THE YORK RITE of FREEMASONRY of ALABAMA

1984







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, 1984, in the "Old Town" room of the Hilton Motel, Huntsville, Alabama, as members and guests were registered in the lobby. Hostesses were Mrs. Margie Tremelling, wife of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, George E. Tremelling; Mrs. Elizabeth West, widow of the late Most Illustrious Grand Master, Earl S. West; and Mrs. Bettie Ealy, wife of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, William H. Ealy. 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, 1984, at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Huntsville, Alabama. Sir Knight Rev. John D. Prince, Jr., Grand Prelate Pro Tem of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, conducted the service and delivered the message.

The church choir furnished the special music and led the group singing. The offering received was donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

THE GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET

The Grand York Rite Banquet was held on Sunday evening in the Grand Salon Ballroom of the Hilton Motel with a good representation of Companions/Sir Knights and their Ladies attending. The tables were tastefully decorated with fresh flowers and fresh fruit.

The Invocation was given by Sir Knight Rev. John D. Prince, Jr., acting Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, George E. Tremelling, introduced the people at the head table, the Grand Chapter Officers, and their Ladies. He recognized the Past Grand High Priests and their Ladies, and welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting.

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Clarence F. Rhea, introduced his family, the Grand Council Officers and their Ladies, and added his welcome. The Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters were recognized.

Sir Knight William H. Ealy, Right Eminent Grand Commander, introduced his family, the Grand Commandery Officers, and their Ladies. All Past Grand Commanders were recognized and welcomed.

Companion Thomas W. Mann, Right Excellent Grand Secretary-Recorder, introduced the Distinguished Guests of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery, and their Ladies.

Companion Charles P. Wimberly, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, presented the Ish Sodi Medal posthumously to Mrs. Elizabeth West, widow of Companion Earl S. West, the late Most Illustrious Grand Master. This medal is given to an outstanding Council Mason each year. He suggested that she be allowed to wear the Medal at any time appropriate, commemorating Companion West's service to Masonry.

Companion James L. Allen, of Phenix City Chapter No. 149, was selected to receive the General Grand Chapter Medal of Honor Award, which was presented by Companion Rev. Marvin L. Isley, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International. The Grand Chapter of Alabama is honored to add Companion Allen's name to the distinguished list of former

This year's recipient of the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award was announced to be Companion Joseph P. Jones of Montgomery Council No. 3. Companion Clarence F. Rhea, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, presented the Award. The Grand Council of Alabama proudly adds Companion Jones's name to their list of previous recipients.

Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, presented Sir Knight Richard A. Chapman, of Huntsville Commandery No. 7, with the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor Medal and Plaque for exceptional and meritorious service to the Order of Knights Templar. Sir Knight Chapman acknowledged this honor with gratitude, and his name is recorded with former recipients of this distinguished award.

The banquet was concluded with prayer by Sir Knight Rev. John D. Prince, Jr.,

acting 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 Ladies of the Alabama Grand York Rite, and arranged by Mrs. George E. (Margie) Tremelling, Mrs. Earl S. (Elizabeth) West, and Mrs. William H. (Bettie) Ealy.

At noon on Monday, the ladies were treated to a delicious luncheon in the "Big Springs" room at the Hilton Inn, and given lovely table favors by the three

hostesses. Many prizes were given those holding the lucky numbers.

On Monday evening in the "Monte Sano" room, a group of Eastern Star members put on a hilarious show for the ladies' entertainment.

KNIGHT MASONS

Thomas W. Mann, P. G. C., Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Alabama, was the Guest of Honor as the Knight Masons of Alabama, Vulcan Council No. 22, held their first annual Ladies Night Banquet on Monday evening, February 27, 1984, at Helion Lodge No. 1 as part of the Grand York Rite activities in Huntsville.

Sir Knight Mann was instrumental in bringing Knight Masons into Alabama and was the first Excellent Chief of Vulcan Council No. 22, which he named. Sir Knight Mann is the Very Excellent Grand Priest of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America and is serving his second three year term as National Chairman of the Educational Foundation for the Grand Encampment

of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

The Knight Masons were honored to have in attendance Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and a Past Most Excellent Great Chief of the Grand Council of Knight Masons, U.S.A. Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Executive Secretary of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, is the current Most Excellent Great Chief of the Grand Council of Knight Masons, U.S.A.

Robert E. Shipp, Excellent Chief of Vulcan Council No. 22, presided at the banquet. The meal was prepared and served by the Huntsville Assembly, Order of

Rainbow for Girls. Donations were given to them for their projects.

Following the banquet, further meetings were held: the Order of the Silver Trowel, the Council of Anointed High Priests, and the Knight Crusaders of the Cross (Past Commanders).

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF

ALABAMA HELD FEBRUARY 26-28, 1984

HILTON MOTEL HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

Presiding 1983-1984

William H. Ealy, Right Eminent Grand Commander 2101 Giles Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35811

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

Elected 1984-1985

Richard Sim Hamilton, Right Eminent Grand Commander 2302 Hamilton Drive, S. W., Decatur, Alabama 35601

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama was declared convened by Sir Knight William H. Ealy, Right Eminent Grand Commander, on February 28, 1984, in the Heritage Ballroom of the Hilton Motel, Huntsville, Alabama.

The Invocation was given by Sir Knight Rev. John D. Prince, Jr., Acting Grand

The following Grand Commandery Officers were present and in their stations:
Sir Knight William H. Ealy Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Knight Richard Sim Hamilton Deputy Grand Commander
Sir Knight W. Sterling Roberts Grand Generalissimo
Sir Knight George E. Tremelling Grand Captain General
Sir Knight James L. Allen Grand Senior Warden
Sir Knight James H. Lee Grand Junior Warden
Sir Knight James A. Kile Grand Treasurer
Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann Grand Recorder
Sir Knight Emory J. Ferguson Grand Standard Bearer
Sir Knight Charles W. McDonald Grand Sword Bearer
Sir Knight Ray R. Morgan, Jr. Grand Warder
Sir Knight Richard A. Chapman Grand Sentinel

INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF ALABAMA

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

Emrys W. John, 1953-54 George W. Sorrell, 1959-60 Anthony V. Jannett, 1967-68 Ray B. Hartwell, 1968-69 Clifford J. Turner, 1970-71 Thomas W. Mann, 1972-73 McMurray L. Griffith, 1975-76 William M. Newsome, Jr., 1976-77 Fred W. Vaughan, 1978-79 Arthur C. Harding, 1979-80 Joseph D. Brackin, 1980-81 Robert E. Shipp, 1981-82 Erskine K. Smith, 1982-83

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER WILLIAM H. EALY

1983-1984

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama:

As Grand Commander, and on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, I extend to you, our constituent Commanderies and Sir Knights, a hearty welcome

to Huntsville and invite your participation in this your One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Annual Conclave.

To our guests and visitors, I extend to you the hospitality of the birthplace of our Space Age. I'm sure there is much of historical interest here for you and if there is anything we can do to make your stay with us more pleasant, please let one of the hosts know. We trust your memories of your visit here will bring you back for a visit another day.

It is with great pleasure that I extend a special welcome to Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA, and Sir Knight James M. Ward, Right Eminent Department Commander, South East Department. Your presence here lends dignity and support to this Grand Commandery.

NECROLOGY

In His perfect wisdom, God has kept our Grand Commandery line intact this year. For this we express our grateful thanks to Him from whom all blessings flow. We are saddened however, by the loss of 173 Sir Knights who were called to that Celestial Asylum above and who will be appropriately eulogized by the Grand Prelate in his report. We are also saddened by the loss of our Past Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles Lamar Jones, 1969-1970, who was called to that greater service above on August 13, 1983, at Orlando, Florida, also, since I submitted this report, our Past Right Eminent Grand Commander Bruce W. Phelps passed away. These Sir Knights and their dedication to our service of Templary will be sorely missed. To the families and loved ones of each, we extend our fraternal and personal sympathies.

STATE OF THE ORDER

It would give me a great deal of pleasure to report to you that all is well and thriving in our Commanderies in Alabama. Unfortunately, some Commanderies where peace and harmony have long prevailed, are torn apart by internal strife. Other Commanderies who have shown long periods of interest and activity seem to have fallen prey to disinterestedness or inactivity. A few Commanderies are "holding the line", neither showing great improvement nor a decline over what was accomplished over the past few years.

That spark that is needed to ignite our program just seems to be elusive. I have not discovered that mysterious key which would open to us the way out of this dilemma. It just seems impossible that the short terms of office to which we are elected are adequate to set in motion the activity required to sustain us over the long haul.

Generally, our York Rite Festivals seem to be working out fairly well. Even though our classes are generally small, we have sufficient attendance to make them a success. Several Commanderies and York Rite Bodies are continuing or reactivating our so called "slow class" which is well received by all. It would be good planning if all our Festivals could be coordinated with each other, as well as the other Masonic meetings, during the year to avoid conflicts.

We are in general accord with our Scottish Rite Reunions and Shrine Ceremonials, however, there are many instances where we run into a conference or appendant body conflict.

Today, God willing, I will pass the Jewel of this office to my successor. My prayers are with him for knowledge, strength and perseverance, to meet the challenges presented to him. I have not accomplished all the plans and programs I would have liked, but I guess one never really does. Sir Knights, I am most thankful for having had the pleasure to represent you during this year and I look forward to many more years of loving association with you in whatever capacity I may serve you.

VISITATIONS

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Redstone Chapter No. 353 National Sojourner March 4, 1983
Cornerstone laying and dedication Solar Lodge No. 914 March 5, 1983
Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies
Huntsville York Rite Bodies, installed E. Companion
George L. Marshall into office Grand Principal Sojourner March 8, 1983
Attended Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina
at Myrtle Beach, S.C March 12-15, 1983
Attended Grand Commandery of Mississippi at
Jackson, Ms
Huntsville Commandery No. 7
Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine March 26, 1983
Attended Maundy Thursday Service, Huntsville
Scottish Rite Bodies
Attended Redstone Chapter No. 353 National Sojourner April 1, 1983
Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies
Helion Lodge No. 1 F. & A.M
Spring Reunion, Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies
White Light Assembly Rainbow for Girls
Attended Grand Commandery of Louisiana at Lafayette, La
Lafayette, La
DeMolay Commandery No. 14, assisted in conferral of Order of the Temple
Order of the Temple
Served as Master of Ceremonies, Huntsville Scottish Rite
Bodies Americanism and Scholarship awards
Attended Grand Commandery of Tennessee in Nashville, Tn April 23, 1983
Huntsville Commandery No. 7
Served as Master of Ceremonies for testimonial dinner
honoring Sir Knight G. O. McKinney, who served as
faithful Secretary-Recorder of Huntsville York Rite Bodies
for 33 years
Cyrene Commandery No. 10, long form opening
Huntsville Commandery No. 7, Conferred Order of the Temple May 7, 1983
Grand Commandery of Georgia in Dalton, Ga
Grand Commandery of Florida in Ocala, Fla
Huntsville Commandery No. 7
Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies
DeMolay State Association Banquet, Gadsden, Al June 11, 1983
Helion Lodge No. 1
Installed Officers, Lee Commandery No. 45 June 25, 1983
Advance planning meeting Finance Committee, Birmingham, Al
Birmingham, Al June 26, 1983
Huntsville York Rite Installation of Officers, installed Officers in Huntsville Commandery No. 7 June 28, 1983
Officers in Huntsville Commandery No. / June 26, 1965
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Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies July 4, 1983
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Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies

Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies September 5, 1983
Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine September 9, 1983
Florence Commandery No. 39 September 13, 1983
DeMolay Commandery No. 14, assisted in conferral of Order
of Temple September 15, 1983
Attended funeral of S. K. Jimmie Christopher,
Gadsden, Al September 18, 1983
Feast of Tishri, Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies,
guest speaker September 23, 1983
Ladies night, St. Dunstan's Conclave, Birmingham, Al September 24, 1983
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 September 27, 1983
Dinner at the Fred Vaughan's, Gadsden, Al September 30, 1983
Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies October 3, 1983
Speaker at workshop on spiritual gifts, Church of the
Nativity, Huntsville, Al October 7, 1983
Huntsville York Rite Bodies October 11, 1983
Huntsville Commandery No. 7, Conferred Order
of the Temple October 15, 1983
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 October 25, 1983
Huntsville Council, KCCH October 27, 1983
Bessemer Commandery No. 35, conferred Order of Temple October 28, 1983
Conducted inspection Lee Commandery No. 45,
Phenix City October 29, 1983
Meeting with Grand Sec/Rec, GHP and MIGM to plan
for February Grand York Rite Meeting October 30, 1983
Redstone Chapter No. 353 National Sojourner November 4, 1983
Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies
Huntsville York Rite Bodies
KCCH conferral, Montgomery
Huntsville Commandery No. 7
Restone Chapter No. 353 National Sojourner November 4, 1983
Thirty-Third Degree conferral, AASR, Birmingham, Al December 10, 1983
Huntsville York Rite Bodies December 13, 1983
Installation of Officers, Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies December 19, 1983
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 December 20, 1983
Christmas Observance, Huntsville Commandery No. 7 December 25, 1983

SPECIAL DISPENSATION GRANTED TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND BALLOTS OUT OF STATUTORY TIME

Dothan Commandery No. 25
Mobile Commandery No. 2 March 31, 1983
DeMolay Commandery No. 14 April 6, 1983
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 April 8, 1983
Bessemer Commandery No. 35 April 20, 1983
Woodlawn Commandery No. 31
East Lake Commandery No. 43
Mobile Commandery No. 2
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 July 16, 1983
Dothan Commandery No. 25 August 1, 1983
Bessemer Commandery No. 35 September 14, 1983
Huntsville Commandery No. 7 September 29, 1983
Florence Commandery No. 39 September 29, 1983
Mobile Commandery No. 2

MERGER OF SELMA COMMANDERY WITH MONTGOMERY COMMANDERY

After several years of inactivity the members of Selma Commandery No. 5 elected to seek a merger with Montgomery No. 4. On November 3, 1983, Montgomery Commandery elected to receive Selma Commandery by merger. Upon which, after due consultation with the Committee on Jurisprudence, I granted the said merger effective November 15, 1983.

AUDIT

On November 22, 1983, I authorized our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C., to employ the services of John Evans, CPA, to audit the books of the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

APPOINTMENTS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO REPRESENT ALABAMA NEAR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES

Sir Knight Kenneth Holt was appointed to serve as Grand Representative of Alabama near the Grand Commandery of Idaho, July 11, 1983.

Sir Knight Paul Torgeson was appointed to serve as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Alabama near the Grand Commandery of North Dakota, August 6, 1983.

Sir Knight R. Dale Long was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Alabama near the Grand Commandery of Ohio, November 4, 1983.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

During the year one Sir Knight from Alabama became a member of the Grand Master's Club. I don't have an accurate record currently before me but I believe this is only about the fifth or sixth member from Alabama. Alabama continues to be a major recipient of Knight Templar Eye Foundation grants, while our contributions continue comparatively negligible. Sir Knights, if we can do any charity for our neighbor, this is certainly the best way we can show our love. Let's get behind this philanthropy and give it our best effort. Some commanderies have increased dues to include more than our one dollar assessment.

APPRECIATION

This is probably the most difficult part of any outgoing Grand Officer's report. Invariably, oversights will occur in spite of the best laid plans. If I overlook anyone it is certainly unintentional and I beg your understanding.

To the elected and appointed officers of the Grand Commandery who have

served faithfully this year. I say thank you very much.

To Sir Knight and Most Excellent Grand High Priest George E. Tremelling and his charming wife, Margie, your constant companionship and advice has been truly helpful. Our travels together will always be a source of special pleasure.

To Sir Knight and Most Illustrious Grand Master Earl S. West, whose untimely death brought an end of our earthly acquaintance far too soon, you will abide in my memory forever. To your lovely and devoted wife, I offer sincerest condolences.

To Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, your ready advice and help has made my job so much easier. You have always been ready to take on any assignment and any task without hesitation.

To Sir Knight Fred W. Vaughan, your counsel and advice has always been

invaluable. Thank you for being there whenever I have needed you.

To Sir Knight C. V. McLain, for your untiring effort in keeping the Alabama

Supplement going when little or no outside support was provided. You are due a special thank you.

To the Sir Knights of my home Commandery, Huntsville No. 7, your courtesy and respect will always be a source of inspiration. Thank you for your untiring support.

To all the Sir Knights, I offer you my thanks from the bottom of my heart for the pleasure of serving you as your Grand Commander this year. It is a memory I shall cherish forever.

And last to my partner for 37 years, my wife Bettie, my deepest love and thanks for the encouragement and companionship which has been her special gift over the years. Without her this year would have been a formidable task but with her at my side, it has been truly a blessing.

William H. Ealy, Grand Commander

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

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

We recommend that the portion of the Address referring to special Dispensations granted, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend that the portion of the Address referring to merger of Selma Commandery No. 5 with Montgomery Commandery No. 4, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Emrys W. John, P.G.C., Chairman Guss H. Gadd

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Submitted below is the report of our financial condition at December 31, 1983:

RECEIPTS:		CASH	O	THER		TOTAL
Dues	\$	44,258.25	\$		\$	44,258.25
Fees		1,700.00				1,700.00
Perpetual Membership		66.67				66.67
Sales of Supplies		457.07				457.07
Interest		4,120.09				4,120.09
Divine Service & Tickets						0.40.00
Sales		848.96		105 10		848.96
Supplies Inventory Increased				135.13	_	135.13
Total Receipts	\$	51,451.04	\$	135.13	\$	51,586.17
DISBURSEMENTS:						
Perpetual Membership	\$	5.95	\$		\$	5.95
Operating Expense	+	46,575.13				46,575.13
Supplies for Resale		539.58				539.58
1982 Payroll Taxes Paid		137.19				137.19
Total Disbursed	\$	47,257.85			\$	47,257.85
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	\$	4,193.19	\$	135.13	\$	4,328.32
Balance-January 1, 1983 Past Jr. Grand Commanders Jewel		75,863.14		6,068.14		81,931.28
Reserve (Reinstated)		651.70				651.70
Balance-December 31, 1983	\$	80,708.03	\$	6,203.27	\$	86,911.30
DETAILS OF HOLDINGS:						
Petty Cash Fund	\$	25.00	\$		\$	25.00
Checking Account		31,004.01	*		7	31,004.01
Certificates and Savings Accounts		49,679.02				49,679.02
Inventory of Supplies for Resale				831.95		831.95
Office Equipment (at cost)				5,371.32		5,371.32
Total	\$	80,708.03	\$	6,203.27	\$	86,911.30

Respectfully submitted, James A. Kile, Grand Treasurer

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:
Sir Knights: Herewith is my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1983:
Membership as of January 1, 1983
ADDITIONS:
Knighted 218 Affiliated 19 Reinstated 99 Adjusted 6 + 342
Total Gross Membership
LOSSES:
Died 173 Dimitted 21 Suspended N.P.D. 272 - 466
Total Net Membership as of December 31, 1983
Loss in Membership for 1983124Chartered Commanderies22Commanderies Reporting19Commanderies under Dispensation0

APPRECIATION

I would like to express my appreciation to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, William H. Ealy, the Grand Line Officers, the Committees, and the Recorders of Constituent Commanderies for the help and assistance they have rendered me. I would like to thank all those Sir Knights who answered our call for assistance in conferring degrees in the several Commanderies, and also to express my appreciation to Mrs. Florence Corley for her assistance during the past year.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

NUMBER	NAME	1/1/83 Membership	KNIGHTED	AFFILIATED	REINSTATED	ADJUSTED	DIED	DIMITTED	SUSPENDED	12/31/83 MEMBERSHIP	GAIN / LOSS
2.	Mobile	721	23	2	8		24	1	22	707	-14
4.	Montgomery Selma	383 67	15	2	7		12	1	. 7	454	+ 4
7.	Huntsville	366	14	3	8		7	3	10	371	+ 5
10.	Cyrene	1,118	13	1	13		33	0	57	1,055	-63
13.	Tuscaloosa	312	3	0	2		11	0	13	293	-19
14.	DeMolay	225	16	0	1		4	0	6	232	+ 7
15	Etowah	326	5	0	3		10	0	7	317	- 9
17.	Talladega	35	0	0	0		0	0	0	35	0.
21.	Sylacauga	87	0	0	0		1	1	0	85	- 2
23.	Anniston	234	8	2	2		4	0	4	238	+ 4
25.	Dothan	238	4	1	7		8	2	9	231	- 7
28	Opelika	84	1	0	3		2	0	3	83	- 1
29	Piedmont	155	12	2	1		3	0	5	162	+ 7
31	. Woodlawn	990	17	3	18		22	1	50	955	-35
35	Bessemer	299	7	0	4		4	0	11	295	- 4
38	Alexander City	50	0	0	0		0	0	0	50	0
39	Florence	388	8	2	2	+1	10	2	20	369	-19
43	. East Lake	501	20	1	16	+5	13	8	30	492	- 9
45	. Lee	202	6	0	0		3	0	8	197	- 5
46	. Fort Payne	170	25	0	0		2	2	10	181	+11
47	. Monroeville	67	17	0	0		0	0	0	84	+17
48	. Jasper	99	4	0	4		0	0	0	107	+ 8
	TOTALS	5 7117	218	19	99	+6	173	21	272	6993	-124

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January 16, 1984

Mr. William H. Early Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama

Dear Mr. Ealy:

I have examined the statements of assets and fund balance of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama at December 31, 1983, and the receipts and disbursements for the calendar year then ended. My examination eas made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the books and records and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the exhibits and schedules listed on the table of contents, next attached, present fairly the financial position of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama at December 31, 1983, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applies on a cash receipts and disbursements basis consistent with that of tha preceding year.

Very truly yours,

John E. Evans Certified Public Accountant

EXHIBIT NO. 1

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1983

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1. Section Section 1970	
Cash on hand, in Banks, ans Savings Certificates (1)	\$ 80,708.03
Inventory-Supplies for Resale	831.95
Office Equipment (at cost)	5,371.32
Total Assets	\$ 86,911.30
Total Assets	4 00171113

LIABILITIES:

Perpetual Membership	\$ 60.72
General Fund Balance	86,850.58
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 86,911.30

Note 1: For detail of Cash see Schedule "B"

EXHIBIT NO. 2

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE CALENDAR YEAR 1983

REVENUE:

Dues			\$ 44,258.25	
Fees			1,700.00	\$ 45,958.25
Interest				4,120.09
Divine Service-Ticket Sales				848.96
Sale of Supplies			\$ 457.07	
Inventory-January 1, 1983	(8)	\$ 696.82		
Purchases		539.58		
Total		\$ 1,236.40		
Inventory-December 31, 1983		831.95	404.45	 52.62
Total Revenue				\$ 50,979.92
LESS EXPENSES:				

Budgeted Expenses (Schedule "A" Actual)	46,5/5.13
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 4,404.79
Past Jr. Grand Commander's Jewel Reserve (Reinstated)	651.70
Increase in Fund Balance	\$ 5,056.49

EXHIBIT NO. 3

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31

ASSETS:		<u>1983</u> <u>1982</u>			INCREASE (DECREASE)		
Cash on hand and in Banks and Savings Certificates (See Schedule "C") Inventory (Supplies of Resale) Office Equipment (at cost) Total Assets	\$	80,708.03 831.95 5,371.32 86,911.30	\$	75,863.14 696.82 5,371.32 81,931.28	\$	4,844.89 135.13 4,980.02	
LIABILITIES:							
Perpetual Membership Payroll Taxes Payable General Fund Balance Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	60.72 86,850.58 86,911.30	\$	137.19 81,794.09 81,931.28	\$	60.72 (137.19) 5,056.49 4,980.02	

EXHIBIT NO. 4

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS CALENDAR YEAR 1983

RECEIPTS:		
Dues Fees Interest Perpetual Membefship Divine Service-Ticket Sales Sale of Supplies Total Receipts	\$ 44,258.25 1,700.00	\$ 45,958.25 4,120.09 66.67 848.96 457.07 \$ 51,451.04
DISBURSEMENTS: Perpetual Membership Budgeted Disbursements-Actual (Schedule "A" Total Budgeted Disbursements	\$ 5.95 46,575.13 \$ 46,581.08	
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE: December 31, 1982 \$ 137.19 December 31, 1983 Purchase of Supplies for Resale Total Disbursements Excess of Disbursements over Receipts Balance January 1, 1983 Past Jr. Gr. Commander's Jewel Reserve (Reinstated) Balance December 31, 1983	137.19 539.58 \$ 75,863.14 651.70	47,257.85 \$ 4,193.19 76,514.84 \$ 80,708.03

SCHEDULE "A"

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

BUDGETED AND ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS

CALENDAR YEAR 1983

Past Jr. Grand Commander's Jewel (Reserve) 200.00	GRAND OFFICER EXPENSES:		BUDGETED		ACTUAL		OVER (UNDER)
Salary-Grand Recorder \$ 2,640.00 \$ 2,640.00 \$ - 8 - 8 - 8 - 8 - 8 - 8 - 8 - 8 - 8 -	Stationery for Incoming Grand Officer Past Jr. Grand Commander's Jewel (Reserv S.E. Regional Y.R. Conference Foreign Correspondent K.T. Eye Foundation Committee L.T. Magazine-Alabama Editor	ve)	60.00 200.00 330.00 10.00 75.00 100.00	,	48.76 73.20	,	(11.24) (200.00) (330.00) (10.00) (75.00) (26.80) (653.04)
Salary-Office Secretary 3,200.00 3,200.00	GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE EXPENSE:						
Expense of Distinguished Guests \$ 1,000.00 \$ 828.99 \$ (171.0 Per Diem & Mileage-Gr. Officers and Committee Members 2,000.00 1,539.98 (460.0 Banquet and Men's Luncheon 720.00 1,183.26 463.2 Printing and Badges for Convention 325.00 274.04 (50.9 Photographs (Convention) 85.00 94.50 9.5 Ladies' Luncheon 300.00 206.86 (93.1 Total \$ 4,430.00 \$ 4,127.63 \$ (302.3 MISCELLANEOUS: Grand Commandery State-wide Seminar Res.\$ 200.00 \$ \$ (200.00 Per Capita Tax to Grand Encampment 17,800.00 20,283.45 2,483.45 Dues-K.T. Eye Foundation 6,127.00 5,913.00 (214.00 Memorials 100.00 45.06 (54.96 Special Awards-DeMolay 200.00 200.00 Special Awards-Rainbow 200.00 200.00 Special Awards-Rainbow 200.00 200.00 Special Awards-Order of Knighthood 100.00 100.00 Frinting Annual Proceedings 2,000.00 20.00 20.00 (100.00 Total \$ 26,827.00 \$ 28,828.39 \$ 2,001.35 TRIENNIAL RESERVE: First 4 Grand Officers and Gr. Recorder \$ 667.00 \$ \$ (667.00 Southern Breakfast 100.00 \$ (100.00 Southern Breakfast 100.00 \$ (100.00 Southern Breakfast 100.00 Southern Breakfast 100.00 Southern Breakfast 100.00 Southern Breakfast 1,700.00 Southern Breakfast 1,700.00 Southern Southern Breakfast 1,700.00 Southern Southern Breakfast 1,700.00 Southern Southern Breakfast 1,700.00 Southern Breakfast 1,700.0	Salary-Office Secretary Allowance-Grand Treasurer Insurance-Bonds, Fire, Theft, Liab. Safe Deposit Box Rental Social Security and Payroll Taxes Office Rent Stationery and Printing-Office Repairs-FurnEquipService Contracts Postage and Post Office Box Rental Telephone Annual Audit Travel Allowance-Grand Recorder Travel Allowance-Office Secretary Janitorial Supplies		3,200.00 120.00 350.00 8.00 660.00 1,400.00 500.00 140.00 250.00 425.00 550.00 1,960.00 300.00 50.00		3,200.00 120.00 147.76 6.00 841.02 1,440.00 415.19 79.20 213.47 391.48 525.00 1,960.00 300.00 18.03		(202.24) (2.00) 181.02 40.00 (84.81) (60.80) (36.53) (33.52) (25.00) (31.97) (255.85)
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Past Grand Presiding Officers 933.00 (933.00 Southern Breakfast 100.00 (100.00 Total \$ 1,700.00 \$ \$ (1,700.00 \$)	TRIENNIAL RESERVE:						
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS <u>\$ 47,485.00</u> <u>\$ 46,575.13</u> <u>\$ (909.8</u>	Past Grand Presiding Officers Southern Breakfast		933.00 100.00		=======================================		(667.00) (933.00) (100.00) (1,700.00)
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	47,485.00	\$	46,575.13	\$	(909.87)

SCHEDULE "B"

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF CASH ON HAND, CHECKING ACCOUNTS, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, AND CERTIFICATES

DECEMBER 31, 1983

Petty Cash Fund			\$ 25.00
AM SOUTH BANK, N.A.:			
Checking Account	\$	31,004.01	
<u>Time Deposit:</u> 1017851 Matures 1-05-84 8.875%	_	15,000.00	46,004.01
JEFFERSON FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION:			
Savings Certificate: 00-12-000-284 Matures 6-01-86 8.000%	\$	8,075.22	
Pass Book Account: 03-00-315220		1,775.92	9,851.14
CITY FEDERAL:			
Certificate of Deposit: 10617149 Matures 5-10-85 9.75% 952956 Matures 2-27-84 9.77%	\$	8,930.36 15,000.00	
Pass Book Account: 20 20360 Past Jr. Grand Commander's Jewel Reserve		897.52	24,827.88
Total			\$ 80,708.03

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Your Committee on Finance offers the following report and budget for 1984 for your consideration and action. We have examined the audit of the Grand Commandery books by John E. Evans, CPA and recommend that it be accepted and filed. This budget has been prepared with the cooperative efforts of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, and Grand Treasurer, and completes any previous agreements that might have existed toward any committments beyond any 12 month period in which a budget is proposed. It is understood that the Grand Recorder will submit to the Committee on Finance by July of this year recommendations for possible changes in the Grand Office.

It is suggested that the Recommendation adopted at our last Annual Conclave concerning Grand Conclave expenses be carried over to the Annual Conclave in 1985 in order that all of the financial changes can be presented as a package.

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

Respectfully submitted. McMurray L. Griffith, P.G.C., Chairman Erskine K. Smith, P.G.C. James E. Stutts

GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET — 1984

GRAND COMMANDER I BODGET - 1904
Item
Janitorial Supplies\$ 50.00
Social Security and Payroll Taxes
Telephone
Postage and P.O. Box Rental
Contingency Fund
Grand Commander's Expense
Grand Recorder's Salary
Grand Treasurer's Expense
Grand Encampment Per Capita Tax
Grand Encampment K. T. Eye Foundation Dues
Office Secretary's Salary 3,200.00
Printing of Grand Proceedings and Leaflets
Printing and Badges for Convention
Stationery and Printing for Office
Audit
Office Rent
Jewel for Past Junior Grand Commander
Insurance — Bonds, Fire, Theft and Liability
Memorials and Gifts
Patriotic Activities
Triennial Reserve (First 4 Grand Officers and
Grand Recorder — \$667.00 per year for 3 years.)
Triennial Reserve for Past Grand Commanders (\$933.00
per year for 3 years. Prorated — \$400.00 maximum
for each officer.) 933.00
Southern Breakfast (\$100.00 per year for 3 years.)
Donation to DeMolay
Donation to Order of Knighthood
Donation to Order of Rainbow for Girls
Purchases for Resale
Southeastern Regional Y. R. Conference (\$100.00
Maximum for each Officer — Deputy Grand Commander,
Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Recorder only.)
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance
Office Secretary's Travel Allowance
K. T. Magazine Committee Expense, Editor,
Alabama Supplement
K. T. Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign Expense
Foreign Correspondent
Stationery for Presiding Grand Officer 60.00
Safety Deposit Box Rental 8.00
Repairs — Furniture and Euipment, and Service Contracts
Ladies' Luncheon (Annual Conclave)
Distinguished Guests (2 nights' Lodging, Banquet-
and Luncheon Tickets.)
Banquet (Total Cost minus Tickets sold.)
Convention Photographs
\$30.00 Per Diem (Two nights) and mileage. (Grand
Officers, Past Grands, and Standing Committees only.) 2,000.00
Total \$49,382.00
Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

I A IV:lo
Arizona James A. Kile
Arkansas James H. Lee
California Henry Miller
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**Charles A. Sweeney
Kansas George W. Sorrell
Kansas George W. Sorrein
Kentucky *Michael L. Jones
Louisiana John D. Prince, Jr.
Maine William M. Newsome, Jr.
Maryland Joseph D. Brackin
Massachusetts and Rhode Island Fred W. Vaughan
Michigan H. Curtis Ivey
Minnesota *Luther E. Stephens
Mississippi Emory J. Ferguson
Missouri Robert W. Earnhardt
Montana Charles R. Pate
Nebraska J. Paul Gray
Nevada Emrys W. John
New Hampshire
New Jersey George L. Marshall, Jr.
New Mexico W. Wallace Buckley, Jr.
New York **Guss H. Gadd
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio D. Shelby Vaughn
Oklahoma Erskine K. Smith
Oregon ***C. V. McLain
Oregon C. V. McLar David
Pennsylvania Bobby Ray Terry
Philippines
South Carolina Anthony V. Jannett
South Dakota Paul E. Drinnon
Tennessee Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.
Texas *McMurray L. Griffith
Utah James C. Nuss
Vermont *Milton L. Fegenbush
Virginia Charles W. McDonald
Washington Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.
West Virginia A. Clifton Edwards Wisconsin *Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.
Wisconsin *Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.
Wyoming James L. Allen
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^{*}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	Ronrosontativa to Tourn	
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Arizona	James A. Kile	200-18th Avenue N.W.	Kenneth F. Wilson Glandala	_
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Arkansas	James H. Lee	Route 6, Box 67	Thomas A. Booth Little Rock	ock
California	Henry Miller	Florence, 35630 5813 Java Avenue	Clarence E. Dunn Oakland	-
Colorado	William H. Ealv	4		5
Connections	D-LL- C D-1		:	Ę,
Connecticut	Bobby C. Park	ue, S.W	John Foster Fairfield	q
Dist. of Columbia	Richard Sim Hamilton	Decatur, 35001 2302 Hamilton Drive, S.W.	Gordon W. Crozier Washington	gton
Florida	Thomas W. Mann	Decatur, 35601 354 Sun Valley Circle	Charles W. Amold Orlando	
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Georgia	William O. Farmer		Graydon W. Kitchens Atlanta	
Idaho	Loyd D. Durden	Birmingham, 35211 507 South Edgewood Drive	Kenneth Holt Fruitland	pt
Illinois	Arthur C. Harding		William D. Jarrett Jacksonville	ville
Indiana	James E. Stutts	birmingnam, 35215 612 East Pasadena Avenue	Harold F. Thieman Columbus	sn
Iowa	Charles A. Sweenev	Muscle Shoals, 35660 1624 Crestwood Drive	Victor Raider Ruelington	ton
	\$ 0.00000000000000000000000000000000000	Mobile, 36618		1101
Kansas	George W. Sorrell	1009-47th Street, Oak Hills	William M. Gertsen Newton	
Kentucky	Michael I Longe	Birmingham, 35208		
	Michael L. Jones	Deceture 35601	Dowell Kay Farmer Prinston	п
Louisiana	John D. Prince, Jr.	Decatur, 35001 1228 South 41st Street	Huston F. Boothe, Sr Hammond	pu
Maine	William M. Newsome, Jr	Birmingham, 35222 1600-45th Street	Ernest E. Bates Fairfield	-
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REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES (Continued)

Grand Commandery	Representative From A	Address and Town R	Representative to Town
Maryland	Joseph D. Brackin	Drive	Calvin W. Parker Glen Burnie
Massachusetts and	Fred W. Vaughan	Dothan, 36303 108 Harwood Drive Route 13. Box 82	Harley E. McCartney Templeton
Michigan	H. Curtis Ivey	1	Donald M. Krueger Sturgis
Minnesota	Luther E. Stephens	Opelika, 36801 1109-6th Avenue	Lynn Gunsolus Waseca
Missisppi	Emory J. Ferguson	Gadsden, 50901 1615 Lakeview Drive, N.W.	Willie E. Howell Greenwood
Missouri	Robert W. Earnhardt	Cumman, 20000 18 Forest Lake	William H. Sattler St. Charles
Montana	Charles R. Pate	1220 Glendale Road	Kenneth Naylor Conrad
Nebraska	J. Paul Gray	Anniston, 30201 1106 Rainbow Circle	Robert C. Franklin Papillon
Nevada	Emrys W. John	Anniston, 36201 5516 South 10th Avenue	Winfield S. Rash Las Vegas
New Hampshire	Robert E. Shipp	5533 Springwood Drive, East	Richard W. Watson Bedford
New Jersey	George L. Marshall, Jr	609 Hal Street, N.W.	Thurman C. Pace Westfield
New Mexico	W. Wallace Buckley, Jr	nuntsville, 55005 2317 Cardinal Avenue	Robert Lee Finch Bloomfield
New York	Guss H. Gadd	Huntsvine, 25000 1055 Willingham Road	Joseph R. Evans Little Falls
North Carolina	Ray B. Hartwell	1926 Ryders Lane	James H. Horne Fayetteville
North Dakota	Sam L. Garrett	P.O. Box 1053	Paul Torgeson Grafton
Ohio	D. Shelby Vaughn	1 2606 Bonita Circle, S.W	R. Dale Long Cambridge

REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES (Continued)

Grand Commandery	Representative From	Address and Town	Representative to	Town
Oklahoma	Erskine K. Smith	1835 Cheaha Drive	Ronald G. Dorn	Oklahoma City
Oregon	C. V. McLain	Oxford, 36203 P.O. Box 262	Joel C. Bingner	. Le Grande
Pennsylvania	Bobby Ray Terry	Mobile, 36601 Route 1, Box 10	:	Lansdale
Philippines	Clifford J. Turner	Decatur, 35601 Route 5, Box 187	Manuel Valencia Ko	Manila
South Carolina	Anthony V. Jannett	Gadsden, 35903 Route 1, Box 49	William W. Hudgens	Laurens
South Dakota	Paul E. Drinnon	Shelby, 35143 2301 Oakwood Road, N.W.	Clarence E. Lundquist	Brookings
Tennessee	Ernest L. Bishop, Sr.	Huntsville, 35810 3110-18th Avenue	E. Oakley Wynne	Nashville
Texas	McMurray L. Griffith	Sheffield, 35660 P.O. Box 31311	Charles M. Godwin	Colorado City
Utah	James C. Nuss	517 Leighton Avenue	Raymond F. White	Ogden
Vermont	Milton L. Fegenbush	Anniston, 36201 828 South 80th Street	Harold W. Davis	Montpelier
Virginia	Charles W. McDonald	615 Morgan Avenue	Jesse J. Fout	Richmond
Washington	Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Route 2, Box 51	Robert J. Johnston	Ellensburg
West Virginia	A. Clifton Edwards	Predmont, 362/2 1406 Gault Avenue, S.W.	Marshall M. Casdorph Ronceverte	Ronceverte
Wisconsin	Van DeWitt Bell, Jr.	Fort Payne, 35967 8437 South 9th Avenue	John Zank	Greenfield
Wyoming	James L. Allen	Birmingham, 35206 P.O. Box 415 Phenix City, 36867	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, submit the following report:

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

There are 22 Constituent Commanderies which comprise the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, and of these, 20 Commanderies are registered with this Committee for this 124th Annual Conclave.

We have examined the credentials or Commandery Officers or their proxies, and

the following is our conclusion:

Total Officers or Proxies present56Total Past Commanders present92TOTAL QUALIFIED TO VOTE148

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 this Grand Commandery on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted, William E. Fuqua, Chairman Henry B. Tyra, Jr.

Adopted.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA

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

2. Mobile	Maurice M. Chastain	Commander
	*Charles W. McDonald	Generalissimo
	*Charles W. McDonald	Captain General
4. Montgomery	Harry C. Denton	Commander
	R. Charles Lee, Sr.	Generalissimo
	L. V. Beasley	Captain General
7. Huntsville	Bernice Belcher	Commander
	Robert Kay	Generalissimo
	William F. Dendy	Captain General
10. Cyrene	Shirley A. Otts	Commander
	Eugene N. Bell	Generalissimo
	James U. Ward	Captain General
13. Tuscaloosa	*Garnett E. Springfield	Commander
	*William R. Williamson	Generalissimo
	*William R. Williamson	Captain General
14. DeMolay	Earl C. Clayton	Commander
	*Bobby R. Terry	Generalissimo
	Dalton C. Aldredge	Captain General
15. Etowah	*Floyd M. Thompson	Commander
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	*George R. Schnitzlein	Captain General
17. Talladega	Not represented (2 years)	50 Care (10 Care)
21. Sylacauga	*Charles Pitts	Commander
21. Sylacauga		Generalissimo
		Captain General
23. Anniston	*Melton C. Campbell	Commander
20. 11111131011	*J. Paul Gray	Generalissimo
	*Louis A. Teal	Captain General
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25. Dothan	William D. Barr	Commander
	*Gatha A. Owens	Generalissimo
	*L. C. Minks	Captain General
28. Opelika	*Lewis Smith	Commander
-	*H. Curtis Ivey	Generalissimo
	*Lewis Smith	Captain General
29. Piedmont	*Weldon H. Roberts	Commander
	*Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.	Generalissimo
	*Alvin Parker	Captain General
31. Woodlawn	Ernest G. Sharp	Commander
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	Fred W. McCluskey	Captain General
35. Bessemer	*N. C. Wilkinson	Commander
oo. Bessellier	*Earl P. Woodall	Generalissimo
	*Earl P. Woodall	Captain General
38. Alexander City	Not represented (2 years)	Captain General
39. Florence	Billy H. Brackin	Commander
55. Profesice	*Oliver L. Moore, Jr.	Generalissimo
	Albert W. French	
43. East Lake	William E. Prescott, III	Captain General Commander
45. East Lake		
	James H. Nelson	Generalissimo
45. Lee	*William E. Prescott, III	Captain General
45. Lee	Charles L. Ingram	Commander
	William C. Snyder	Generalissimo
10 F 1 P	*Lance C. Anthony	Captain General
46. Fort Payne	*A. Clifton Edwards	Commander
	*A. Clifton Edwards	Generalissimo
	*A. Clifton Edwards	Captain General
47. Monroeville	*Thomas Lemons	Commander
	*Thomas Lemons	Generalissimo
	*Thomas Lemons	Captain General
48. Jasper	*Ray Rutledge	Commander
	*Ray Rutledge	Generalissimo
	*Ray Rutledge	Captain General
*Denotes Proxy.		

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS PRESENT:

- 2. Mobile: W. Wallace Buckley, Jr., Anthony J. Bolter, Jr., Brent R. Haller, Robert E. Shipp, Charles W. McDonald.
- Montgomery: Robert E. Clemens, Joseph P. Jones, William A. Stewart, J. H. Robertson, Luther E. Lee, Rev. William O. Graham.
- Huntsville: Richard M. Slaughter, Richard A. Chapman, D. Shelby Vaughn, Thomas F. Craig, Emory J. Ferguson, George L. Marshall, Jr., James L. Humphries, Paul E. Drinnon, William H. Ealy.
- Cyrene: Emrys W. John, George W. Sorrell, Henry R. Kelso, Anthony V. Jannett, George E. Tremelling, Henry Miller, James C. Brewer, Joe D. Lee, McMurray L. Griffith.
- 13. Tuscaloosa: Robert W. Earnhardt, Garnett E. Springfield.
- DeMolay: Bobby R. Terry, Charles H. McGill, Douglas L. Rogers, Bobby C. Park, Richard Sim Hamilton, Phillip J. Sherman, James H. Jeffreys.
- Etowah: Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Clarence F. Rhea, Fred W. Vaughan, Floyd M. Thompson, Clifford J. Turner, Roy L. Wood.
- 17. Talladega: None
- 21. Sylacauga: None
- 23. Anniston: Charles R. Pate, Erskine K. Smith, Melton C. Campbell, J. Paul Gray, William E. Fuqua, Calvin B. Snow, Louis Teal, James C. Nuss.
- 25. Dothan: Joseph D. Brackin, Loyd D. Durden, W. Malcolm Killingsworth.
- 28. Opelika: Lewis Smith, H. Curtis Ivey.
- 29. Piedmont: Alvin Parker, Teddy R. Grogan, Sr.

- 31. Woodlawn: Thomas W. Mann, George W. Busby, Howard E. Hayes, John D. Prince, Jr., Arthur C. Harding, W. Sterling Roberts, Troy J. Roberts, James A. Kile, R. L. Byars, Jr., W. M. Hewitt, Anthony M. Deming, James A. Williams.
- 35. Bessemer: N. C. Wilkinson.

38. Alexander City: None.

 Florence: James E. Stutts, A. E. Blackburn, Joseph E. Simpson, Sr., Terry Bray, James H. Lee, Ernest L. Bishop, Charles J. Adams.

43. East Lake: William O. Farmer, Claude C. McGraw, Cecil D. Rayburn, Guy G. Bassett.

- 45. Lee: James W. Locke, Gene M. Day, William R. East, James L. Allen, Sam L. Garrett, William M. Newsome, Jr.
- 46. Fort Payne: A. Clifton Edwards.
- 47. Monroeville: Thomas Lemons.

48. Jasper: Ray Rutledge.

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.

We recommend the approval of the merger of Selma Commandery No. 5 with

Montgomery Commandery No. 4.

Respectfully submitted, Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C., Chairman Ray Rutledge Troy Roberts

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 year.

Respectfully submitted, W. Malcolm Killingsworth, Chairman George L. Marshall, Jr.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

No Report.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

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

As the only member of your Patriotic Committee present, I would like to talk to you about the feeling of patriotism I get every time I visit the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. This edifice is a memorial that every Mason in the United States of America has helped to build. It is a monument to Masonry, and it will give you a deep feeling of patriotism when you see the building, the monument, and all the various items that George Washington used during his lifetime. He is the "Father of our country". If you have any patriotism at all, visiting this building brings you a great feeling of pride in our country.

I attended a patriotic meeting in Anniston right after our Southeastern York Rite Conference, and one of the best patriotic talks that I have ever heard was given by an old G.I. with some battlefield commissions and so on. He said that they (as he referred to the Russians and Japanese) didn't have one thing that our G.I. Joe had. He had an opportunity to vote for his Commander-in-Chief. None of them had that opportunity, because they don't live in a free society like we do. I urge you, Sir Knights, to vote. Go to the polls. It doesn't matter how you vote, but use it, because if you don't use it, you can lose it. All of these people have lost their rights, and I was thrilled to hear the speaker say that all of our G.I. Joes could vote for their Commander-in-Chief.

I would like to mention one thing: Marvin E. Fowler, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, is with us today. Alabama has been signally honored in that we are going to have a meeting of the Royal Order of Scotland in Birmingham on August 25 of this year. It is a great honor and I would like to urge all of you to look into this. Come on down and enjoy a day of wonderful activity. There is no way you can describe the Royal Order of Scotland. It's a very outstanding Order. The banquet and the Orders will be conferred at the Birmingham Hilton. It's going to be a wonderful meeting.

Everything we do for other people indicates that we are patriotic, and we want to share with others the many blessings this great system of ours has enabled us to have, more than we actually need. Masonry in all its branches and forms contributes two million dollars a day to help those less fortunate than we are. I think the world should be aware of what we are doing, and when they learn about it, they will all want to be a part of it. I think we can turn this thing around if we all pull together in harmony.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C., Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

Sir Knights, herewith is our Educational Foundation report for the year ending at December 31, 1983:

Student

Contingent

RECEIPTS:		oan Fund	CO	Fund		Total
Principle Payment on Student Loans Transfers	\$	4,649.49 (2,550.00)	\$	2,550.00	\$	4,649.49
Interest Received on Student Loans Interest Received on Cert. of Deposit		1,165.67 3,197.00		2,000.00		1,165.67 3,197.00
Certificate of Deposit matured	_	53,155.12	-		_	53,155.12
Total	\$	59,617.28	\$	2,550.00	\$	62,167.28
DISBURSED:						
Loans to students:						
Male (0) \$	\$		\$		\$	
Female (3) $4,500.00$		4,500.00				4,500.00
Educational Foundation		295.89				295.89
Certificate of Deposit purchased		53,155.12				53,155.12
Audit and Legal Expense				539.72		539.72
Expense of Secretary-Treasurer				900.00		900.00
Expense of Secretary	_		_	600.00	_	600.00
Total	\$	57,951.01	\$	2,039.72	\$	59,990.73
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	\$	1,666.27	\$	510.28	\$	2,176.55
Balance January 1, 1983		38,568.65		4,026.09		42,594.74
Balance-December 31, 1983	\$	40,234.92	\$	4,536.37	\$	44,771.29
DETAIL OF HOLDINGS:						
AM South Bank N.A. Checking						
Account	\$	7,505.55	\$	4,536.37	\$	12,041.92
Certificates of Deposits, etc.	Ψ	32,729.37	Ψ	1,000.01	Ψ	32,729.37
Student Loans Principle		51,501.40				51,501.40
Student Loans Accrued Interest		173.56				173.56
Office Equipment (at cost)				582.84		582.84
Total	\$	91,909.88	\$	5,119.21	\$	97,029.09

Respectfully submitted, Woodrow MacHewitt, Chairman William O. Farmer James A. Kile, Raymond J. Wadkins George E. Tremelling

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

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

Alabama continues to be the second largest recipient of funds from the Eye Foundation. As of January 31, 1984, the grand total expended for 3,153 cases in Alabama was \$1,683,853,28. From July 1, 1983, through January 31, 1984, Alabama has received \$38,594.38, for payment on cases. On February 17, 1984, we ranked 32nd in the Sixteenth Voluntary Campaign with a total contribution of \$2,126.27. These figures certainly indicate that we are not carrying our fair share of the load.

We express our appreciation to the Sir Knights who have participated in our great humanitarian project, and we continue to urge you to help us correct the inequity between funds received from the Foundation, and funds contributed to it in Alabama, by putting forth an extra effort in supporting our Voluntary Campaign.

We suggest that applications for assistance be checked very thoroughly to determine the availability of funds from state and county agencies prior to submitting application to the Foundation. In some cases, we could be picking up the tab for agencies who have funds allocated and available for assistance.

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

Adopted.

REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 16th VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama:

The Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Donations received by the Foundation through the 12th week ending February 17,1984, totals \$2,126.67. The membership being 7,807, gives Alabama an average per capita of \$.27 for each member. We now rank number 32 in the 16th Voluntary Campaign.

There are still commanderies that are not contributing to this worthy and great humanitarian project. Alabama is one of the largest recipients of funds from the Eye Foundation. There have been expenditures of over seven times our contributions. Sir Knights, this is a very small percentage compared to what has been spent in Alabama.

We still have two months left and I earnestly solicit your help. There are many grateful recipients who now can see or have had their vision corrected. It is a great feeling to know you have helped to restore vision to a person who has been blind and now can enjoy the beautiful creation God gave us. For that reason, Sir Knights, I urge each of you to return to your respective Commanderies and exert your efforts for a money making project for this campaign.

Respectfully submitted, James L. Allen, Chairman

Adopted.

Since the above report was prepared, I have received \$710.00 from Lee Commandery, \$120.00 donation from Piedmont, and I understand we will receive \$2,500.00 more. This will push us way ahead of 32nd place making a total of \$5,700.00 we have received, or \$.73 per member.

James L. Allen

NECROLOGY REPORT

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

Since the last Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, 173 Sir Knights, including Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Bruce Whiting Phelps (1967) and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Charles Lamar Jones (1970), have had their sword blades permanently scabbarded by the Supreme Grand Master of all Creation.

We, now, in solemn unison, as so many already have individually, offer our most sincere condolences to the friends and loving ones of our departed fellow-Knights of Christ's Cross.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy. Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Oh Holy Jesus, Loving Friend and Brother, accept our thanksgivings for the lives and examples of our loving and beloved friends and brothers, Sir Knights Bruce Whiting and Charles Lamar and our 171 other loving and beloved friends and brothers who have taken respite from the pains and anxieties of this life for a closer rest with Thee who art God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God. We do truly believe that with them and in deeper communion with all Thy Saints, we too shall behold Thee face to face in resurrected life eternal.

Amen.

Respectfully submitted, John D. Prince, Jr., Grand Prelate Pro Tem

In Memoriam

John Heard Saxon, Sr.

R.F. Grand Commander 1938-1939

February 17, 1890 May 15, 1983 Columbia, Alabama Bothan, Alabama

In Memoriam

Charles Lamar Jones

R.F. Grand Commander 1969-1970

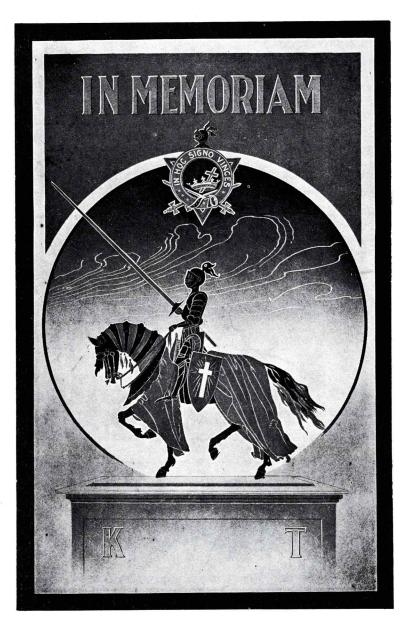
February 4, 1904 August 13, 1983 Phenix City, Alabama Orlando, Florida

In Memoriam

Bruce Mhiting Phelps

R.F. Grand Commander 1966-1967

March 24, 1903 February 19, 1984 Genesse, Michigan Florence, Alabama



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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEMOLAY

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

The Priory or Order of Knighthood is an appendant order to DeMolay and is for DeMolay's 17-21 years of age. Their activity is a Youth Knight Templar.

The Knighthood ritual is conferred on the Saturday before Grand Lodge and at the DeMolay Conclave.

At the state DeMolay Conclave in June, 1983, present were Right eminent Grand Commander and Mrs. William H. Ealy, Eminent Grand Recorder and Mrs. Thomas W. Mann, and Past Right Eminent Grand Commander and Mrs. Erskine K. Smith. We appreciate their attendance.

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or I can use it for good. What I do today is very important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. For when tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving something in its place I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss, good, not evil, success, not failure, in order that I shall not forget the price I have paid for it.

Would some of you help pay the price of our future by working with our young people?

Respectfully submitted, Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Chairman John S. Gamundi O'Day Fontenot, Jr.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: the Parish Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, in communion with the Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, joined with others in the City of Huntsville, in extending ecclesiastical hospitality to the One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Conclave of the Knights Templar of Alabama; and

WHEREAS: the historical and hallowed setting provided by such Parish Church of the Nativity immeasurably enhanced the rich worship experience made available for the Divine Service of said Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of Alabama; and

WHEREAS: the musical staff of said Parish Church, especially Dr. Frank Contreras, organist, and Dr. Royce Boyer, Director of Music, and the gloriously worshipful choir, did provide the most beautiful music at such Divine Service from such time as the memory of man runneth not to the contrary; and

WHEREAS: this One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Conclave of Knights Templar of Alabama expresses its worshipful thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for the glory and beauty and prayerful worship afforded it at such Divine Service,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama expresses its profound gratitude and thanks to the Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Choir of the Parish Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, Alabama, for the beauty of holiness afforded to Templary by such outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by such Church of the Nativity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy hereof be forwarded to the Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Choir of said Church of the Nativity.

Unanimously adopted February 28, 1984.

John D. Prince, Jr., Grand Prelate Pro Tem

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

REMARKS OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Sir Knight James M. Ward, Southeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment said, "It certainly is a privilege and a pleasure to be in Alabama again to attend these Grand York Rite Bodies. I want to compliment the Sir Knights of Alabama on your accomplishments and contributions to Masonry in general and to the Knights Templar organization in particular. It is a pleasure to serve as your Southeastern Department Commander and I appreciate your

hospitality extended to my lady, Jan, and to myself."

Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, brought personal greetings from Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, to the Sir Knights in Alabama and to your guests. He said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed being here to observe the close cooperation of all the York Rite Bodies in Alabama. I am charged by Sir Knight Wilbur Bell to thank you for what you have done for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The Grand Encampment has several programs, one is the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in all our states and our Educational Foundation is another. The National Chairman of the Educational Foundation is your Grand Recorder, Thomas W. Mann, P.G.C. I trust that your money is out working to educate young people, for that is the purpose of it. Unfortunately, in some few Commanderies, the committees feel that they are serving the objective of the Foundation by investing the money at a high rate of interest and that is not the purpose at all. It is to educate young people and to make that money a revolving fund so that the money can be used over and over again to promote the program of the Educational Foundation. Sir Knights, you are doing a fine job and you set a good example. I am so happy to be here to observe how close you work together in close unity with each other. Thank you for your hospitality.

Brother Jack Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama was introduced. He expressed his appreciation for the hospitality shown him and his happiness at being invited to the Annual

Convention.

Sir Knight William H. Simpson, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, and Sir Knight Edward B. Robinson, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, expressed their pleasure at being present for this annual conclave and appreciation for hospitality shown them during their visit to Alabama.

Sir Knight Grover Halbrooks, Grand Representative of Alabama near the Grand Commandery of California, added his remarks of appreciation, his delight

in being in Alabama, and having contact with the Masons of Alabama.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

During the Grand York Rite banquet on Sunday night, the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award for 1984 was presented to Sir Knight Richard A. Chapman, Huntsville Commandery No. 7, by Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

of the United



States of America

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

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

RECIPIENTS IN ALABAMA OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

*Alexander Murray Weems
Charles Curtis McCoy
Horace Richard Batchelor 1968
William G. Caffey, Jr
*John F. Welch, Sr
*James Merlin Christopher, Sr
Earl Pervine Woodall
John Sebastian Gamundi 1973
Arlie Eldon Blackburn
*James Allen Bradford
Norman Curtis "Doc" Wilkinson
*Johnnie H. Ray, Sr
Charles Carl Graham
*Lawrence Kline
John D. Prince, Jr
Loyd D. Durden
Charles W. McDonald
Charles R. Pate
*Richard A. Chapman

^{*}Denotes deceased.

GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE — 1985

It was moved and seconded that the next Annual Alabama Grand Commandery Conclave be held in Birmingham, Alabama, February 24-26, 1985.

Adopted.

MINUTES OF LAST CONCLAVE

Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann, moved that the minutes as published in the Proceedings of 1983 be accepted as the minutes, and that they be approved as printed.

This motion seconded, and carried.

ELECTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1984-1985

There being no further business to come before this 124th 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 Charles R. Pate, of Anniston Commandery No. 23, 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 1984-1985

Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, installed the newly elected Grand Commandery Officers. Sir Knight James M. Ward, Right Eminent Southeastern Department Commander, served as installing Grand Marshal, and Sir Knight Fred W. Vaughan, P.G.C., served as Grand Prelate.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Richard Sim Hamilton, was invested with

the jewel of his office.

Newly installed Grand Commander Hamilton presented Junior Past Grand Commander, William H. Ealy, with a Past Grand Commander's jewel, certificate, and billfold card from the Grand Commandery of Alabama. Sir Knight Fowler also presented Sir Knight Ealy 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 prayer, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Richard Sim Hamilton, declared the 124th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama adjourned.

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



RICHARD SIM HAMILTON Right Eminent Grand Commander 1984-1985

RICHARD SIM HAMILTON

Born: February 3, 1929 in Decatur, Alabama

Married: Dorothy L. White, February 6, 1954

Children: Richard Sim, Jr., James Steven, William Roy, Karen Darlene, and Regina Ann.

Grandchild: Cathy Lynn Hamilton.

Education: Educated in the public schools of Morgan County, Alabama, graduating from Austinville High School in 1947. Served in th U.S. Air Force from 1948 to 1952.

Employment: Employed by the U.S. Army Guided Missile Division at Redstone Arsenal in 1955 and transferred to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency in 1955 and to the Marshall Space Flight Center in 1960. Presently serving as an Electronic Technician in the Space Science Laboratory at Marshall.

Church: Member of the Austinville United Methodist Church in Decatur, Alabama; served on the official Board, Trustee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and as Church Treasurer.

Masonic History: Initiated and entered Apprentice in Rising Sun Lodge No. 29, May, 1957; passed to Fellowcraft, July, 1957; raised to Master Mason, September, 1957; and, elected Worshipful Master in 1970.

Received the Royal Arch Degrees in Decatur Chapter No. 38 in 1965 and was elected Excellent High Priest in 1968.

Received the Anointed High Priesthood in 1969.

Received the Royal and Select Masters Degrees in Decatur Council No. 81 in 1965 and served as Illustrious Master in 1968, receiving the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1969.

Knighted in DeMolay Commandery No. 14 in 1966 and served as Eminent Commander, 1970.

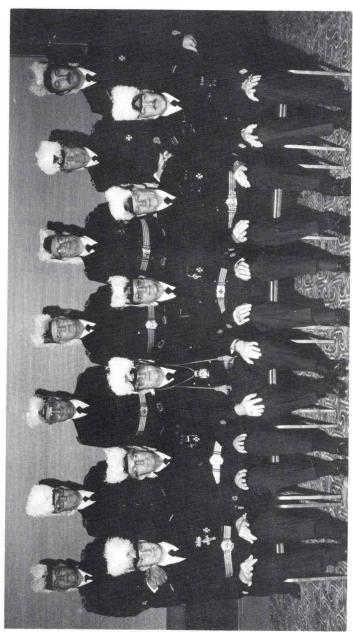
Became a Knight Crusader of the Cross in the Charter Class of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama in 1980.

Became a member of Zamora Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. in 1966, transfering to Cahaba Temple in 1971, becoming a charter member.

Initiated in the Eastern Star in 1962 and served as Worthy Patron in 1965 and 1971.

Became a member of Alabama Priory No. 31, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, 1971, and a charter member of Holy Sepulchre Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in 1982

Served as Secretary of Rising Sun Lodge No. 29 and as Chairman of Grand Lodge Credentials Committee. Presently serves as Secretary of the Decatur York Rite Masonic Bodies.



GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS, 1984-1985

Seated left to right: George E. Tremelling, W. Sterling Roberts, Richard Sim Hamilton (Right Eminent Grand Commander), James L. Allen,

James H. Lee, Emory J. Ferguson.

Standing left to right: Charles R. Pate, Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Charles W. McDonald, James A. Kile, Thomas W. Mann, Bobby Ray Terry, Phillip J. Sherman.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 1984-1985

Richard Sim Hamilton, K.Y.C.H Right Eminent Grand Commander
2302 Hamilton Drive, S. W., Decatur, 35601
W. Sterling Roberts, K.Y.C.H Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
821 Covington Avenue, Birmingham, 35206
George E. Tremelling, K.Y.C.H Eminent Grand Generalissimo
4517-6th Avenue, Wylam, Birmingham, 35224
James L. Allen, K.Y.C.H Eminent Grand Captain General
P.O. Box 415, Phenix City, 36867
James H. Lee Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Route 6, Box 67, Florence 35630
Emory J. Ferguson, K.Y.C.H Eminent Grand Junior Warden
1615 Lakeview Drive, N.W., Cullman, 35055
Bobby Ray Terry, K.Y.C.H Eminent Grand Prelate
Route 1, Box 10, Decatur, 35601
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 2822-A, Birmingham, 35212-0222
Charles W. McDonald Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
615 Morgan Avenue, Mobile, 36606
Ray R. Morgan, Jr., K.Y.C.H Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
P.O. Box 326, Gadsden, 35902
Charles R. Pate, K.Y.C.H Eminent Grand Warder
1220 Glendale Road, Anniston, 36201
Phillip J. Sherman Eminent Grand Sentinel
2402 Woodland Street, S.E., Decatur, 35601

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1984-1985

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CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION: Paul E. Drinnon, Chairman 2301 Oakwood Road, N.W., Huntsville, 35810 James H. Jeffreys
Robert L. Byars, Jr., Chairman P.O. Box 2954, Birmingham, 35212 Fred W. Vaughan 108 Harwood Drive, Route 13, Box 82, Gadsden, 35901 Troy J. Roberts 7012 South Fourth Avenue, Birmingham, 35206 FINANCE:
Erskine K. Smith, Chairman 1835 Cheaha Drive, Oxford, 36203 Michael L. Jones 1711 Cagle Avenue, S.W., Decatur, 35601 Luther E. Stephens
RITUALISTIC WORK: W. Malcolm Killingsworth, Chairman 1801 Fern Drive, Dothan, 36301 Teddy R. Grogan, Sr Route 2, Box 51, Piedmont, 36272 Charles R. Pate
PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES: Thomas W. Mann P.O. Box 2822-A, Birmingham, 35212-0222
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION: George W. Sorrell 1009-47th Street, Oak Hills, Birmingham, 35208
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE: William L. Barnes
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: Woodrow M. Hewitt 970 North 52nd Place, Birmingham, 35212 William O. Farmer 133-18th Street, S.W., Birmingham, 35211 James A. Kile 200-18th Avenue, N.W., Birmingham, 35215 Howard E. Hayes 540 Camellia Road, Birmingham, 35215 George E. Tremelling 4715-6th Avenue, Wylam, Birmingham, 35224
KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE—STATE EDITOR: Thomas F. Craig 1000 Lexington Street, S.E., Huntsville, 35801
SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
DeMOLAY:
Ray R. Morgan, Jr., Chairman P.O. Box 326, Gadsden, 35902 Fred W. Vaughan 108 Harwood Drive, Route 13, Box 82, Gadsden, 35901 Loyd D. Durden 507 South Edgewood Drive, Dothan, 36301
GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS: Ray B. Hartwell, Chairman
17TH VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION: Arthur C. Harding, <i>Chairman</i> P.O. Box 9869, Birmingham, 35215

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA JUNE, 1983-JUNE, 1984

Ö	NAME	LOCATION	COMMANDER & ADDRESS	RECORDER & ADDRESS	STATED CONCLAVE
64		Mobile	Maurice M. Chastain 1250 Garland Street	Charles W. McDonald 615 Morgan Avenue	4th Monday
4	4. Montgomery	Montgomery	Mobile, 36618		Toll Molinas
7.	7. Huntsville	. Huntsville	Montgomery, 36107	90 18	. Ist Thursday
10.	Cyrene	Birmingham	Huntsville, 35805 Shirley A. Otts 2722 Avenue "F", Ensley	h	4th Tuesday
13.	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Birmingham, 35218 Leslie L. Clinton 127 Hazelhurst	son, Sr. e Road	ist Friday
14.	14. DeMolay	. Decatur	Cottondale, 35453	Tuscaloosa, 35405 Richard Sim Hamilton 2302 Hamilton Drive, S.W.	3rd Tuesday
15.	Etowah	Gadsden	Decatur, 35603 Z. Edward Wright 1025 Holly Street	Decatur, 35601	1st Thursday
17.	. Talladega	Talladega	Gadsden, 35901	Gadsden, 35901 Glenn Trammell P.O. Box 554	3rd Thursday
21.	Sylacauga	. Sylacauga	David T. Gravette Chapel Street	Talladega, 35160	1st Tuesday
23.	. Anniston	Anniston	Sylacauga, 35150	Sylacauga, 35150James C. Nuss 1927 Leighton Avenue Anniston, 36201	2-4 Inursdays 3rd Thursday

REGISTER OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF ALABAMA (Continued)

			COMMANDER &	RECORDER &	41.0
NO.	. NAME	LOCATION	ADDRESS	ADDRESS	CONCLAVE
25.	25. Dothan	Dothan	William Damascus Barr 111 Bracewell Avenue	ot, Jr. Street	
28.	Opelika	Opelika	Dothan, 36301 Howard W. Patten Box 33	Dothan, 36301 H. Curtis Ivey 500 Avenue A	3rd Thursday
29.	Piedmont	Piedmont	Notasulga, 36866	1 berts	. 1st Tuesday
31.	Woodlawn	Birmingham	Cedar Bluff, 35959 Ernest A. Sharp Route 1, Box 477	6272	2nd Thursday
35.	Bessemer	Bessemer	Mount Olive, 35117 David N. Kornegay		4th Tuesday
38.	Alexander City	Alexander City	Hueytown, 85023 No officer list received	107 Honeysuckle Street Hueytown, 35023	2nd Tuesday & 4th Friday
39.	Florence	Florence	Billy H. Brackin 738 Nellie Avenue	35010	. 1-3 Tuesdays
43.	East Lake	Birmingham	Florence, 35630 William Ernest Prescott, III 1321 Stonehedge Drive	Florence, 35630	2-4 Tuesdays
45.	45. Lee	Phenix City	Birmingham, 35235 Charles L. Ingram 1904 Seale Road	Birmingham, 35206	. 1st Friday
46.	Fort Payne	Fort Payne	Phenix City, 36867	Phenix City, 36867 Stephen P. Burt P.O. Box 254	. 1st Thursday
47.	47. Monroeville	Monroeville	Fort Payne, 35967 Lawrence Ginwright 415 Golf Drive	55967 иіs	. 1-3 Thursdays
48.	48. Jasper	Jasper	Monroeville, 36460 T. C. Marriott P.O. Box 1791 Jasper, 35501	36461	4th Friday 3rd Monday

KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama was

held on Monday, February 27, 1984, at Helion Lodge No. 1, in Huntsville, Alabama.	
The degree team was composed of the following:	
Sir Knight R. L. Byars, Jr Knight Crusader of the East	
Sir Knight Richard M. Slaughter Knight Crusader of the West	
Sir Knight Arthur C. Harding Knight Crusader of the South	
Sir Knight Emory J. Ferguson Knight Crusader of the North	
Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross	

The Order was conferred on 21 candidates, followed by the business and election of officers for the coming year, who are: Sir Knight Thomas W. Mann Knight Crusader of the East Sir Knight Erskine K. Smith Knight Crusader of the West Sir Knight R. L. Byars, Jr. Knight Crusader Treasurer-Recorder Sir Knight Richard M. Slaughter Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross Sir Knight W. Malcolm Killingsworth Knight Crusader of the Temple

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

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

The meeting was closed by prayer.

Attest: R. L. Byars, Jr.,

Knight Crusader Recorder

Thomas W. Mann, Knight Crusader of the East

KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS OF ALABAMA TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account: SouthTrust Bank, 3-1-83 \$347.35
Expenses Paid out in 1983-1984 \$300.00 Knights Templar Eye Foundation \$300.00 R. L. Byars, Jr. for Expense 30.20
Total Paid out 1983-1984
Balance in Checking Account, 2-1-84: \$17.15
Deposits to Checking Account
21 Petitions @\$15.00\$315.00
Balance in Checking Account, 3-1-84

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56TH GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

CINCINNATI, OHIO **AUGUST 10-15, 1985**

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

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GRAND	Edmund M. Hastings Daniel Sayre Bamund R. Hastings Edmund R. Hastings
GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	Peleg Brown, Peleg Brown, William S. Knox* Abram J. Walker Joseph H. Johnson, John N. Browder* Malter L. Braggs* Andrew J. Blair Stephen H. Beasley* Stephen H. Beasley* Stephen H. Beasley* Stephen H. Beasley* Baniel Smith* Baniel Smith* Baniel Smith* Baniel Smith* Baniel Smith* Baniel Smith* Chorter Moulthrop* Robert Moulthrop* Rebert Moulthrop* William F. Adrick* Gharles Hann* Robert L. Douglas* Milliam E. Oakley William E. Oakley William E. Oakley William E. Oakley William E. Oakley
GENERALISSIMO	James B. Harrison* James B. Harrison* Peleg Brown* Peleg Brown* Peleg Brown* George D. Norris* George D. Norris* George D. Norris* George D. Norris* William W. Harder* William W. Harder* John J. Dement* John J. Dement* John J. Beasley* Stephen H. Beasley* Stephen H. Beasley* Baniel Smith* Baniel Smith* Robert Moulthrop* James T. Holtzclaw* William T. Atkins* John D. Wilkins* John A. McKinnon* Charles Wheelock* George S. Obear* William A. Alexander* John A. McKinnon* Charles Wheelock* George S. Obear* William H. Long* Fletcher J. Cowart*
DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	Sterling A. M. Wood* Sterling A. M. Wood* Sterling A. M. Wood* James B. Harrison* James B. Harrison* James B. Harrison* Peleg Brown* Peleg Brown* Peleg Brown* Joseph H. Johnson* Joseph H. Johnson* Joseph H. Johnson* Joseph H. Johnson* John G. Smith H. Benjamn H. Riggs* William S. Foster* William S. Foster* Stephen H. Beasley* Stephen H. Beasley* John G. Smith* Damiel Smith* Damiel Smith* James T. Holtzclaw* John H. Higley* John A. Alexander* William A. Alexander* William A. Alexander* John A. McKinnon* Charles Wheelock* William H. Alexander* John A. McKinnon* Charles Wheelock* William H. Jongfa* Fletcher J. Cowart* Robert L. Douglas* Henry H. Matthews*
GRAND	Richard F. Knott* Richard F. Knott* No quorum present Richard F. Knott* Richard F. Rnott* Peleg Brown* Peleg Brown* Peleg Brown* Adourned in December, 18 Joseph H. Johnson* John G. Smith* John S. Holtzclaw* James T. Holtzclaw* James T. Holtzclaw* John A. McKinnon* John A. McKinnon* John A. McKinnon* Charles Wheelock* Charles Wheelock* Fletcher J. Cowart* Robert L. Douglas*
PLACE OF MEETING	Montgomery Selma Montgomery Birninisham Montgomery Birninisham Montgomery Mobile Montgomery Mohle Selma Montgomery
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GRAND RECORDER	H. Clay Armstrong*	H. Clay Armstrong	H. Clay Armstrong	H. Clay Armstrong	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beaucahmp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	George A. Beauchamp*	Guy T. Smith	Guy T. Smith	Guy T. Smith
GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	Rus. M. Cunningham*	Robert Moulthrop, Jr.	George F. Wheelock	Lewis W. Hubbard	Charles R. Westcott*	Charles E. Pearce*	Robert S. Teague*	Walter Smith*	Edward S. Gatchell*	Charles R. Patterson*	John W. Phillips*	Louis J. Wright *	Alexander D. Simpson *	Charles P. Martin*	William E. Bingham*	Hartsford L. Ison [⋆]	William W. Ransom *	Julian F. Spearman *	Duncan C. Carmichael*	John V. Falck *	Walter H. Trimby*	Lawrence H. Lee*	John Philip Melvin*	Woolsey Finnell *	L. E. Gellerstedt*	Robert H. Wolcott*	Robert T. Ward*	Philip S. Meyer*	Robert C. Williams *	William C. Davis *	Henry F. Williamson∗	Franklin L. Milhous*	Tully A. Goodwin *	David W. Crosland*	John W. Jones*	William D. Hawkins *	Robert McL. Strong *	Henry J. Porter, Jr. *
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GRAND	Henry H. Matthews*	Philip Milhous*	William E. Oakley *	Rus. M. Cunningham*	Robt. Moulthrop, Jr. *	George F. Wheelock*	Lewis W. Hubbard*	Charles R. Westcott*	Robert S. Teague*	Thomas H. Mattocks *	Walter Smith*	William O. Synder*	Charles R. Patterson*	John W Phillips*	Louis J. Wright*	Louis M. Moselev*	Charles P. Martin*	William E. Bingham*	Hartsford L. Ison*	William W. Ransom*	Julian F. Spearman*	Dunc. C. Carmichael*	John V. Falck*	Walter H. Trimby*	Lawrence H. Lee [⋆]	John Philip Melvin*	Woolsey Finnell*	L. E. Gellerstedt*	Joseph Dixon Matlock*	Robert T. Ward*	Philip S. Meyer*	Orlando S. Finch*	William C. Davis*	Henry F. Williamson*	Franklin L. Milhous*	Tully A. Goodwin*	John W. Jones*	William D. Hawkins™
PLACE OF MEETING	Birmingham	Selma	Mobile	New Decatur	Tuscaloosa	Mobile	Montgomery	Selma	Birmingham	Gadsden	Mobile	Tuscaloosa	Andalusia	Anniston	Montgomery	Selma	Dothan	Talladega	Trov	Birmingham*	Tuscaloosa	Birmingham	Dothan	Mobile	Selma	Gadsden	Birmingham	Huntsville	Troy	Tuscaloosa	Albany	Montgomery	Mobile	Dothan*	Huntsville	Birmingham	Anniston	Tuscaloosa
YEAR	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934

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PLACE OF GRAND COMMANDER	npers	Men	3121	2814	2633	2482	2384	2532	2200	9596	3159	4494	5198	5785	6133	6103	6651	6887	7131	8035	0500	9584	9835	9975	10073	10084	10075	10085	9978	9847	8086	9695	9494	9295	9226	8971
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Montgomery T. Gaines St. John* Robert M.G. Strong* Henry J. Porter, Jr. Jam Montgomery J. Porter, Jr. James M. Frazer* John Heard Saxon* William W. Waldo* Frank W. Gaines* Montgomery John Heard Saxon* William W. Waldo* Frank W. Gaines* Montgomery Montgo	GRAND	MECONDEN	Guy T. Smith*	Guy I. Smith	Guy I. Smith	Guy I. Smith	Curr T Smith	Guy T. Smith *	Cur T Smith *	Guy T. Smith *	Guy T Smith	Guy T. Smith*	Guv T. Smith*	Guy T. Smith*	C. H. Stubinger*	C. H. Stubinger*	C. H. Stubinger	C. H. Stubinger	C. H. Stubinger	C. H. Stubinger*	C. H. Stubinger	C. H. Stubinger*	C. H. Stubinger*	C. H. Stubinger*	C. H. Stubinger*	C. H. Stubinger	Gordon I. Evatt*	Thomas W Oliver	Thomas W. Oliver*	Thomas W. Oliver*	Thomas W. Oliver*	Thomas W. Oliver*	Thomas W. Oliver*	Thomas W. Oliver*	Thomas W. Oliver*	Thomas W. Oliver*
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PLACE OF MEETING Montgomery Birmingham Montgomery Montgomery Birmingham Montgomery Montgomery Birmingham Tuscaloosa Montgomery Birmingham Montgomery Birmingham Tuscalosa Montgomery Birmingham Tuscalosa Montgomery Birmingham Tuscalosa Montgomery Birmingham Montgomery Birmingham Tuscalosa Montgomery Birmingham Montgomery Birmingham Birmingham Montgomery Montgomery Birmingham Montgomery Montgomery Birmingham	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER		Robert McL. Strong* Henry J. Porter Jr.*	James M. Frazer*	John Heard Saxon*	William W. Waldo*	Frank W. Gaines*	Robert T. Sheppard*	Newman S. Crver*	Hoyt McClendon*	Pleasant W. Gay*	A. Parker Mize*	Currord H. Williams*	Archelus F. Campbell*	Julius I I armen *	Wm I Chuiction*	Edgar M Gober*	Emrys W. John	J. Collier Foster*	George G. Rees*	Lonie H. Teele*	Velmar A. Meadows, Sr. *	Co. W. S. Norwood	Cland Stallmouth	Arthur C Wilson	Thomas W. Oliver*	Earl D. Holmes*	Julian P. Butler*	John S. Robinson*	Charles L. Campbell*	Bruce W. Phelps*	Pon B H	Charles I Iones*	Clifford J. Turner	Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.	Thomas W. Mann
Monday Market Ma	GRAND		T. Gaines St. John * Robert McL. Strong *	Henry J. Porter, Jr.	James M. Frazer*	John Heard Saxon *	William W. Waldo*	Frank W. Gaines*	Kobert T. Shephard*	Newman S. Cryer*	Hoyt McClendon	Pleasant W. Gay	Clifford II Williams*	Archelus F. Compbell*	James B Patterson*	Julius I. Layman*	Llewellyn R. Hillver*	Edgar M. Gober*	Emrys W. John	J. Collier Foster*	George G. Rees	Volmar A Mondouns*	Holden B Normood	Geo W Sorrell	Claud Stallworth*	Arthur C. Wilson*	Thomas W. Oliver *	Earl D. Holmes*	Julian P. Butler*	John S. Robinson*	Charles L. Campbell* Rruce W Pholos*	Anthony V. Januatt	Ray B. Hartwell	Charles L. Jones*	Clifford J. Turner	Samuel F. Jackson, Jr.
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	KEVE		1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1045	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1912

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Members	8687 8439 8608 8465 8516 8215 8215 7215 7278 7117 6993
No. Com- manderies	25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 2
GRAND RECORDER	Thomas W. Oliver ' Thomas W. Mann
GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL	McMurray Griffith William M. Newsome, Jr. William M. Newsome, Jr. Milton L. Fegenbush Oscar L. Ledebetter, Arthur C. Harding Joseph D. Brackin Robert E. Shipp Erskine K. Smith William H. Easly William H. Easly William H. Easly Wildhard Sim Hamilton W. Sterline Roberts George E. Tremelling James L. Allen
GRAND	Charles D. Miller McMurray Griffith William M. Newsome. Jr. Millon L. Fegenbush Fred W. Vaughan Arthur C. Harding Arthur C. Harding Robert E. Shipp Erskine K. Shipp Erskine K. Shiph Richard Sim Hamilton William H. Ealy Richard Sim Hamilton S. Serling Roberts George E. Tremelling
DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER	Michael Jones Charles D. Miller McMurray L. Griffith William M. Newsome, Jr. Milton L. Fegenbush Fred W. Vaughan Arthur C. Harding Joseph D. Brackin Robert E. Shipp Erskine K. Smith William H. Balv
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PLACE OF MEETING	Birmingham Gulf Shores Birmingham Birmingham Phenix City Birmingham Birmingham Birmingham Birmingham Birmingham Birmingham Birmingham Birmingham Birmingham
YEAR	1974 1974 1975 1976 1979 1980 1980 1981 1981 1982 1982 1983

*Denotes deceased.

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

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

At the Annual Conclave, April, 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 55041/2 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 Melchezadak, which occurred 1914 B.C. Their style is Anno Benedistionis—A.B.—in year of the Blessing. Councils of Annointed 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: 1984 + 4,000 = A.L. 5984

ROYAL ARCH MASONS — Add 530 years.

Thus: 1984 + 530 = A. Inv. 2514

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS — Add 1,000 years.

Thus: 1984 + 1,000 = A. Dept. 2984

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR — Subtract 1,118 years.

Thus: 1984 - 1,118 = A. O. 866

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD — Add 1,913 years.

Thus: 1984 + 1,913 = A. B. 3897

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS — Add 3,760 years.

Thus: 1984 + 3,760 = A. M. 5744