

THE YORK RITE
of
FREEMASONRY
of
ALABAMA



1989



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

RECEPTION

An informal reception was held on Sunday afternoon, February 26, 1989, in Salon B of the Ramada Inn-Airport, Mobile, as members and guests were registered in the lobby. Hostesses were Mrs. Myron Newsome, wife of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William M. Newsome, Jr.; Mrs. Lonnie Haller, wife of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Brent R. Haller; and Mrs. Bobbie Ferguson, wife of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Emory J. Ferguson. 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 26, 1989, at St. John's Episcopal Church. The service was the Order for Evening Prayer from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. The officiant and preacher was the Reverend William H. Ealy, Grand Prelate.

Sir Knight George L. Marshall, Jr., Grand Warder, sang "Recessional" by DeKoven, and Yvette Ferguson sang Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer".

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 Ballroom of the Mobile Ramada Inn-Airport.

The Invocation was given by Companion William O. Graham, Right Excellent Chaplain of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.

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

Kris Waldrup, the Grand Worthy Advisor, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Kenneth F. Nielsen, the state Senior Councilor, Order of DeMolay, made a few remarks.

Right Excellent Companion R. Glenn Capps, Right Excellent General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, was introduced, and he presented the General Grand Chapter Medal of Honor to Companion Mark H. Ward, Jr., of Phenix City Chapter No. 149, who accepted the award with appreciation and humility. The Grand Chapter of Alabama proudly adds his name to their list of previous recipients.

Companion James A. Kirkbride, Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, was introduced. He presented the General Grand Council's Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Companion Johnny Andrew Baker of Mobile Council No. 12, who accepted the award with gratitude. The Grand Council of Alabama proudly adds his name to their list of previous recipients.

Companion Brent R. Haller, Most Illustrious Grand Master, presented plaques of appreciation to Companions Charles R. Pate, James E. Sexson, and Doyle R. LeMaster for all their service to York Rite Masonry.

Next to be introduced was Sir Knight James M. Ward, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, and personal representative of Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Ward announced that Sir Knight Thomas F. Craig, of Huntsville Commandery No. 7, was the recipient of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor Medal and Plaque. Sir Knight Henry B. Tyra, Jr., accepted the medal for Sir Knight Craig who was absent. Sir Knight Craig's name is duly recorded with former recipients of this coveted award.

Sir Knight James R. Barton, Commander of Anniston Commandery No. 23, asked to make a presentation. He presented the Grand Commander, Emory J. Ferguson, with a check for \$1,080.00 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation,

and announced that this now made Anniston Commandery No. 23 have 100% Life Sponsors.

Florence Commandery No. 39 donated \$900.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (30 Life Sponsors) which gives them a total of 161 Life Sponsors.

The banquet was concluded with prayer by Sir Knight William H. Ealy, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery 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 wives of the Alabama Grand York Rite. On Monday noon they had lunch and were given favors by the three hostesses.

Monday evening the ladies assembled in the banquet room for bingo. Great fun was had by all.

KNIGHT MASONS

The Knight Masons of Alabama, Vulcan Council No. 22, held their sixth annual Ladies' Night Banquet on Monday evening, February 27, 1989, at the Mobile York Rite Temple, as part of the Grand York Rite activities. A delicious fish dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all.

The Banquet was attended by 168 Knights and Distinguished Guests. Knight Charles R. Pate, Excellent Chief of Vulcan Council No. 22, presided. Rev. William O. Graham gave the invocation.

Vulcan Council was honored to have a National Officer in attendance - Knight Thomas W. Mann, Right Excellent Deputy Great Chief of Knight Masons, U.S.A.

National Certificates were presented to all new members. A Past Excellent Chief's Certificate and jewel were presented to Past Excellent Chief, Brent R. Haller.

Following the banquet the Knight Crusaders of the Cross (Past Commanders) held their annual meeting at the Mobile York Rite Temple.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY

OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF
ALABAMA
HELD FEBRUARY 26-28, 1989

RAMADA INN
MOBILE, ALABAMA

Presiding 1988-1989

Emory J. Ferguson, *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
1615 Lakeview Drive, N.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055

Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C., *Eminent Grand Recorder*
P.O. Box 320262, Birmingham, Alabama 35232

Elected 1989-1990

Charles W. McDonald, *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
615 Morgan Avenue, Mobile, Alabama 36606

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

On February 28, 1989, in the Ballroom of the Mobile Ramada Inn-Airport, the Sir Knights of Lee Commandery No. 45 opened in long form and received the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Emory J. Ferguson, and dignitaries. The One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama was declared convened by Sir Knight Emory J. Ferguson, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

The Invocation was given by Sir Knight William H. Ealy, 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 Emory J. Ferguson Grand Commander
- Sir Knight Charles W. McDonald Deputy Grand Commander
- Sir Knight Ray R. Morgan, Jr. Grand Generalissimo
- Sir Knight Charles R. Pate Grand Captain General
- Sir Knight Bobby C. Park Grand Senior Warden
- Sir Knight Sam L. Garrett, Sr. Grand Junior Warden
- Sir Knight William H. Ealy Grand Prelate
- Absent Grand Treasurer
- Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann Grand Recorder
- Sir Knight Robert L. Byars, Jr. Grand Standard Bearer
- Sir Knight Teddy R. Grogan, Sr. Grand Sword Bearer
- Sir Knight George L. Marshall, Jr. Grand Warder
- Sir Knight Richard M. Slaughter Grand Sentinel

**INTRODUCTION OF
PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF ALABAMA:**

The Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Alabama were introduced as follows:

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| 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 |
| Fred W. Vaughan, 1978-1979 | George E. Tremelling, 1986-1987 |
| Arthur C. Harding, 1979-1980 | James H. Lee, 1987-1988 |

The Past Grand Commanders were warmly welcomed to this One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Conclave.

**ADDRESS OF
THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
EMORY J. FERGUSON
1988-1989**

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

I welcome you to the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama. For those of you who are visiting for the first time I extend to you a very special Alabama welcome and hope that you will enjoy your stay well enough to want to return again and again. To those of you who have visited before, I welcome you back and wish for you a most pleasant stay. To the Grand commanders from our sister jurisdictions I am most pleased and honored to have you present. I think that each of you know that you and your wives have become very special to me this past year and your very presence here makes this Conclave very special to Bobbie and me.

STATE OF THE ORDER

I have mixed emotions concerning the State of the Order. On one hand, at times, I detect a gleam of hope for the preservation of the Order, yet on the other hand, at different times, I truly wonder if the Sir Knights have not conceded the eventual extinction of the Order. Even the Conclaves that are fortunate enough to manage a gain in membership lack the ability to lure the members back to the meetings and in many instances the ability to induce the members to pay their dues. Almost every member has taken the attitude that it is the sole responsibility of the Recorder to collect the dues and never offer assistance.

The DeKalb-Jackson York Rite Bodies have proven to us this year that with a little effort and determination we can increase our membership and the Anniston York Rite Bodies have shown us that with the same work and determination we can maintain our membership.

Concerning the work, I fear that we have been influenced too much by the examples of the business world. Like the common practice of decreasing the size of a product to avoid increasing the price we too are giving the candidate less and less for his money. I wonder where it will end! Will we eventually sell the candidate a ritual and hope that he will take it home and read it?

GRAND COMMANDERY RECONVENED

On Tuesday, March 8, 1988, at approximately 8:30 P.M. I reconvened the Grand Commandery of Alabama following a conclave of Huntsville Commandery No. 7 for the purpose of installing Eminent Richard M. Slaughter as Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama. Those assisting in the installation were Right Eminent William H. Ealy, Past Grand Commander and Grand Prelate, as Grand Prelate and Eminent George L. Marshall, Jr., Grand Warder, as Grand Marshal.

NECROLOGY

While the Grand Commandery line has remained unbroken this year, and for that we are grateful, we have lost the services of two of the faithful, Sir Knight Milton L. Fegenbush, Past Grand Commander and Sir Knight William E. Fuqua, a member of the Credentials and Registration Committee. We mourn the loss of 191 Sir Knights, and pray that our Father who is in Heaven will provide a place of greater service for them in their new life. Our condolences go out to the families and friends of each of these Sir Knights.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED
TO REPRESENT ALABAMA
NEAR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES**

Idaho Eldred J. Thomas
Minnesota Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.
Wisconsin Herbert L. Matter

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

Oregon MacArthur Davis
Vermont Thomas Franklin Craig

AUDIT

On November 17, 1988, I authorized our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, 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:

Montgomery Commandery No. 4 March 19, 1988
Anniston Commandery No. 23 April 23, 1988
Etowah Commandery No. 15 April 23, 1988
Woodlawn Commandery No. 31 April 23, 1988
Florence Commandery No. 39 April 30, 1988
Etowah Commandery No. 15 June 23, 1988
DeMolay Commandery No. 14 September 1, 1988
Florence Commandery No. 39 September 3, 1988
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 October 11, 1988
DeKalb-Jackson Commandery No. 46 October 15, 1988
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 October 25, 1988
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 November 5, 1988
Etowah Commandery No. 15 November 12, 1988
Mobile Commandery No. 2 November 17, 1988

Special Dispensation granted to receive and ballot on petitions out of statutory time and remove charter to Metro York Rite Temple.

East Lake Commandery No. 43 May 7, 1988

Special Dispensation granted to elect and install officers out of statutory time.

Opelika Commandery No. 28 June 21, 1988
DeKalb-Jackson Commandery No. 46 August 17, 1988
Sylacauga Commandery No. 21 October 17, 1988

Special Dispensation granted to remove charter to Mobile Ramada Inn-Airport to open and receive Grand Commandery Officers and Distinguished Guests.

Mobile Commandery No. 2 February 28, 1989

CONSOLIDATION

On October 3, 1988, in a letter to the Commanders of Opelika Commandery No. 28 and Lee Commandery No. 45 and to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, I declared the Opelika Commandery No. 28 duly consolidated with the Lee Commandery No. 45 fulfilling a request from the Sir Knights of both Commanderies for the consolidation.

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

March 13, 1988	Grand Commandery of South Carolina, Columbia
March 18, 1988	Grand Commandery of Mississippi, Meridian
March 27, 1988	Grand Commandery of North Carolina, Wilson
April 22, 1988	Grand Commandery of Tennessee, Nashville
May 11, 1988	Grand Commandery of Georgia, Gainesville
May 15, 1988	Grand York Rite of Florida, Orlando
July 10, 1988	Great Smokies Summer Assembly, Waynesville, North Carolina
August 6, 1988	57th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Lexington, Kentucky
August 19, 1988	Southeastern York Rite Conference, Jackson, Mississippi
September 16, 1988	Convent General, K.Y.C.H., Jackson, Mississippi

IN STATE VISITATIONS

March 12, 1988	Vulcan Council No. 22, Knight Masons of Alabama, Phenix City
March 12, 1988	Alabama Priory No. 31, K.Y.C.H., Phenix City
March 19, 1988	DeMolay Week Initiation, Shades Valley Lodge, Birmingham
April 3, 1988	Woodlawn Commandery No. 31, Birmingham, Easter Observance
April 12, 1988	Huntsville Commandery No. 7
April 13, 1988	Attended R. Charles Lee's funeral, Montgomery
April 14, 1988	Piedmont Commandery No. 29
April 15, 1988	Cahaba Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Huntsville
April 16, 1988	Anniston Commandery No. 23, Patriotic Meeting
April 19, 1988	Tuscaloosa Commandery No. 13
May 7, 1988	Order of Red Cross of Constantine, St. Dunstan Conclave, Birmingham
May 7, 1988	Meeting of Grand Commandery Officers, Grand York Rite Office, Birmingham
May 7, 1988	Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Birmingham Assisted in conferring the Order of the Temple
May 10, 1988	Huntsville Assembly No. 27, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Huntsville
May 21, 1988	Alabama College, S.R.I.C.F., Huntsville
May 21, 1988	Monte Sano York Rite College, Huntsville
June 6, 1988	Jasper Commandery No. 48
June 7, 1988	Opelika Commandery No. 28
June 9, 1988	East Lake Commandery No. 43, Birmingham
June 11, 1988	Alabama DeMolay Association Banquet, Scottsboro
June 14, 1988	Huntsville Commandery No. 7, Installed Commandery Officers
June 16, 1988	Sylacauga Commandery No. 21
June 18, 1988	Montgomery Commandery No. 4, Installed Commandery Officers
June 21, 1988	Opelika Commandery No. 28, Special dispensation to meet
June 27, 1988	Mobile Commandery No. 2, Installed Commandery Officers
July 7, 1988	DeKalb-Jackson Commandery No. 46, Scottsboro
July 9, 1988	Alabama Priory No. 31, K.Y.C.H., Birmingham
July 12, 1988	Huntsville Commandery No. 7
July 21, 1988	Etowah Commandery No. 15, Gadsden, Installed Commandery Officers
July 22, 1988	Monroeville Commandery No. 47, Installed York Rite Officers
July 23, 1988	Mobile Rainbow Assembly No. 3, Initiation

- July 24-27, 1988 Supreme Assembly International Order of Rainbow
for Girls, Mobile
- July 30, 1988 Brundidge Council No. 69, Anniston,
Super Excellent Masters Degree
- August 3, 1988 DeKalb-Jackson Commandery No. 46, Scottsboro
- August 4, 1988 DeMolay Commandery No. 14, Decatur
- August 23, 1988 Woodlawn Commandery No. 31, Birmingham
- September 1, 1988 DeMolay Commandery No. 14, Decatur
- September 9, 1988 Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Sepulchre Conclave,
Huntsville
- September 10, 1988 Statewide York Rite Festival, Montgomery
Conferred the Order of the Temple
- September 13, 1988 Huntsville Commandery No. 7
- September 19, 1988 Huntsville Rainbow Assembly No. 27, Initiation
- September 24, 1988 Memorial for Sir Knight Milton L. Fegenbush,
East Lake United Methodist Church, Birmingham
- September 28, 1988 Supreme Assembly Banquet,
Social Order of the Beauceant, Mobile
- September 29, 1988 G. O. McKinney Award Night,
Helion Lodge No. 1, Huntsville
- October 7, 1988 Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Birmingham
- October 10, 1988 York Rite Observance, Central Park Lodge No. 808,
Birmingham
- October 11, 1988 Huntsville Commandery No. 7
- October 15, 1988 DeKalb-Jackson York Rite Festival, Scottsboro
Grand Masters Class, assisted in conferring Order of the Temple
- October 17, 1988 Grand Chapter O.E.S., Huntsville
Gave welcome on behalf of the Grand Commandery
- October 22, 1988 Woodlawn York Rite Festival, Birmingham
- October 22, 1988 Meeting of Grand Commandery Officers,
Grand York Rite Office, Birmingham
- October 29, 1988 Southeastern Grand Commanders Council, Guntersville
- November 3, 1988 DeMolay Commandery No. 14, Decatur
Assisted in conferring the Order of the Temple
- November 5, 1988 Metro York Rite Festival, Birmingham
- November 5, 1988 Lee Commandery No. 45, Annual Inspection, Phenix City
- November 9, 1988 Huntsville Commandery No. 7
- November 12, 1988 Vulcan Council No. 22,
Knight Masons of Alabama, Mobile
- November 17, 1988 Anniston Commandery No. 23
- November 21-22, 1988 Grand Lodge F&AM of Alabama, Montgomery
- December 3, 1988 Rainbow Grand Officers Christmas Party, Huntsville
- December 9, 1988 Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Sepulchre Conclave,
Huntsville
- December 10, 1988 Jerusalem Tabernacle No. XXXII,
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Tuscaloosa
- December 13, 1988 Huntsville Commandery No. 7
- December 17, 1988 Mobile York Rite Festival,
conferred the Order of the Temple
- December 19, 1988 Sylacauga Commandery No. 21
- January 10, 1989 Huntsville Commandery No. 7, Christmas Observance
- January 14, 1988 Ashmole York Rite College, Phenix City
- January 14, 1988 White Light Rainbow Assembly No. 66,
Installation, Huntsville
- February 4, 1988 Finance Committee Meeting, Grand York Rite Office,
Birmingham
- February 4, 1988 Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Birmingham
Commandery School of Instruction
- February 5, 1988 Huntsville Rainbow Assembly No. 27, Installation

RECOMMENDATIONS

Because the Triennial Reserves for the first four Grand Officers, Grand Recorder, and Past Grand Commanders are budgeted yearly, I recommend that a separate bank account be established so that the entire amount will not be expended in a single year as it was during my term of office. The monies that are budgeted for a particular item in a given year should be expended or withdrawn from the general fund in the year for which it was designated.

I also recommend that the quarterly meetings for the Grand Commandery officers be continued. Perhaps some day the Grand Officers will realize what a valuable asset these meetings can be in keeping them informed as to happenings and problems of the Grand Commandery, and attend them on a regular basis.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This has been a very special year in Alabama for me to have had the honor of serving as your Grand Commander. There have been some events that have occurred in this state which have never occurred here before and in some circumstances may never occur again, and I have been honored to have been a part of them.

For the first time ever the Supreme Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls met in Alabama in Mobile. I was invited to, and accepted the invitation to attend, all the sessions, receptions, tours, breakfasts, luncheons, and banquets of the Supreme Assembly. I was also honored to extend a welcome to the Assembly at the formal opening of the session on behalf of the Grand Commandery. This was certainly one of the highlights of my year.

Another first for Alabama was the Social Order of the Beauceant's Supreme Assembly which was also held in Mobile. Again I was honored to have the opportunity to welcome these ladies and their escorts to Alabama on behalf of the Grand Commandery.

I had the privilege of arranging and hosting the first Southeastern Grand Commanders Council which was convened at the Guntersville State Park on October 29-30, 1988. All of the Grand Commanders, with the exception of Sir Knight Robert H. Kines of Georgia, along with the Southeastern Department Commander, Sir Knight Joseph Brackin, and the junior past Southeastern Department Commander, Sir Knight Edward Saunders, and our wives were present. Other than enjoying a wonderful Alabama Fall weekend it was concluded that this group would do something positive for Templar which you will hear later from Sir Knight Brackin.

I also had the privilege of presenting a paper, "Freemasonry: The Positive Side", at the Southeastern York Rite Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. A lot of work but a wonderful experience.

Of all the honors I had bestowed on me this year the greatest honor of all was when I conferred the Order of the Temple and knighted my Dad a Knight Templar at Mobile Commandery No. 2 on December 17, 1988.

CONCLUSION

As Grand Commander I have attempted many new things this year. I have attempted to keep the Sir Knights informed as to the activities of the Grand Commandery through the Alabama Supplement of the Knight Templar Magazine, and I have attempted to recognize some of the Sir Knights for their accomplishments through the same medium. With the help of the Templar Education Committee we developed and distributed a questionnaire to the Sir Knights and the results were also printed in the Alabama Supplement, and with the help of the Public Relations Committee we developed and distributed a 30 second public service announcement which was aired on public radio throughout the state concerning the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. We held a one day

Statewide York Rite Festival in Montgomery at which the Grand Commandery Officers conferred the Order of the Temple, and we held a School of Instruction at the Cyrene Commandery No. 10 in Birmingham. As I promised when I assumed office last year I have visited every Commandery in the state. What, if anything, all of this has done to promote the York Rite in Alabama possibly only time will tell, but I firmly believe that "if you're not trying, you're dying", and maybe we're not trying enough in the York Rite.

Sir Knights, it has been a wonderful experience serving as your Grand Commander this year and I thank you for allowing me to do so. Everywhere I have gone I have been received with courtesy and kindness.

To the Sir Knights of the Huntsville Commandery No. 7, I can not adequately thank you for all that you have done for me over the years. Anything that I may have accomplished in the York Rite of Freemasonry has been because of your support and confidence and I shall ever be grateful to you.

It has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve this year with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William M. Newsome, Jr., and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Brent R. Haller. The many occasions that Bobbie and I have shared with the Newsomes, Bill and Myron, have been a delight and although we have had few opportunities to share with the Hallers, Brent and Lonnie, those few occasions have been a joy.

I extend my thanks to all the Grand Commandery Officers and for all who accepted appointments to committees, both standing and special, and a special thanks to Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, Grand Recorder, and his office staff for another year well served. Without the talents of such dedicated Sir Knights the Grand Commandery could not survive.

To Bobbie, and all my girls, Yvette, Denise, Nan, and Missy, I love you for just being you because you love me for just being me. Thanks for always standing behind me whether I am right or whether I am wrong, and thanks for all the times you have understood when I wasn't there when I should have been.

To Sir Knight Charles W. McDonald, I pledge you and your Grand Officers my full support in the coming year and wish for you the most successful Templar year ever.

Respectfully submitted,
Emory J. Ferguson,
Grand Commander

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

SUPPLEMENT TO THE GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

On February 15, 1989, I appointed Sir Knight Edward D. Hardin of Huntsville Commandery No. 7 to serve on the Credentials and Registration Committee, replacing Sir Knight William E. Fuqua who died on December 22, 1988.

IN STATE VISITATIONS

- February 14, 1989 Huntsville Commandery No. 7
- February 16, 1989 Dothan Commandery No. 25
- February 24, 1989 Monroeville Commandery No. 47
- February 25, 1989 Rainbow School of Instruction, Montgomery

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, 1988:

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 52,581.15	
Fees	2,679.00	
Interest	2,239.24	
Sale of Supplies	355.41	
Sale of Banquet Tickets	1,146.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 59,000.80

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operating Expenses	\$ 55,274.12	
Purchase of Supplies for Resale	536.00	
Increase in Payroll Taxes Unremitted	(8.77)	
Total Disbursements		\$ 55,801.35

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS 3,199.45

CASH ON HAND - January 1, 1988 \$ 77,299.33

CASH ON HAND - December 31, 1988 \$ 80,498.78

Cash on Hand December 31, 1988 consists of the following:

Petty Cash	\$ 50.00	
Checking Account	53,038.40	
Savings Accounts	27,410.38	
Total Cash on Hand - December 31, 1988		\$ 80,498.78

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, 1988:

Membership as of January 1, 1988 6526

ADDITIONS:

Knighted	275	
Affiliated	52	
Reinstated	84	
Adjusted	2	
		+ 413

Total Gross Membership 6939

LOSSES:

Died	191	
Dimitted	84	
Suspended N.P.D.	292	
Adjusted	3	
		- 570

Total Net Membership as of December 31, 1988 6369

Loss in Membership for 1988		- 157
Chartered Commanderies		19
Commanderies Reporting		19
Commanderies under Dispensation		0

APPRECIATION

I would like to personally thank our Grand Commander, Sir Knight Emory J. Ferguson, for the fine work he has done this year. He has left no stone unturned in an attempt to reverse our trend of continual losses. It is with deep appreciation that I thank the Grand Line Officers, and the Recorders of our Constituent Commanderies for the fine work they are continuing to do.

We have one of the greatest charities of all: The Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Nothing could be greater than restoring sight to the blind. I would like to thank the Sir Knights in Alabama for the fine support they have given to this worthwhile charity.

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

Adopted.

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY
OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

NUMBER	NAME	1/1/88 MEMBERSHIP	KNIGHTED	AFFILIATED	REINSTATED	ADJUSTED	DIED	DIMITTED	SUSPENDED	12/31/88 MEMBERSHIP	GAIN / LOSS
2.	Mobile	618	4	1	8	-2	17	0	29	583	-35
4.	Montgomery	368	4	2	3	+1	10	0	13	355	-13
7.	Huntsville	343	5	1	5	0	7	5	11	331	-12
10.	Cyrene	1225	14	1	9	+1	35	6	48	1161	-64
13.	Tuscaloosa	244	0	0	2	0	2	0	7	237	- 7
14.	DeMolay	231	7	0	8	-1	4	0	14	227	- 4
15.	Etowah	323	29	1	6	0	8	0	14	337	+14
21.	Sylacauga	76	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	73	- 3
23.	Anniston	282	16	0	3	0	4	0	2	295	+13
25.	Dothan	212	3	0	0	0	6	0	6	203	- 9
28.	Opelika	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	-65
29.	Piedmont	161	3	0	2	0	5	0	20	141	-20
31.	Woodlawn	935	44	5	17	0	48	4	33	916	-19
39.	Florence	335	16	0	1	0	9	0	19	324	-11
43.	East Lake	511	27	1	14	0	12	3	41	497	-14
45.	Lee	174	0	34	1	0	4	1	3	201	+27
46.	DeKalb-Jackson	252	96	4	1	0	12	0	26	315	+63
47.	Monroeville	81	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	85	+ 4
48.	Jasper	90	5	0	3	0	4	0	6	88	- 2
TOTALS		6526	275	52	84	-1	191	84	292	6369	-157

POTTER AND BRYANT, C.P.A., P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

RAYMOND E. POTTER, C.P.A.
J. ROYCE BRYANT, JR., C.P.A.
WILLIAM M. TATE, C.P.A.
STEVEN D. MOORE, C.P.A.

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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, 1988 and the related statements of revenue, disbursements 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 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, 1988, and the revenue collected and disbursements made during the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described above, which basis has been applied in a manner consistent with that of the preceding year.

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



Birmingham, Alabama
January 10, 1989

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1988

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Bank		\$ 53,088.40
Savings Accounts		27,410.38
Inventory - Supplies for Resale		1,196.95
Equipment		<u>6,562.29</u>
Total Assets		\$ <u>88,258.02</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

<u>Liabilities</u>		
Unremitted Payroll Taxes	\$	315.07
<u>Fund Balance</u>		<u>87,942.95</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	<u>88,258.02</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

Revenues

Dues			\$ 52,581.15
Fees			2,679.00
Sale of Banquet Tickets			1,146.00
Interest			2,239.24
Sale of Supplies		\$ 355.41	
Inventory - January 1, 1988	\$	942.79	
Purchases		<u>536.00</u>	
Total		1,478.79	
Inventory - December 31, 1988		<u>1,196.95</u>	<u>281.84</u>
Total Revenue			58,718.96
Disbursements (Schedule 1)			<u>55,274.12</u>
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements			\$ <u>3,444.84</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

Fund Balance - January 1, 1988	\$ 84,498.11
Add: Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	<u>3,444.84</u>
Fund Balance - December 31, 1988	\$ <u>87,942.95</u>

See accompanying notes.

SCHEDULE 1

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

<u>Grand Officer Expenses</u>	
Allowance for Grand Officer	\$ 1,200.00
Stationery for Grand Officer	60.99
Southeastern Regional Conference	<u>133.00</u>
Total Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 1,393.99
<u>Grand Recorder's Office Expenses</u>	
Salary - Grand Recorder	3,200.00
Salary - Office Secretary	3,660.00
Allowance - Grand Treasurer	120.00
Insurance - Bonds, Fire, Theft and Liability	490.80
Safe Deposit Box Rental	8.00
Payroll Taxes	655.07
Rent	1,632.00
Stationery and Printing	614.00
Repairs - Furniture and Service Contracts	199.00
Postage and Post Office Box Rental	405.27
Telephone	551.61
Annual Audit and Accounting Services	745.00
Travel Allowance - Grand Recorder	2,160.00
Travel Allowance - Office Secretary	300.00
Janitorial Supplies	12.31
Computer Supplies	18.94
Typewriter Rental	<u>17.12</u>
Total Grand Recorder's Office Expenses	14,789.12
<u>Annual Convention Expenses</u>	
Expenses for Distinguished Guests	731.82
Per Diem and Mileage - Grand Officers	1,622.22
Banquet and Men's Luncheon	1,429.81
Printing and Badges for Convention	298.52
Ladies' Luncheon	<u>287.82</u>
Total Annual Convention Expenses	4,370.19
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Per Capita Tax - Grand Encampment	26,801.80
Memorials	15.00
Special Award - Demolay	100.00
Special Award - Rainbow	100.00
Order of Knighthood Award	100.00
Printing Annual Proceedings	2,686.19
Contingencies	152.83
Past Junior Commander's Jewel	65.00
Triennial Reserves	4,400.00
Southern Breakfast	<u>300.00</u>
Total Miscellaneous	<u>34,720.82</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 55,274.12</u>

See accompanying notes.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1988

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- NOTE 1: The organization's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting. Under this method certain revenue and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements do not purport to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
- NOTE 2: Office Equipment and Depreciation - Office equipment is carried at cost. Expenditures for replacements are capitalized and the replaced items are retired. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations. No provision has been made for depreciation of equipment.
- NOTE 3: Inventories are valued at the lower of cost (FIFO) or market.
- NOTE 4: Exemption from Income Taxes - The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama, is exempt from Federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c). An informational tax return is filed each year on IRS Form 990.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

We, the undersigned members of the Committee on Finance, submit the following report and budget for 1989 for your consideration and approval:

We have examined the audit of the Grand Commandery books by Potter and Bryant, Certified Public Accountants, and find it to be an accurate and complete audit. We recommend that it be accepted and properly filed.

This budget has been prepared in conjunction with the cooperative efforts of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder.

We commend the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for their fine reports.

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Sorrell, P.G.C., Chairman
Robert L. Byars, Jr.
Robert F. Elkin

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET

ITEM	BUDGET 1988	SPENT	PROPOSED 1989
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 80.00	\$ 12.31	\$ 80.00
Social Security & Payroll Taxes	840.00	655.07	840.00
Telephone	550.00	551.61	550.00
Postage & P.O. Box Rental	220.00	405.27	400.00
Contingency Fund	200.00	152.83	200.00
Grand Commander's Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Grand Recorder's Salary	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,360.00
Grand Treasurer's Expense	120.00	120.00	120.00
Grand Encampment			
Per Capita Tax	21,535.80	21,535.80	21,017.70
Grand Encampment			
K.T. Eye Foundation Dues	5,266.00	5,266.00	4,950.00
Office Secretary's Salary	3,660.00	3,660.00	3,960.00
Printing Grand Proceedings	2,525.00	2,686.19	2,700.00
Printing & Badges for Convention <i>(Programs, Ballots, & Place Cards)</i>	325.00	298.52	325.00
*Miscellaneous Convention Expenses			
Stationery & Printing for Office	500.00	614.00	700.00
Audit	720.00	745.00	750.00
Office Rent	1,632.00	1,632.00	1,632.00
Jewel for Junior			
Past Grand Commander	200.00	65.00	65.00
Insurance -			
Bonds, Fire, Theft, & Liability	600.00	490.80	500.00
Memorials & Gifts	100.00	15.00	100.00
Patriotic Activities .....	.00	.00	.00

Triennial Reserve (<i>First 4 Grand Officers & Grand Recorder — \$667.00 per year for 3 years</i>)	667.00	1,600.00	667.00
Triennial Reserve for Past Grand Commanders(<i>\$933.00 per year for 3 years. Prorated - \$400.00 Maximum for each officer</i>) . . .	933.00	2,800.00	933.00
Southern Breakfast (<i>\$100.00 per year for 3 years</i>)	100.00	300.00	100.00
Donation to DeMolay	100.00	100.00	300.00
Donation to Order of Knighthood	100.00	100.00	100.00
Donation to Order of Rainbow for Girls	100.00	100.00	300.00
Purchases for Resale	250.00	536.00	250.00
Southeast Regional York Rite Conference (<i>\$100.00 Maximum for each officer — Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, & Grand Recorder only</i>)	200.00	133.00	235.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance	2,160.00	2,160.00	2,268.00
Office Secretary's Travel Allowance	300.00	300.00	350.00
K.T. Magazine Committee Expense — Editor, Alabama Supplement	25.00	.00	25.00
K.T. Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign Expense	75.00	.00	75.00
Fraternal Correspondent . . . . .	.00	.00	.00
Stationery for Presiding Grand Officer	75.00	60.99	75.00
Safety Deposit Box Rental	6.00	8.00	8.00
Repairs - Furniture & Equipment, & Service Contracts	200.00	199.00	200.00
Ladies' Luncheon (<i>Annual Conclave</i>) . . . . .	.00	287.82	300.00
Distinguished Guests (<i>1 night's lodging</i>)	1,000.00	731.82	500.00
Banquet (<i>Total cost minus tickets sold</i>)	300.00	123.91	300.00
Convention Photographs . . . . .	.00	.00	.00
\$30.00 Per Diem (<i>2 nights</i>) and mileage (<i>Grand Officers, Past Grands, & Standing Committees only</i>)	1,500.00	1,622.22	1,700.00
Shoulder Boards for Grand Commander . . . . .	.00	.00	50.00
Men's Luncheon (<i>Current Grand Line and Distinguished Guests only</i>) . . . . .	.00	159.90	.00
Rental of Typewriters for Convention Registration	25.00	17.12	25.00
Computer Supplies	100.00	18.94	100.00
TOTAL	<u>\$51,689.80</u>	<u>\$54,664.11</u>	<u>\$52,310.70</u>

*Items not budgeted but necessary for convention expense: (Recording tapes, markers, speeches printed, truck rental).

Adopted as amended.

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	**Loyd D. Durden
ILLINOIS	Arthur C. Harding
INDIANA	James E. Stutts
IOWA	Jesse W. Locke
KANSAS	*George W. Sorrell
KENTUCKY	Michael L. Jones
LOUISIANA	**Michael E. Addams
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, Sr.
OHIO	Edgar B. Burgess, Jr.
OKLAHOMA	Erskine K. Smith
OREGON	MacArthur Davis
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	*Thomas F. Craig
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	Edwin D. Chase	Grand Junction
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	William T. Cox	Springfield, Virginia
Florida	Thomas W. Mann	354 Sun Valley Circle Birmingham, 35215	Francis L. Dancy	Ft. Pierce
Georgia	William O. Farmer	5723 Cheryl Drive Pinson, 35126	Hugh L. Smith	Albany
Idaho	Lloyd D. Durden	507 South Edgewood Drive Dothan, 36301	Eldred J. Thomas	Lewiston
Illinois	Arthur C. Harding	309 Sun Valley Road Birmingham, 35215	William D. Jarrett	Jacksonville
Indiana	James E. Stutts	612 East Pasadena Avenue Muscle Shoals, 35660	Emil L. Steffey	Shelbyville
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	Michael E. Addams	2209 Barrywood Road, N.W. Huntsville, 35810	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	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	South Saint Paul
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 F. Strode	Louisiana
Montana	Charles R. Pate	P.O. Box 1526 Anniston, 36202	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	5415 Saddle Ridge Lane Pinson, 35126	Lawson L. Brown	Elmira Heights
North Carolina	James R. Bromley	2127 Norwood Blvd. Florence, 35630	James H. Horne	Fayetteville
North Dakota	Sam L. Garrett, Sr.	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	MacArthur Davis	Route 4, Box 306 Brewton, 36426	Glendon K. Jefferies	Ashland
Pennsylvania	Bobby Ray Terry	Route 1, Box 10 Decatur, 35603	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	4712 Seminole Circle Birmingham, 35243	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 130215 Birmingham, 35213	Michael H. Shively	Spring
Utah	Robert T. Crawford	911 - 4th Terrace Pleasant Grove, 35127	Ramon F. White	Ogden
Vermont	Thomas F. Craig	1000 Lexington Street, S.E. Huntsville, 35801	Robert Boyce	Windsor
Virginia	Charles W. McDonald	615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	W. Elliott Button	Winchester
Washington	Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	1471 Hebble Highway Piedmont, 36272	Robert J. Cole	Goldendale
West Virginia	Oliver L. Moore, Jr.	Route 1, Box 238 Killen, 35645	Marshall M. Casdorff	Frankford
Wisconsin	Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.	8437 South 9th Avenue Birmingham, 35206	Herbert L. Matter	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Robert L. Byars, Jr.	P. O. Box 320184 Birmingham, 35232	Sam Allen	Cody

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION

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

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

There are present and registered with this Committee 12 Grand Officers and 16 Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

There are 18 Constituent Commanderies which comprise the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, and of these, 18 Commanderies are registered with this Committee for this 129th Annual Conclave.

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

TOTAL OFFICERS OR PROXIES PRESENT	52
TOTAL PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT	88
TOTAL QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THIS CONCLAVE	140

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,
Henry B. Tyra, Jr., Chairman
Edward D. Hardin

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

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

2. Mobile	James H. Blackwell, Jr. *Charles W. McDonald *Charles W. McDonald	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
4. Montgomery	Frank L. Roton James R. Lucci *George H. Trotter	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
7. Huntsville	Henry B. Tyra, Jr. *Henry B. Tyra, Jr. Walter J. Krueger, Sr.	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
10. Cyrene	*Anthony V. Jannett *Robert T. Crawford *McMurray L. Griffith	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
13. Tuscaloosa	William S. Wiggins *William S. Wiggins *Henry G. Terry	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
14. DeMolay	*Earl C. Clayton I. Autry Russell *Dalton C. Aldridge	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
15. Etowah	*Fred W. Vaughan James F. Vaughan *Fred W. Vaughan	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
21. Sylacauga	*Charles Pitts	Commander

23. Anniston	James R. Barton Patrick B. Bleakley *Melton C. Campbell	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
25. Dothan	Hermon W. Taylor *O'Day Fontenot, Jr. *Maurice C. Himes	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
29. Piedmont	*Teddy R. Grogan, Sr. *Teddy R. Grogan, Sr. *Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
31. Woodlawn	William J. Bice Amos Glen Welborn Johnson E. Harris, Jr.	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
39. Florence	Lamon C. Griffin Grady L. LeMaster Billy H. Brackin	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
43. East Lake	*Joe R. Bush *Fernwood Morris William O. Farmer	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
45. Lee	Mark H. Ward, Jr. Earl W. Lanius Robert D. Moseson	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
46. DeKalb-Jackson	*Floyd Hambrick, Jr. *Floyd Hambrick, Jr. *Floyd Hambrick, Jr.	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
47. Monroeville	MacArthur Davis *MacArthur Davis *MacArthur Davis	Commander Generalissimo Captain General
48. Jasper	*Ray Rutledge *Ray Rutledge *Ray Rutledge	Commander Generalissimo Captain General

*Denotes Proxy.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS PRESENT:

2. Mobile: Charles W. McDonald, Brent R. Haller, Robert E. Shipp, John K. McClure, Maurice M. Chastain, William Leo Baugh, Jr., Charles A. Sweeney, Johnny A. Baker, Harlan W. Cleveland, Jr., Fred W. Addison, William J. Sirmon.
4. Montgomery: John E. Stearnes, James E. Sexson, Luther E. Lee, William O. Graham, Joseph P. Jones.
7. Huntsville: Emory J. Ferguson, George L. Marshall, Jr., William H. Ealy, Doyle W. Ealy, Richard M. Slaughter.
10. Cyrene: George E. Tremelling, McMurray L. Griffith, Norman C. Wilkinson, Anthony V. Jannett, Robert T. Crawford.
13. Tuscaloosa: Henry G. Terry.
14. DeMolay: Bobby C. Park, Richard Sim Hamilton, Bobby Ray Terry, Earl C. Clayton, Michael L. Jones, Phillip J. Sherman, Dalton C. Aldridge, George F. Mills, Ronald P. Harris.
15. Etowah: Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Clarence F. Rhea, Clifford J. Turner, Fred W. Vaughan.
21. Sylacauga: None.
23. Anniston: Charles R. Pate, Calvin C. Snow, Erskine K. Smith, Melton C. Campbell, J. Paul Gray, Bernard F. Bitzer, J. Woodrow Smith.
25. Dothan: W. Malcolm Killingsworth, Joseph D. Brackin, William D. Barr, Maurice C. Himes, L. C. Minks, O'Day Fontenot, Jr.
29. Piedmont: Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.

31. Woodlawn: Thomas W. Mann, W. Sterling Roberts, Arthur C. Harding, Robert L. Byars, Jr., Howard E. Hayes, Woodrow Mack Hewitt, Anthony M. Deming, Robert E. Lyle, Fred W. McCluskey, Jr., George W. Busby.
39. Florence: James H. Lee, Ernest L. Bishop, Sr., Billy H. Brackin, Grady L. LeMaster, James M. Gallien, James E. Stutts, T. L. Harrison, Edgar B. Burgess, Jr., Oliver L. Moore, Jr., James R. Bromley.
43. East Lake: William O. Farmer, Claude C. McGraw, Joe R. Bush.
45. Lee: William M. Newsome, Jr., Sam L. Garrett, Sr., Jesse W. Locke, Norman H. Hutchinson, William R. East, Charles L. Ingram, Sr., William C. Snyder, Lance C. Anthony, Clarence G. Ray, Gene M. Day.
46. DeKalb-Jackson: None.
47. Monroeville: None.
48. Jasper: Ray Rutledge.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

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

We, your Patriotic Committee submit the following report:

The word for the day is Apathy!

Unfortunately, it appears that many Commanderies are satisfied simply to exist and let their responsibilities fall by the wayside. Of the 18 Commanderies contacted about conducting Patriotic Observances for 1988, only two have responded to date! It is truly a sad state of affairs when we cannot show more appreciation for the many men and women who fought and died to give us the freedom we now enjoy in this great country of ours.

But, the same can be said for all of Masonry. Statistics have indicated that York Rite Masonry will not exist by the year 2020 if it continues in it's current trend. From the looks of the status of interest in our Fraternity, we will not even be able to claim the proud title of York Rite Mason by the year 2000! We must all work together to advance this great Fraternity of ours or else we shall "sink" together.

The two Commanderies that did respond to the request to conduct Patriotic Observances in 1988 were Huntsville Commandery No. 7 and Anniston Commandery No. 23, which conducted two such observances. If other Commanderies conducted Observances of any kind but failed to notify me, I am sorry - I cannot report on what I am not aware of.

I would like to recommend that chairmen for committees such as this one be appointed for several years at a time (or even permanently) instead of one-year terms. This would give that person ample time to work on Patriotic programs that would be interesting and informative to the membership and beneficial to the Grand Commandery in general.

I have enjoyed serving Grand Commander Ferguson this past year and look forward to working with him on future projects in Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Addams, Chairman

Adopted.

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, and to hold special elections.

We recommend the approval of the consolidation of Opelika Commandery No. 28 with Lee Commandery No. 45.

We have examined the Resolutions and find them to be in order to be presented to the delegates for their disposition.

We have examined the By-Laws of Monroeville Commandery No. 47, and recommend their acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael L. Jones, P.G.C., Chairman
McMurray L. Griffith, P.G.C.
George L. Marshall, Jr.

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:

The total amount contributed as of January 13, 1989 ...	\$2,452.00.
Divine Service offering	\$ 195.56
Money received from the floor	\$4,800.00

Seventy-one (71) Sir Knights have purchased Life Memberships in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at \$30.00 each.

The following recommendations are made:

1. Encourage each Commandery to push a drive for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.
2. Encourage more members to join the Grand Masters Club.
3. Each Commandery increase its dues \$1.00 per year; the extra \$1.00 would be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.
4. More fund raising activities should take place, such as pancake suppers, spaghetti suppers, and yard sales.
5. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee to be made permanent for 3-5 years. People who are known statewide should be on this Committee. The Committee should check with Georgia, they appear to have a very good collection system to follow.
- 6 The appointed Knights Templar Eye Foundation should have a set of rules and guidelines to follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernie Belcher, Chairman
Arthur C. Harding, P.G.C.
Robert E. Shipp, P.G.C.

Adopted.

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 Grand Representatives be approved.

We recommend the portion of the Address referring to the 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 pertaining to the consolidation of Opelika Commandery No. 28 and Lee Commandery No. 45 be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend that recommendation Number One be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We recommend that recommendation Number Two be referred to the incoming Grand Commander.

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 in Alabama, and wish for him many more years of active service to our Order.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Sim Hamilton, P.G.C., Chairman
Clifford J. Turner, P.G.C.
James H. Lee, P.G.C.

Adopted.

REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

During the year ending December 31, 1988, your Committee on Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Alabama processed six student loans of \$1,500.00 each (four females and two males), totaling \$9,000.00. We have \$46,512.37 out on twenty-nine student loans at the present time.

The total assets of Alabama's Knights Templar Educational Foundation amounted to \$106,707.55 as of December 31, 1988. These assets are in loans, in equipment, and an interest bearing Certificate of Deposit. The interest earned covers expenses of operation.

Your Committee expresses its appreciation for the privilege of serving the Grand Commandery of Alabama on this committee, and the opportunity of helping some of our young students.

We would also like to thank the Secretary-Treasurer, Sir Knight 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, Grand Treasurer
Howard E. Hayes
George W. Sorrell, P.G.C.
James U. Ward, Sr.

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

Adopted.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION
21ST VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN**

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

The 21st Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was a flop in Alabama:

Each Commandery was contacted about the Campaign and requested to get their members to be 100 percent Life Sponsors. As of January 31, 1989, Alabama, with a membership of 6,493 Sir Knights, contributed \$2,602.00 or 40 cents each. The Anniston Commandery gave \$1,920.00 which is greatly appreciated.

Sir Knights, Alabama continues to receive four times more money than we have contributed. The total this year will be enough for one cataract surgery. The Eye Foundation has saved the sight of a 3 year old and returned enough sight to others that they are no longer legally blind. The Foundation is doing a tremendous job but needs your support.

Sir Knights, if you had lost your sight you would know how it feels. I was lucky, my sight was gone totally for about three days, then it started coming back. If you have not lost your sight or had it impaired, then just try blindfolding yourself for three days, and you will know what it really means. You can't get around and do things, and it even gets hard enough someone has to feed you until you learn again.

I am asking, please, help the cause and get others to do so too, and I mean everybody from the Right Eminent Grand Commander to the newest knighted Knight. Won't you please help?

Respectfully submitted,
Walter J. Krueger, Sr., Chairman

Adopted.

ADDENDUM

During the Annual Conclave the following amounts were received and are to be forwarded to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation:

Phenix City York Rite Bodies	\$1,010.00
Florence York Rite Bodies	900.00
Anniston York Rite Bodies	1,080.00
Dothan York Rite Bodies	100.00
Huntsville York Rite Bodies	1,710.00
Divine Service Contributions	195.56
	\$4,995.56
Contributed as of February 17, 1989	2,662.00
	+ 4.00
	\$7,661.56
Total Contributions	\$7,661.56

The amounts given reflect the following: the Anniston York Rite Bodies are now 100% Life Sponsors; Phenix City York Rite Bodies had 27 new Life Sponsors and 2 Patrons; Florence York Rite Bodies had 30 new Life Sponsors; and Huntsville York Rite Bodies had 57 new Life Sponsors.

I want to say thank you for what you have given, but also remind you we are behind last year's donations. The Eye Foundation would like to get at least 10% of our members to be Life Sponsors. With 6400 members, that would mean a total gift of \$19,400.00, so won't you ask your Bodies to try and give more.

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.

We are glad to report that some of our Commanderies are very proficient in their Ritualistic Work, and most of these are ready and willing to assist other Commanderies when called upon to do so.

We all realize that local leaders are the key to an active and proficient Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman C. Wilkinson, Chairman
Erskine K. Smith, P.G.C.
George E. Tremelling, P.G.C.

ADDENDUM

On February 4, 1989, in Birmingham Metro Temple, the full form Knights Templar opening was exemplified by Cyrene Commandery No. 10.

The conferring of the Knights Templar degree was exemplified by the Grand Line Officers by Knights Templar Tactics and Asylum Ceremonies of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Emory J. Ferguson, presided over this meeting.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

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

It has been a most interesting year as Foreign Correspondent with no one to write to, however, it has been my privilege to entertain members of the craft from Australia, Canada, England, Germany, and Japan this past year..

Provisions are somewhat limited by the Grand Encampment Constitution to provide for a Foreign Correspondent, as only the Grand Commander can prevail in this matter.

I wish to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Emory J. Ferguson, for honoring me with this appointment, and I recommend that this Committee be changed to "Fraternal Correspondent."

Respectfully submitted,
James E. Sexson, Chairman

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEMOLAY

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Your Committee on DeMolay wishes to make the following report:

1988 was not a good year for DeMolay in Alabama in respect to a large gain in membership, however, some light is beginning to show in the end of the tunnel in some areas. Other than new members for the existing Chapters, a great need still exists for more Chapters to be set up in areas like Anniston and Tuscaloosa. Large

metropolitan areas such as Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, and Montgomery have the potential for additional Chapters.

Sir Knights, the prospective members are there, but the main ingredient needed is more active and willing Masons who will serve as Advisors to “shore up” the present Chapters in their areas with the “faithful few” who are working hard to keep the existing Chapters alive, or help to organize new Chapters where needed.

To borrow a quote from Our Lord Jesus as found in Luke’s Gospel, Chapter 10, verse 2, “Therefore said He unto them, ‘The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest’”.

Sir Knights, let us become laborers in the field to aid in this much needed harvest.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C., Chairman
Ray R. Morgan, Jr.
Doyle W. Ealy

Adopted.

REPORT OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDITOR

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

This year approximately 98% of the Alabama Supplement was concerned with news rather than filler material. I have received news from Mobile, Huntsville, Monroeville, Florence, Woodlawn, and Anniston. Included has been news on two of our York Rite Colleges and the state’s College of Masonic Rosicrucians. Unfortunately, in most cases I received only one article from an area or body. In fact, the high percentage of news is mostly a result of our Grand Commander’s monthly letters, itineraries, and salutes, with the report of the Templar Education Committee contributing another large segment of news.

Sir Knights, you’ve heard this from me every year and you heard it from my predecessor, Sir Knight C. V. McLain, but please, please, please, send me news of your Commandery. I’ve printed everything I’ve received, and I’m sure that policy will continue. It’s important to let your own members, as well as members across the state, be aware of what you have done or what you are planning. Templary can be an important force in this state; individually, our members probably contribute more in time and thought to Christianity than almost any other group of people except those employed in church work. I think we’ve got a lot to say!

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas F. Craig, Editor

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY ON BY-LAWS

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We, your Committee on By-Laws have reviewed the By-Laws of the following Commanderies: Mobile No. 2; Montgomery No. 4; Huntsville No. 7; Tuscaloosa No. 13; DeMolay No. 14; Etowah No. 15; Anniston No. 23; Dothan No. 25; Piedmont No. 29; Woodlawn No. 31; Florence No. 39; East Lake No. 43; Lee No. 45; DeKalb-Jackson No. 46; Monroeville No. 47; and Jasper No. 48.

Recommendations were made on an individual basis.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Rutledge, Chairman
Maurice C. Himes
Bobby C. Park

Adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

We, your Committee on Public Relations, submit the following report:

During the year numerous articles have appeared in newspapers concerning installations, visitations, and numerous other activities in several parts of the state. In addition, a Public Service radio spot was produced and distributed to the various Commanderies for airing on the local radio stations. Also the Imperial Council A.A.O.N.M.S. published an excellent article entitled, "What Is The York Rite?"

It is the feeling of this committee that a concerted and continued effort by the local Commanderies to obtain and maintain a good working relationship with the news media, and to continue to supply them with information concerning events and activities along with information about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is necessary in order to keep the name of the York Rite in the public eye.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Allen Brown, Chairman
Charles R. Bishop, Co-Chairman
George H. Trotter, Sam L. Garrett, Sr.
Melvin Bailey, Gary Smith, William D. Barr
Charles R. Pate, Roy Nelson Williams,
George F. Mills, Charles Terry Bray

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CRAFT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We, your Committee on State of the Craft, submit the following report:

Reports from various sources would indicate that the State of the Craft is in good order. Finances are available for research and other charitable programs. Alabama is, however, in need of additional contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We receive much more assistance than the contributions we give. With all favorable reports we might conclude that all is great in York Rite. There are, however, reasons why we cannot be complacent.

The mere existence of a committee on State of the Craft should raise questions by the members about the reason for such a committee and concern about the well being of York Rite, as well as Masonry in general. Therefore we have taken a critical look at our Fraternity.

Signs of decadence abound. When we apply the yardstick of membership statistics, our conclusions leave cause for concern if not outright alarm. In the time of an affluent society and ever increasing population, our membership is declining. This decline is even more alarming in the Blue Lodges which are our source of strength and the future of York Rite. This malaise is general in nature. We are unable to pinpoint one area where decline is worse than any other area. One area we examined did show a significant membership gain, but it represented a "carrot on a stick" situation and future interest by those so enticed is at this point purely speculative.

The statistics of mortality point to a steady decline in members since the average age of the membership is sharply rising. This should tell us that we are not competing for the interest and desires of our youth. Unfortunately degeneration breeds more degeneration, and the morale of the members slips more and more as it takes its devastating toll of enthusiasm.

Loss due to N.P.D.'s is in some cases due to illness or destitution which should not happen if we are properly concerned about our brothers, but the greatest problem that causes N.P.D.'s is disenchantment. We feel that this problem should be of major concern and demand first consideration for changes to stem the tide of membership decline.

It is evident by use of attendance records that the York Rite is in many cases used as a means to join the Shrine. The percentage of this group is impossible to estimate. We need to examine our program and see why we have failed to impress these members with the values of York Rite sufficiently to maintain their attendance and support. The Shrine has seriously considered withdrawing from Masonry. If this happens would it be a serious blow to our membership rolls?

Unfortunately we sometimes receive members that are looking for some personal or potential gain by being part of a respected and honored fraternity. We hope these are few. We need to look at the good dedicated service of our charities, research programs, and humane efforts promoted by inspired and committed members, and involve more members in these programs.

Attendance, or lack of it, is the foremost evidence of the well being of our York Rite. It is infallibly true that individuals set their own priorities. If they have an interest in something, they will be part of it. Coming to meetings when the same ritual is repeated again and again will, through pure boredom, cause many to withdraw their attendance. Occasionally special programs or events will be successful in obtaining substantial increase in attendance, but it is very short lived. This should tell us that our members are looking for something interesting. Are we not capable of providing "food for the soul"? It is true that some members are enthusiastic in learning and presenting the ritual. This is a small percentage. It is our belief that more are interested in explanations of the great lessons taught in the degrees and in the history of Masonry. We mention our ancient landmarks and the value of the ritual to our new members, but we never get around to telling them what they really are, or how they apply to the world in which they find themselves.

The York Rite embodies the principles and morals of the Christian religion, and as part of Masonry from its beginning, was deeply involved in practicing these through activities of its members in their everyday lives among the people in their individual communities. Each member was a living example of the source for social good. There were few, if any, other organizations outside of Masonry that provided the charitable and social needs of the society, churches being the major exception. We now have many civic and charitable organizations that compete for the time of our younger generation. In addition, we have Boy Scouts, Little League Ball, Indian Guides, and a proliferation of such organizations that compete for their time. Television has become a detrimental and mesmerizing influence on members and potential members. Non-attendance has been enhanced by its hypnotic results. We have permitted our stotic approach to social change to render Masonry non-competitive.

We need to get our public image re-established. Attacks by certain church groups and varied uninformed radicals have, to some degree, gained the ear of the inquisitive and doubting public. It is true that we do not need direct confrontation with these spreaders of ill will toward Masonry, but we need to tell our story in its true form on every worthy occasion. We have too long let our fraternity be accepted as a secret organization. All that can be revealed should be revealed, especially to those who condemn everything that indicates any degree of privileged information.

York Rite can no longer afford the complacency of looking to the Grand Lodge to rejuvenate the Blue Lodges and correct the decline in membership. Its practices are as fixed as the Rock of Gibraltar and ancient as the pyramids. We must find some means to appeal to the younger generations with the same great truths and the same great moral teachings that we have caused to endure in our Craft through the ages.

Your Committee does not claim to have an answer to the problem or problems of the Craft. We do feel that it is time for some corrective action to be taken. Certain possibilities have been hinted in the above portion of the report, and we wish to offer the suggestions which follow for your consideration.

First and foremost, we need to know and understand what the role of York Rite should be in today's world. Therefore, we think it is necessary to explore our social change in recent years with much concern and in great detail, for the purpose of being better able to serve in this modern society. The nature of man has not changed. He still has a need to serve a useful purpose and an all encompassing desire for knowledge. We must provide these needs if we expect to attract his attention and maintain his participation. A self study (York Rite) should be adjunct to an exploration of social change.

We propose that you look at your meetings and programs in detail with the purpose of determining what they provide for benefit of individual members. Are they sufficient to maintain the on-going interest of all members? Are they planned, educational, and continuous? Do they provide satisfying fellowship and social activity?

We would expect the suggested study to accomplish several things. First, we would expect it to result in changes that would benefit individual members and reestablish the spirit of Masonry. In doing this we would expect York Rite members to renew their interest in the Blue Lodges and inspire similar changes in them. There is hope also that we could again look for special qualities in our members and not worry about quantity. Most of all we expect desirable changes that result from such study to awaken the Grand Lodge and subordinate Blue Lodges to their pending collapse without an adjustment to the world in which we live.

Respectfully submitted,
William F. Dendy, Chairman
James U. Ward, Sr.
Maurice M. Chastain

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RAINBOW

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We, your Committee on Rainbow, submit the following report:

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls, is a youth organization, sponsored by the Masonic Bodies, and supported by the Order of the Eastern Star and other Masonic affiliated Bodies. The Rainbow for Girls is devoted to the purpose of training and teaching young girls from age 11 to their majority age of 20 years, to enter into womanhood as responsible adults. The tenets of Rainbow are promulgated on a belief in God, a love for Country, to respect and honor her parents, and responsibility and fellowship for her fellowman and herself.

The organizational seat of the Supreme Assembly is located in McAlester, Oklahoma, and is headed by Mrs. Gladys Skidmore, Supreme Worthy Advisor. The Supreme Officers and the members of the House of Gold, the adult executive council of the Supreme Assembly, met in executive session July 21, 22, 23, & 24, 1988, with all fifty Supreme Officers and members of the House of Gold in attendance. The Supreme Assembly opened in general session July 25, 26, & 27, 1988, in Mobile, Alabama. This was the 32nd biennial Supreme Assembly session and the first to be held in Alabama. There were 1,872 Rainbow Girls registered for the session, representing all 40 of the United States and 7 foreign countries. Approximately 2,500 persons attended the entire Supreme Session, including visitors and Rainbow Girls. The session was attended by Mrs. Skidmore, Supreme Worthy Advisor and 70 Supreme Assembly members. In attendance were Floyd Hambrick, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Alabama Grand Lodge, F&AM, and other Grand Lodge Officers; Mrs. Helen R. Cox, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Ray McRoberts, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, eight General Grand Chapter Officers, and Committee persons; Mrs. Jackie Motley, Worthy Grand Matron, and several officers of the Alabama Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Other Masonic Bodies attending were represented by Charles A. Sweeney, Grand Inspector General, Advisory Committee, Valley of Mobile, AASR; William M. Newsome, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama; Brent R. Haller, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Alabama; Emory J. Ferguson, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama; William Baxter, Potentate, Abba Shrine Temple of Mobile, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Robert H. Hannon, Grand Master of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay; Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Executive Officer in Alabama, active member of the International Order of DeMolay; Matthew P. McCrickard, State Master Councilor in Alabama, Order of DeMolay; and many Past Grand Officers of F&AM and OES.

Many thanks and much gratitude is expressed by Mrs. Hazel M. Elliott, Supreme Nature and Supreme Inspector in Alabama, Order of Rainbow for Girls, to the Grand Lodge, F&AM of Alabama, the Grand Chapter O.E.S. of Alabama, the Grand York Rite Bodies of Alabama, the Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies of Alabama, and all subordinate Bodies in Alabama, for the tremendous support rendered by the many generous

donations and many hours of labor and travel. Without the understanding, goodwill, and appreciation by the sponsoring and supporting Bodies and individuals, the Supreme Session could not have been the tremendous success that it was.

The Grand Assembly Session was held in Montgomery, Alabama, in August, 1988. The Session was led by Mrs. Hazel Elliott, Supreme Nature and Supreme Inspector in Alabama. The Grand Assembly Officers were in attendance. Two hundred seventeen Rainbow Girls were registered for the session with approximately 400 girls and visitors attending the session. Grand visitors greeted and introduced at the session were: Floyd L. Hambrick, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F&AM of Alabama; Mrs. Jackie Motley, Worthy Grand Matron, O.E.S.; Doyle W. Ealy, Grand Inspector General Advisory Committee, Huntsville Scottish Rite Masons; Emory J. Ferguson, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama; several Grand Rainbow Representatives from other states and seven Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and Grand Chapter, O.E.S.

Mrs. Hazel M. Elliott, Supreme Nature and Supreme Inspector in Alabama, presented the 1988 Annual Report as follows:

- a. Fifteen trips were made to Mobile for planning and coordination of the Supreme Assembly session.
- b. All ten of the Alabama Subordinate Assemblies were visited by the Supreme Inspector and the Grand Worthy Advisor.
- c. Three Schools of Instructions were held in the three regional divisions of the state.
- d. A Christmas party and reception dinner were held in Huntsville for the Alabama Grand Assembly Officer.
- e. A Grand reception and tea were held for the Grand Worthy Advisor.
- f. Thirteen \$100.00 scholarships were given by the Grand Assembly for deserving Rainbow Girls planning to attend college.
- g. One new Assembly was instituted under letters temporary at Pisgah, Alabama. The Assembly was sponsored by the Pisgah Masonic Lodge, Pisgah O.E.S. Chapter, and underwritten by the Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies with a three hundred and twenty-five dollar donation to the Assembly.
- h. The initiation age of incoming initiates was lowered from age twelve to eleven.
- i. The tenure of office for Assembly officers was extended from four months to six months in order to provide more leadership training to the incumbents.
- j. The Southern Belles, a Southern-dress drill team, performed at the Alabama Grand Chapter, O.E.S. Annual Meeting, the Supreme Assembly Session, the State Grand Assembly Session, the General Grand Chapter, O.E.S., in Atlanta, Georgia, and other events.
- k. Eighteen Rainbow Girls and eight sponsoring adults were awarded the Grand Cross of Color and feted at a banquet at the Grand Assembly Session. The Grand Cross of Color is awarded to deserving Rainbow Girls, Adult advisors, and Sponsors who have contributed significant and outstanding service in the advancement of Rainbow.
- l. The annual report showed three hundred and fifty-six members in Alabama in 1988. Gains and losses were unavailable. These figures are provided by the Supreme Assembly and have not been released. Approximately one hundred girls were initiated and approximately sixty were lost due to reaching their majority age of twenty. No information on losses due to nonpayment of dues, marriage, moving away, or demiting was available.

In her concluding remarks, Mrs. Elliott stressed the need for adult participation and sponsorship for the continued growth of the Rainbow in Alabama. She further stated a need for at least two more Assemblies in Alabama, one in the Gadsden-Anniston area and one in the Tri-Cities area. She further stressed the urgent need for adult initiative and sponsorship in these two locales to form these two needed Assemblies, and also to reconstitute the twenty or more Assemblies that have gone dark since the 1970's in other areas of the state. Further information can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Hazel M. Elliott, 517 Walnut Street, N.E., Decatur, AL 35601.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward D. Hardin, Chairman
Billy H. Brackin
Lincoln H. Townsend

Adopted.

REPORT OF TEMPLAR BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

We, the members of the Grand Commandery Templar Education (Blue Ribbon) Committee report the following:

A questionnaire was prepared by this Committee in early spring, 1988, to be sent to the Recorders of the several Commanderies for distribution to their membership. The reproduction and mailing of these forms to the Recorders was accomplished through the kind assistance of our Right Eminent Grand Commander. Questionnaires were mailed back to the Committee during the summer and were accepted through September 30. In October, the Committee members collated and analyzed the responses. A summary of these responses was printed in the November-December, 1988, and January-February, 1989, Knight Templar magazine, Alabama supplement section.

Frankly put, two things need to be mentioned. First, the quantity of responses received was disheartening. It is amazing to us that so few Templars cared enough to invest a few minutes and a 25-cent stamp to help us determine the very real weak points of Alabama Templary. To those who did take the trouble to respond, we say "Thank You". Secondly, at least one-third of the questionnaires received were incorrectly or incompletely filled out. Needless to say, it is impossible to glean any useful information from a survey if the data is lacking or erroneous.

We feel that the responses should be carefully studied and weighed by the Grand Commandery line officers and the subordinate Commandery officers and, where possible, steps should be taken to improve each Commandery's program. As an aid to this end, Exhibit A of this report presents a detailed summary of the results of the survey. We feel there is much room for improvement in ALL aspects of Alabama Templary, and immediately would not be too soon to start.

We thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the privilege of serving the Grand Commandery on this committee. It has been a real education for us, we assure you.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. Marshall, Jr., Chairman
Thomas F. Craig
Michael E. Addams

Adopted.

EXHIBIT A — CONDENSED RESULTS OF 1988 KNIGHT TEMPLAR SURVEY

The results of the 1988 Survey questionnaires mailed to Alabama Templars earlier this year have been tallied. 175 responses were received. This represents 2.7 percent of Alabama Templars. The major results obtained are given below and in articles to follow:

1. Average age of respondents was 58 years. It is interesting to note that the number of respondents under age 40 was only 22 out of the 175.
2. 84 percent of respondents lived in large or medium cities.
3. The average Commandery dues is \$21.00.
4. If financially unable to pay dues, 35 percent would ask to have dues remitted and 31 percent would seek assistance from a friend.
5. Most Templars (78 percent) think the annual dues should not exceed \$40.00.
6. The most popular method (62 percent) of raising needed income would be to have fund-raisers.
7. Regular Blue Lodge attendance was indicated by 37 percent of the responses; 50 percent seldom or occasionally attend.
8. 112 respondents, or 65 percent, seldom attend the Commandery.
9. The four major reasons for seldom attending Commandery were:
 - a. Too far from home (first)
 - b. Meeting night conflicts with work, church, or other (second)
 - c. Boring meetings (third)
 - d. Lack of communication with members (fourth)

10. The four major reasons for regularly attending Commandery were:
 - a. Want York Rite to grow (first)
 - b. Fellowship with members (second)
 - c. Officer (third)
 - d. Interesting meetings (fourth)
11. 46 respondents indicated their Commanderies use a regular newsletter; 41 percent said that the Knight Templar Supplement was used.
12. The responses bore little relation to the actual Commandery sizes, perhaps a reflection of the lack of communication cited in question 9.
13. Most respondents (64) indicated that only 11 to 20 members are in attendance when they go.
14. The four most popular features or events that could be used to increase Commandery attendance were judged to be:
 - a. Dinners, Fishfries, and Luncheons (first)
 - b. Regular Commandery Newsletter (second)
 - c. Community Service Projects (third)
 - d. Family Events (fourth)
15. The results on feeling toward the York Rite were:
 - a. Highly Dedicated - 40 respondents
 - b. Dedicated - 30 respondents
 - c. Supportive - 64 respondents
 - d. Indifferent - 10 respondents
16. If their Commandery were about to lose its charter, the majority of respondents (87) would give up a night to preserve it; a significant number (40) would take the lead in reorganizing the Commandery.
17. Of things which Commanderies could do to improve themselves, the four most mentioned were:
 - a. Better communications (21 times)
 - b. Improved public relations/visibility (17 times)
 - c. Improve meeting format with education and/or entertainment (16 times)
 - d. Improve ritual (9 times)
18. Responses on improving Grand Commandery were more limited, but the following were the top five mentioned:
 - a. Better communications (6 times)
 - b. Improve leadership (6 times)
 - c. Education (3 times)
 - d. More (and younger) involvement (3 times)
 - e. Concentrate on charities and lessons (3 times)
19. Most (85%) do not own uniforms.
20. Most (68%) would not buy a uniform.
21. Of those who would buy a uniform, most would pay \$100-150 for one.
22. Most (65%) favored adoption of the apron, cape, sword and cap.
23. Membership in Masonry was fairly evenly distributed over the categories listed.
24. Membership in the Commandery was composed mostly of fairly "young" Knights (44% members 10 years or less and 66%, 20 years or less).
25. By a slim majority, most (57%) were not members of the Scottish Rite.
26. Most (77%) are members of the Shrine or Grotto.
27. Most (69%) are not members of the Eastern Star or Order of Amaranth.
28. Most (63%) do not attend any other body more regularly than they attend Commandery.
29. Of those who do attend other bodies more often, the four top reasons given were:
 - a. Other bodies are more attractive and/or conflict (19 times)
 - b. Opportunity to mix with the general public (e.g., clowns with children) (4 times)
 - c. Use of limited time (2 times)
 - d. Transferred to closer bodies (2 times)
30. Most (65%) are not members of any honorary body and another 21% are members of one or two.
31. Of those who responded on membership, 38% are members of 1 to 3 bodies; 47% 4 to 6; 10%, 7 to 10; and 5%, more than 10. Of those who were officers, 79% were officers in 1 to 3 bodies; 19% in 4 to 5; and 2% in more than 10. Of the presiding officers answering, 66% were presiding in 1 to 3 bodies; 30% in 4 to 6; 3% in 7 to 10; and 1% in more than 10. These last include past presiding officers.

32. Of the general comments, the top four pertained to:
 - a. Time conflicts (6 times)
 - b. Outside interests (5 times)
 - c. Need to strengthen Blue Lodge (4 times)
 - d. High fees or dues (2 times)

The members of the Templar Education Committee who were tasked with conducting this survey wish to express their thanks to those Sir Knights who did take the time and trouble to fill out and mail in the survey. In most instances, the forms were filled out correctly and completely; in some cases, many of the questions were skipped or filled out incorrectly. In order for a survey like this to be truly meaningful and effective, the questionnaire should be filled out completely and accurately. Further, we were somewhat disappointed in the relatively small number who responded—perhaps it is indicative of the state of Templary in Alabama that so few could spare 10 minutes and a 25 cent stamp to do even this small task.

We sincerely hope that this effort will prove of use to present and future Commanders and Commandery Officers in providing some insight into the feelings and desires of a portion of the membership and in assisting the leadership in planning a course of action that will awaken interest in Commandery affairs and revive interest and attendance in the Order. Failure to listen to what the members want and failure to implement new programs can only result in the failure of the Knights Templar in the not-too-distant future. This Committee stands ready to assist our Commanderies in these noble efforts in whatever way it can.

NECROLOGY REPORT

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

For the many and manifold blessings we enjoy we are truly thankful, and we ever bless the name of the Great Author of our existence. We are thankful for the gift of life and for the gift to mankind of Christ Jesus, Our Lord, who made the ultimate sacrifice of His life for the atonement of our sins.

We are especially thankful that another year has been added to our lives. However, we must pause to remember that during this period 191 of our Sir Knights were called home to that Asylum above. We mourn their loss and extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.

We are all deeply grieved at the loss of our Past Grand Commander, Milton Lee Fegenbush, who passed from this earthly home to his heavenly home on September 22, 1988.

Let us pray:

"Almighty and everlasting God, we yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all our brothers departed, who have been choice vessels of Thy grace. We most humbly beseech Thee to give us grace so to follow the examples of steadfastness in Thy faith and obedience to Thy Holy Commandments, that at the day of the general resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of Thy Son, may be set on His right hand, and hear His most joyful voice, 'Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world'. Grant this, Oh Father, for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate." Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
William H. Ealy, P.G.C.,
Grand Prelate, Chairman
Bobby Ray Terry

Adopted.





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

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Be it resolved that Article V, Section 4, of the By-Laws of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, be amended to add Section 4a to read as follows:

“Section 4a. All Commanderies shall make a supplemental report to the Grand Recorder on or before June 30th of each year, showing all additions or deletions to their roll since their last report the previous December.”

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Byars, Jr.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Be it resolved that any previous authorization to pay mileage by whatever means be eliminated and replaced with the following:

“No member of this Grand Commandery shall be paid mileage for any reason.”

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Byars, Jr.

Withdrawn.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas several states have adopted a system of rotating the opening of Grand Bodies where joint meetings are in effect; therefore,

“Be it resolved that the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery shall adopt a system of opening first on a rotating basis with the Grand Chapter opening first in 1989, the Grand Council in 1990, and the Grand Commandery in 1991, and this plan to be followed in subsequent years.”

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Byars, Jr.

Adopted.

REMARKS OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

After a few remarks of appreciation from several visiting Southeastern Grand Commanders, the Southeast Department Commander, Sir Knight Joseph D. Brackin, also made a few remarks.

Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight James M. Ward, brought greetings from the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler. Sir Knight Ward remarked it was a joy to be in Alabama and see the enthusiasm of all the Sir Knights in attendance, and thanked them for their support in his election to the Grand Encampment line.

Sir Knight Ward noted that five Commanderies in Alabama had had membership gains during the year, and that if it could happen on a local level it would also be possible in the Grand Commandery. If we want it to happen, it will happen. We can do anything we want to do if we have the desire to do it since we have the talent and wherewith all to do anything we want to do. We just need to want to do it and we can.

Statistics say that by the year 2010 Freemasonry will be down to less than 1,000,000 members. We have already lost over 1,000,000 members in the past 10 years. This is not the kind of information we are looking for. What we need to know is

what we need to be doing to make ourselves presentable to those around us in our communities.

Freemasonry, and particularly Templary, promises us nothing but the opportunity to be of service to God, to our country, to our fellowman, and to ourselves, through our Lord, Jesus Christ. There is no higher calling and we need to answer that calling. We need to take advantage of this program, we need to support it. It makes us visible in the communities in a way they can understand. It ties us to Jesus Christ in a material way, and we need that.

We are living in a different society, not just the economic but the moral and spiritual aspect as well. This society in which we live demands we meet its needs, not that we change, but that we impress on them the need to be morally and spiritually organized and oriented. We need to serve as our ancient Templars did, by providing for the needs of the distressed and protecting those that need our protection. We can do that.

Sir Knight Ward relayed the best wishes and words of appreciation from Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Director of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, for the past and future contributions to this worthwhile charity. He further mentioned that the Grand Encampment recognizes Alabama's contributions to the Eye Foundation and know they are on the right path. He commended Anniston Commandery No. 23 on 100% Life Sponsors by saying, "We can all do that".

ALABAMA GRAND YORK RITE HOLDING COMPANY

It was moved and seconded that Ray Rutledge be retained as a member of the Grand York Rite Holding Company for a term of four years or until February, 1993.

EDICT

Since there are no objections in the statutes, By-Laws, or Edicts of the Grand Commandery that a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Alabama can wear the Past Grand Commander's jewel on a cordon (a purple cord) instead of their uniform, Grand Commander Emory J. Ferguson proclaimed by edict that it be acceptable.

MINUTES OF LAST CONCLAVE

Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann moved that the minutes as published in the Proceedings of 1988 be accepted as the minutes, and that they be approved as printed.

Motion seconded and carried.

GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE - 1990


It was moved that the next Annual Alabama Grand Commandery Conclave be held in Birmingham, Alabama, February 25-27, 1990.

Motion seconded and carried.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

During the Grand York Rite Banquet on Sunday night, it was announced that the recipient of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award for 1989 was Sir Knight Thomas F. Craig, Huntsville Commandery No. 7. Sir Knight James M. Ward, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, made the presentation of the Medal to Sir Knight Henry B. Tyra, Jr., who accepted it for Sir Knight Craig.

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 Sebastain Gamundi	1973
*Arlie Eldon Blackburn	1974
*James Allen Bradford	1975
Norman Curtis Wilkinson	1976
*Johnnie H. Ray, Sr.	1977
*Charles Carl Graham	1978
*Lawrence Kline	1979
*John Doyal Prince, Jr.	1980
Loyd D. Durden	1981
Charles William McDonald	1982
Charles Robert Pate	1983
*Richard A. Chapman	1984
Bobby Clyde Park	1985

Robert Lee Byars, Jr.	1986
James Paul Gray	1987
Ernest Latroy Bishop, Sr.....	1988
Thomas Franklin Craig	1989

**Denotes deceased.*

ELECTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1989-1990

There being no further business to come before this 129th Annual Conclave, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing Templar year. All the officers, except the Eminent Grand Warder, were elected by acclamation. Each officer was advanced one station with the exception of the Eminent Grand Treasurer and the Eminent Grand Recorder, who shall remain in their stations.

Sir Knight Ray Rutledge, of Jasper Commandery No. 48, 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 1989-1990

Sir Knight Emory J. Ferguson, P.G.C., installed the newly elected Grand Commandery Officers with Sir Knight W. Sterling Roberts, P.G.C., serving as the installing Grand Marshal. Sir Knight Erskine K. Smith, P.G.C., served as Grand Prelate.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Charles W. McDonald, was invested with the jewel of his office by his wife, Ramona.

Sir Knight James M. Ward, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., presented Junior Past Grand Commander, Emory J. Ferguson, with a Past Grand Commander's jewel, certificate, and billfold card from the Grand Commandery of Alabama. The jewel which was pinned on Sir Knight Ferguson by his wife, Bobbie, was previously worn by Past Grand Commanders of Alabama, Sir Knights Charles L. Campbell and Joseph D. Brackin. Sir Knight Ward also presented Sir Knight Ferguson 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 acting Grand Prelate, Erskine K. Smith, P.G.C., the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Charles W. McDonald, declared the 129th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama adjourned.

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



CHARLES WILLIAM McDONALD
Right Eminent Grand Commander
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PERSONAL HISTORY

Charles William McDonald was born September 21, 1932, in Springfield, Missouri, the son of Willard Edgar and Viola Frances (Mason) McDonald. He was educated in the Linn County, Missouri Public Schools, graduating from Brookfield High School in 1950. He served four years in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He worked for a military contractor as a Supervisor and Quality Assurance Supervisor for fifteen years, traveling throughout the United States. He was transferred to Mobile, Alabama, in July, 1969, and decided this would be his permanent home. He is now self-employed as an Independent Contractor to the Mobile Press Register.

He was married April 25, 1954, to the former Ramona Bethards of Chillicothe, Missouri, and they have two sons: Rodney William, who is Vice-President of Marine Specialty Company and President of Composite Systems, and Alan James, who is a shift foreman for the Degussa Corporation. He has five grandchildren who hold a very special place in his life.

He is a member of Fulton Heights United Methodist Church where he has served on the Administrative Board, the Finance Committee, and the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee, and was a member of the Review Board for the scout troop at the church. His hobbies are coin and stamp collecting and hunting when time is available.

MASONIC HISTORY

Charles William McDonald was initiated, passed, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, January, 1966, in Marceline Lodge No. 481, Marceline, Missouri, and has since transferred his membership to Howard E. Palmes Lodge No. 917 in Mobile.

He received the Capitular Degrees in Linn Chapter No. 41, Brookfield, Missouri, in November, 1968. He transferred to Mobile Chapter No. 21 and served as High Priest, 1987-88. He received the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Mason Distinguished Service Award in 1979 and is a member of the Council of Anointed High Priests. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Switzerland near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

He received the Cryptic Degrees in Mobile Council No. 12 in November, 1969, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master, 1987-88. He is a member of the Order of Silver Trowel and is Grand Representative of the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of Alabama. He received the Super Excellent Master Degree in Union Council No. 7.

He received the Chivalric Orders in Mobile Commandery No. 2 in November, 1969, and served as Eminent Commander, 1975-76. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Virginia near the Grand Commandery of Alabama. He is a charter member of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross and received the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in 1982.

Charles is Past Puissant Sovereign, St. Bernard Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Life Sponsor Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; Charter member, Past Governor, and present Secretary Alabama York Rite College No. 51; Knight Masons, Vulcan Council No. 22; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Chief Justice, Al Hassan Grotto; Royal Order of Scotland; Abba Temple, AAONMS; Knights of Pythias, Seaport Lodge No. 330; National Sojourners, National Headquarters Chapter; National Sojourners, Inc., Presidential Citation; Honorary Lt. Colonel Aide-de-Camp, presented by then Gov. George C. Wallace; serves Mobile York Rite Bodies as Secretary-Recorder; Past President of Mobile County Masonic Breakfast Club.

He is a member of the Mobile Scottish Rite Bodies and was invested with the distinction of Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1985; has served as Master of Kadosh in the Mobile Consistory and presently Orator in the Lodge of Perfection; he is Past Commander of Mobile Council KCCH, member Million Dollar Club, Scottish Rite Foundation.

He has served as Chapter Dad and/or Advisory Council member for Mobile Chapter Order of DeMolay since 1969; he has been honored with the Advisor of the Year (Alabama), Advisors Honor Key; DeMolay Cross of Honor; Advisors Legion of Honor and Honorary Legion of Honor.



GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1989-1990

Seated left to right: Sam L. Garrett, Sr., Bobby C. Park, Charles W. McDonald (Right Eminent Grand Commander), Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Charles R. Pate, Robert L. Byars, Jr.

Standing left to right: Ray Rutledge, George L. Marshall, Jr., Teddy R. Grogan, Sr., Bobby Ray Terry, Thomas W Mann.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1989-1990

- Charles W. McDonald *Right Eminent Grand Commander*
 615 Morgan Avenue, Mobile, 36606
- Ray R. Morgan, Jr., K.Y.C.H. *Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander*
 P.O. Box 326, Gadsden, 35902
- Charles R. Pate, K.Y.C.H.. *Eminent Grand Generalissimo*
 P.O. Box 1526, Anniston, 36202
- Bobby C. Park, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Captain General*
 P.O. Box 607, Decatur, 35602
- Sam L. Garrett, Sr., K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Senior Warden*
 1402 Melanie Lane, Phenix City, 36867
- Robert L. Byars, Jr., 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, 35603
- James A. Kile, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Treasurer*
 200 - 18th Avenue, N.W., Birmingham, 35215
- Thomas W. Mann, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Recorder*
 P.O. Box 320262, Birmingham, 35232
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- Ray Rutledge, K.Y.C.H. *Eminent Grand Warder*
 Route 11, Box 342, Jasper, 35501
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 FOR 1989-1990**

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REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA
JUNE, 1988-JUNE, 1989

NO.	NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	STATED CONCLAVE
2.	Mobile	Mobile	James Henry Blackwell, Jr. 614 Euclid Avenue Mobile, 36606	Charles W. McDonald 615 Morgan Avenue Mobile, 36606	4th Monday
4.	Montgomery	Montgomery	Frank L. Roton 1231 Lakewood Drive Montgomery, 36109	James E. Sexson P.O. Box 6077	1st Thursday
7.	Huntsville	Huntsville	Henry B. Tyra, Jr. 906 Chatterson Road, S.E. Huntsville, 35802	Montgomery, 36106-6077 Kenneth W. McVay P.O. Box 371	2nd Tuesday
10.	Cyrene	Birmingham	Louis W. Meyer, Jr. 5701 Avenue P, Ensley Birmingham, 35208	Huntsville, 35804 McMurray L. Griffith P.O. Box 130215	1st Friday
13.	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	William S. Wiggins 1625 East 18th Avenue Tuscaloosa, 35404	Birmingham, 35213 Henry Garner Terry 2530 - 39th Street Tuscaloosa, 35405-2842	3rd Tuesday
14.	DeMolay	Decatur	Richard D. Jenkins 601 Blaine Drive, S.W. Decatur, 35601	Bobby Ray Terry Route 1, Box 10 Decatur, 35603	1st Thursday
15.	Etowah	Gadsden	John S. Arther Route 9, Box 333 Glencoe, 35905	Billy A. Clark 205 Elsmore Blvd. Gadsden, 35901	3rd Thursday
21.	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Artie Epperson 320 South Wetumpka Street Sylacauga, 35150	Charles Pitts P.O. Box 717 Sylacauga, 35150	3rd Monday each quarter
23.	Anniston	Anniston	James Robert Barton 1027 Creek Trail Anniston, 36206	Charles R. Pate P.O. Box 1526 Anniston, 36202	3rd Thursday
25.	Dothan	Dothan	Hermon W. Taylor P.O. Box 2145 Dothan, 36302	Maurice C. Himes P.O. Box 637 Daleville, 36322	3rd Thursday

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29. Piedmont	Piedmont	Charles Posey Stewart 610 South 5th Avenue Piedmont, 36272	Jerry R. Kirk P.O. Box 447 Piedmont, 36272	2nd Thursday
31. Woodlawn	Birmingham	William J. Bice 9049 North Beverly Drive Birmingham, 35206	Robert Lee Byars, Jr. P.O. Box 320184 Birmingham, 35232	2nd Tuesday
39. Florence	Florence	Lamon C. Griffin 4006 Eastwood Drive Florence, 35630	James E. Stutts P.O. Box 566 Florence, 35631	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
43. East Lake	Birmingham	Albert Evans 1780 Woodbine Circle Birmingham, 35209	Claude C. McGraw 1173 Dogwood Lane Birmingham, 35215	1st Friday
45. Lee	Phenix City	Mark H. Ward, Jr. 910 - 30th Street Phenix City, 36867	Jesse W. Locke P.O. Box 2331 Phenix City, 36868-2331	3rd Tuesday
46. DeKalb-Jackson	Scottsboro	Floyd L. Hambrick, Jr. Route 1 Section, 35771	Doyle R. LeMaster P.O. Box 1613 Scottsboro, 35768	1st Wednesday
47. Monroeville	Monroeville	MacArthur Davis Route 4, Box 306 Brewton, 36426	Thomas Lemons P.O. Box 1383 Monroeville, 36461	4th Friday
48. Jasper	Jasper	Robert Daniel Maddox Route 11, Box 334 Jasper, 35501	Ray Rutledge Route 11, Box 342 Jasper, 35501	1st & 3rd Mondays

KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama was held on Monday, February 27, 1989, at the Mobile York Rite Temple, in Mobile Alabama, with Anthony M. Deming presiding. The degree team was composed of the following:

- Anthony M. Deming *Knight Crusader of the East*
- Richard Sim Hamilton *Knight Crusader of the West*
- Arthur C. Harding *Knight Crusader of the South*
- Emory J. Ferguson *Knight Crusader of the North*
- Bobby Ray Terry *Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross*

The Order was conferred on 14 candidates followed by the business and election of officers for the coming year, who are:

- W. Malcolm Killingsworth *Knight Crusader of the East*
- Bobby Ray Terry *Knight Crusader of the West*
- Ray R. Morgan, Jr. *Knight Crusader of the South*
- Richard Sim Hamilton *Knight Crusader of the North*
- Robert L. Byars, Jr. *Knight Crusader Treasurer-Recorder*
- Brent R. Haller *Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross*
- Anthony M. Deming *Knight Crusader of the Temple*
- Joseph D. Brackin *Knight Crusader Sentinel*

The officers were installed by Knight James M. Ward.

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

W. Malcolm Killingsworth,
Knight Crusader of the East

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS, 1988-1991

- Marvin E. Fowler *Most Eminent Grand Master*
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- William H. Thornley, Jr. *Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master*
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- Blair C. Mayford *Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo*
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 G. Wilbur Bell, M.E.P.G.M.
 Executive Director

**58th GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE
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 WASHINGTON, D.C.
 August, 1991**

GRAND ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM ALABAMA

- Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C. Educational Foundation &
Trustee (1994) of the Permanent Fund
- Erskine K. Smith, P.G.C. International York Rite Cooperation
- Arthur C. Harding, P.G.C. National Awards

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Louisiana	Bowdre McDowell	1300 Masonic Temple Building 333 St. Charles Street New Orleans, 70130
Maine	Ralph C. Rackliff, Jr.	RFD #7, Box 1231, Albee Road Augusta, 04330
Maryland	Edward J. Warwick	4111 Overlea Avenue Baltimore, 21206
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Richard S. Sleeper	Masonic Temple, Room 405 186 Tremont Street Boston, 02111-1096
Michigan	P. Fred Lesley	P.O. Box 498 Battle Creek, 49016
Minnesota	Donald B. Purrington	1827 North St. Paul Road St. Paul, 55109
Mississippi	Thomas K. Griffis	P.O. Box 1030 Meridian, 39302-1030

GRAND RECORDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES (Continued)

GRAND COMMANDERY	GRAND RECORDER	ADDRESS
Missouri	Bruce H. Hunt	P.O. Box 188 Kirksville, 63501
Montana	Elmer L. Speer	605 Forestvale Road Helena, 59601-6718
Nebraska	Floyd R. McKenzie	300 East 23rd Street P.O. Box 292 Fremont, 68025-0292
Nevada	Frank E. Hart	Masonic Temple 40 West First Street, No. 203 Reno, 89501-1424
New Hampshire	Francis Melvin White	116 South Main Street Penacook, 03303
New Jersey	Thurman C. Pace, Jr.	518 St. Marks Avenue Westfield, 07090
New Mexico	Phil Witherspoon	P.O. Box 1375 Roswell, 88202-1375
New York	Nelson A. Strauch	430 West Merrick Road, Suite 16 Valley Stream, 11580
North Carolina	Kolen Flack	Masonic Temple 80 Broadway Asheville, 28801
North Dakota	James T. Stark	1405 North Third Street Fargo, 58102
Nova Scotia, Canada	W. Marshall Black	88 Parkview Road Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada B4N 1P9
Ohio	Charles F. McLeod	Masonic Temple 34 North 4th Street Columbus, 43215
Oklahoma	Donald J. Cink	P.O. Box 50 Medford, 73759
Oregon	Maurice F. Roberts	31085 N.E. Canter Lane Sherwood, 97140
Pennsylvania	Walter B. Pearce	Masonic Temple One North Broad Street Philadelphia, 19107
Philippines	Isaac F. Arribas, Jr.	Plaridel Masonic Temple 1440 San Marcelino Street, Ermita Manila, Philippines 19881
Scotland	W. A. A. Balfour	3 Howe Street Edinburgh, Scotland EK3 6TE
South Carolina	George W. Romanstine	1518 Hampton Street Columbia, 29201
South Dakota	Eugene C. Leao	P.O. Box 425-425 Polk Street Winner, 57580
Tennessee	John R. Stracener	P.O. Box 24216 Nashville, 37202
Texas	Charles A. Hudnall	P.O. Box 1320 Fort Worth, 76101
Utah	Jay Randolph Newman	6887 South 725 East, #D Midvale, 84047
Vermont	Clinton W. Demeritt	431 Pine Street Burlington, 05401-0431

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES (Continued)

GRAND COMMANDERY	GRAND RECORDER	ADDRESS
Virginia	Ernest M. Moore, Jr.	1 Saddleback Lane Petersburg, 23805
Washington	Harry B. Warnick	6832-44th Place, N.E. Seattle, 98115-7546
West Virginia	H. Courtney Jones	1614 Liberty Street Parkersburg, 26101
Wisconsin	George R. Hughey	Masonic Home 36225 Sunset Drive Dousman, 53118
Wyoming	Marcus R. Nichols	Masonic Temple 105 North Center Street Casper, 82601
GRAND ENCAMPMENT	Charles R. Neumann	14 East Jackson Blvd. Suite 1700 Chicago, Illinois 60604-2293

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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	GRAND RECORDER	No. Commanders	Members
1860	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*William Field	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	144
1861	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Sterling A. M. Wood	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	155
1862	Montgomery	No quorum present.	Adjourned to Dec. 5, 1863.					
1863	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Henry F. Lee	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	127
1864	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William S. Knox	*Edmund M. Hastings	5	141
1865	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*William S. Knox	*Edmund M. Hastings	6	113
1866	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*James B. Harrison	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Edmund M. Hastings	7	207
1867	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	7	227
1868	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	8	242
1869	Montgomery	*Richard F. Knott	*Peleg Brown	*George D. Norris	*Abram J. Walker	*Edmund M. Hastings	9	249
1870	Mobile	*Peleg Brown	*Abram J. Walker	*William W. Harder	*John N. Browder	*Edmund M. Hastings	9	235
1871	No Meeting		*Adjournd in December, 1870.					
1872	Marion	*Abram J. Walker	*Joseph H. Johnson	*William W. Harder		*Daniel Sayre	9	283
1873	Huntsville	*Joseph H. Johnson	*Walter L. Bragg	*Dorren King	*Walter L. Bragg	*Daniel Sayre	9	286
1874	Montgomery	*Walter L. Bragg	*George T. L. Reid	*John J. Dement	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	10	264
1875	Selma	*Walter L. Bragg	*John G. Smith	*James B. Beckle	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	9	234
1876	Montgomery	*Felix G. Norman	*William H. Riggs	*William S. Beckle	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Sayre	9	236
1877	Mobile	*John G. Smith	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Sayre	9	209
1878	Fairbala	*John G. Smith	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Sayre	9	210
1879	Montgomery	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Daniel Sayre	9	206
1880	Birmingham	*William S. Foster	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Robert Moulthrop	*Robert Moulthrop	*Daniel Sayre	8	215
1881	Mobile	*Stephen H. Beasley	*Daniel Smith	*Robert Moulthrop	*Francis P. O'Brien	*Daniel Sayre	9	222
1882	Tuskegee	*Daniel Smith	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	7	212
1883	Montgomery	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*William T. Atkins	*John H. Higley	*Daniel Sayre	10	245
1884	Montgomery	*Daniel Smith	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	7	219
1885	Selma	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*Daniel Sayre	10	321
1886	Montgomery	*James T. Holtzclaw	*John H. Higley	*John D. Wilkins	*William F. Aldrich	*Daniel Sayre	6	205
1887	Mobile	*Daniel Smith	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*William B. Luckie	*Daniel Sayre	6	220
1888	Birmingham	*John D. Wilkins	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*Adam R. Baker	*Edmund F. Hastings	6	202
1889	Montgomery	*Henry C. Davidson	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*Edmund F. Hastings	5	269
1890	Huntsville	*William A. Alexander	*John A. McKinnon	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*Edmund F. Hastings	8	269
1891	Mobile	*John A. McKinnon	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*George S. Obeur	*Edmund F. Hastings	9	308
1892	Mobile	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*George S. Obeur	*William H. Long	*Edmund F. Hastings	9	342
1893	Selma	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*William H. Long	*Charles Hann	*Edmund F. Hastings	9	352
1894	Cadtsden	*John A. McKinnon	*Charles Wheelock	*Flatcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglass	*Edmund F. Hastings	9	368
1895	Birmingham	*Charles Wheelock	*William H. Long	*Robert L. Douglass	*Robert L. Douglass	*Edmund F. Hastings	10	376
1896	Mobile	*Charles Wheelock	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglass	*Milton C. Baldrige	*William B. Phillips	10	376
1896	Montgomery	*Fletcher J. Cowart	*Robert L. Douglass	*Henry H. Matthews	*Philip Milbous	*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-mandantes	Members
1897	Birmingham	*Robert L. Douglass	*Henry H. Matthews	*Philip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*William E. Oakley	10	380
1898	Selma	*Henry H. Matthews	*Philip Milhous	*William E. Oakley	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*H. Clay Armstrong	7	288
1899	Mobile	*William E. Oakley	*William E. Oakley	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*H. Clay Armstrong	6	290
1900	New Decatur	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*Rus. M. Cunningham	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*George A. Beauchamp	6	351
1901	Tuscaloosa	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles R. Westcott	*George A. Beauchamp	9	463
1902	Mobile	*George F. Wheelock	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Charles E. Pearce	*Charles E. Pearce	*George A. Beauchamp	9	510
1903	Montgomery	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Lewis W. Hubbard	*Robert S. Teague	*Robert S. Teague	*George A. Beauchamp	8	516
1904	Selma	*Charles R. Westcott	*Charles R. Westcott	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*Walter Smith	*George A. Beauchamp	9	546
1905	Birmingham	*Robert S. Teague	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*William O. Snyder	*Edward S. Gatchell	*George A. Beauchamp	11	621
1906	Gadsden	*William E. Oakley	*Walter Smith	*John W. Phillips	*John W. Phillips	*George A. Beauchamp	13	743
1907	Mobile	*Thomas H. Mattocks	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*Charles R. Patterson	*George A. Beauchamp	14	824
1908	Tuscaloosa	*Walter Smith	*William O. Snyder	*John W. Phillips	*John W. Phillips	*George A. Beauchamp	17	1013
1909	Andalusia	*William O. Snyder	*Charles R. Patterson	*Louis M. Moseley	*Alexander D. Simpson	*George A. Beauchamp	18	1085
1910	Anniston	*Charles R. Patterson	*John W. Phillips	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1210
1911	Montgomery	*John W. Phillips	*John W. Phillips	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1305
1912	Selma	*John W. Phillips	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*George A. Beauchamp	20	1375
1913	Dothan	*Louis M. Moseley	*Charles P. Martin	*Charles P. Martin	*Hartsford L. Ison	*George A. Beauchamp	21	1473
1914	Talladega	*Charles P. Martin	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*George A. Beauchamp	21	1663
1915	Troy	*William E. Bingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*George A. Beauchamp	22	1808
1916	Birmingham	*Hartsford L. Ison	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*Julian F. Spearman	*George A. Beauchamp	22	1808
1917	Tuscaloosa	*William W. Ransom	*Julian F. Spearman	*John V. Falck	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*George A. Beauchamp	24	2032
1918	Birmingham	*Julian F. Spearman	*William W. Ransom	*John V. Falck	*John V. Falck	*George A. Beauchamp	25	2367
1919	Dothan	*Duncan C. Carmichael	*Julian F. Spearman	*Walter H. Trimby	*Walter H. Trimby	*George A. Beauchamp	26	2661
1920	Mobile	*John V. Falck	*John V. Falck	*Lawrence H. Lee	*Lawrence H. Lee	*George A. Beauchamp	27	3559
1921	Selma	*Walter H. Trimby	*Walter H. Trimby	*John Philip Melvin	*John Philip Melvin	*George A. Beauchamp	30	5183
1922	Gadsden	*Lawrence H. Lee	*Lawrence H. Lee	*Woolsey Finnell	*Woolsey Finnell	*George A. Beauchamp	33	6689
1923	Birmingham	*John Philip Melvin	*John Philip Melvin	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*George A. Beauchamp	36	7427
1924	Huntsville	*Woolsey Finnell	*Woolsey Finnell	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Robert H. Wolcott	*George A. Beauchamp	38	8258
1925	Troy	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*L. E. Gellerstedt	*Joseph Dixon Matlock	*Robert T. Ward	*George A. Beauchamp	40	8867
1926	Tuscaloosa	*Joseph Dixon Matlock	*Joseph Dixon Matlock	*Philip S. Meyer	*Philip S. Meyer	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8638
1927	Albany	*Robert T. Ward	*Robert T. Ward	*Orlando S. Finch	*Orlando S. Finch	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8772
1928	Montgomery	*Philip S. Meyer	*Philip S. Meyer	*William C. Davis	*William C. Davis	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8683
1929	Mobile	*Orlando S. Finch	*Orlando S. Finch	*Henry F. Williamson	*Henry F. Williamson	*George A. Beauchamp	39	8463
1930	Dothan	*William C. Davis	*William C. Davis	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Franklin L. Milhous	*George A. Beauchamp	38	7810
1931	Huntsville	*Henry F. Williamson	*Henry F. Williamson	*Tully A. Goodwin	*Tully A. Goodwin	*George A. Beauchamp	35	7305
1932	Birmingham	*Franklin L. Milhous	*Franklin L. Milhous	*David W. Crossland	*David W. Crossland	*George A. Beauchamp	35	6378
1933	Anniston	*Tully A. Goodwin, P.T.	*Tully A. Goodwin	*John W. Jones	*John W. Jones	*Guy T. Smith	34	5459
1934	Tuscaloosa	*John W. Jones	*William D. Hawkins	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert Mcl. Strong	*Guy T. Smith	31	3316

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1935	Montgomery	*William D. Hawkins	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert McL. Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*Guy T. Smith	31	3121
1936	Mobile	*T. Gaines St. John	*Robert McL. Strong	*James M. Frazer	*James M. Frazer	*Guy T. Smith	32	3814
1937	Montgomery	*Robert McL. Strong	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*John Heard Saxton	*John Heard Saxton	*Guy T. Smith	33	3933
1938	Montgomery	*Henry J. Porter, Jr.	*James M. Frazer	*William W. Waldo	*William W. Waldo	*Guy T. Smith	35	2482
1939	Birmingham	*James M. Frazer	*John Heard Saxton	*Frank W. Gaines	*Frank W. Gaines	*Guy T. Smith	23	2285
1940	Montgomery	*John Heard Saxton	*William W. Waldo	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Guy T. Smith	23	2285
1941	Montgomery	*William W. Waldo	*Frank W. Gaines	*Newman S. Cryer	*Newman S. Cryer	*Guy T. Smith	23	2310
1942	Montgomery	*Frank W. Gaines	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Hoyt McClendon	*Hoyt McClendon	*Guy T. Smith	23	2310
1943	Montgomery	*Robert T. Sheppard	*Newman S. Cryer	*Pleasant W. Gay	*Pleasant W. Gay	*Guy T. Smith	22	2326
1944	Montgomery	*Newman S. Cryer	*Hoyt McClendon	*A. Parker Mize	*A. Parker Mize	*Guy T. Smith	22	2326
1945	Birmingham	*Hoyt McClendon	*Pleasant W. Gay	*Clifford H. Williams	*Clifford H. Williams	*Guy T. Smith	25	4194
1946	Birmingham	*Pleasant W. Gay	*A. Parker Mize	*Archelus F. Campbell	*Archelus F. Campbell	*Guy T. Smith	25	4198
1947	Montgomery	*A. Parker Mize	*Clifford H. Williams	*James B. Patterson	*James B. Patterson	*Guy T. Smith	25	4183
1948	Gadsden	*Clifford H. Williams	*Archelus F. Campbell	*Julius L. Layman	*Julius L. Layman	*C. H. Stubinger	24	6133
1949	Montgomery	*Archelus F. Campbell	*James B. Patterson	*Robert McL. Strong, P. T.	*Robert McL. Strong, P. T.	*C. H. Stubinger	24	6103
1950	Birmingham	*James B. Patterson	*Julius L. Layman	*Llewellyn R. Hillier	*Llewellyn R. Hillier	*C. H. Stubinger	25	6857
1951	Mobile	*Julius L. Layman	*Robert McL. Strong, P. T.	*Edgar M. Gober	*Edgar M. Gober	*C. H. Stubinger	26	6857
1952	Selma	*Llewellyn R. Hillier	*Edgar M. Gober	*Emrys W. John	*William W. Glass	*C. H. Stubinger	26	7131
1953	Florence	*Edgar M. Gober	*Emrys W. John	*Archelus F. Campbell, P. T.	*J. Collier Foster	*C. H. Stubinger	26	8935
1954	Huntsville	*Emrys W. John	*J. Collier Foster	*George G. Rees	*Lennie H. Teele	*C. H. Stubinger	28	9272
1955	Tuscaloosa	*J. Collier Foster	*George G. Rees	*Lennie H. Teele	*Velmor A. Meadows, Sr.	*C. H. Stubinger	27	9554
1956	Montgomery	*George G. Rees	*Lennie H. Teele	*Holden B. Norwood	*Holden B. Norwood	*C. H. Stubinger	27	9875
1957	Birmingham	*Lennie H. Teele	*Velmor A. Meadows, Sr.	*George W. Sorrell	*George W. Sorrell	*C. H. Stubinger	26	10073
1958	Montgomery	*Velmor A. Meadows, Sr.	*Holden B. Norwood	*Claud Stallworth	*Claud Stallworth	*C. H. Stubinger	26	10073
1959	Decatur	*Holden B. Norwood	*George W. Sorrell	*George H. Crook	*George H. Crook	*C. H. Stubinger	26	10084
1960	Birmingham	*George W. Sorrell	*Claud Stallworth	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Thomas W. Oliver	*T. L. Cochran	26	10075
1961	Tuscaloosa	*Claud Stallworth	*Arthur C. Wilson	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*Gordon L. Evtatt	26	10075
1962	Mobile	*Arthur C. Wilson	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*Archeus F. Campbell, P. T.	*Gordon L. Evtatt	26	10085
1963	Birmingham	*Thomas W. Oliver	*Earl D. Holmes	*Julian P. Butler	*Archeus F. Campbell, P. T.	*Gordon L. Evtatt	27	9074
1964	Birmingham	*John S. Robinson	*John S. Robinson	*Charles L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9018
1965	Sylacauga	*John S. Robinson	*Julian P. Butler	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9847
1966	Tuscaloosa	*Charles L. Campbell	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9898
1967	Birmingham	*Bruce W. Phelps	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Charles L. Jones	*Charles L. Jones	*Thomas W. Oliver	27	9699
1968	Birmingham	*Anthony V. Jannett	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Clifford J. Turner	*Clifford J. Turner	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9384
1969	Mobile	*Ray B. Hartwell	*Charles L. Jones	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9266
1970	Birmingham	*Charles L. Jones	*Clifford J. Turner	*Thomas W. Mann	*Thomas W. Mann	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9266
1971	Gadsden	*Clifford J. Turner	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Michael L. Jones	*Michael L. Jones	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	9116
1972	Tuscaloosa	*Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	*Thomas W. Mann	*Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	8971

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1973	Birmingham	Thomas W. Mann	Michael L. Jones	*Charles D. Miller	McMurray L. Griffith	*Thomas W. Oliver	26	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	McMurray L. Griffith	William M. Newsome, Jr.	*Milton L. Fegenbush	Thomas W. Mann	25	8608
1976	Birmingham	McMurray L. Griffith	William M. Newsome, Jr.	*Milton L. Fegenbush	*Oscar L. J. Edbetter	Thomas W. Mann	25	8465
1977	Phenix City	William M. Newsome, Jr.	William L. Fegenbush	Fred W. Vaughan	Arthur C. Harding	Thomas W. Mann	25	8516
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	Robert E. Shipp	Robert E. Shipp	Thomas W. Mann	25	8092
1980	Birmingham	Joseph D. Brackin	Robert E. Shipp	Esquire K. Smith	William H. Ealy	Thomas W. Mann	24	7834
1981	Dodhan	Robert E. Shipp	William H. Ealy	William H. Ealy	Richard Sim Hamilton	Thomas W. Mann	24	7631
1982	Birmingham	Esquire K. Smith	Richard Sim Hamilton	Richard Sim Hamilton	W. Sterling Roberts	Thomas W. Mann	24	7278
1983	Birmingham	William H. Ealy	William H. Ealy	W. Sterling Roberts	George E. Tremelling	Thomas W. Mann	23	7117
1984	Huntsville	Richard Sim Hamilton	Richard Sim Hamilton	W. Sterling Roberts	*James H. Lee	Thomas W. Mann	22	6993
1985	Birmingham	W. Sterling Roberts	George E. Tremelling	*James H. Lee	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	20	6526
1988	Sheffield	Emory J. Ferguson	Charles W. McDonald	Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Charles R. Pate	Thomas W. Mann	19	6369
1989	Mobile	Charles W. McDonald	Ray R. Morgan, Jr.	Charles R. Pate	Bobby C. Park	Thomas W. Mann	18	
1990	Birmingham							

*Dates 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 5504 1/2 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: $1989 + 4,000 = A. L. 5989$

ROYAL ARCH MASONS — Add 530 years.

Thus: $1989 + 530 = A. Inv. 2519$

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS — Add 1,000 years.

Thus: $1989 + 1,000 = A. Dept. 2989$

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR — Subtract 1,118 years.

Thus: $1989 - 1,118 = A. O. 871$

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD — Add 1,913 years.

Thus: $1989 + 1,913 = A. B. 3,902$

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS — Add 3,760 years.

Thus: $1989 + 3,760 = A. M. 5749$