma	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	7	209
1885	Montgomery	*Daniel Smith	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*William F. Aldrich	*Daniel Sayre	6	195
1886	Montgomery	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*James B. Luckie	*Adam R. Baker	6	202
1887	Mobile	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*Edmund R. Hastings	6	220
1888	Birmingham	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*Edmund R. Hastings	5	209
1889	Montgomery	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*George S. Obeart	*Edmund R. Hastings	8	266
1890	Huntsville	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*William H. Long	*William H. Long	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	308
1891	Mobile	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*William H. Long	*Charles Hann	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	342
1892	Selma	*Charles Wheelock	*William H. Long	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglass	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	357
1893	Gadsden	*Charles Wheelock	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglass	*Milton C. Baldridge	*William B. Phillips	10	368
1894	Birmingham	*Robert L. Douglass	*Robert L. Douglass	*Henry H. Matthews	*Philip Milhous	*H. Clay Armstrong	10	376
1895	Mobile	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglass	*Philip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*H. Clay Armstrong	9	382
1896	Montgomery	*Henry H. Matthews	*Philip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*H. Clay Armstrong	10	380
1897	Birmingham	*Philip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Rob't Moulthrop, Jr.	*H. Clay Armstrong	7	288
1898	Selma							

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1899	Mobile	*William E. Oakley	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*George F. Wheelock	*H. Clay Armstrong	6	298
1900	New Decatur	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*George A. Beauchamp	6	351
1901	Tuscaloosa	*Rob't Moulthrop, Jr.	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles R. Westcott	*George A. Beauchamp	9	463
1902	Mobile	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles R. Westcott	*Charles E. Pearce	*Robert S. Teague	*George A. Beauchamp	8	510
1903	Montgomery	*Charles R. Westcott	*Robert S. Teague	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	*George A. Beauchamp	9	516
1904	Selma	*Robert S. Teague	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	*Edward S. Gatchell	*George A. Beauchamp	11	621
1905	Birmingham	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*George A. Beauchamp	13	743
1906	Gadsden	*Walter Smith	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*George A. Beauchamp	14	824
1907	Mobile	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*Louis J. Wright	*George A. Beauchamp	17	1,013
1908	Tuscaloosa	*Charles O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*Louis J. Wright	*Alexander D. Simpson	*George A. Beauchamp	18	1,085
1909	Andalusia	*John W. Phillips	*John W. Phillips	*Louis J. Wright	*Charles P. Martin	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1,210
1910	Aniston	*Louis J. Wright	*Louis J. Wright	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1,305
1911	Montgomery	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1,475
1912	Selma	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*George A. Beauchamp	21	1,473
1913	Dothan	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*George A. Beauchamp	21	1,663
1914	Talladega	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*George A. Beauchamp	22	1,808
1915	Troy	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*George A. Beauchamp	24	2,032
1916	Birmingham	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*George A. Beauchamp	25	2,367
1917	Tuscaloosa	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*Walter H. Trimby	*George A. Beauchamp	26	2,661
1918	Birmingham	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John Philip Melvin	*George A. Beauchamp	27	3,559
1919	Dothan	*John V. Falck	*Walter H. Trimby	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John Philip Melvin	*George A. Beauchamp	30	5,183
1920	Mobile	*Lawrence H. Lee	*Walter H. Trimby	*John Philip Melvin	*Woolsey Finell	*George A. Beauchamp	33	6,669
1921	Selma	*Woolsey Finell	*John Philip Melvin	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Robert H. Wolcott	*George A. Beauchamp	36	7,427
1922	Gadsden	*John Philip Melvin	*Woolsey Finell	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Robert T. Ward	*George A. Beauchamp	38	8,258
1923	Birmingham	*Woolsey Finell	*John Philip Melvin	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Robert T. Ward	*George A. Beauchamp	40	8,967
1924	Huntsville	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Joseph D. Matlock	*Robert T. Ward	*Philip S. Meyer	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8,638
1925	Troy	*Joseph D. Matlock	*Robert T. Ward	*Philip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8,772
1926	Tuscaloosa	*Robert T. Ward	*Philip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	*William C. Davis	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8,683
1927	Albany	*Philip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	*William C. Davis	*Henry F. Williamson	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8,463
1928	Montgomery	*Orlando S. Finch	*William C. Davis	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*George A. Beauchamp	38	7,810
1929	Mobile	*William C. Davis	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*George A. Beauchamp	38	7,305
1930	Dothan	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*David W. Crosland	*George A. Beauchamp	35	6,378
1931	Huntsville	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*David W. Crosland	*John W. Jones	*Guy T. Smith	35	5,459
1932	Birmingham	*John W. Jones	*David W. Crosland	*John W. Jones	*Robert McL. Strong	*Guy T. Smith	34	4,308
1933	Aniston	*David W. Crosland	*John W. Jones	*Robert McL. Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*Guy T. Smith	31	3,316
1934	Tuscaloosa	*William D. Hawkins	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert McL. Strong	*James M. Frazer	*Guy T. Smith	31	3,121
1935	Montgomery	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert McL. Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*John Heard Saxon	*Guy T. Smith	28	2,814
1936	Mobile	*Robert McL. Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazer	*William W. Waldo	*Guy T. Smith	26	2,633
1937	Montgomery	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazer	*John Heard Saxon	*Frank W. Gaines	*Guy T. Smith	25	2,482
1938	Montgomery	*James M. Frazer	*John Heard Saxon	*William W. Waldo				

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1939	Birmingham	*John Heard Saxon	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Guy T. Smith	23	2,384
1940	Montgomery	*Frank W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Guy T. Smith	23	2,295
1941	Montgomery	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClendon	*Guy T. Smith	23	2,265
1942	Montgomery	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClendon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*Pleasant W. Gay	*Guy T. Smith	22	2,310
1943	Montgomery	*Hoyt McClendon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Guy T. Smith	22	2,526
1944	Montgomery	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Guy T. Smith	22	3,152
1945	Birmingham	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Guy T. Smith	25	4,494
1946	Birmingham	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*Guy T. Smith	25	5,198
1947	Montgomery	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*Newman S. Cryer, P.T.	*C. H. Stubinger	25	5,785
1948	Gadsden	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*Rob't McL. Strong, P.T.	*Llewellyn R. Hillyer	*C. H. Stubinger	24	6,133
1949	Montgomery	*Julius L. Layman	*Rob't McL. Strong, P.T.	*Llewellyn R. Hillyer	*Edgar M. Guber	*C. H. Stubinger	24	6,499
1950	Montgomery	*Edgar M. Guber	*Emrys W. John	*Emrys W. John	*William W. Glass	*C. H. Stubinger	25	6,651
1951	Mobile	*Emrys W. John	*J. Collier Foster	*Archelus F. Campbell	*J. Collier Foster	*C. H. Stubinger	25	6,887
1952	Selma	*J. Collier Foster	*George G. Rees	*Lonnie H. Teele	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*C. H. Stubinger	26	7,131
1953	Florence	*George G. Rees	*Lonnie H. Teele	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*C. H. Stubinger	27	8,101
1954	Huntsville	*Lonnie H. Teele	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*C. H. Stubinger	28	8,935
1955	Tuscaloosa	*V. A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*Claud Stallworth	*C. H. Stubinger	28	9,272
1956	Montgomery	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*Claud Stallworth	*George H. Crook	*C. H. Stubinger	27	9,584
1957	Birmingham	*George W. Sorrell	*Claud Stallworth	*George H. Crook	*Arthur C. Wilson	*C. H. Stubinger	27	9,895
1958	Montgomery	*Claud Stallworth	*George H. Crook	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*C. H. Stubinger	26	9,975
1959	Decatur	*Arthur C. Wilson	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*A. F. Campbell, P.T.	*T. L. Cochran	26	10,073
1960	Birmingham	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*Julian P. Butler	*John S. Robinson	*Gordon L. Evatt	26	10,084
1961	Tuscaloosa	*Earl D. Holmes	*Julian P. Butler	*John S. Robinson	*Charles L. Campbell	*Gordon L. Evatt	26	10,075
1962	Mobile	*Julian P. Butler	*John S. Robinson	*Charles L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	10,095
1963	Birmingham	*John S. Robinson	*Charles L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9,974
1964	Birmingham	*C. L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9,847
1965	Sylacauga	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9,808
1966	Tuscaloosa	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*A. F. Jannett, P.T.	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9,692
1967	Birmingham	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*Michael L. Jones	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9,434
1968	Birmingham	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*Thomas W. Mann	*Michael L. Jones	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9,295
1969	Mobile	*Clifford J. Turner	*S. F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann	*Charles D. Miller	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9,226
1970	Birmingham	*S. F. Jackson, Jr.	*Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9,116
1971	Gadsden	*Thomas W. Mann	*Charles D. Miller	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann	26	8,971
1972	Tuscaloosa	*Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann	26	8,971
1973	Birmingham	*Charles D. Miller	*McMurray L. Griffith	*Wm. M. Newsome, Jr.	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Thomas W. Mann	26	8,687
1974	Gulf Shores	*McMurray L. Griffith	*William M. Newsome	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Oscar L. Ledbetter	*Thomas W. Mann	25	8,439
1975	Birmingham	*William M. Newsome	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Fred W. Vaughan	*Arthur C. Harding	*Thomas W. Mann	25	8,608
1976	Birmingham	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Fred W. Vaughan			*Thomas W. Mann	25	8,485
						*Thomas W. Mann	25	8,516

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1977	Phenix City	*M. L. Fegenbush	Fred W. Vaughan	Arthur C. Harding	Joseph D. Brackin	Thomas W. Mann	25	8,215
1978	Birmingham	Fred W. Vaughan	Arthur C. Harding	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert E. Shipp	Thomas W. Mann	25	8,092
1979	Birmingham	Arthur C. Harding	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert E. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	Thomas W. Mann	24	7,834
1980	Birmingham	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert E. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Thomas W. Mann	24	7,631
1981	Dothan	Robert E. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Richard Sim Hamilton	Thomas W. Mann	24	7,278
1982	Birmingham	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Richard Sim Hamilton	*W. Sterling Roberts	Thomas W. Mann	23	7,117
1983	Birmingham	William H. Ealy	Richard S. Hamilton	*W. Sterling Roberts	*George E. Tremelling	Thomas W. Mann	22	6,993
1984	Huntsville	Richard S. Hamilton	*W. Sterling Roberts	*George E. Tremelling	*James L. Allen	Thomas W. Mann	22	6,861
1985	Birmingham	*W. S. Roberts	*G. E. Tremelling	*James L. Allen	James H. Lee	Thomas W. Mann	21	6,614
1986	Birmingham	*G. E. Tremelling	James H. Lee	Emory J. Ferguson	Charles W. McDonald	Thomas W. Mann	20	6,653
1987	Birmingham	James H. Lee	Emory J. Ferguson	Charles W. McDonald	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Thomas W. Mann	19	6,526
1988	Sheffield	Emory J. Ferguson	Charles W. McDonald	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Charles R. Pate	Thomas W. Mann	18	6,369
1989	Mobile	C. W. McDonald	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Charles R. Pate	Bobby C. Park	Thomas W. Mann	18	6,260
1990	Birmingham	*Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Charles R. Pate	Bobby C. Park	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	Thomas W. Mann	18	5,945
1991	Birmingham	Charles R. Pate	Bobby C. Park	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	Thomas W. Mann	18	5,733
1992	Birmingham	Bobby C. Park	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	*Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Arthur C. Harding	18	5,334
1993	Decatur	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	Geo. L. Marshall, Jr.	Ray Rutledge	Arthur C. Harding	17	4,965
1994	Dothan	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	Geo. L. Marshall, Jr.	Ray Rutledge	James R. Vaughan	Arthur C. Harding	17	4,716
1995	Birmingham	Ray Rutledge	Geo. L. Marshall, Jr.	James R. Vaughan	Bobby Ray Terry	Arthur C. Harding	16	4,598
1996	Birmingham	Geo. L. Marshall, Jr.	James R. Vaughan	Bobby Ray Terry	Joe D. Lee	Arthur C. Harding	15	4,356
1997	Huntsville	James F. Vaughan	Bobby Ray Terry	Joe D. Lee	Jesse W. Locke	Arthur C. Harding	15	

*Denotes deceased

First Annual Conclave was held in Montgomery, Alabama on Friday, November 30, 1860

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On June 23, 1997, Past Grand Commander Robert L. Byars, Jr. renounced York Rite Masonry and is no longer a member.

CHRONOLOGY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS - Add 4,000 years.

Thus: $1997 + 4,000 = \text{A.L. } 5997$

ROYAL ARCH MASONS - Add 530 years.

Thus: $1997 + 530 = \text{A. Inv. } 2527$

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS - Add 1,000 years.

Thus: $1997 + 1,000 \text{ years} = \text{A. Dept. } 2997$

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR - Subtract 1,118 years.

Thus: $1997 - 1,118 = \text{A.O. } 879$

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD - Add 1,913 years.

Thus $1997 + 1,913 = \text{A.B. } 3,910$

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS - Add 3,760 years.

Thus: $1997 + 3,760 = \text{A.M. } 5757$