

THE YORK RITE
of
FREEMASONRY
of
ALABAMA



1987



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

RECEPTION

An informal reception was held on Sunday afternoon, February 22, 1987, in the Centennial Room of the Birmingham Hilton Hotel as members and guests were registered in the lobby. Hostesses were Mrs. Shirley Brackin, wife of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Joseph D. Brackin; Mrs. Agnes Grogan, wife of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.; and Mrs. Margie Tremelling, wife of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, George E. Tremelling. These ladies were assisted by many other wives of Alabama Grand York Rite members.

DIVINE SERVICE

The Divine Service was held on Sunday afternoon, February 22, 1987, in the Heritage Ballroom of the Birmingham Hilton Hotel. The Right Eminent Grand Commander, George E. Tremelling, conducted the service, and Sir Knight Bobby Ray Terry, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, delivered the message.

Sir Knight George L. Marshall, Jr., Right Excellent Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, led the group singing. Pianist was Mrs. Bebe Mann, wife of the Grand Secretary-Recorder, Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann.

The offering received was 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 Heritage Ballroom of the Birmingham Hilton. The tables were beautifully decorated with silk flowers, and a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

The Invocation was given by Companion Bobby Ray Terry, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery.

The three presiding officers introduced their families, their Grand Line Officers, their Past Grands, their Distinguished Guests, and all their Ladies.

Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, Grand Secretary-Recorder, Past Excellent Chief of Vulcan Council No. 22, Knight Masons of Alabama, was introduced as the newly elected Very Eminent Grand Junior Knight of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America.

Companion J. Benny Allen, S.E. District Deputy General Grand High Priest and personal representative of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, brought greetings from Dr. Walter H. Winchester. Companion Teddy R. Grogan, Sr., Most Illustrious Grand Master, escorted his son, Companion Teddy R. Grogan, Jr., of Piedmont Chapter No. 111, to the podium, where he was presented the General Grand Chapter Medal of Honor by Companion J. Benny Allen. Companion Grogan, Jr., spoke a few words and accepted the award with appreciation and humility. The Grand Chapter of Alabama proudly adds Companion Grogan's name to their list of previous recipients.

Companion Evan L. Fleming, Jr., General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for the General Grand Council, was introduced. He requested Companion Charles R. Pate to escort Companion Calvin Coolidge Snow, of Brundidge Council No. 69, Anniston, to the podium, where he was introduced as this year's recipient of the General Grand Council's Cryptic Mason of the Year Award. Mrs. Snow pinned the Medal on her husband's lapel. Companion Snow accepted with gratitude, and the Grand Council of Alabama proudly adds his name to their list of previous recipients.

Companion Fleming presented Companion Teddy R. Grogan, Sr., with a Most Illustrious Past Grand Master's lapel pin and certificate from the General Grand Council.

Sir Knight Edward R. Saunders, Jr., Southeast Department Commander, was introduced, and he, then, introduced Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., Right

Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and personal representative of Donald H. Smith, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Thornley presented Sir Knight J. Paul Gray, of Anniston Commandery No. 23, with the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor Medal and Plaque for exceptional and meritorious service to the Order of Knights Templar. Sir Knight Gray accepted this honor with a few emotional words of appreciation, and his name is duly recorded with former recipients of this coveted award. Lady Louise Gray did the honors of pinning on the Medal.

After being introduced by the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of Alabama, Sir Knight James H. Lee, Sir Knight Edgar B. Burgess, Jr., Commander of Florence Commandery No. 39, requested permission to approach the podium. He presented Sir Knight Arthur C. Harding, Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign, a check for \$1,250.00 for Florence Commandery No. 39 in memory of Sir Knight Arlie E. Blackburn.

Most Worshipful Marvin E. Leachman, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge F. & A.M., was introduced and made a few amusing remarks.

The banquet was concluded with prayer by Companion John D. Prince, Jr., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

LADIES' ENTERTAINMENT

A hospitality room was open on Monday and Tuesday where the ladies met to enjoy the elaborate array of refreshments, furnished by the ladies of the Alabama Grand York Rite, and arranged by Mrs. Joseph D. (Shirley) Brackin, Mrs. Teddy R. (Agnes) Grogan, Sr., and Mrs. George E. (Margie) Tremelling.

At noon on Monday, the ladies were treated to a delicious luncheon at the Birmingham Hilton. They were given table favors by the three hostesses, and many prizes were given those holding the lucky tickets. A slide presentation of Alabama State Parks was given.

On Monday afternoon the ladies went on a shopping tour, and Monday evening the ladies assembled for a fun night of Bingo.

KNIGHT MASONS

The Knight Masons of Alabama, Vulcan Council No. 22, held their fourth annual Ladies' Night Banquet on Monday evening, February 23, 1987, at Joe's Restaurant, as part of the Grand York Rite activities in Birmingham. A delicious steak dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all.

The Banquet was attended by 72 Knights and their Ladies, and 38 Distinguished Guests.

Knight Thomas F. Craig, Excellent Chief of Vulcan Council No. 22, presided. Knight John D. Prince, Jr., gave the invocation.

Following the banquet, other meetings were held at the Woodlawn York Rite Temple: the Council of Anointed High Priests, the Order of the Silver Trowel, and the Knight Crusaders of the Cross (Past Commanders).

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE**
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF
ALABAMA
HELD FEBRUARY 22-24, 1987

**BIRMINGHAM HILTON HOTEL
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

Presiding 1986-1987

George E. Tremelling, *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
609 Denniston Lane, Adamsville, Alabama 35005

Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C., *Eminent Grand Recorder*
P.O. Box 2822-A, Birmingham, Alabama 35212-0222

Elected 1987-1988

James H. Lee, *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
Route 6, Box 67, Florence, Alabama 35630

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

The One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama was declared convened by Sir Knight George E. Tremelling, Right Eminent Grand Commander, on February 24, 1987, in the "Heritage" Ballroom of the Birmingham Hilton Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama.

The Invocation was given by Sir Knight Bobby Ray Terry, 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 E. Tremelling	<i>Grand Commander</i>
Sir Knight James H. Lee	<i>Deputy Grand Commander</i>
Sir Knight Emory J. Ferguson	<i>Grand Generalissimo</i>
Sir Knight Charles W. McDonald	<i>Grand Captain General</i>
Sir Knight Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	<i>Grand Senior Warden</i>
Sir Knight Charles R. Pate	<i>Grand Junior Warden</i>
Sir Knight Bobby Ray Terry	<i>Grand Prelate</i>
Sir Knight James A. Kile	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann	<i>Grand Recorder</i>
Sir Knight Bobby C. Park	<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>
Sir Knight Sam L. Garrett	<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>
Sir Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr.	<i>Grand Warder</i>
Sir Knight Shirley A. Otts	<i>Grand Sentinel</i>

**INTRODUCTION OF
PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF ALABAMA**

The Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Alabama who were present at this Conclave were escorted to the East for introduction. They are as follows:

Anthony V. Jannett, 1967-1968	Joseph D. Brackin, 1980-1981
Clifford J. Turner, 1970-1971	Robert E. Shipp, 1981-1982
Thomas W. Mann, 1972-1973	Erskine K. Smith, 1982-1983
Michael L. Jones, 1973-1974	William H. Ealy, 1983-1984
McMurray L. Griffith, 1975-1976	Richard Sim Hamilton, 1984-1985
William M. Newsome, Jr. 1976-1977	W. Sterling Roberts, 1985-1986
Arthur C. Harding, 1979-1980	

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER GEORGE E. TREMELLING

1986-1987

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

On behalf of the Officers of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, we extend to you a most cordial welcome to your One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

To our Grand Encampment Officers and our Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, who have taken time from their busy schedules to visit with us, we thank you and extend to you a most hearty and sincere welcome. Your presence adds a great deal of encouragement to us.

We hope your visit to Birmingham will be a most enjoyable experience. Should there be anything that we might do to make your visit more pleasant, please let us know.

STATE OF THE ORDER

The Commanderies which I had the pleasure of visiting are showing a great deal of improvement in conferring the Orders of Templary, and are showing more interest in supporting the philanthropies of our Order.

This year a larger amount of money was donated to the Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign. In fact, two Commanderies this year received a Plaque from the Grand Encampment for their efforts. These were: Lee Commandery No. 45, of Phenix City and DeMolay Commandery No. 14, of Decatur. This could be the start of something big in Alabama. Should all of the Commanderies keep working, we could reach the one hundred percent mark as our friends in Georgia did last year.

I regret to report that some of our Commanderies are experiencing internal problems with their own members, and problems with the Blue Lodges that meet in the same Temple with them. It looks as if all the "Brotherly Love and Friendship" that we speak of, is just in our Rituals.

We also have some of our Members and Subordinate Commanderies that hold in contempt the Rules that govern our Craft. This is regrettable, because if we do not respect our own rules, how then can we expect the Profanes to respect our Order?

As Knight Templars, and particularly Master Masons, we are supposed to be . . . and I say, supposed to be, of a higher calibre person, that we do not take advantage of our brothers.

We have been admonished by our Grand Encampment Officers throughout this year that, "We shall be known by our actions". If we do not live honorably among ourselves, then is it any wonder that the general public has such contempt for our Order? Let's work to improve our image.

NECROLOGY

We are happy to report that the Officers of our Grand Line have been spared this year. However, we were saddened to learn of the passing of our Past Grand Commander, Charles "Chuck" Deverne Miller, on March 17, 1986, in Weir, Kansas.

We are also saddened by the loss of 168 other Sir Knights who will be appropriately eulogized by the Grand Prelate in his report. We extend our sincere sympathy and love to the families of our Fraters, who have answered the call to enter the Asylum above. But, we are strengthened in the knowledge that they are eternally with Him in whom we profess to put our trust. May His Grace comfort their loved ones in their time of sorrow and grief.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED TO REPRESENT ALABAMA NEAR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES

Arkansas	James C. Fernald, Jr.
Florida	Frances L. Dancy
New Mexico	Darrel D. Hornsby
New York	Lawson L. Brown
Philippines	Teodorico V. Baldonado
Virginia	W. Elliott Button
Washington	Robert J. Cole

AUDIT

On November 23, 1986, I authorized our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, R.E.P.G.C., to secure the services of Brother Raymond E. Potter, C.P.A., to audit the books of the Grand Commandery.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

To receive and ballot on petitions out of statutory time:

Etowah Commandery No. 15	April 5, 1986
Woodlawn Commandery No. 31	April 26, 1986
Huntsville Commandery No. 7	April 22 & 26, 1986
Anniston Commandery No. 23	May 1 & 10, 1986
East Lake Commandery No. 43	May 17, 1986
Florence Commandery No. 39	June 7, 1986
Huntsville Commandery No. 7	September 23 & 27, 1986
Etowah Commandery No. 15	September 27, 1986
Montgomery Commandery No. 4	October 11, 1986
Anniston Commandery No. 23	October 24, 1986
Woodlawn Commandery No. 31	October 25, 1986
Bessemer Commandery No. 35	October 28 & 31, 1986
East Lake Commandery No. 43	November 8, 1986
Florence Commandery No. 39	November 8, 1986
Cyrene Commandery No. 10	November 8, 1986
Anniston Commandery No. 23	February 7, 1987

To change meetings dates:

Lee Commandery No. 45	April 29, 1986
Cyrene Commandery No. 10	December 12, 1986

To consolidate:

Bessemer Commandery No. 35	September 6, 1986
Cyrene Commandery No. 10	September 6, 1986

To elect and install officers out of statutory time:

Bessemer Commandery No. 35	October 31, 1986
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OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

March 9-11, 1986	Grand York Rite of South Carolina, Greenville
March 21, 22, 1986	Grand Commandery of Mississippi, Meridian
March 23-25, 1986	Grand York Rite of North Carolina, Nags Head
April 25, 26, 1986	Grand Commandery of Tennessee, Nashville
May 14, 15, 1986	Grand Commandery of Georgia, Athens
May 19-21, 1986	Grand York Rite of Florida, Winter Haven
July 13-15, 1986	Great Smokies Summer Assembly, Waynesville, North Carolina
October 27, 1986	Florida Lodge No. 450 F.& A.M., Birmingham Metro Blue Lodge Degree Team conferred Master Mason Degree

IN STATE VISITATIONS

March 1, 1986	Visit to Lloyd Noland Hospital, to assist in the presentation of the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Medal to Earl P. Woodall
March 3, 1986	Hiram Lodge No. 42, F.& A.M., Master Mason Degree, Jacksonville
March 7, 1986	Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Grand Officers' Visit, Birmingham
March 8, 1986	K.Y.C.H. Meeting, Birmingham
March 30, 1986	East Lake Commandery No. 43, Easter Sunrise Service
April 5, 1986	Etowah Commandery No. 15, Spring York Rite Class, Assisted with the work
April 8, 1986	Bessemer Chapter No. 110, Spring Chapter Class, Assisted with the work
April 16, 1986	Charles A. Long Council No. 94, Spring Council Class, Assisted with the work
April 17, 1986	DeMolay Commandery No. 14, Spring Commandery Class, Grand Officers' Visit
April 22, 1986	Bessemer Commandery No. 35, Spring Commandery Class, Assisted with the work
May 10, 1986	Fort Payne Commandery No. 46, York Rite Festival, Assisted with the work
May 15, 1986	Anniston Commandery No. 23, Spring Commandery Class
May 17, 1986	Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Spring York Rite Class, Assisted with the work
June 14, 1986	DeMolay Annual State Conclave Banquet, Huntsville
June 21, 1986	Montgomery Commandery No. 4, Installed Officers
July 12, 1986	Red Cross of Constantine Meeting, Birmingham
July 19, 1986	Masonic Bodies Family Meeting, Grand Lodge F.& A.M. of Alabama
July 26, 1986	Anniston York Rite Day, K.Y.C.H. Meeting, and Conferring of the Super Excellent Masters Degree
July 28, 1986	Mobile Commandery No. 2, Installed Officers
July 29, 1986	Talladega Commandery No. 17, Installed Officers
August 15, 16, 1986	Southeast Regional York Rite Conference, Dothan, Alabama
August 22, 1986	Bessemer Commandery No. 35, Consolidation Meeting
September 27, 1986	Bessemer Commandery No. 35, Family Night Dinner
September 28, 1986	Huntsville Commandery No. 7, Fall York Rite Class

- November 6, 1986 DeMolay Commandery No. 14, Decatur, Alabama,
Presented Plaque from the
Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign
- November 8, 1986 Lee Commandery No. 45, Phenix City, Alabama,
Presented Plaque from the
Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign
- November 17, 1986 Guest of Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Brother R. Harris Henderson, Sr., at the Banquet of the
Grand Lodge F.& A.M. of Alabama

CONCLUSION

Serving as the Presiding Officer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama was a very rewarding experience, and I wish to thank each of you for affording me the privilege and honor of serving the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama.

To the officers and members of Cyrene Commandery No. 10, I am indeed grateful for your support. Had it not been for you, I would not have been given this high honor.

Before I conclude with those for whom I should show appreciation, I would be remiss if I did not mention my lady, Margie. She has been very helpful in encouraging me and preparing for me to travel throughout this year. It surely is nice to have someone to care for you and make your trips more comfortable.

I enjoyed being with our Grand High Priest, Joseph Brackin, his lady, Shirley, our Illustrious Grand Master, Teddy Grogan, and his lady, Agnes, when our paths crossed as we traveled throughout this state and to other Grand Jurisdictions.

To all, for the many honors and courtesies that were given to us as we progressed through the Grand Commandery Line, I say, "Thank you". You have been wonderful.

Respectfully submitted,
George E. Tremelling,
Grand Commander

Attest: Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C.,
Grand Recorder

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:*

Submitted below is my Statement of Revenue and Disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1986:

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 50,299.70	
Fees	2,350.00	
Interest	3,743.33	
Sale of Supplies	387.43	
Sale of Banquet Tickets	1,480.14	
Total Receipts		\$ 58,260.60

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operating Expenses	\$ 51,464.46	
Purchases of Supplies for Resale	250.00	
Decrease in Payroll Taxes Unremitted	75.69	
Total Disbursements		\$ 51,790.15

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS 6,470.45**CASH ON HAND - January 1, 1986** 75,734.42**CASH ON HAND - December 31, 1986** \$ 82,204.87

Cash on Hand December 31, 1986 consists of the following:

Petty Cash	\$ 50.00
Checking Account	42,012.43
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Accounts	40,142.44
Total Cash on Hand - December 31, 1986	\$ 82,204.87

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Kile,
Grand Treasurer*Adopted.*

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Companions: Herewith is my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1986:

Membership as of January 1, 1986 6614

ADDITIONS:

Knighted	302	
Affiliated	15	
Reinstated	95	
Adjusted	122	+ 534

Total Gross Membership 7148

LOSSES:

Died	168	
Dimitted	20	
Suspended N.P.D.	280	
Adjusted	27	- 495

Total Net Membership as of December 31, 1986 6653

Gain in Membership for 1986	39	
Chartered Commanderies	21	
Commanderies Reporting	21	
Commanderies under Dispensation	0	

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank Sir Knight George E. Tremelling, the Grand Line Officers, and the Recorders of our Constituent Commanderies for the fine work they are continuing to do. I would like on behalf of our charity, The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, to thank the Companions in Alabama for the support they have given to this worthwhile cause. My deepest appreciation is extended to Mrs. Vikki Highfield, our office assistant, for the fine work she does for us, and for her invaluable assistance in our new Computer Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C.,
Grand Recorder

Adopted.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

NUMBER	NAME	1/1/86 MEMBERSHIP	KNIGHTED	AFFILIATED	REINSTATED	ADJUSTED	DIED	DIMITTED	SUSPENDED	12/31/86 MEMBERSHIP	GAIN/LOSS
2.	Mobile	673	3	1	5	0	18	3	18	643	-30
4.	Montgomery	425	4	2	1	+ 8	20	1	24	395	-30
7.	Huntsville	372	8	0	3	- 1	8	1	9	364	- 8
10.	Cyrene	959	19	4	16	+44	23	1	40	978	+19
13.	Tuscaloosa	262	0	0	4	- 1	5	0	5	255	- 7
14.	DeMolay	229	11	0	5	- 2	6	1	8	228	- 1
15.	Etowah	300	26	1	4	+ 1	9	3	9	311	+11
17.	Talladega	29	0	0	4	-12	1	0	0	20	- 9
21.	Sylacauga	81	0	0	0	- 1	0	0	0	80	- 1
23.	Anniston	244	13	2	2	0	5	0	2	254	+10
25.	Dothan	227	10	0	4	0	8	3	9	221	- 6
28.	Opelika	93	0	0	0	- 6	10	0	12	65	-28
29.	Piedmont	168	3	1	1	0	5	0	10	158	-10
31.	Woodlawn	898	93	3	21	- 2	17	3	52	941	+43
35.	Bessemer	278	16	0	3	0	8	1	8	280	+ 2
39.	Florence	355	6	0	1	0	3	0	22	337	-18
43.	East Lake	499	54	1	15	0	12	2	47	508	+ 9
45.	Lee	183	4	0	0	+ 1	2	0	5	181	- 2
46.	Fort Payne	175	30	0	0	+68	7	0	0	266	+91
47.	Monroeville	81	0	0	0	- 2	0	0	0	79	- 2
48.	Jasper	83	2	0	6	0	1	1	0	89	+ 6
TOTALS		6614	302	15	95	+95	168	20	280	6653	+39

POTTER AND BRYANT
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Mr. George E. Tremelling
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama
Birmingham, Alabama

We have examined the balance sheet of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama as of December 31, 1986 and the related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balance for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we deemed necessary in the circumstances.

The organization's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; consequently, 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 are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the assets, liabilities and fund balance arising from cash transactions of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama as of December 31, 1986, and the revenue collected and expenses paid during the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described above, which basis has been applied in a manner consistent with that of preceding years.

POTTER & BRYANT
Certified Public Accountants



Birmingham, Alabama
January 14, 1987

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1986

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 42,062.43	
Certificates of Deposit and Savings Accounts	40,142.44	
Inventory - Supplies for Resale	390.37	
Equipment	6,562.29	
Total Assets		\$ <u>89,157.53</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

<u>Liabilities</u>		
Payroll Taxes		\$ 263.53
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
		<u>88,894.00</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance		\$ <u>89,157.53</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1986

<u>Revenue</u>			
Dues			\$ 50,299.70
Fees			2,350.00
Sale of Business Services <i>Banquet</i> Tickets			1,480.14
Sale of Supplies		\$ 387.43	
Inventory - January 1, 1986	\$ 482.08		
Purchases	250.00		
Total	732.08		
Inventory - December 31, 1986	390.37	341.71	45.72
Interest			3,743.33
Total Revenue			57,918.89
Expenses (Exhibit 1)			<u>51,464.46</u>
Excess of Receipts over Expenses			\$ <u>6,454.43</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1986

Fund Balance - January 1, 1986	\$ 82,439.57
Add: Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	<u>6,454.43</u>
Fund Balance - December 31, 1986	\$ <u>88,894.00</u>

EXHIBIT 1

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1986

<u>Grand Officer Expenses</u>		
Allowance for Grand Officer	\$ 1,200.00	
Stationery for Grand Officer	75.00	
Southeastern Regional Conference	140.00	
Total Grand Officer Expenses		\$ 1,415.00
<u>Grand Recorder's Office Expenses</u>		
Salary - Grand Recorder	3,000.00	
Salary - Office Secretary	3,660.00	
Allowance - Grand Treasurer	120.00	
Insurance - Bonds, Fire, Theft and Liability	363.60	
Safe Deposit Box Rental	6.00	
Payroll Taxes	873.81	
Rent	1,632.00	
Stationery and Printing	686.45	
Repairs - Furniture and Service Contracts	172.20	
Postage and Post Office Box Rental	168.20	
Telephone	525.01	
Annual Audit and Accounting Services	675.00	
Travel Allowance - Grand Recorder	2,160.00	
Travel Allowance - Office Secretary	300.00	
Janitorial Supplies	74.18	
Computer Supplies	142.44	
Typewriter Rental	45.15	
Total Grand Recorder's Office Expenses		14,604.04
<u>Annual Convention Expenses</u>		
Expenses for Distinguished Guests	899.61	
Per Diem and Mileage - Grand Officers	1,460.60	
Banquet and Men's Luncheon	1,982.24	
Printing and Badges for Convention	309.63	
Photographs - Convention	118.00	
Ladies' Luncheon	384.30	
Total Annual Convention Expenses		5,154.38
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Per Capita Tax - Grand Encampment	21,826.20	
Dues - Knights Templar Eye Foundation	5,540.00	
Memorials	10.00	
Special Award - Demolay	100.00	
Special Award - Rainbow	100.00	
Special Award - Order of Knighthood	100.00	
Printing Annual Proceedings	2,519.94	
Contingencies	94.90	
Total Miscellaneous		30,291.04
Total Expenses		\$ <u>51,464.46</u>

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Your Committee on Finance offers the following report and budget for 1987 for your consideration and action. We have examined the audit of the Grand Commandery books by Raymond E. Potter, C.P.A., and recommend that it be accepted and filed. This budget has been prepared with the cooperative efforts of the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, and Grand Treasurer.

We recommend that the Credentials Committee be given three days per diem.

We commend the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for their reports, and move the adoption of this budget.

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Sorrell, P.G.C., Chairman
Robert E. Shipp, P.G.C.
Robert L. Byars, Jr.

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET

ITEM	BUDGET 1986	SPENT	PROPOSED 1987
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 35.00	\$ 74.18	\$ 75.00
Social Security & Payroll Taxes	750.00	695.39	750.00
Telephone	500.00	525.01	550.00
Postage & P.O. Box Rental	200.00	168.20	200.00
Contingency Fund	100.00	94.90	200.00
Grand Commander's Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Grand Recorder's Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Grand Treasurer's Expense	120.00	120.00	120.00
General Encampment			
Per Capita Tax	19,000.00	21,826.20	22,200.00
Grand Encampment			
K.T. Eye Foundation Dues	5,000.00	5,540.00	5,600.00
Office Secretary's Salary	3,660.00	3,660.00	3,660.00
Printing Grand Proceedings & Leaflets	2,500.00	2,519.44	2,525.00
Printing & Badges for Convention	250.00	309.63	325.00
Stationery & Printing for Office	650.00	686.45	700.00
Audit	625.00	675.00	675.00
Office Rent	1,632.00	1,632.00	1,632.00
Jewel for Junior Past			
Grand Commander	0	0	200.00
Insurance - Bonds, Fire, Theft, & Liability	175.00	363.60	400.00
Memorials & Gifts	100.00	10.00	100.00
Patriotic Activities	0	0	0
Triennial Reserve (First 4 Grand Officers & Grand Recorder - \$667.00 per year for 3 years)	667.00	0	667.00
Triennial Reserve for Past Grand Commanders (\$933.00 per year for 3 years. Prorated - \$400.00 Maximum each officer)	933.00	0	933.00
Southern Breakfast (\$100.00 per year for 3 years)	100.00	0	100.00

Donation to DeMolay	100.00	100.00	100.00
Donation to Order of Knighthood	100.00	100.00	100.00
Donation to Order of Rainbow for Girls	100.00	100.00	100.00
Purchases for Resale	100.00	250.00	250.00
Southeastern Regional York Rite Conference (\$100.00 Maximum for each Officer - Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Recorder only)	335.00	140.00	335.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance	2,160.00	2,160.00	2,160.00
Office Secretary's Travel Allowance	300.00	300.00	300.00
K.T. Magazine Committee Expense - Editor, Alabama Supplement	25.00	0	25.00
K.T. Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign Expense	75.00	0	75.00
Foreign Correspondent	5.00	0	0
Stationery for Presiding Grand Officer	75.00	75.00	75.00
Safety Deposit Box Rental	6.00	6.00	6.00
Repairs - Furniture & Equipment, & Service Contracts	150.00	172.20	200.00
Ladies' Luncheon (Annual Conclave)	300.00	384.30	300.00
Distinguished Guests (2 nights' lodging)	1,000.00	899.61	1,000.00
Banquet (Total cost minus tickets sold)	1,000.00	361.38	1,000.00
Convention Photographs	100.00	118.00	0
\$30.00 Per Diem (2 nights) and mileage (Grand Officers, Past Grands, and Standing Committees only)	1,500.00	1,460.60	1,500.00
Men's Luncheon (Current Grand Line and Distinguished Guests only)	200.00	248.86	250.00
Rental of Typewriters for Convention Registration	50.00	45.15	50.00
Computer Supplies	100.00	142.44	150.00
TOTAL	<u>\$48,978.00</u>	<u>\$50,163.54</u>	<u>\$53,788.00</u>

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

ARIZONA	*James A. Kile
ARKANSAS	James H. Lee
CALIFORNIA	Charles Terry Bray
COLORADO	William H. Ealy
CONNECTICUT	Bobby C. Park
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Richard Sim Hamilton
FLORIDA	Thomas W. Mann
GEORGIA	William O. Farmer
IDAHO	Lloyd D. Durden
ILLINOIS	Arthur C. Harding
INDIANA	James E. Stutts
IOWA	Jesse W. Locke
KANSAS	George W. Sorrell
KENTUCKY	Michael L. Jones
LOUISIANA	*John D. Prince, Jr.
MAINE	William M. Newsome, Jr.
MARYLAND	Joseph D. Brackin
MASSACHUSETTS and RHODE ISLAND	Fred W. Vaughan
MICHIGAN	**H. Curtis Ivey
MINNESOTA	W. Sterling Roberts
MISSISSIPPI	Emory J. Ferguson
MISSOURI	*Robert W. Earnhardt
MONTANA	Charles R. Pate
NEBRASKA	J. Paul Gray
NEVADA	Emrys W. John
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Robert E. Shipp
NEW JERSEY	George L. Marshall, Jr.
NEW MEXICO	Ray R. Morgan, Jr.
NEW YORK	Anthony M. Deming
NORTH CAROLINA	*James R. Bromley
NORTH DAKOTA	Sam L. Garrett
OHIO	Edgar B. Burgess, Jr.
OKLAHOMA	Erskine K. Smith
OREGON	Raymond Charles Lee, Sr.
PENNSYLVANIA	Bobby Ray Terry
PHILIPPINES	Clifford J. Turner
SOUTH CAROLINA	Anthony V. Jannett
SOUTH DAKOTA	*Paul E. Drinnon
TENNESSEE	Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.
TEXAS	McMurray L. Griffith
UTAH	Robert T. Crawford
VERMONT	*Milton L. Fegenbush
VIRGINIA	Charles W. McDonald
WASHINGTON	Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.
WEST VIRGINIA	Oliver L. Moore, Jr.
WISCONSIN	*Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.
WYOMING	Robert L. Byars, Jr.

**Denotes number of consecutive years absent from Grand Conclave.*

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

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Arizona	James A. Kile	200-18th Avenue, N.W. Birmingham, 35215	Harold T. Stalker, Sr.	Tucson
Arkansas	James H. Lee	Route 6, Box 67 Florence, 35630	James C. Fernald, Jr.	El Dorado
California	Charles Terry Bray	176 North Prairie Street Florence, 35630	Grover T. Halbrooks	Riverside
Colorado	William H. Ealy	2101 Giles Drive, N.E. Huntsville, 35811	Paul B. Samaniego, Jr.	Trinidad
Connecticut	Bobby C. Park	P.O. Box 607 Decatur, 35602	Stephen Dzielinski	Manchester
Dist. of Columbia	Richard Sim Hamilton	2302 Hamilton Drive, S.W. Decatur, 35601	Gordon W. Crozier	Washington
Florida	Thomas W. Mann	354 Sun Valley Circle Birmingham, 35215	Francis L. Dancy	Ft. Pierce
Georgia	William O. Farmer	5723 Cheryl Drive Pinson, 35126	Graydon W. Kitchens	Atlanta
Idaho	Loyd D. Durden	507 South Edgewood Drive Dothan, 36301	Kenneth Holt	Fruitland
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	Harold F. Thiemann	Columbus
Iowa	Jesse W. Locke	P.O. Box 2331 Phenix City, 36867	Victor Raider	Burlington
Kansas	George W. Sorrell	1009 West 47th Street Birmingham, 35208	William M. Gertsen	Newton
Kentucky	Michael L. Jones	1711 Cagle Avenue, S.W. Decatur, 35601	Whitfield Tandy	Lexington
Louisiana	John D. Prince, Jr.	1228 Glen View Road Birmingham, 35222	Huston F. Boothe, Sr.	Hammond
Maine	William M. Newsome, Jr.	1600-45th Street Phenix City, 36867	Malcolm Richards	West Sullivan

**REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES (Continued)
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 and Rhode Island	Fred W. Vaughan	108 Harwood Drive Route 13, Box 82 Gadsden, 35901	Harley F. McCartney	Templeton
Michigan	H. Curtis Ivey	Box 768 Opelika, 36801	Donald M. Krueger	Sturgis
Minnesota	W. Sterling Roberts	821 Covington Avenue Birmingham, 35206	Lynn Gunsolus	Waseca
Mississippi	Emory J. Ferguson	1615 Lakeview Drive, N.W. Cullman, 35055	R. Marshall Shields	Meridian
Missouri	Robert W. Earnhardt	18 Forest Lake Tuscaloosa, 35401	William H. Sattler	St. Charles
Montana	Charles R. Pate	1220 Glendale Road Anniston, 36201	C. Thomas Bersuch	Lewistown
Nebraska	J. Paul Gray	1106 Rainbow Circle Anniston, 36201	Robert C. Franklin	Papillion
Nevada	Emrys W. John	5516 South 10th Avenue Birmingham, 35222	Winfield S. Rash	Las Vegas
New Hampshire	Robert E. Shipp	3533 East Springwood Drive Mobile 36608	Richard A. Gilbert, Sr.	Newmarket
New Jersey	George L. Marshall, Jr.	609 Hal Street, N.W. Huntsville, 35805	Thurman C. Pace, Jr.	Westfield
New Mexico	Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	P.O. Box 326 Gadsden, 35902	Darrel D. Hornsby	Santa Fe
New York	Anthony M. Deming	P.O. Box 9857 Birmingham, 35215	Lawson L. Brown	Elmira Heights
North Carolina	James R. Bromley	2127 Norwood Blvd. Florence, 35630	James H. Horne	Fayetteville
North Dakota	Sam L. Garrett	1402 Melanie Lane Phenix City, 36867	Paul Torgeson	Grafton

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

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Ohio	Edgar B. Burgess, Jr.	118 Colorado Muscle Shoals, 35661	R. Dale Long	Cambridge
Oklahoma	Erskine K. Smith	1835 Cheaha Drive Oxford, 36203	Joe F. Warriner	Oklahoma City
Oregon	R. Charles Lee, Sr.	P.O. Box 6184 Montgomery, 36106	Glendon K. Jefferies	Ashland
Pennsylvania	Bobby Ray Terry	Route 1, Box 10 Decatur, 35601	Arthur R. Gebert	Lansdale
Philippines	Clifford J. Turner	Route 5, Box 187 Gadsden, 35903	Teodorico V. Baldonado	Quezon City, Philippines
South Carolina	Anthony V. Jannett	Route 1, Box 2222 Shelby, 35143	William W. Hudgens	Laurens
South Dakota	Paul E. Drinnon	2301 Oakwood Road, N.W. Huntsville, 35810	Clarence E. Lundquist	Brookings
Tennessee	Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.	3110 East 18th Avenue Sheffield, 35660	Charles L. Brooks	Memphis
Texas	McMurray L. Griffith	P.O. Box 31311 Birmingham, 35222	Charles M. Godwin	Colorado City
Utah	Robert T. Crawford	911-4th Terrace Pleasant Grove, 35127	Raymond F. White	Ogden
Vermont	Milton L. Fegenbush	828 South 80th Street Birmingham, 35206	Robert Boyce	Windsor
Virginia	Charles W. McDonald	615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	W. Elliott Button	Winchester
Washington	Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Route 6, Box 66 Piedmont, 36272	Robert J. Cole	Goldendale
West Virginia	Oliver L. Moore, Jr.	Route 1, Box 238 Killen, 35645	Marshall M. Casdorph	Ronceverte
Wisconsin	Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.	8437 South 9th Avenue Birmingham, 35206	Adolph M. Zwitter	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	P.O. Box 2954 Birmingham, 35212	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 Knights Templar 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 20 Constituent Commanderies which comprise the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, and of these, 17 Commanderies are registered with this Committee for this 127th Annual Conclave.

The 3 Commanderies not represented are:

Talladega Commandery No 17	Not Represented 1 year
Opelika Commandery No. 28	Not Represented 2 years
Fort Payne Commandery No. 46	Not Represented 1 year

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

Total Officers or Proxies present	49
Total Past Commanders present	100
Total Qualified to Vote	149

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

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Battle, Chairman
Claude C. McGraw

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

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

2. Mobile	William J. Sirmon, Jr. John K. McClure	Commander Generalissimo
	*Johnny A. Baker	Captain General
4. Montgomery	James E. Sexson Obed C. Manning	Commander Generalissimo
	*James E. Sexson	Captain General
7. Huntsville	James L. Gossett Doyle W. Ealy	Commander Generalissimo
	Henry B. Tyra, Jr.	Captain General
10. Cyrene	J. C. Brady	Commander
	*James W. Battles	Generalissimo
	*Shirley A. Otts	Captain General
13. Tuscaloosa	*William S. Wiggins	Commander
	*William S. Wiggins	Generalissimo
	William S. Wiggins	Captain General
14. DeMolay	*Phillip J. Sherman	Commander
	*Richard Sim Hamilton	Generalissimo
	*Earl C. Clayton	Captain General
15. Etowah	Billy A. Clark	Commander
	*Billy A. Clark	Generalissimo
	*Billy A. Clark	Captain General

17. Talladega	Not Represented (1 year).	
21. Sylacauga	*Charles Pitts	Commander
23. Anniston	*Calvin C. Snow	Commander
	*J. Paul Gray	Generalissimo
	*J. Paul Gray	Captain General
25. Dothan	Maurice C. Himes	Commander
	L. C. Minks	Generalissimo
	Aubrey E. Simpler	Captain General
28. Opelika	Not Represented (2 years).	
29. Piedmont	*Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Commander
	*Weldon H. Roberts	Generalissimo
	*Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Captain General
31. Woodlawn	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.	Commander
	*Woodrow M. Hewitt	Generalissimo
	*Howard E. Hayes	Captain General
39. Florence	Edgar B. Burgess, Jr.	Commander
	Oliver L. Moore, Jr.	Generalissimo
	*James M. Gallien	Captain General
43. East Lake	Joe R. Bush	Commander
	Wesley Ray Ensey	Generalissimo
	*Claude C. McGraw	Captain General
45. Lee	William C. Snyder	Commander
	Lance C. Anthony	Generalissimo
	*Robert D. Moseson	Captain General
46. Fort Payne	Not Represented (1 year).	
47. Monroeville	*Thomas Lemons	Commander
	*Thomas Lemons	Generalissimo
	*Thomas Lemons	Captain General
48. Jasper	LeRoy Williamson	Commander
	*Ray Rutledge	Generalissimo
	*LeRoy Williamson	Captain General

*Denotes Proxy.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS PRESENT:

2. Mobile: Charles W. McDonald, Brent R. Haller, Robert E. Shipp, Maurice M. Chastain, Johnny A. Baker, William Leo Baugh, Jr.
4. Montgomery: John E. Stearnes, Harry C. Denton, Robert E. Clemens, Luther E. Lee, Raymond Charles Lee, Sr., William O. Graham, Joseph P. Jones.
7. Huntsville: Emory J. Ferguson, Thomas F. Craig, George L. Marshall, Jr., William H. Ealy, Bernie Belcher.
10. Cyrene: Emrys W. John, George E. Tremelling, Raymond J. Wadkins, McMurray L. Griffith, Shirley A. Otts, George W. Sorrell, Henry R. Kelso, Miles S. Lee, James C. Brewer, Norman C. Wilkinson, Anthony V. Jannett, James U. Ward, Sr., Jeane Nazaretian, Robert T. Crawford, Joe D. Lee
13. Tuscaloosa: Henry G. Terry, Garnett E. Springfield, Robert J. Earnhardt.
14. DeMolay: Bobby C. Park, Richard Sim Hamilton, Bobby Ray Terry, Earl C. Clayton, Michael L. Jones, Phillip J. Sherman, Dalton C. Aldridge, Thomas F. Moebes, Jr.
15. Etowah: Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Clarence F. Rhea, Clifford J. Turner, Fred W. Vaughan.
17. Talladega: None.
21. Sylacauga: None.
23. Anniston: Charles R. Pate, J. Woodrow Smith, J. Paul Gray, Calvin C. Snow, Erskine K. Smith, William E. Fuqua, Roy Nelson Williams.

25. Dothan: W. Malcolm Killingsworth, Loyd D. Durden, Joseph D. Brackin, O'Day Fontenot, Jr., William D. Barr, Carlton B. Moore, Orace V. Manning.
28. Opelika: None.
29. Piedmont: Teddy R. Grogan, Sr., Alvin Parker, Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.
31. Woodlawn: Thomas W. Mann, W. Sterling Roberts, Arthur C. Harding, Robert L. Byars, Jr., James A. Kile, Howard E. Hayes, John D. Prince, Jr., George W. Busby, Woodrow Mack Hewitt, T. M. Turner, Anthony M. Deming.
39. Florence: James H. Lee, Ernest L. Bishop, Sr., Charles Terry Bray, Billy H. Brackin, Orville W. Glover, Grady L. LeMaster, James M. Gallien, James E. Stutts.
43. East Lake: William O. Farmer, Claude C. McGraw, Cecil D. Rayburn, Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.
45. Lee: William M. Newsome, Jr., Sam L. Garrett, Gene M. Day, Jesse W. Locke, Norman H. Hutchinson, William R. East, Charles L. Ingram, Sr., William C. Snyder, Lance C. Anthony, Clarence G. Ray.
46. Fort Payne: None.
47. Monroeville: Thomas Lemons.
48. Jasper: Ray Rutledge.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand Commander, submit the following report:

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

We recommend the portion of the Address referring to audit be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We recommend the portion of the Address referring to Dispensations granted to receive and ballot on petitions out of statutory time, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend the portion of the Address referring to the change of meeting dates for Lee Commandery No. 45, Phenix City, and Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Birmingham, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend the portion of the Address referring to the Consolidation of Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Birmingham, and Bessemer Commandery No. 35, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

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

We commend the Grand Commander for his efforts in promoting Templary and wish for him many more years of active service in our Order.

Respectfully submitted,
Emrys W. John, P.G.C., Chairman
Clifford J. Turner, P.G.C.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEMOLAY

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Your Committee on DeMolay submits the following report:

In 1965 Grand High Priest Durden recommended the support of the Grand Chapter in the purchase of trophies to be awarded the members of DeMolay for outstanding ability in various events. This has continued throughout the years and has been very beneficial to encourage our young people in worthwhile projects. The Grand Council and the Grand Commandery also contribute monetarily to aid both the Order of DeMolay, as well as the Order of Rainbow.

All of this is essential and good, but these young people also need the physical support of our presence at their meetings, and many of us could offer our assistance as members of their Advisory Boards or Councils.

If Masonry is to survive, we must show our young people that when we say we support them that we mean it, and that it is not mere lip service. They not only need our monetary support in the form of our "shiny dollars", but also, they need the presence of our "shiny bald heads" at their meetings.

Sir Knights, I encourage you to give a little of your time to this good cause, the training of our youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C., Chairman
Ray R. Morgan, Jr.
Lem Bryant, Jr.

Adopted.

REPORT OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDITOR

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery of Alabama:

This year all twelve issues of the Alabama Supplement contained approximately 76% news of York Rite events around the state. This marks a slight improvement over last year. However, more impressive is the number of areas which have submitted material over the past twelve months: Anniston, Birmingham, Florence, Fort Payne, Huntsville, Mobile, and Montgomery have all been represented this year. Although a few had only one article, it still stands as an improvement and a challenge to those Commanderies and areas which were not represented.

It sounds like a broken record, but *your* Alabama Supplement is the most popular and widely read part of the Knight Templar Magazine in this state. It's an invaluable opportunity to get *free* publicity aimed directly at your most important market — your own Commandery's members. There are a dozen areas from which we have received no material. Even an article about the next election would be enough to start. From there an announcement of your next festival would be only a short step.

Next year I would like to be able to report 90% or more of your supplement contained news of the state, with most of the news coming from the Commanderies themselves, rather than from some of the organizations appendant to the York Rite.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas F. Craig, Editor

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUALISTIC WORK

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

We, your Committee on Ritualistic Work, report that there has been no request for clarification of, or presentation of the work this past year. The Commanderies we have visited have done work from satisfactory to good. We do find that most of the Commanderies do have to call on others for help when members of their cast are unavailable.

Respectfully submitted,
N. C. Wilkinson, Chairman
W. Malcolm Killingsworth

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

No Report.

REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

During the year ending December 31, 1986, your Committee on Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Alabama processed two student loans (one male and one female) in the amount of \$3,000.00. We have a total of \$47,710.15 out on student loans at the present time.

As of December 31, 1986, the total assets of Alabama's Knight Templar Educational Foundation amounted to \$104,469.46, which represents an increase over the previous year of \$2,245.13. As you already know, these assets are in loans, in equipment, and in an interest bearing Certificate of Deposit. The interest earned covers expenses of operation.

Your Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the privilege of serving the Grand Commandery of Alabama on this committee, and to thank its Secretary, Thomas W. Mann, for the excellent manner in which he has discharged his duties to this Foundation.

Fraternally submitted,
W. Mack Hewitt, Chairman
James A. Kile
William O. Farmer
George W. Sorrell
Howard E. Hayes

Attest: Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C.,
Secretary-Treasurer

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Your Committee on Knights Templar Eye Foundation respectfully submits the following report:

Alabama continues to be the fourth largest recipient of funds from the Eye Foundation, exceeded by Texas, Georgia, and Tennessee. As of January 31, 1987, the grand total expended for 3,367 cases in Alabama was \$2,036,643.00. Alabama has received \$79,691.79 for payment on cases from July 1, 1986 to January 31, 1987.

Your Committee appreciates your participation in our great humanitarian project. The report of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation's 19th Voluntary Campaign is encouraging, and we urge you to continue to assist us by contributing to and supporting our Voluntary Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Sorrell, P.G.C., Chairman

Adopted.

REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 19TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

The Committee for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign respectfully submits the following report:

Donations received by the Foundation through the 12th week, ending February 20, 1987, totals \$14,221.00. The membership being at 6,527 results in an average per capita of \$2.18 for each member. We now rank number 10 in the Nineteenth Voluntary Campaign.

As of last night your Committee has received at this Conclave \$2,500.00 from Cyrene Commandery No. 10; \$920.00 from Lee Commandery No. 45; \$1,250.00 from Florence Commandery No. 39; and \$20.00 from a Sir Knight, for a total of \$4,690.00. As of the week ending February 20th, there is a total of \$1,105.00 which has been forwarded to and not yet processed by the Foundation. When these amounts are processed by the Foundation, Alabama will have a total in the amount of \$20,016.00.

Sir Knights, we still have slightly over two months before this campaign will end. Your Committee has been informed that there will still be a good amount of money to come in, as there are still several fund raising projects which have not been completed.

It appears that the Voluntary Campaign has really come to its own in Alabama at long last. Your Committee is proud of what each Commandery and Sir Knight is doing, and has done, to make this campaign successful. Let us keep the enthusiasm at a high level and never let it die down. Remember "Sight" is one of the greatest gifts which can be given.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur C. Harding, P.G.C., Chairman

Adopted.

MEMBERS IN ALABAMA OF THE GRAND MASTER'S CLUB

Sir Knight Arthur C. Harding read a list of the members from Alabama of the Grand Master's Club of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation which are: Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt McClendon, Woodlawn Commandery No. 31; Thomas W. Mann, Woodlawn Commandery No. 31; Mrs. Bebe Faust Mann, Woodlawn Commandery No. 31; Paul E. Drinnon, Huntsville Commandery No. 7; Bernice Belcher, Huntsville Commandery No. 7; Donald S. Hopson, Alexander City; George W. Sorrell, Cyrene Commandery No. 10; Sam C. Whigham, Sylacauga Commandery No. 21; Daniel W. Box, Huntsville Commandery No. 7; Brig. Gen. Clinton W. Davies, Montgomery Commandery No. 4; Maurice E. McCain, Cyrene Commandery No. 10; S. B. Matthews, Montgomery Commandery No. 4; Mrs. Arlie E. Blackburn, Florence Commandery No. 39; Fred W. Vaughan, Etowah Commandery No. 15; Jimmy Morton, Woodlawn Commandery No. 31; Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., Woodlawn Commandery No. 31; Johnson E. Harris, Jr., Woodlawn Commandery No. 31; Terry F. Bolding, Florence Commandery No. 39; Charles R. Pate, Anniston Commandery No. 23; J. Paul Gray, Anniston Commandery No. 23; Fernwood Morris, East Lake Commandery No. 43; Claude C. McGraw, East Lake Commandery No. 43; Stanley W. Champion, Florence Commandery No. 39; Donald R. Deaton, Florence Commandery No. 39; and Bernard L. Cosby, East Lake Commandery No. 43.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

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

There are twenty-one Commanderies in Alabama, with only two reporting having had Patriotic meetings: October, 1986, at Woodlawn Commandery No. 31, and January, 1987, at Anniston Commandery No. 23.

I would like to thank Sir Knight Pate of Anniston Commandery No. 23, and Sir Knight Byars of Woodlawn Commandery No. 31, for their reports to me. I hope that our Patriotic report for the 1987 year will include a lot more Commanderies reporting their Patriotic activities.

Patriotism is a devotion to one's country, God, and fellowman. Patriots are remembered in history for their unselfishness and willingness to serve others.

The rights which we have today are the result of our forefathers such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and many other great men. John F. Kennedy said, "Think not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Sir Knights, we can use these words of wisdom in our everyday life, not only for your country, but for your God and fellowman as well.

If we will practice this in our everyday life, it will give us a deeper understanding, and bring forth our finest character, enabling us to live in harmony with God and with benefit to our country.

Sir Knights, you learn by taking a full active part in our beautiful work of Knighthood. We have a great opportunity to improve in every walk of life.

Respectfully submitted,
Oliver L. Moore, Jr., Chairman

Adopted.

NECROLOGY REPORT

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

We are very thankful to the Supreme Architect of the Universe that he has permitted our Grand Line to remain intact this past year.

However, we are deeply saddened and heartstricken at the loss of the 168 Sir Knights that were called from our midst to dwell with the Supreme Grand Master, and especially the passing of our beloved Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Charles Deverne Miller (1974-1975), who passed away March 17, 1986.

We sincerely, deeply, and most effectually sympathize with the families and friends of these Sir Knights and offer them our sincere condolences and love at the loss we have sustained.

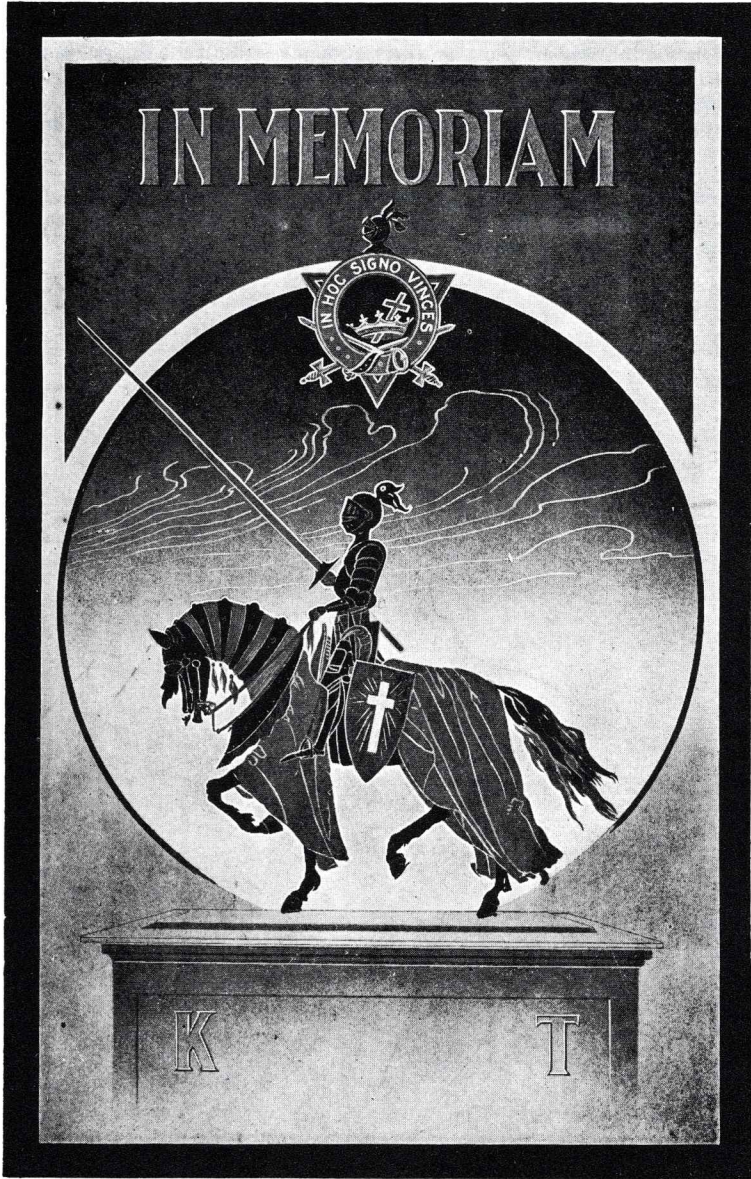
We commend them to the Supreme Architect who will fold the arms of his love and protection around those who put their trust and confidence in Him.

At this time let us put our trust and confidence in the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who 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 each and every one of us, at this time, place our lives and souls in God's hands, that when our appointed time shall come, we too, may receive from the Omniscient, Eternal Judge, the thrilling invitation: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world".
Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobby Ray Terry,
Grand Prelate

Adopted.



This page is Fraternally and Affectionately dedicated to the Deceased Sir Knights of Alabama, and to the Fraternal Head of Sister Jurisdictions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We, your Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, submit the following report:

We recommend the approval of that portion of the Grand Commander's Address regarding Dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions out of statutory time.

We received a request from the Huntsville York Rite Bodies regarding bonding a Recorder and Treasurer, and referred them to the Grand Commandery By-Laws stating that a bonding of \$1,000.00 is required.

Regarding the proposal of the merger of Cyrene Commandery No. 10 and Bessemer Commandery No. 35, we find the requirements to this consolidation have been met, and we recommend approval of this action.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Rutledge, Chairman
Charles R. Pate
Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C.

Adopted.

Grand Commandery
of
Knights Templar of Alabama

GEORGE E. TREMELLING, K.Y.C.H.
Right Eminent Grand Commander
1986 - 1987



609 Denniston Lane
Adamsville, Alabama 35005

January 19, 1987

The Eminent Commander, Bessemer Commandery No. 35, K.T.
The Eminent Commander, Cyrene Commandery No. 10, K.T.
The Eminent Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery, K.T. of Alabama

Sir Knights:

On August 22, 1986, the Sir Knights of Bessemer Commandery No. 35 voted to seek consolidation of their Commandery with Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, (Birmingham). On November 14, 1986, the Sir Knights of Cyrene Commandery No. 10 voted to accept Bessemer Commandery No. 35 by consolidation. Said consolidation to become effective after filing of annual reports in December, 1986.

Therefore, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, I hereby edict that effective December 31, 1986, Bessemer Commandery No. 35 is hereby consolidated with Cyrene Commandery No. 10, that all members in good standing in Bessemer Commandery are now members in good standing in Cyrene Commandery, that Cyrene Commandery shall retain its name and number and receive all records, moneys and paraphernalia from Bessemer Commandery. Bessemer Commandery shall forward their Charter to the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George E. Tremelling".

George E. Tremelling
Grand Commander

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas W. Mann".

Thomas W. Mann
Grand Secretary-Recorder

REMARKS OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Right Eminent Sir Knight Joseph P. Suttles, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia commented: "The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is not a burden to us, but it is a pleasure to give to this marvelous charity. Thirty out of forty-one Commanderies in Georgia are 100% Life Sponsors, and we have commitments from the others to be 100% in the entire state by the end of this year. The Sir Knights of Georgia are moving in one direction, the uplifting of Freemasonry. Through the charity of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation we have been bound together".

Expressions of appreciation for the hospitality shown them were made by the following: Right Eminent Sir Knight Dan M. Hillman, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi; Right Eminent Sir Knight Crampton H. Helms, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee; and Right Eminent Sir Knight William E. Fuller, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina.

Right Eminent Sir Knight Edward R. Saunders, Jr., Southeast Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, praised Alabama on the fantastic job they are doing.

Sir Knight Saunders mentioned the National Easter Sunrise Services held each year in Alexandria, Virginia, at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. We would like to encourage more people from Alabama to attend.

He announced that the Southeast Regional Conference will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, at the Fort McGruder Hotel, August 21, 22, 1987, and he stated that he would like to have all the Grand Commandery officers attend. "There was nothing to do last year in Dothan, except watch the one traffic light, but we have lots for you to see in Williamsburg. Also, Jamestown, Bush Gardens, Yorktown, and many other interesting places are nearby." He announced that unlike at previous Conferences, this year the York Rite College will hold a banquet on Thursday night.

Sir Knight Saunders said that Alabama is one of the few Conclaves in the country that has had a gain this year. The Grand Master is so concerned about the loss of membership that he has appointed a Membership Commission, consisting of all the Department Commanders, to meet at Easter to study ways and means of hopefully improving our losses. In the Southeast Department we have the least loss and the most gain than any other Department in the country. And, five out of eight of the S. E. states are in the top ten in the 19th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. He was very proud of this achievement.

The Grand Encampment is encouraging every Commandery to give the Pledge of Allegiance in a uniform manner. It was demonstrated by Sir Knight Saunders that the proper way to give the Pledge of Allegiance is: salute, bring your hand down, say the Pledge, bring your hand back up, and salute.

He thanked the Alabama Grand York Rite for inviting him and his wife, saying, "You have certainly shown us the traditional Southern hospitality".

ADDRESS OF SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM H. THORNLEY, JR., RIGHT EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Right Eminent Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., began by thanking everyone for the tremendous hospitality shown him. He said, "Alabama has given many national leaders to our Masonic Fraternity. Two of them are here today, Sir Knight George W. Sorrell and Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann. Without people such as you can produce here in Alabama, Masonry would be in a lot worse shape than it is right now".

He further stated, "The man who will be elected into the Grand Encampment Line in 1988, will serve as our Grand Master in the year 2,000. We are only 13 years away from the 21st century. How Masonry survives into the 21st century is up to a few in this room — the younger members. The only enemy Masonry has is Freemasonry. We are our own worst enemies. We are so afraid of making any changes. This is a changing world. It has changed tremendously since 1945. We are no longer an agricultural community of small towns where the Masonic Fraternity was the leading social and moral movement in these towns. People move — long distances now. We have to bring Freemasonry out of the 19th century, as we are almost into the 21st.

This year on September 17th, we will celebrate the bicentennial of what is, perhaps, the most significant event ever to occur in the history of the modern world. I would like to think that on that day in 1787, for just an instant, the world stood still as the destiny of all mankind took on a new direction.

Not since the ancient city states of Greece and the early days of the Roman eagle had the concepts of Republicanism and Democracy been much more than a dream of the philosophers and the subject of historians' studies. Although citizens' rights had been addressed as early as 1215 in the Magna Charta in England, and the authority of the absolute monarchs had been limited by the English Revolution of 1642, it was not until 1776, in the Declaration of Independence of the American colonies, that the philosophy, that the power to govern derives from the people governed, became a visible and vital concept. It was not until September 17, 1787, when the miracle at Philadelphia, the Constitution of the United States of America, was promulgated, that any modern nation had adopted these principals as a basis of governmental structure. Since then more than 180 nations throughout the world have adopted Constitutions patterned after ours. Unfortunately, in many of these countries we see ruled by despots and demagogues, as well as severe curtailment of individual freedoms, the Soviet Union and its satellites are a prime example. Why, you may ask, is this so, if these nations have Constitutions like ours? History and human nature supply the answer.

The concept of freedom, equality, and the sense of responsibility, one for another, exists primarily in the minds and hearts of men. Mere words on paper, the structure of government, do not create a free and productive society. It is the wisdom, the understanding, the principals and values, the commitments, and the courage of those who announce the ideals, and who develop and operate within the structure, which make it a living viable system. It is at this point that we look for at least a part of the answer to our Masonic heritage, and its influence on the creation and maintenance of our great system of freedom and responsibility. A Democracy within a Republic.

Although the true origins of the Masonic Fraternity are lost in the mist of antiquity, yet its great moral, spiritual, and philosophical lessons we teach our initiates, are as vital today as they were thousands of years ago. Their influence on our way of life is readily apparent. The modern structure of Masonic Lodges and other appendant bodies, had its genesis in the great Masonic Constitutions adopted in the early 1700's in Europe.

By the mid 1700's there were many Masonic Lodges in the American Colonies, each teaching the same lessons of individual freedom, equality, morality, charity, and brotherly love. Our early brethren accepted, as we do today, what we consider

to be a divine mandate from the one and ever living God — that of promoting the brotherhood of all mankind in justice, morality, and responsibility for one another.

By the time the first Continental Congress met in 1776, many of our Colonial leaders were members of the craft, and had learned these lessons well at the altars of Freemasonry. Research indicates that, perhaps, over half of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons. A number had been and were Masters of their Lodges, and several would be Grand Masters of their jurisdictions. The influence of the Fraternity's teachings is obvious in the language that was used in the Declaration: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, that to secure these rights, the governments are instituted among men, derive their just power from the consent of the governed'.

These concepts were ultimately enshrined in the very structure of our government when the United States was finally created in its present form by the ratification of the Constitution. Twenty-three of the thirty-nine members of the Constitutional Convention which promulgated that document, and who affixed their signatures that day in September, 1787, were members of the Masonic craft, including the president of the Convention, Brother and General George Washington. The history of these years is replete with the names of famous Masons of the time without whose contributions we would be subject to a British king.

Our Masonic heritage and the history of this country shows Master Masons in every field of endeavor. Each of these men have had something in common, each has demonstrated their personal dedication to the goal of making our world a better one for mankind. It may be coincidence that each found something of value in his Masonic teachings, but I doubt it. It may be presumed to assert that Masonry assisted each in achieving his personal goals, but I also doubt that. For each Mason that has achieved national prominence, there are thousands of others, unnamed, that have also made, and are now making, contributions to our society which demonstrate that their commitment to the tenants of Freemasonry, friendship, morality, and brotherly love, their belief in God, and their resolve to live according to the lessons of the square, which teaches us to be honest and forthright with all mankind. The level which constantly reminds us that we are all equal in the eyes of God. And the plumb which admonishes us to follow a course of rectitude in our life and conduct, and the Compasses which help remind us to keep our passions circumscribed within the bonds, because our Fraternity is, and always has been, dedicated to making better men in a better world, wiser men in a wiser world, and thus happier men in a happier world. And because the great American people as a whole are also committed to these ends, our Constitution because it is not mere words, but is a reflection of this spirit as well, will continue to be a beacon to all people of the world pointing out a way for them to achieve freedom, justice, and equality.

The genesis, then, of this Constitution whose 200th birthday we celebrate this September, lies in the fact that it recognizes that it is the character of the people governed by it, that makes it work. It is the development and improvement of that character with which we as Masons are concerned.

We are often accused of being a secret organization. This misunderstanding has often led to unwarranted criticism. The lessons we teach and the moral principals we attempt to inculcate to our members are not secret. Indeed, they are the very same that have been expounded by the great teachers, theologians and philosophers throughout history, that can be found in the sacred writings and teachings of all the world's great religions. If I were to sum up all of our teachings into one rule, it would be in the words of the sacred writings of my faith: 'Thou shall love thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself.' The only secrets, therefore, in our order are the methods by which we recur and remind ourselves of this great and universal truth. We are not a religion, for although we teach moral and character building lessons, we have no doctrine or dogma. We teach our members only a belief in God by whatever name he may be called. Our teachings

encourage men to worship God according to the dictates of their own religious conscience and belief. We do this, secure in our own belief that if a man lives his life according to the highest moral standards, and with a commitment to the love of his fellowmen, his life itself, will be a testament to the Glory of the Almighty God.

The lives, then, of millions of men who have striven to improve their character through the lessons of Freemasonry, and who have thereby contributed to the improvement of the lot of all mankind, are thus woven into the warp and woof of the magnificent tapestry, which so clearly reflects the glory and beauty of our American way of life. This, then, is our heritage as Freemasons, as well as, a challenge we face for the future”.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

During the Grand York Rite Banquet on Sunday night, the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award for 1987 was presented to Sir Knight J. Paul Gray, Anniston Commandery No. 23, Anniston, Alabama, by Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

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.)

RECIPIENTS IN ALABAMA OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

*Alexander Murray Weems	1966
*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 "Doc" Wilkinson	1976
*Johnnie H. Ray, Sr.	1977
*Charles Carl Graham	1978
*Lawrence Kline	1979
John Doyal Prince, Jr.	1980
Loyd D. Durden	1981
Charles William McDonald	1982
Charles Robert Pate	1983
*Richard A. Chapman	1984
Bobby Clyde Park	1985
Robert Lee Byars, Jr.	1986
J. Paul Gray	1987

**Denotes deceased.*

MINUTES OF LAST CONCLAVE

Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann moved that the minutes as published in the Proceedings of 1986 be accepted as the minutes, and that they be approved as printed.

Motion seconded and carried.

GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE - 1988

It was moved that the next Annual Alabama Grand Commandery Conclave be held in Sheffield, Alabama, February 28, 29, March 1, 1988.

Motion seconded and carried.

ELECTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1987-1988

There being no further business to come before this 127th Annual Conclave, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing Templar year. All 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 Teddy R. Grogan, Sr., of Piedmont Commandery No. 29, was elected Eminent Grand Warder, and he accepted his election. All Officers were declared duly and constitutionally elected to their offices in this Grand Commandery.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1987-1988

Sir Knight Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C., installed the newly elected Grand Commandery Officers with Sir Knight Erskine K. Smith, P.G.C., serving as the installing Grand Marshal. Sir Knight Bobby Ray Terry served as Grand Prelate.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, James H. Lee, was invested with the jewel of his office by his wife, Loretta.

Sir Knight Edward R. Saunders, Jr., S.E. Department Commander, presented Junior Past Grand Commander, George E. Tremelling, with a Past Grand Commander's jewel, certificate, and billfold card from the Grand Commandery of Alabama. The jewel was pinned on Sir Knight Tremelling by his wife, Margie. Sir Knight Saunders also presented Sir Knight Tremelling 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.

Attest: Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C.,
Grand Recorder

ADJOURNMENT

After the benediction by the Grand Prelate, Bobby Ray Terry, Right Eminent Grand Commander, James H. Lee, declared the 127th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama adjourned.

Attest: Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C.,
Grand Recorder



JAMES H. LEE
Right Eminent Grand Commander
1987-1988

JAMES HENRY LEE
Right Eminent Grand Commander
1987-1988

PERSONAL HISTORY

James (Jim) Henry Lee was born February 28, 1931, the son of Emmett J. and Lucille Lee. He attended public schools in the Lee County and Opelika City School Systems. He entered the United States Air Force March 4, 1948, where he served for four years in communications (three years of this enlistment was served in the Far East). He was discharged from the Air Force in 1952, at which time, he entered Auburn University. He is married to the former Loretta Young of Opelika. They have two children, a son Warren (Tony) Lee and a daughter, Sue K. Hanback. They also have two very grand grandsons, Jason and Brian.

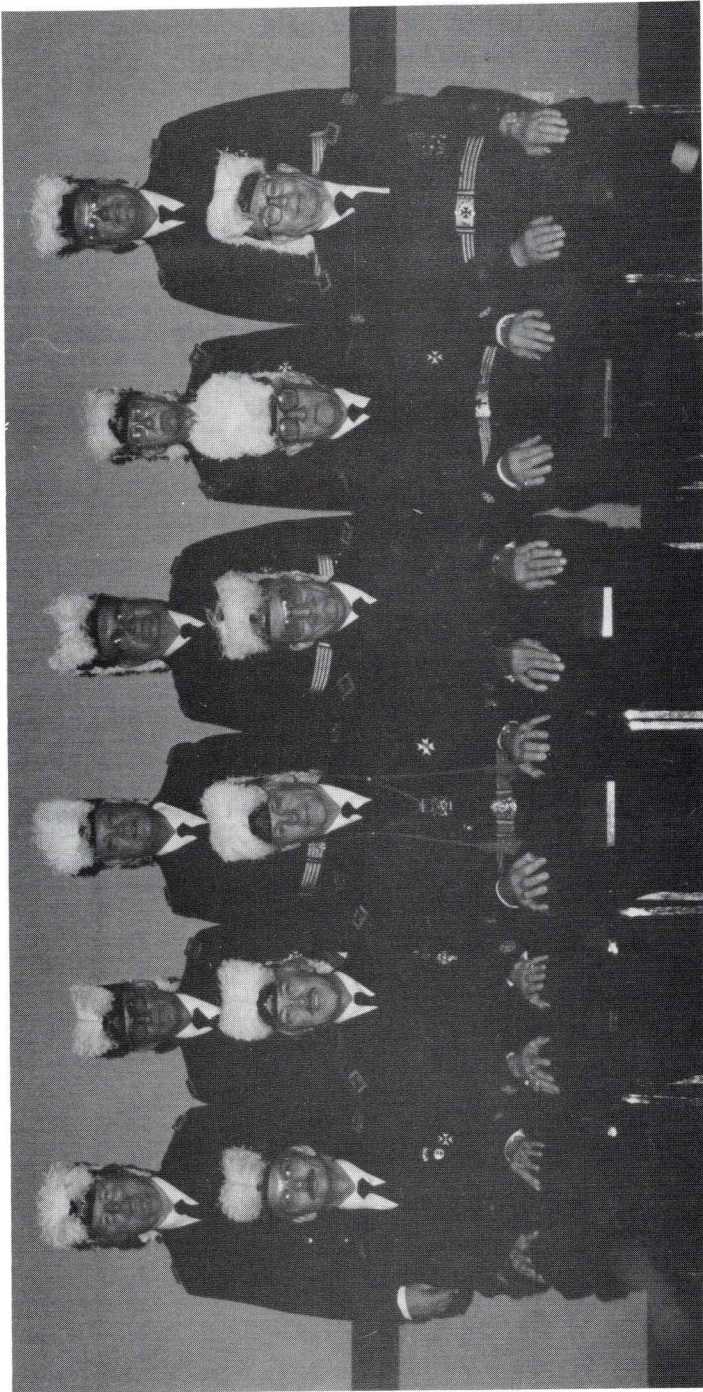
He is a member of Highland Baptist Church, Florence, Alabama. He is currently employed with the Tennessee Valley Authority, where he has worked as an Electrical Test Engineer for the past 24 years.

MASONIC HISTORY

Sir Knight Lee was initiated an entered apprentice September 2, 1958. He was passed to the degree of fellowcraft September 9, 1958, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason September 16, 1958, at Attalla Lodge No. 383, Attalla, Alabama. He is currently a member of Florence Lodge No. 14, Florence, Alabama.

Sir Knight Lee became a member of Cyrus Chapter No. 6, R.A.M., Florence, where he served as High Priest, 1972-1973. He became a member of Florence Council No. 74, R.&S.M., served as Thrice Illustrious Master, 1971-1972. He served Florence Commandery No. 39 as Eminent Commander, 1979-1980. He is now serving as Treasurer of Cyrus Chapter No. 6 and Florence Commandery No. 39.

Other affiliations: A member of the Council of Anointed High Priests; Order of the Silver Trowel; Knight Crusaders of the Cross; Knight Masons of Alabama, Vulcan Council No. 22; Cahaba Temple A.A.O.M.S., Huntsville; Past Worthy Patron of Florence Chapter No. 5, O.E.S.; Charter member of Shoals Court, Order of Amaranth; Grand Representative of New Mexico near the Grand Council of Alabama; Grand Representative of Arkansas near the Grand Commandery of Alabama.



GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1987-1988

Seated left to right: Bobby C. Park, Emory J. Ferguson, James H. Lee (*Right Eminent Grand Commander*), Charles W. McDonald, Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Thomas W. Mann.

Standing left to right: Bobby Ray Terry, Sam L. Garrett, Robert L. Byars, Jr., Teddy R. Grogan, Sr., Ernest L. Bishop, Sr., Charles R. Pate.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1987-1988

- James H. Lee *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
Route 6, Box 67, Florence, 35630
- Emory J. Ferguson, K.Y.C.H. *Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander*
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- Charles W. McDonald *Eminent Grand Generalissimo*
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- Ray R. Morgan, Jr., K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Captain General*
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- Charles R. Pate, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Senior Warden*
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- Bobby C. Park, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Junior Warden*
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- Bobby Ray Terry, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Prelate*
Route 1, Box 10, Decatur, 35601
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 Lem Bryant, Jr. 3616 Mountain Park Drive, Birmingham, 35223

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NECROLOGY:

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FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Billy H. Brackin 735 Prospect Street, Florence, 35630

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION:

George W. Sorrell 1009 West 47th Street, Birmingham, 35208

19TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION:

Arthur C. Harding, *Chairman* 309 Sun Valley Road, Birmingham, 35215

**REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA
JUNE, 1986-JUNE, 1987**

NO. NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	STATED CONCLAVE
2. Mobile	Mobile	William J. Sirmon, Jr. 1238 Barcelona Drive Mobile, 36609	Charles W. McDonald 615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	4th Monday
4. Montgomery	Montgomery	James E. Sexson 1415 Adrian Lane Montgomery, 36111	James Edward Sexson P. O. Box 6077 Montgomery, 36106-6077	3rd Thursday
7. Huntsville	Huntsville	James L. Gossett 117 Meadow Pass Huntsville, 35811	Kenneth W. McVay P. O. Box 371 Huntsville, 35804	2nd Tuesday
10. Cyrene	Birmingham	J. C. Brady 4317 Parkway Fairfield, 35064	McMurray L. Griffith P. O. Box 31311 Birmingham, 35222	1st Friday
13. Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	M. Lehman Jagers #11 Skyline Drive Tuscaloosa, 35405	Henry Garner Terry 110 Hargrove Road Tuscaloosa, 35401	3rd Tuesday
14. DeMolay	Decatur	George F. Mills P. O. Box 1392 Decatur, 35602	Richard Sim Hamilton 2302 Hamilton Drive, S.W. Decatur, 35601	1st Thursday
15. Etowah	Gadsden	Billy A. Clark 205 Elsmore Blvd. Gadsden, 35901	Billy A. Clark 205 Elsmore Blvd. Gadsden, 35901	3rd Thursday
17. Talladega	Talladega	Lotice Mock 312 Eastwood Avenue Talladega, 35160	Leon Black Burns 510 Coffee Street Talladega, 35160	1st Tuesday
21. Sylacauga	Sylacauga	David T. Gravette Route 4, Box 848 Sylacauga, 35150	Charles Pitts P. O. Box 717 Sylacauga, 35150	1st & 3rd Thursdays
23. Anniston	Anniston	Bernard F. Bitzer 1530 Wilmer Avenue Anniston, 36201	Charles R. Pate 1220 Glendale Road Anniston, 36201	4th Friday
25. Dothan	Dothan	Maurice Clifford Himes P. O. Box 637 Daleville, 36322	O'Day Fontenot, Jr. 701 Randolph Street Dothan, 36301	3rd Thursday

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA (Continued)
JUNE, 1986-JUNE, 1987

NO.	NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	STATED CONCLAVE
28.	Opelika	Opelika	Lewis Edgar Smith 306 North 4th Avenue Opelika, 36801	Floyd G. Cofield P.O. Box 287 Opelika, 36801	1st Tuesday
29.	Piedmont	Piedmont	R. Lewis Green Route 3, Box 119-B Piedmont, 36272	Weldon H. Roberts P.O. Box 67 Piedmont, 36272	2nd Thursday
31.	Woodlawn	Birmingham	Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. P.O. Box 563, Tyler Loop Road Pinson, 35126	Robert L. Byars, Jr. P.O. Box 2954 Birmingham, 35212	4th Tuesday
39.	Florence	Florence	Ernest B. Burgess, Jr. 210 Madison Avenue Sheffield, 35660	James E. Stutts P.O. Box 566 Florence, 35631	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
43.	East Lake	Birmingham	Joe Reid Bush 2238 Pump Run Road Helena, 35080	Claude C. McGraw 5009 North 74th Street Birmingham, 35206	1st Friday
45.	Lee	Phenix City	William Clarence Snyder P.O. Box 3341 Phenix City, 36868-3341	Jesse W. Locke P.O. Box 2331 Phenix City, 36868-2331	3rd Tuesday
46.	Fort Payne	Fort Payne	Roy Nelson Williams Route 1, Box 113 Fort Payne, 35967	Stephen P. Burt 357-18th Street, S.W. Fort Payne, 35967	1st & 3rd Thursdays
47.	Monroeville	Monroeville	No officer list received	Dave A. Durdan, Sr. 606 West Claiborne Monroeville, 36460	4th Friday
48.	Jasper	Jasper	LeRoy Williamson 1602 Williams Street Jasper, 35501	Ray Rutledge Route 11, Box 342 Jasper, 35501	1st & 3rd Mondays

KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama was held on Monday, February 23, 1987, at Woodlawn Fraternal Lodge No. 525, in Birmingham, Alabama, with Robert E. Shipp, Knight Crusader of the East, presiding.

The degree team was composed of the following:

Robert L. Byars, Jr.	<i>Knight Crusader of the East</i>
George L. Marshall, Jr.	<i>Knight Crusader of the West</i>
Arthur C. Harding	<i>Knight Crusader of the South</i>
Emory J. Ferguson	<i>Knight Crusader of the North</i>
Richard Sim Hamilton	<i>Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross</i>

The Order was conferred on 13 candidates, followed by the business and election of officers for the coming year, who are:

George W. Busby	<i>Knight Crusader of the East</i>
Richard M. Slaughter	<i>Knight Crusader of the West</i>
W. Malcolm Killingsworth	<i>Knight Crusader of the South</i>
Bobby Ray Terry	<i>Knight Crusader of the North</i>
Robert L. Byars, Jr.	<i>Knight Crusader Treasurer-Recorder</i>
Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	<i>Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross</i>
Richard Sim Hamilton	<i>Knight Crusader of the Temple</i>
Brent R. Haller	<i>Knight Crusader Sentinel</i>

The officers were installed by Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr.

The proceeds of the class were directed to be paid to the Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

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

George W. Busby,
Knight Crusader of the East

KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:	
South Trust Bank, 3-1-86	\$242.15
Expenses Paid out in 1986-1987	
Knights Templar Eye Foundation	\$240.00
Balance in checking account, 2-1-87	\$2.15
Deposits to Checking Account:	
14 Petitions @ \$15.00	\$210.00
Balance in Checking Account, 3-1-87	\$212.15

Robert L. Byars, Jr.,
Knight Crusader Treasurer

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- Donald H. Smith *Most Eminent Grand Master*
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- Marvin E. Fowler *Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master*
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- William H. Thornley, Jr. *Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo*
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- Charles R. Neumann *Right Eminent Grand Recorder*
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- The Reverend Walter M. McCracken *Right Eminent Grand Prelate*
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- John L. Crofts, Sr. (1967-1970) P.O. Box 757, Nokomis, Florida 33555
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- Roy W. Riegle (1973-1976) P.O. Box 383, Emporia, Kansas 66801
- Willard M. Avery (1976-1979) P.O. Box 56, Knightstown, Indiana 46148
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- Ned E. Dull (1982-1985) P.O. Box 429, Van Wert, Ohio 45891
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- Edward R. Saunders, Jr. P.O. Box N, The Plains, Virginia 22171

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57TH GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
AUGUST 6-10, 1988

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TABULAR VIEW OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY SINCE ITS FORMATION
On Friday, November 30, 1860, in Montgomery, Alabama
Year and Place of Presiding

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Com-manders	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.	Adjournd to Dec. 5, 1863.					
1863	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Henry P. Lee	*James B. Harrison		*Edmund M. Hastings	5	127
1864	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William S. Knox	*Edmund M. Hastings	6	141
1865	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William S. Knox	*Edmund M. Hastings	7	207
1866	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*George D. Norris	*George D. Norris	*Edmund M. Hastings	7	227
1867	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	8	242
1868	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	9	249
1869	Montgomery	*Peleg Brown	*Abram J. Walker	*William W. Harder	*John N. Browder	*Edmund M. Hastings	9	235
1870	Mobile	*Adjournd in December, 1870.	*Joseph H. Johnson					
1871	No Meeting		to meet in February, 1872.					
1872	Marion	*Abram J. Walker	*Joseph H. Johnson	*William W. Harder	*Walter L. Bragg	*Daniel Sayre	9	283
1873	Marion	*Joseph H. Johnson	*Walter L. Bragg	*Porter King	*Andrew J. Blair	*Daniel Sayre	9	286
1874	Huntsville	*Walter L. Bragg	*George P. L. Reid	*John J. Dement	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	10	264
1875	Montgomery	*Walter L. Bragg	*John G. Smith	*James B. Luckie	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	9	234
1876	Selma	*Felix G. Norman	*Benjamin H. Ruggs	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	9	236
1877	Montgomery	*John G. Smith	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Sayre	9	209
1878	Mobile	*John G. Smith	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Sayre	9	210
1879	Eufaula	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Mouthrop	*Daniel Sayre	9	206
1879	Montgomery	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Mouthrop	*Daniel Sayre	9	206
1880	Farmingham	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Francis P. O'Brien	*Daniel Sayre	8	215
1881	Mobile	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Mouthrop	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	9	222
1882	Tuskegee	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	10	245
1883	Montgomery	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*William T. Atkins	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	10	245
1884	Montgomery	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*William T. Atkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	10	321
1885	Selma	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	7	209
1886	Montgomery	*Daniel Smith	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*William F. Aldrich	*Daniel Sayre	6	195
1887	Mobile	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Henry C. Davidson	*James B. Luckie	*Daniel Sayre	6	202
1888	Montgomery	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*William A. Alexander	*Charles Wheeloock	*Edmund R. Hastings	6	220
1889	Farmingham	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheeloock	*Edmund R. Hastings	5	209
1890	Montgomery	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheeloock	*Edmund R. Hastings	8	269
1891	Huntsville	*John A. McKinnon	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheeloock	*George S. Ober	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	308
1891	Mobile	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheeloock	*William H. Long	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	342
1892	Selma	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheeloock	*George S. Ober	*William H. Long	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	352
1893	Gadsden	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheeloock	*William H. Long	*Charles Hann	*Edmund R. Hastings	9	352
1894	Farmingham	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheeloock	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglass	*Edmund R. Hastings	10	368
1895	Mobile	*Charles Wheeloock	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglass	*Milton C. Baldridge	*William B. Phillips	10	376
1896	Montgomery	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglass	*Henry H. Matthews	*Philip Milhouss	*H. Clay Armstrong	9	382

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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Com-mandates	Members
1897	Birmingham	*Robert L. Douglass	*Henry H. Matthews	*Philip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*H. Clay Armstrong	10	380
1898	Selma	*Henry H. Matthews	*Philip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*H. Clay Armstrong	7	288
1899	Mobile	*Philip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*George F. Wheelock	*H. Clay Armstrong	6	290
1900	New Decatur	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Lewis W. Hubbard	6	351
1901	Tuscaloosa	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*George A. Beauchamp	9	463
1902	Mobile	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles R. Westcott	*George A. Beauchamp	9	510
1903	Montgomery	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles R. Westcott	*Charles E. Pearce	*George A. Beauchamp	8	516
1904	Selma	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles R. Westcott	*Thomas H. Matlocks	*Robert S. Teague	*George A. Beauchamp	9	546
1905	Gadsden	*Charles R. Westcott	*Robert S. Teague	*Thomas H. Matlocks	*Walter Smith	*George A. Beauchamp	11	621
1906	Birmingham	*Robert S. Teague	*Thomas H. Matlocks	*Walter Smith	*Edward S. Gatchell	*George A. Beauchamp	11	621
1907	Mobile	*Thomas H. Matlocks	*Walter Smith	*Walter Smith	*Charles R. Patterson	*George A. Beauchamp	13	743
1908	Tuscaloosa	*Walter Smith	*Walter Smith	*William O. Snyder	*John W. Phillips	*George A. Beauchamp	14	824
1909	Andalusia	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*George A. Beauchamp	14	824
1910	Anniston	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*John W. Phillips	*Louis J. Wright	*George A. Beauchamp	17	1013
1911	Montgomery	*John W. Phillips	*Louis J. Wright	*Louis J. Wright	*Alexander D. Simpson	*George A. Beauchamp	18	1085
1912	Selma	*Louis J. Wright	*Louis J. Wright	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1305
1913	Dodhan	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1375
1914	Talladega	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*George A. Beauchamp	21	1473
1915	Troy	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*George A. Beauchamp	21	1663
1916	Birmingham	*William F. Spearman	*William W. Ransom	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*George A. Beauchamp	21	1808
1917	Tuscaloosa	*William W. Ransom	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*George A. Beauchamp	24	2032
1918	Birmingham	*Julian F. Spearman	*Julian F. Spearman	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*George A. Beauchamp	25	2367
1919	Dothan	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*John V. Falck	*George A. Beauchamp	26	2861
1920	Mobile	*John V. Falck	*John V. Falck	*John V. Falck	*Walter H. Trimby	*George A. Beauchamp	26	2861
1921	Selma	*Walter H. Trimby	*Walter H. Trimby	*Walter H. Trimby	*Lawrence H. Lee	*George A. Beauchamp	27	3559
1922	Gadsden	*Lawrence H. Lee	*Lawrence H. Lee	*Lawrence H. Lee	*John Philip Melvin	*George A. Beauchamp	30	5183
1923	Birmingham	*John Philip Melvin	*John Philip Melvin	*Woolsey Fimmel	*Woolsey Fimmel	*George A. Beauchamp	33	6669
1924	Huntsville	*Woolsey Fimmel	*Woolsey Fimmel	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*George A. Beauchamp	36	7427
1925	Troy	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Joseph Dixon Matlock	*Robert T. Ward	*George A. Beauchamp	38	8258
1926	Tuscaloosa	*Lawrence E. Gellerstedt	*Joseph Dixon Matlock	*Joseph Dixon Matlock	*Philip S. Meyer	*George A. Beauchamp	40	8867
1927	Albany	*Robert T. Ward	*Philip S. Meyer	*Philip S. Meyer	*Robert C. Williams	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8638
1928	Montgomery	*Philip S. Meyer	*Orlando S. Finch	*Orlando S. Finch	*William C. Davis	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8683
1929	Mobile	*Orlando S. Finch	*William C. Davis	*William C. Davis	*Henry F. Williamson	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8463
1930	Dodhan	*William C. Davis	*Henry F. Williamson	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*George A. Beauchamp	39	7810
1931	Huntsville	*Henry F. Williamson	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Tully A. Goodwin	*George A. Beauchamp	38	7805
1932	Birmingham	*Tully A. Goodwin	*Tully A. Goodwin	*Tully A. Goodwin	*David W. Crossland	*George A. Beauchamp	35	6378
1933	Anniston	*Tully A. Goodwin	*Tully A. Goodwin	*David W. Crossland	*John W. Jones	*Guy T. Smith	35	5459
1934	Tuscaloosa	*John W. Jones	*William D. Hawkins	*T. Games St. John	*William D. Hawkins	*Guy T. Smith	34	4908
					*Robert McL. Strong	*Guy T. Smith	31	3316

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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Com-Mandantes	Members
1935	Montgomery	*William D. Hawkins	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert M. Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*Guy T. Smith	31	3121
1936	Mobile	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert M. Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazer	*Guy T. Smith	38	2633
1937	Montgomery	*Robert M. Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazer	*John Heard Saxton	*Guy T. Smith	26	2633
1938	Montgomery	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazer	*John Heard Saxton	*William W. Waldo	*Guy T. Smith	25	2482
1939	Birmingham	*James M. Frazer	*John Heard Saxton	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Guy T. Smith	23	2295
1940	Montgomery	*John Heard Saxton	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Guy T. Smith	23	2295
1941	Montgomery	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Guy T. Smith	23	2310
1942	Montgomery	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClellon	*Guy T. Smith	22	2526
1943	Montgomery	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClellon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*Guy T. Smith	22	3152
1944	Montgomery	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClellon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Guy T. Smith	25	4494
1945	Birmingham	*Hoyt McClellon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Guy T. Smith	25	5198
1946	Birmingham	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*Guy T. Smith	25	5785
1947	Montgomery	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Guy T. Smith	24	6133
1948	Montgomery	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*C. H. Stubinger	24	6103
1949	Montgomery	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*Newman S. Cryer, P. T.	*C. H. Stubinger	25	6651
1950	Birmingham	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*Robert M. Strong, P. T.	*Llewellyn R. Hillier	*C. H. Stubinger	25	6887
1951	Mobile	*Julius L. Layman	*Robert M. Strong, P. T.	*Llewellyn R. Hillier	*Edgar M. Gober	*C. H. Stubinger	26	7131
1952	Selma	*Llewellyn R. Hillier	*Edgar M. Gober	*Edgar M. Gober	*William W. Glass	*C. H. Stubinger	27	8101
1953	Florence	*Edgar M. Gober	*Emrys W. John	*Emrys W. John	*J. Collier Foster	*C. H. Stubinger	28	8935
1954	Huntsville	*Emrys W. John	*Emrys W. John	*Archelus F. Campbell, P. T.	*Lonnie H. Teale	*C. H. Stubinger	28	9272
1955	Tuscaloosa	*J. Collier Foster	*George G. Rees	*George G. Rees	*Velmar A. Meadows, Sr.	*C. H. Stubinger	27	9584
1956	Montgomery	*George G. Rees	*Lonnie H. Teale	*Lonnie H. Teale	*Holden B. Norwood	*C. H. Stubinger	27	9835
1957	Birmingham	*Lonnie H. Teale	*Velmar A. Meadows, Sr.	*Velmar A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*C. H. Stubinger	26	9975
1958	Montgomery	*Velmar A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*C. H. Stubinger	26	10073
1959	Decatur	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*George W. Sorrell	*Clair Stallworth	*C. H. Stubinger	26	10084
1960	Birmingham	*George W. Sorrell	*Clair Stallworth	*George H. Crook	*Arthur C. Wilson	*T. L. Cochran	26	10075
1961	Tuscaloosa	*Clair Stallworth	*Arthur C. Wilson	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*Gordon L. Exalt	26	10085
1962	Mobile	*Arthur C. Wilson	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*Archelus F. Campbell, P. T.	*Gordon L. Exalt	27	9974
1963	Birmingham	*Thomas W. Oliver	*John S. Robinson	*John S. Robinson	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9918
1964	Birmingham	*John S. Robinson	*Earl D. Holmes	*Julian P. Butler	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9847
1965	Sylacauga	*Earl D. Holmes	*John S. Robinson	*Charles L. Campbell	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9808
1966	Tuscaloosa	*John S. Robinson	*Charles L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9692
1967	Birmingham	*Charles L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Charles L. Jones	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9494
1968	Birmingham	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Clifford J. Turner	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9295
1969	Mobile	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9226
1970	Birmingham	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*Michael L. Jones	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9116
1971	Birmingham	*Charles L. Jones	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mamm	*Charles D. Miller	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	8971
1972	Tuscaloosa	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mamm	*Michael L. Jones				

TABULAR VIEW OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY SINCE ITS FORMATION (Continued)
Year and Place of Presiding

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Commanderies	Members
1973	Birmingham	Thomas W. Mann	Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	McMurray L. Griffith	*Thomas W. Oliver	36	8687
1974	Gulf Shores	Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	McMurray L. Griffith	William M. Newsome, Jr.	Thomas W. Mann	26	8439
1975	Birmingham	*Charles D. Miller	William M. Newsome, Jr.	William L. Fegenbush	Milton L. Fegenbush	Thomas W. Mann	26	8608
1976	Birmingham	McMurray L. Griffith	William M. Newsome, Jr.	Milton L. Fegenbush	*Oscar L. J. Edbetter	Thomas W. Mann	25	8463
1977	Phenix City	William M. Newsome, Jr.	Fred W. Vaughan	Fred W. Vaughan	Arthur C. Harding	Thomas W. Mann	25	8416
1978	Birmingham	Milton L. Fegenbush	Fred W. Vaughan	Arthur C. Harding	Joseph D. Brackin	Thomas W. Mann	25	8215
1979	Birmingham	Fred W. Vaughan	Joseph D. Brackin	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert F. Shipp	Thomas W. Mann	25	8062
1980	Birmingham	Arthur C. Harding	Robert F. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Thomas W. Mann	24	7834
1981	Dothan	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert F. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Thomas W. Mann	24	7634
1982	Birmingham	Robert F. Shipp	Erskine K. Smith	Richard Sim Hamilton	W. Sterling Roberts	Thomas W. Mann	24	7278
1983	Birmingham	Erskine K. Smith	Richard Sim Hamilton	William H. Ealy	George E. Tremelling	Thomas W. Mann	24	7177
1984	Huntsville	William H. Ealy	Richard Sim Hamilton	W. Sterling Roberts	George E. Tremelling	Thomas W. Mann	22	6963
1985	Birmingham	Richard Sim Hamilton	W. Sterling Roberts	George E. Tremelling	*James H. Lee	Thomas W. Mann	22	6861
1986	Birmingham	George E. Tremelling	James H. Lee	Emory J. Ferguson	Charles W. McDonald	Thomas W. Mann	21	6614
1987	Birmingham	James H. Lee	Emory J. Ferguson	Charles W. McDonald	Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Thomas W. Mann	21	6653
1988	Sheffield						20	

*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 changed from April each year, to 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.

September, 1979, Grand York Rite Office moved to 5504½ North First Avenue, Birmingham, 35212.

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

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

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 Ordinia—A.E.—in the year of the Order. Knights Templar Commanderies hold “Conclaves.”

ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedak, which occurred 1914 B.C. Their style is Anno Benedictionis—A.B.—in 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: $1987 + 4,000 = A. L. 5987$

ROYAL ARCH MASONS — Add 530 years.

Thus: $1987 + 530 = A. Inv. 2517$

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS — Add 1,000 years.

Thus: $1987 + 1,000 = A. Dept. 2987$

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR — Subtract 1,118 years.

Thus: $1987 - 1,118 = A. O. 869$

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD — Add 1,913 years.

Thus: $1987 + 1,913 = A. B. 3,900$

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS — Add 3,760 years.

Thus: $1987 + 3,760 = A. M. 5747$